



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

*****MAY 2010

President Guy Wright 301-253-4604	First Vice President "Paul Turska "301-252-7011	Second Vice President """"Jeff Deschamps """"301 -601-0656	Third Vice President """"Chuck Crooks """"301 831-9666
--	--	---	---

Wildlife Achievement Chapter 26430 Mullinix Mill Road Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771

Main House Phone: 301-253-2384 Web Site: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>

""Range House Phone: 301-253-4779

CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

5/15 Conservation Work Day (Brookeville) - Contact Jeff Deschamps (301)604-3736 or Jim Piateski (301)253-4950)

5/16 Chapter Picnic/Bull Roast - Join us for fun shoots and food. 11:00 am until 5:00 pm

6/5 Veterans Appreciation Day - 10:00 am until 7:00 pm

6/11,12,13 North-South Skeet Tournament

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Landscaping Techniques. Two separate sessions on Thursday May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday May 22 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton. Learn techniques to beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitat, and help improve the environment while saving time and money over conventional lawns and landscaping. Cost for the workshop is \$10. Registration is limited to 40 people per session. Register online at www.parkpass.org for course #105103.

Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up: Saturday April 10

Saturday April 10 was a great sunny day for the Chapter's Annual Spring Clean Up. There were 35 volunteers, members and non-members, who participated, including Boy Scouts from three troops. The volunteers found large and small items in the parking lot areas by the Patuxent River and along the roadsides including Mullinix Mill, Long Corner, Annapolis Rock, and Gue Roads. Chris Czarra and Josette Wiggins from DNR came with a truck to help out and to transport the litter and debris to the central pick up spot. Thanks to all those who provided special assistance for the success of the clean up. This includes: Jim Piateski who used his truck for trash hauling; Judy Riley, Rich Fried, and Jeff Deschamps who used their vehicles for field coordination and volunteer transport; and Jose Scoseria who made sure that the hungry, hard workers were rewarded with a great hot lunch.

The very large pile of trash included a mattress, a large plastic trash can(how Ironic), 28 tires of various sizes and some still mounted on the rims, 2 automotive batteries, a hot water heater, a mower deck and miscellaneous parts, and 38 plus bags of trash. The bags alone weighed in at about 800 pounds. Thanks to the Montgomery County Department of Highways for taking all of this to the transfer station.



Photos from top left:

1. Members from Troop 298 along Annapolis Rock Rd.

2. Nick Giuliano found a trash can along the road for the trash that he found along the road.

3. The final tally included 28 tires, 2 batteries, water heater, mower deck, and 38 or more bags of trash.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010 (Bob Cooley)

May 2010

Sat 5/22 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Gary Green, Ed Grim

Sun 5/23 Buddy Michael, Robin Moore, Joel Gross

Wed 5/26 Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 5/29 Jim Kelly, Murray Welsh, Bob Griffin, Bob Cooley

Sun 5/30 Peter Sittner, Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

June 2010

Wed 6/2 Jay Jeffrey, Ron Roberson, Ed Grim

Sat 6/5 Tim Mulreaney, John Davis, Gary Green

Sun 6/6 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Mike Agnelli

Wed 6/9 Berle Cherney, Carl McMahon, Jeff Greenhut

Sat 6/12 (North South Shoot) Debbi Perry, Jim Kelly

Sun 6/13 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 6/16 Brian Vav Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 6/19 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 6/20 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Jay DeVan, Robin Moore

Wed 6/23 Ranges Closed Thunder Valley

Thur 6/24 Ranges closed Thunder Valley

Sat 6/26 Ranges closed Thunder Valley

Sun 6/27 Peter Sittner, Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Wed 6/30 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine, Bob Griffin

RIFLE/PISTOL (Judy Riley)

"The Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot" – Saturday, May 8, 2010

We had a beautiful day and a fair turn out for the ".22 Fun Shoot" that was held today from 10am-2pm on the Rifle Range. The event was organized by Jesse Lim, CRSO, who—with the help of some other volunteers—set-up (and tore-down) all of the bowling pins, clay pigeons and metal targets (that were—mostly—knocked down when plinked.) Today would have been a great day to try for some balloons, as the wind would have made this a wee bit of a challenge for sure! Quite a few men and a couple of women came out to enjoy the day. This is usually an event that's a great deal of fun for the whole family; so, we missed the smiling faces of the men, women and children (10 and over) who have participated in past ".22 Fun Shoot" events. We'll just attribute this to inaccurate weather predictions and the fact that it is Mothers' Day weekend...another event well worth celebrating!!!



Participants included Jeff, Jim, Terry,
Lou, Doug, Carol, Tom, Jose and several
Others...



...Even Judy was back on the range again!

Save-the-date for the next scheduled family oriented “Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot” event is Saturday, July 31st, same time, same channel.

A thanks to all of the RSO’s who volunteered to over-see this fun!

AIRGUN (Phil Dean)

The Adult Airgun air pistol shooters completed this year's Monday night indoor air pistol shooting by firing the annual WAC - IWLA Chapter Air Pistol Match. This was a 60 shot match (600 points) fired at 10 meters. The top three shooters were:

Paolo Amedeo - 534

Hiem Trang - 532

Jim Piatieski - 528

Others firing in the match were:

Carl McMahon - 511

Karl Krchma - 499

Phillip Dean - 488

Rick Blatchford - 472

Donald Hunt - 432

Don Hunt was the 'most improved shooter' of the season having made a steady improvement in his scores during the year starting as a novice air pistol shooter in September.

The Monday Evening Adult Airgun Program will begin firing on the outdoor airgun range on Monday, May 3rd. This will be an informal event with participants being able to fire air rifles and air pistols at many different types of targets - paper bulls-eye, hanging cans, spinners, reactive field targets, breakable targets, balloons, and falling silhouettes. Firing will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings on the outdoor airgun range and end at dusk. Bring your air pistol and / or air rifle out and have some enjoyable shooting with other IWLA members. If you don't have an airgun or want to try some different guns, there will be equipment for you to use. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per person per evening to cover the cost of paper and frangible targets.

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

Scouting Update!!! (Chalk Dawson)

First of all we would like to thank the Izaak Walton League for your support of the Troop 945.

The Troop has welcomed in the new class of 13 scouts, which brings our Troop size to 61 young men. In addition, we also have a dedicated group of 30 adults that are helping teach our young men skills and confidence to help them become our future leaders as well as help maintain Troop operations.

Just this past weekend we held a Court of Honor to present the rank of Eagle Scout to Juan Carlos Casal Valero. Juan is the 46th boy from our Troop to make the rank of Eagle.

At the end of April, we held our annual Merit badge weekend where we taught 22 different merit badges to a total of 57 youth. They learned about Citizenship, Shot Gun, Bird Study, Carpentry, Path finding, Nuclear Science, Golf, and Environmental Science to name a few.

In the month of May, the Boy Scouts are going camping at Rocky Gap State Park and holding an Eagle Court of Honor for our next Eagle Scout – Kennedy Dawson.

Thanks again for your support!!

Boy Scout Troop 945

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Nick Giuliano)

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Watershed Clean Up April 10

The following Members, Non-members and Boy Scout Troop 298 from College Park donated their time on this beautiful Saturday morning to clean up a piece of our planet.

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Rich Fried, John Stuct, Tom Larason, Matthew Larason, Judy Riley, Katie Junghans, Daniel Junghans, Nick Giuliano, Louise Giuliano, Karthikeyan Sundas, Chase Williams, Udoka Neboh, Mary Pat Donals, Mark Stegmeier, Josette Wiggling, Curis Czanrs, Michael C. Bouyea, Robert Hammond, Jim Piatieski, Beth Madd, Sung Han, Karl Krchma, Douglas Kay, Debra Kay, Lee Cascio, Scott Horst, Cameron Horst and (Chef) Jose Scoseria.

Chapter Maintenance Day April 25

Another great turnout of members mostly to plant Christmas trees, lots of Christmas trees. As with most maintenance days there is also plenty of work to be done on our Ranges and general grounds cleanup.

Christmas Tree Duty:

Wendy Smith, Anthony Paetro, Alex Paetro, William Burns, Chris Wright, Dave Stamper, Phil Howard, Tucker Howard, Hudson Howard, Joe Smith, Danny Smith, Andrew Mikan, Deb Perry, John Waters, Howard Goldberg, Emily Moor, Mike LaRoi, Stephen McCaskill, Nick Van Terheyden, Tomasz Kosciesza, Samuel De La Cruz, Ian Butler, Jeff Opiekun, Michael, J. Delauder. W. Delauder, Mike Keyser, Herb Sutcliffe and Wade A. Dayberry.

General Range and Grounds Maintenance

Green Shed:

Guy Wright

Grounds Maintenance:

Don Hunt, John Leaman, Mike LaRoi, Alan Pressman,

Rifle and Pistol:

Al Goldschmidts, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Phil Howard, Tucker Howard and Hudson Howard.

Shotgun Range:

Ian Butler, Anthony Paetro, Ted Holden, Gerhard Bartsch, Joe Smith, Danny Smith, Dave Stevenson, Deb Perry, John Waters and Howard Goldberg.

Membership Dinner April 28

Ed McNally supported by Shari Aker, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, and Jorge Silva served another excellent (Heavy, Balanced) dinner.

Hospitality staff:

Ken Lefebvre (and family) and Wendy Smith.

Cowboy Action Shoot -'26/45/32**Set Up:**

Steve Peck, Mark Twarowski, Bill Compton, Guy Wright, Paul Bluteau, Ron Roming and Chuck Limparis.

Tear Down:

Doug Hutchison, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparis
and someone called Snack Eye something?

CONGRATULATIONS

The following members have completed the required service for **Full Membership Status**.

Andrew Mikan

Samual De La Cruz

Mary Hunt

Donald Hunt (Donald completed 22 activities during his probation).

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Phil Dean Nick Giuliano ,Judy Riley ,Chalk Dawson and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski 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 Piateski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to

Joe Gick

16601 Cavalry Drive

Rockville ,MD 20853-1219