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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

The chapter is looking for an individual to take over the Christmas tree committee. The trees are suffering from some sort of blight or infestation and are sorely in need of a person willing to take charge and determine whether or not they can be saved. This could turn out to be quite a challenge.

The person agreeing to undertake this task will need to be able to locate some organization, such as the Maryland Extension Service or tree growers association, to help determine whether or not the existing trees can be saved and at what cost.

The results of the initial information gathering may result in the termination of the Christmas tree project all together. Please contact Third Vice- President, Bob Cooley if interested.

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Upcoming Elections

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers and directors at the June membership meeting. They are as follows:

President: Chuck Crooks

1st. Vice President: Ken Lefebvre

2nd Vice President: Bob Cooley

3rd Vice President: Cherie Aker

Recording Secretary: Rick Sommer

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Piatetski

Membership Secretary: Judy Riley

Treasurer: Chuck Limparis

Sergeant At Arms: Richard Fried

Parliamentarian: Mac McCollum

Chaplain: John Leaman.

Directors: 2013/2015, Paolo Amedeo, Greg Talamini, Steve Lefebvre

Editors note: Current director Jesse Lim was inadvertently omitted from the list and is not listed here. He will need to be nominated from the floor.

Floor nominations will be received at the General Membership meeting on July 24, 2013. The elections will be held on August 28, 2013.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

We will have conservation credit work events every member work day this summer.

For the June work day on June 20th, we had 9 new members who cleaned up along Mullinix Mill Road (County line to Rte. 108) and also Long Corner Rd. (Patuxent River to Rte. 108). From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., they collected 11 bags, with litter, mostly fast food and beverage containers. No interesting items collected this time. Thanks to Jeff Deschamps for being the rover and collector along the roads.

Thanks also to Kathy and Anton Steuer and Wendy Smith for leading the group who continued our battle against the ‘invasives’ i.e. weeds in the gardens around the Chapter House. Keep in mind that a weed is technically just any plant growing where you don’t want it to. However, we have some really nasty plants invading our gardens including thistle and numerous vines.

Some of our new members tackled the invasives in our butterfly garden across from the green maintenance shed. That garden has flowering plants that are especially attractive to ‘pollinators’ including bees and butterflies as nectar sources, and for the butterflies, as host plants for their larvae. We have bee hives on our property, maintained by Jim Piateski. All the pollinators are needed for insect-pollinated fruits which include all members of the rose family. These are apples, peaches, pears, plums, apricots, cherries, blackberries, raspberries, and strawberries. For more information about the importance of pollinators, check out the Fish and Wildlife Service page at <http://www.fws.gov/pollinators/>.

July and August

In July and August, we’ll continue gardens maintenance because the weeds never stop growing. We will have another Adopt A Road event for the August work day (Sunday 25th), with 8 workers needed for Mullinix Mill and Long Corner Road. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 8:30 a.m. (half an hour early to avoid some of the heat). You must stay for the entire work event to receive conservation work credit. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net if interested.

Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg. August 9th-17th. Help support the IWLA exhibit that has been organized by the Rockville Chapter for quite a number of years. Contact Don & Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

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Sat 8/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 8/4 Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed 8/7 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat 8/10 Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer
Sun 8/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 8/14 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 8/17 Steve Olsen, Murray Welsh
Sun 8/18 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 8/21 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 8/24 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
Sun 8/25 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Wed 8/28 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat 8/31 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Rowcroft, Steve Meyers, Ron Roberson, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Bob Cooley, Ira Wein, Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross, John Davis, Mike Bowen, Roman Drew, Robin Dixon, Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian.

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/ Wendy Smith)

Important! Always read and know our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules

We would like to take a moment to remind all members that if you are approached by anyone at WAC soliciting money for training, you should report this to Jesse Lim immediately at 240-832-0354. Utilizing the facilities for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited and contained in Conduct Rule #18.

<http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Although members should read and understand ALL R/P rules, we would like to highlight a section we need to ensure all members are familiar with considering we are well in to 2013 now:

1. Unauthorized persons using the rifle/pistol ranges will be deemed trespassing. Unauthorized rifle/pistol range users include anyone who does not display a current range-approved membership card, has not signed the range register, has or is a guest who has not signed the range register, or is violating any directives restricting access for use of the ranges.
2. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
3. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
4. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
5. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
6. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges at a time, and must remain with his/her guests at all times.

If at any time you have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.



Jean Aker comin' at 'em from both sides at a recent bowling pin shoot.

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members (Nick Giuliano)

It's time to think about where you are on completing your required work. With summer almost half over conservation work will soon be minimal and conservation work is mandatory.

Reminders of the work requirements that must be completed are:

First year you must complete one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation.

Second year is the same as the first with one conservation and one general work activity **or** two conservation to be completed.

Each year is independent of each other: you cannot do four activities the first year and consider your obligation to be met.

If you have been keeping track of your progress ,great! Not sure of your work status or have questions? Email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Please reference IWLA in the Subject Line.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

The following probationary members have successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Terry Golden
Matthew Booth

Damascus Air Rifle Club
May 18 (Kitchen support)
Ken and Dave.

Veterans Appreciation Day
June 1 (Kitchen support)
Cherie Aker, Charly Culbertson, Mary Hunt, Selvyn Wyatt Selvyn, Marty Burke, Ted Chittick, A.J. Janks, Larry Camper and Jack Hembrough.

Thunder Valley Days (ramrodded by Chuckaroo)

June 18 (Set up)

Terry Springer, Jerry Klinger, Dale Hrabak, Steve Myers and Billy Ramos.

June 19 (Set up)

Dale Hrabak and Jerry Klinger.

June 20

Mac McCollum, Ed McNally, T.J. Monahan, Mary Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Ted Chittick, Joe Carinci, Larry Carpenter, Billy Ramos, Ian Augustine, Kate Augustine, Karl Krehma, Will Corbin, Don Hunt, Will Carbone, Mash Esfanaji, Terry L. Springer, Rick Blatchford, Nick Giuliano and Steve Peck.

June 21

Don Hunt, Nick Giuliano, Tom Nicewarner, Bill Carbone, Rick Blatchford, Mike Stieber, Rick Sommer, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Mac McCollum, Erik Hill, Mark North, Jim Bourdon, Joe Carinci, Larry Carpenter, Bill Gazdik, Bill Ramos, Phillip Dean, Ed McNally, Greg Talamini, Joe Freeman, Geoffrey McDermott, Cherie Aker, George A. Caperones and Joan Caperones.

June 22

Don Hunt, Karl Krchma, Judy Riley, Kenny Montgomery, Susan Baker, Gary Cooper, Bill Gazdik, Matthew Woody, Jim Bourdon, Ed McNally, Mac McCollum, Nick Giuliano, Billy Ramos and Joe Carinci.

June 22 (Tear Down)

Dino Federico, Don Morris, Richard Gautereaux, Nick F. Giuliano, Ian Chu, Tom Kummer, Grey Castello, Michael Webb, Ken Reichard, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Membership Dinner

June 26

Cooking for this evening

O.S McCollum.

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties

Mark Warner.

Dining Room setup

Will Carbone

At the Bar:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji.

Adopt-A-Road

June 30

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Wendy Smith,

Joe Forsha, Joe Adams, Terry Golden, David Escalante, Ryan Cooley, Jerry Klinger, Nick F.

Giuliano, John Cianflone, Mike Zarchin, Brooks Zarchin, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Billy

Ramos, Dino Federico, Matthew Woody, John Hartwell, Mark Coggeshall, Dave Hiner and Rob

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Chapter Maintenance Day

June 30

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)

Al Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Joe Forsha, Henry Meetze, Carter Meetze, Joe Byrd, Jeff

Phillips, Steve Rowcroft and Fran Payne.

General Maintenance (Everywhere)

Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith,

Green Shed (operations shack)

Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks.

A reminder to our Probationary Members

If you would like an up-date of your work status, send an email to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Just enter IWLA STATUS in the subject line; and your name in the message area, no need for anything else.

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to: nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members so my guess could be wrong.

If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis , Chuck Crooks, Wendy Smith, Jean Aker 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.

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