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Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

RECESSION SPECIAL. This year our annual Bull Roast on Sunday, May 17, is a real bargain. Bring the whole family for a picnic and various fun activities and have a good time. You can get the roast beef, three sides, and a dessert for only eight bucks. Or, you can get any of that, cold drinks, beer, hot dogs, and hamburgers a la carte. Between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm we'll have a Cowboy Shooting demonstration, a turkey shoot, a trap and skeet fun shoot, and a small caliber rifle fun shoot. Between 1:00pm and 4:00 pm we will have a Nature Trail hike, a scavenger hunt, a Chestnut Nursery tour, an Enviroscape demonstration and a Moonbounce for the kids. Fun for all so come on out.

COWBOY SHOOTER HELP NEEDED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS JUNE 25, 26, 27, 2009

Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol Please Contact - [Trapdoor Dave](#) 304-876-2484

Speed Shotgun Please Contact - [Jingles Jerr](#) 410-833-3430

Speed Rifle Please Contact - [Humphrey Hook](#) 703-425-1387

All Long Range Rifle Please Contact - [Cash Caldwell](#) 301-898-7566.

3 Stage Blast Please Contact [Chuckaroo](#) to volunteer (need at least three)

IWLA-WAC Help Needed FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS JUNE 25, 26, 27, 2009

Match set up is on Wednesday, June 24th. at 10:00 AM for most of the day. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

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

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 25, 26, 27 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 26th. Contact [Mac McCollum](#) 301-854-3707.

Parking on June 25th, 26th and 27th, mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 26th & 27th. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Target swap on the 26th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 25th, 26th, 27th. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 25th, 7:00 AM on the 26th and 27th, finished at 5:00 PM.. Contact [Rich Fried](#) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 26th & 27th. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 25th, 26th & 27th. Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

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

Match tear down on the 27th. Approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact Mike Webb "[Macho Mike](#)" 703-314-9022 to volunteer.

Thanks,

Chuck

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Red Skillings)

Bill Gazdik, Tom Cooper, Linda Sampson, Tracy Herriotts (Cleanup)



In this photo, left to right
Ed McNally, Jorge Silva, Roberto Silva (Cooking Staff)



The editor inadvertently deleted a “thank you” to the cook staff from our recording secretary. I beg his indulgence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

CONSERVATION WORK DAY

Saturday May 16, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM is a Conservation Work Day. This is one of two days this year when conservation work is scheduled for a Saturday for those who have other commitments on the Sunday monthly work days. This is the day before our Bull Roast so we will be working on the chapter property in preparation for this event. Contact Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net or 301-253-4950 for more information.

PROTECTING THE PATUXENT RESERVOIRS WATERSHED

Public Meeting

On Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 7 to 8 p.m., the Wildlife Achievement Chapter will be the location for the Montgomery County public meeting on the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed Management Plan. Learn how Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties are working together to develop a watershed management plan for the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed. The objectives of the Plan are to compile existing information on the watershed, to provide a qualitative characterization and assessment of the watershed, and to develop preliminary recommendations for protecting the watershed resources. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at 240-777-7711 or via e-mail at meosotis.curtis@montgomerycountymd.gov

Conservation Events in the Watershed

The WSSC is sponsoring a community group called Friends of Brighton Dam to help keep the Brighton Dam Azalea Garden healthy and beautiful and to promote environmentally friendly gardening throughout the watershed. Learn firsthand from Master Gardeners and other experts about native plants, invasive plant management, organic pest control, and more at upcoming free seminars. Help to create a Rainscapes garden with native plants at the Brighton Dam Ranger Station. For more information, contact Kimberly Knox, kknox@wsscwater.com or at 301-206-8233.

The WSSC is also sponsoring related events at the Pigtail Recreation Center.

5525 Greenbridge Rd., in Dayton. Saturday June 13, Bird watching Tour during the key time of bird nesting.

The Bird watching Tour will be from 8 a.m. to

10 a.m. and will include experts from the Howard County Bird Club. Then

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be an invasive species cleanup to help trees and shrubs along the banks of the Patuxent thrive and create habitat for wildlife. For more information, contact WSSC at (301) 206-8233 or email

kknox@wsscwater.com.

FINDING NATIVE PLANTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND NEARBY

Many folks have contacted me to ask about buying native plants. Throughout the Chesapeake Bay region, there is increasing interest in enhancing and re-establishing native plants in our parks and yards. Wildlife research is showing the importance of native plants for food and habitat throughout the life cycle of our songbirds and beneficial insects. Non-native plants may have fruits or berries that look similar to those from native plants but frequently the non-natives are lower in fats and nutrition. Are you ready to try out or add native plants in your gardens and landscaping but not sure where to find them? Many of the local nurseries carry and label native varieties, but my personal experience has been that staff knowledge and accuracy about natives is highly variable. A great source for accurate information and events in Maryland is the Maryland Native Plant Society website at <http://www.mdflora.org/events/plantsales.html#lahr>

CHRISTMAS TREES (Wendy Smith)

On April 25th and 26th, two hundred Douglas Fir Christmas trees were planted in support of replenishing the available stock on-site. The trees vary in size, but most are a healthy 18 (plus) inches tall. With all luck, some may be ready to sell in a few years time.

A huge thank you to the wonderful crew of volunteers that came out and turned this effort into a few hours of work in order to get the trees planted. If I have missed anyone or misspelled your name, please advise and we will get it corrected.

Thank you to our other volunteers:

Bret Hadfield,
Clark Kunkle
David Black
George Hughes
Joe Smith
John Studt
Mark and Terrie Nestor
Michael Bowyer
Michael Svizzero
Michael Swaine
Steve Wass
Tom Koscieskza

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Guy Wright, John Leaman and Phil Howard for ensuring the trees were received and tended to prior to planting, along with marking the planting locations. An extra thanks goes out to Phil Howard (a Christmas Tree growing expert) for overseeing the Sunday work; providing us with support and information in order to help with the success of the project.

We'll be praying to the Rain Gods in the coming days!

Wade Dayberry - Christmas Tree Chairperson
Wendy Smith - Assistant

CHAPTER AIR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH (Phil Dean)

The annual Chapter Air Pistol Championship Match will be fired on Monday night, May 18 or May 25. Participants may fire on either of these two nights according to their individual schedules. If not firing the match course, the evening can be used for the regular Monday evening shooting. Range set up begins at 6:30 PM and the firing will begin at 7:00 PM on both evenings.

The match will be a 60 shot match following NRA indoor 10 meter air pistol regulations. There will be 12 targets of 5 shots each with sighter shots at the beginning of the match. Recognition will be given to the 'top' male and female air pistol shooter participating in this match.

Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for additional information.

SKEET AND TRAP (Bob Cooley)

Sat 5/16 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Sun 5/17 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross
Wed 5/20 Bill Dowes, Scott Wood, Bob Woodward
Sat 5/23 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell

Sun 5/24 Bob Poth, Bill Wright

Wed 5/27 Frank Bis, Howard Goldberg, Conley Phipps

Sat 5/30 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 5/31 Bob Cooley, Nunzio Litterio

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Wed 6/3 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle

Sat 6/6 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 6/7 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Wed 6/10 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert, Carl McMahon

Sat 6/13 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 6/14 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 6/17 Howard Goldberg, Scott Wood, Bob Woodward, Conley Phipps

Sat 6/20 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 6/21 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Bob Case

Wed 6/24 Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Frank Bis,

Sat 6/27 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 6/28 Joel Gross, Bob Poth, Nunzio Litterio

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Jesse Lim (240)832-0354 or alphashooter@usa.com.

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 April 2009, starting time is 10:00AM daily unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

REMINDERS

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.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

WAC .22LR Fun Shoot and educational information.(Jesse Lim)

In addition to basic firearm instruction provided by Jesse Lim for novice shooters, more advanced instruction was provided to several participants by Geoff Hornseth, senior coach of our club junior rifle program. Standing shooting was the most popular topic of instruction, followed by questions about ammo selection for accuracy.

Although detailed instruction of how to shoot standing is far beyond the scope of this article, Geoff notes that

the common mistake that nearly all shooters make when shooting standing is incorrectly supporting the rifle. A key item to enhance steadiness is to make sure that (for a right handed shooter) the left elbow is firmly resting against (and supported by) the rib cage. By doing this you avoid muscle fatigue and consequent tremors in addition to gaining bone support.

Ammo selection should always favor standard velocity loads for best accuracy. The commonly available high speed loadings rarely provide the best accuracy. Consequently, Geoff says he never shoots high speed ammo. The more commonly available, and economical, standard velocity loadings are Remington "Target" and "Subsonic", Winchester "T-22", Federal "Gold Medal Target," and CCI "Green Tag Competition." Typically these loadings are available at gun shops but not the big box stores.

Also, since each individual rifle may perform much better with one brand than others, each rifle should be tested with different brands to find the best ammo for that particular rifle. When switching brands of ammo, the bore should be cleaned, or, 5 to 10 shots should be made with the "new" ammo brand before shooting your accuracy test. This is because the different manufacturers use different bullet lubricants and mixing them leads to inconsistent results (poor accuracy) until the new lubricant has displaced all the previous bullet lubricant in the bore.

Thanks to Our Volunteers:

(apologies for misspellings, the handwriting is sometimes illegible)

Cowboy Set Up March 27:

Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin,
Paul Bluteau and Ed Bennet.

We also had three Non-members:

Ron Romig, Dean Snrap and Doug Greenfield

Cowboy Teardown March 28:

This sign-in sheet is a mystery!

All the names were aliases of some kind or another:
Highland Ranger, Tomahawk Toni, Damascus Steel,
Renegade Lee, No One, River Banks and DQ Oaye.

Even so we want to thank them all, whom ever they are.

Chapter Maintenance Day March 29:

Rifle & Pistol Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschimidts, Wade Dayberry, Clark Kunkie,
Robert Hammond, Dennis Crossen, Bill Kelly and
Bill Gazdik.

Green Shed:

Guy Wright

Invasive Plants Management Workshop March 29:

Journey Delauder and daughter Kate, Micheal Harmon,
Rick Manteuffe and son Marous, Jim Pike, Cary Spice,
Steve Wass, Dotty Agnew, John Mullaney, Alan Palestine,

John Power, Sue Luce, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis,
Mary Heather Barber and Troy Agnew.

**Wildlife Achievement Chapter's
Watershed Clean Up April 4, 2009**

Chris Czarra, Moe Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Paul Vitek,
Steve McCaskill, Bill Gazdik, Nicholas A. Peters, Bill Calcagno,
Ian and Barb Butler, Ravi and Nate Goonasekeram, Bill Kelly,
Russell Lahti, Eric Stoltz, Dave Anderson Jr., Erik Anderson,
The Carrolls Stuart, Anne and Elisabeth, Neal London, Jacob London,
Tommy Thompson, Cathy Nutter, Dale Buschling, Steve Winegar,
Mike Harmon, Jennifer Harmon, Ray Ladbury, Michelle Chesnut,
Joe Carinci, Georgia Townsend, Bill Ladd, Jim Piatieski, Jose Scoseria,
Judy Riley, Rich Fried.

WOW! What a turnout. Thanks to all the members their families, friends and non-members. Conservationists all.

Cowboy Setup April 24, 2009

Most Wanted, Sagebrush Kid, Rich Rankin, Chuck Crooks,

Neil Benson, Paul Bluteau, Doug Greenfield and Chuck Limparis.

Congratulations to the following members who have completed their Probationary Period.

Dennis Crossen
James Pike

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski
at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Phil Dean, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Chuck Crooks, Mac McCollum and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net and include some contact info in case there are questions. 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 Jim Piatieski 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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**.....To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it...
..I AM AN IKE!**