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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

The Board of Directors sends congratulations and best wishes to members Joe and Delores Gick who just completed the sale of their property in Maryland and moved to Aiken, South Carolina. Joe and Delores provided decades of service to our chapter and its members and will be greatly missed.

**Barbeque Pit Rededication**

The Board of Directors voted to rededicate the chapter's barbeque pit effectively immediately. Membership Secretary Tim Garrity will be honored as part of a renaming ceremony to commemorate his two years' service to the chapter and its members. The barbeque shed will henceforth be called the Garrity Grill.



"I thank the Board for the continuing privilege to serve our members," Garrity said. "I've received many accolades from our members and my associates on the board of directors for performing critical membership duties. My service to our community now expands to include preparation and service of ribs, burgers, hot dogs and more."

The board voted 18-1 in favor of the motion, with Mac McCollum serving as the sole objector. President Ken Lefebvre praised Garrity's work during the board's discussion. "If Tim brings the same skill and hard work to the barbeque pit as he does to his membership duties we are certain to see many great meals served," he said. Lefebvre also thanked the chapter's immediate Past President Chuck Crooks, who created the sign that will be hung over the doorway.

Moments after accepting the renaming honor, Garrity stunned the board with a reversal. "It is with deep regret that I cannot accept this honor," Garrity noted. "Upon reflection, the barbeque shed should not be renamed so quickly after its former namesake moved away. I ask it keep its moniker of these many past years."

The board then voted unanimously on Garrity's motion to keep the name "Glick Pit."

## Mother's Day Celebration

For many people, celebrating Mother's Day evokes traditional thoughts of quiet family time and the smell of a bouquet of roses. Not for Shannon Garrity, who celebrated her special day this year at the pistol range with her family and her new Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 rifle.

"I am as much of a girly-girl as any other woman," Garrity said as she proudly sported her pink rifle and baseball cap. "You can give me flowers any day, but my new rifle was calling for me to take her to the range. There is nothing like the smell of gunpowder, the sound of your rifle and the great outdoors. I had the best Mother's Day"



Garrity brought her husband Tim and her sons Timmy and Keith along for the celebration. "The ranges were empty when we were there," she said. "It was great because it was so private, but I really hoped to see more women shooting." She then told the story of her good fortune in acquiring her new gun.

"We went to Atlantic Guns in Rockville to purchase a Smith & Wesson M&P 22 pistol so we could begin teaching our youngest son to shoot," she said. "They had a great sale on S&W firearms as well as a drawing to win the rifle. I thought 'Why not give it a shot,' so I put my name in the raffle box and was thrilled to get the call that I won."

She asked if Atlantic had a pink rifle in stock and expressed her thanks to them for their generosity and accommodating her request. "Shooting is such a male-dominated sport that it can seem intimidating as a woman to participate. However, the guys at Atlantic Guns are so friendly and helpful they make it easy and enjoyable to shop there," Garrity added. "You don't even need your husband," she said with a wink and a laugh.

### **Conservation**

Conservation News for June 2016.

#### **Conservation Work Credit Activities:**

Chapter Gardens maintenance this summer on last Fridays of the month. 8:30-11:30 a.m. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net).

Friday June 24.

Friday July 29.

Friday August 26

Adopt A Road. 8 to 16 volunteers needed for each event, must pre-register with contact information - Contact [Judy Riley](mailto:Judy.Riley@301-980-4057) 301-980-4057. Texting is okay. Please – clearly - provide name ,phone number , and Member ID#.

Friday June 24. 9:00-noon.

Friday August 26. 9:00-noon.

Montgomery County Fair. Workers needed for shifts each day from Friday August 12-Saturday August 20. To register, contact Don and Mary Hunt at [ButterflyMary46@msn.com](mailto:ButterflyMary46@msn.com) 301-946-4795

### **Trout in the classroom**

On 5/13/16, I had the privilege to assist Steven Pearce (Creek Freaks Coordinator) and Samantha Roth from the Izaak Walton League of America's national office. I volunteered for the Trout in the Classroom project at Little Seneca Creek.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Kingsview Middle School raised rainbow trout from eggs to fingerlings in their classroom. On a rainy Friday morning, they came to Little Seneca Creek on Clopper Road to release the trout into the stream. Steven and Samantha set up five stations for the kids to visit while they were there. All of the stations allowed the kids to get hands-on involvement in our conservation and preservation of trout streams. The stations included; a water chemistry test, a macroinvertebrate collection and identification station, a trout release station, a fly tying station, and a fly casting station.

The Trout in the Classroom program is a great way to teach our children about the conservation and preservation of our local living streams. Steven and Samantha were well prepared to handle the group. The middle school did a great job of preparing the children with knowledge and interest. The children's hands on involvement and inquisitive nature combined with the help from Izaak Walton and Kingsview MS made the program an active success where I will continue to participate. ( Joe Songer)

### Family Fishing Day, Triadelphia Reservoir(Rodger Moran).

On Saturday May 14, WSSC held their annual Family Fishing Day on the Triadelphia Reservoir. Rodger Moran had (been) volunteered to help out as part of our partnership efforts with WSSC.

In Rodger's words: It was a beautiful day, the staff and other volunteers were great. The people that brought their kids actually listened (with interest) to my fish stories! It was great to see so many small people really fishing! "Parenting done right!"

I ran the fish ID booth which was fun and helped me with some species of Sunfish I was unsure of.

One 2.5 lb. largemouth bass was landed and recorded early on. I had to unhook several small fish and untangle lines and restring some poles where the line was too tangled to untie.

Later on, one young man came by himself and I could tell he was a proficient fisherman by the way he handled the bait casting reel he used. He had it hung on a rod just like the one I brought with me that day. We talked for a minute but it was clear he came to FISH so I stopped talking:)

He ended up fishing right behind my booth so I kept my eye on him jealously. All at once, his rod was bent in half and it was clear he was fighting a good fish. He got it to land and went to lip it and POOF it spit the hook and swam away. But not before the crowd of on lookers saw what I'm guessing was a nice 4 pound LM Bass. We then talked excitedly about what just happened.

The other WSSC Staff showed me pictures of very large fish that were landed this year. A huge Striped Bass weighing 40 pounds plus and a huge Walleye - the biggest I have ever seen.

If my schedule allows, I'll be there next year!

### Speaker: National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

At the July 27 general membership meeting, Tom Franklin from the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) will be talking about efforts to increase bobwhite populations. The bird has declined by 80% across its range during the last 40 years due to habitat change on the rural landscape. The NBCI is working with 25 state fish and wildlife agencies trying hard to reverse the decline and they are having success in some areas.

Many of us grew up in areas where you heard bobwhite calls every summer. While there likely aren't any bobwhite calls there now, there are lots more buildings and roads. It's not just about bobwhites either—the habitat they need supports a wide variety of native plants and other wildlife. More information is available at: <http://bringbackbobwhites.org/>

### **Shotgun Range Roster** (Steve Olsen)

#### **July, 2016**

Sat 7/2 Sean McTernan, Roman Drews

Sun 7/3 Stephen Meyers, Steve Rowcroft

Wed 7/6 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett  
Sat 7/9 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar  
Sun 7/10 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak  
Wed 7/13 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson  
Sat 7/16 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green  
Sun 7/17 Paul Turska, Jake Turska  
Wed 7/20 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson  
Sat 7/23 Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian  
Sun 7/24 Paul Turska, Jake Turska  
Wed 7/27 Bob Woodward,  
Sat 7/30 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert  
Sun 7/31 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin, Greg Myers, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan

**WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)***rerun from May*

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim) Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html> If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest name not sign in will be removing immediately from the club ground and consider as trespassing.

WAC board has approved the request from the Rifle and Pistol Chairman to implement new guest identification badges and conduct rules for using the guest badges in January 2017. The badges will be part of the annual membership renewal activity later this year.

Important!

Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and **members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day.** Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Effective immediately: Any member receiving a violation will require them to attend the orientation class within 30 days from the citation date. If the orientation class is not re-taken within 30 days of the citation, the members range gate card will be suspended until the orientation class is recorded upon completion. A suspended candidate will not be able to use any of our shooting ranges and will not be allowed as a guest.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **June 2014** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.** If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

#### **Archery Classes (Assistant)**

5/7 and 5/14/2016

#### **Member:**

John Porter

#### **Membership Dinner (Prep work)**

5/24/2016

#### **Member:**

John Porter

#### **Membership Dinner (Kitchen Assistant)**

5/25/2016

#### **Member:**

John Porter

#### **Cowboy Set Up**

5/27/2016

#### **Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Paul Bluteau, Jerry Klinger and Donald Jackson

#### **Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Adam Vitelli, Manuel Perez, Karl Plitt and Philip Knowles

#### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

5/27/2016

#### **Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Bud Gates, John Porter, Billy Ramos, Sam Miller, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Tom Ouellette and John Leaman

Probationary Member: **(Regular Credit)**  
**Mario Skiadopoulos**

Shotgun Range Maintenance Day  
5/29/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Mark Gay, Billy Ramos, Joe Wolf, Brian McClay, Mike Holder and Arden Young**

Probationary Members: **(Regular Credit)**

**Mike Wonsala and Mario Skiadopoulos**

#### **SPECIAL REMINDERS:**

**This reminder is directed to the many probationary members that have devoted many, many hours to the maintenance of our ranges. This is great; the Ranges require a lot of maintenance. However, as stated in the Chapter's Bylaws all probationary members must participate in at least one Conservation Activity in each of their probationary years.**

**We have quite a number of probationary members that have completed all four required work activities in their first year of probation and think they have met their obligation, they have not. If you think you may be one of these members, drop me an email.**

If you need a work status update, email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

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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](mailto: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.

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