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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

BOARD OF DIRECTOR (BOD) ELECTIONS (Michelle Chesnut)

Election season is fast approaching. Unlike the US elections, we do not have primaries, run TV ads or raise funds. All you need to do to run for the BOD, is be a member in good standing and let the current BOD know you are interested in volunteering. Once established, the Nominating Committee will add your name to the list of candidates to consider. (Probationary members are not eligible for the BOD, but you may be a committee chair.) Additionally, another member may nominate you for the BOD during the July membership meeting. The election is during the August membership meeting and installation of the 2008-2009 BOD is during the September membership meeting (and dinner is on the chapter).

We need new BOD members. Election to the BOD as a Director allows you the opportunity to see how the chapter is run before you “move up” though the chain of command. Each BOD position contributes to running the Chapter and motivating other members to be involved. See the Chapter By-Laws for a description of each position’s duties.

As announced at the April membership meeting, we will need a new person for Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for all correspondence with the membership, including editing the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Michelle Chesnut (smc_geek@msn.com) or any other BOD member. We will pass your name on to the Nominating Committee.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS HELP NEEDED (Chuck “Chuck-a-roo” Crooks)

Each June, we host the SASS Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. Each year we need lots of chapter help with this major club fundraiser. Please use the contacts below and volunteer some time for this event.

IWLA-WAC Help Needed

Match set up is on Wednesday, the 20th – Match setup starts at 10:00 AM and lasts for most of the day. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Vendor Set up Contact [Dave Gold](#) 304-876-2484. We need help on Wednesday, most of the day and for a couple of hours on Thursday (26th) morning.

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 26, 27, 28 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 27th. Contact [Mac McCollum](#) 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 26th, 27th and 28th, mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM – Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 27th & 28th. Contact [Tom Riley](#) 301-774-7426.

Target swap on the 27th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 26th, 27th, 28th – Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 26th, 7:00 AM on the 27th and 28th, finished at 5:00 PM.. Contact [Rich Fried](#) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 27th & 28th – Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 26th, 27th & 28th – Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (for checking visitors for ear and eye protection) – Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666

Match tear down on the 28th – Tear down will start at approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact Mike Webb "[Macho Mike](#)" 703-314-9022 to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's membership meeting is on **May 28**. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30. This is a change from the original calendar date.

DIFTA MATCH ([Joe McDaniel](#))

Damascus Ike's Field Target Association ([DIFTA](#)) will have its next match Saturday, June 21 at 9:30am with the range opening about 8am. This will be 60 shot match a few off-hand shots. Novice shooters are welcome -- if you need a gun, let the Match Director ([Joe McDaniel](#)) know ahead of time. Directions are at the [DIFTA](#) web site.

Costs are \$10 with a \$5 discount for club members -- novice shooters are free. Shooting classes offered will be Open (usually PCP but piston allowed), Piston, and Hunter. We will offer an Offhand class if two or more shooters choose that class.

In the event of inclement [weather](#) -- short of a hurricane, at least -- we will have the match under the sight-in range shelter.

The sight-in range will open when course we have completed the setup – the Match Director gets to the range about 8am and the earlier and more people that show up to help with setup will mean the sight-in range will open earlier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Jeff Deschamps)

H2O Fest

On April 12, Michelle Chesnut, Rich Fried, and Jeff Deschamps of the Conservation Committee set up and staffed an exhibit about our Chapter and the IWLA at WSSC's H2O Fest. The festival allowed us to reach out to folks in the mid-section of the Patuxent watershed. Our give-away of CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps), donated to our chapter, attracted attention and helped to introduce many people to the IWLA.

Michelle made a new friend at the Festival—see photo. Not sure about his/her true name, but we called it 'Corny' since it was an albino corn snake. (*Editor's note – Her name is Flame. I would not let anyone get that close and not know his or her name.*)



Michelle Chesnut and Flame at the WSSC H2O Fest – Photo by Jeff Deschamps

County Fair

For the past couple of years our chapter has worked with the Rockville Chapter on a booth for the Montgomery County Fair. Rockville arranges for the booth and invites all chapters in the county to participate. In the past we have supplied an exhibit board with information on our chapter (as well as IWLA National Ideals), a rain barrel, and native plants. We are looking for new ideas. If you have any thoughts about how to promote the conservation goals of the league and our chapter to the public (and are willing to help implement your idea), please contact Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Jim Piateski (jimpiateski@verizon.net).

National News

On April 24, the House approved a Coast Guard Bill with “Progressive Ballast Water Provisions”. This was the topic of one of the resolutions passed at last summer’s IWLA National Convention. This comprehensive legislation includes the Ballast Water Treatment Act of 2008. As you know, ballast water is one of the primary vectors for transporting a wide range of aquatic invasive species, which are harming fish and wildlife populations and damaging infrastructure nationwide. The ballast water provisions in Coast Guard bill represent an important step forward in the fight to control invasives and to require the shipping industry to be more responsible about ballast water management.

THANKS TO OUR APRIL VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

GRADS to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Graduated to full membership status are the following: **Jim Wimbish, Edward Grim and Marlowe Leafy.** Thanks for completing your requirements.

APRIL 23rd, 2008 General Membership Meeting Hospitality, Kitchen Staff and KP's: President Lefebvre recognized Kai Lee of Lee's Kitchen, Layhill Shopping Center as chef of the dinner. Servers were Charley Weaver, Saul Honigsberg and Bill Rahn. K.P. Duty was Jose Tassara. Our Hospitality Crew consisted of Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

Chapter maintenance: APRIL 27th, 2008

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Participants were Benson McGowan, Chuck Limparis, Dany Smith, Tom Ouellette, Thomas Bragg, Pete Doubroff, Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Edward Grim and Chris Grim. Also the cast of usuals that wish to remain anonymous.

Cowboy Set-up/ Tear Down: APRIL 25th & 26th, 2008

Set-Up crew consisted of Thomas Bragg, Renegade Lee, Chuck Limparis, Paul Bluteau, Guy Wright, Neil Benson, Ron Romig, Ryan Romig, Danielle Romig, Leroy Oettinger and Bill Carrier. Tear Down crew consisted of Renegade Lee, Mike Statland, Tom Ouellette, Doug Hutchison, No-One, Ron Peddicord, Dogmeat Dad, Humphry Hook and Sagebrush Sal.

Watershed Clean-Up: APRIL 5th, 2008

The Watershed Clean-up was a huge success. Thanks to the following participants: Lauren Brown, Denny Brown, Bill Kelly, Leff Deschamps, Jim Piatieski, T. D. Sugrue, Dave Powell, Thomas Bragg, Bill Ladd, Pete Doubroff, Alan Henton, Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma, Mike Statland, John German, David Huott, Dean Huott, Jesse Huott, Bonnie Huott, Dave Anderson Jr., Darrick Gutting, Michael Eberle, Kim Fitzgibbon, Chris Chizmadia, Paul Turska, Michelle Chesnut, Ray Ladbury, Meo Curtis, Jose Scoseria, Rich Fried, the Light Family, Erik Anderson, Chris Gotwols, Reece Gotwols, Debra Leafy, Marlowe Leafy, Robert Permisohn, Ted Carver, John Garther, Kyle Garther, Alf Shupe, G. L. Fechter, Elisabeth Carroll, Ann Carroll, Stuart Carroll, Paul and Di----- Mitcham??, Richard Shapiro, David Shapiro, Wade Dayberry, John Bourke, Diana Bourke and Judy Riley.

GUEST SPEAKER: APRIL 23rd, 2008 Dinner Meeting

A special thanks to Mr. Dan King of the Damascus Heritage Society & Museum for an interesting talk on the history of Damascus and the need to preserve artifacts.

NOTE: ALL Project Chairpersons, please leave the list of those that participate in a Chapter Event/Project in my In Basket, in the Office. It is important to be able to give proper credit to members that do their required work projects.

If I have failed to credit anyone or a group for voluntarily working on an event or a required work project or misspelled a name please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or <mailto:phippscd@hotmail.com>

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

New Members

Please welcome the following chapter members

Michael C Bouyea sponsored by Bill Schneider

Bruce Mazzie sponsored by Chuck Crooks

Stephen G Adams, Peter Stadler and David P Dassoulas sponsored by Joe Gick

Michael Barvir sponsored by Phil dean

Charles Benjamin sponsored by Phil Omenitsch

Christopher Hyre sponsored by Roman Drews, Sr

Wendy Smith sponsored by Wade Dayberry

If you know of anyone who shares the goals of the Izaak Walton League of America, please encourage them to join. We welcome all new members.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE (Tom Malarkey)

Air Rifle season ends this week with our picnic and awards on Saturday, May 17. We will continue to have practice for the two teams that will be going to USA Shooting Nationals in July. In preparation for the BIG match in Anniston, Alabama, they will be training two nights per week. The sporter team will be Kimy Goldberg, Kris Goldberg, Matthew Boccuzzi and Jed Tan. The precision team will be David Carr, Azeem Sheikh, Josh Romanchuk and Kelly James. Congratulations to all of them for qualifying as our State Teams.

Several of our shooters have begun to shoot smallbore rifle this year and will continue to practice through the summer. If you get a chance to catch them on the covered pistol range, please stop and meet them. David Carr, Azeem Sheikh, Josh Romanchuk, Kelly James and Amber Kalmar will be practicing and competing for their first year. Some of them have already participated in matches and have been doing very well. Josh and Kelly will be shooting in the State match on May 10 in Marriotsville.

The Junior Air Rifle Club will be hosting a raffle this year to help offset the cost of the trip to Anniston. This year we will be auctioning a Chartered Fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay for six people. John Leaman has also donated \$100.00 for lunch and beverages for the trip. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00 and all proceeds will go to the Juniors for the trip to the USA Shooting National Match. We will draw the winning ticket at the July membership meeting; this should allow enough time to book a good trip in August or September out on the Bay.

We will be starting the next season in September, and look forward to having all of our young shooters returning, and have a few new faces! As always, thanks to the chapter for the facilities and support to continue our program.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at <mailto:guywright@verizon.net> or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For May 2008, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

NEW ITEMS

Thanks to Chuck Limparis, Treasurer for Life (TFL), for his help on range cleanup at our April Maintenance Day.

AMMUNITION

Recently a member discovered armor-piercing ammo in the misfire can. I remind all members that our range rules specifically prohibit this type of ammunition. Rule 10 in the Firearms section states, **“Armor piercing, incendiary, tracer, chemical, and explosive projectiles, or devices designed to fire or propel explosive, incendiary, or chemical projectiles are prohibited.”**

REMINDERS

Shotgun Patterning Board is provided for that purpose only. No other targets are allowed. Violation may cause loss of range privileges.

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100 yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25 yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwla.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

Practical Defense Match on Saturday May 17, 2008 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at <mailto:jlim@phillips.com> or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Annual Bull Roast on Sunday May 18, 2008 from 1:00PM through 5:00PM - All ranges closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday May 23, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday May 24, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Junior Rifle Practice on Saturday May 31, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Contact Tom Malarkey 240-246-6941 (Covered pistol range closed during event)

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday June 7, 2008 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Military Rifle Fun Shoot on Saturday June 14, 2008 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Contact Jose Tassara 301-431-2799. Rifle Range will be closed during this time.

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday June 14, 2008 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at <mailto:jlim@phillips.com> or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

IWLA RANGE ROSTER (Bob Cooley)

May 2008

Sat 5/17 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Peter Currell

Sun 5/18 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson

Wed 5/21 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Doves, Conley Phipps

Sat 5/24 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 5/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Peter Sittner, Bob Case,

Wed 5/28 Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Frank Bis, Mike McNally

Sat 5/31 Gary Green, Tim Mulreaney, Bill Wright

June 2008

Sun 6/1 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Martin Cherry

Wed 6/4 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle, Carl McMahan, Jay Jeffrey

Sat 6/7 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney

Sun 6/8 Randy & Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 6/11 Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert, Bob Woodward, Howard Goldberg

Sat 6/14 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 6/15 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson

Wed 6/18 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Doves, Conley Phipps

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Michelle Chesnut smc_geek@msn.com)

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Thanks also to Jeff Deschamps for the photograph in the online newsletter.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send articles as an attached Word document. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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