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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Maryland Hunting Licenses (Greg Talamini)

For those of you who have held a MD hunting license, it's time to renew. Even if you don't think you can hunt this year, please buy a basic license. The money generated is needed by DNR for many funds, which help provide and protect our natural resources. If you are new to hunting, you can take the Hunter Safety Class here at WAC. Days and times are published on the web site. This course is required in order to apply for a license. It is time well spent along with access to our ranges, which provide a place to practice your shooting skills. For upland game and waterfowl hunters, you can practice your skill on the Skeet and Trap range. For deer hunters there are the rifle, pistol and archery ranges. Nationwide the number of hunters has fallen significantly in the past 35 years or so, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That means the natural resource officials must find new ways to control animal populations, especially deer. The office, which oversees all wildlife conservation programs, supervises animal population management and addresses nuisance complaints from residents, receives almost all its funding from hunting and fishing license sales and federal matches. We need the support of hunters and all outdoors people. Officials blame the downturn in hunting on what some have called a "nature-deficit disorder." The average American lives farther from a forest than in the past and is often overburdened with work, school and organized activities for children. Children are not given the exposure to nature, the great outdoors, and all it can provide. We as Ike's should take on that responsibility by bringing our own children to our club, teach them how to enjoy nature and its benefits.

Buying a basic hunting license is the most passive way you can make a contribution if time is an issue.

Upcoming Cowboy Clinic (Chuck Crooks)

The next new cowboy shooter clinic, at Damascus, is Sunday, September 8, 2013. Class size is limited (20 shooting students), and seats are on a first come, first serve basis. **Pre-registration is required.**

To view the application, [CLICK HERE \(http://www.damascusiwa.org/DWR/CLINIC2013.pdf\)](http://www.damascusiwa.org/DWR/CLINIC2013.pdf). You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me!

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the [Clinic Outline \(http://damascusiwa.org/dwr/clinicoutline.html\)](http://damascusiwa.org/dwr/clinicoutline.html) to see what's covered. Atlantic Guns and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever

action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. If you do not have experience, you can take the classroom portion but, you can only observe the live fire portion. For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

Many thanks to Atlantic Guns for again providing all of the clinic ammo!

Our sincere thanks to the following cowboy volunteers that help introduce the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting to a new crop of potential shooters on May 13, 2012. These folks are the reason this sport is doing so well in our area. They are; **River Banks, Catoctin, Two Gun Tuco, Most Wanted and Tug Hill.** Thank you for giving up a sunny Sunday, to support our sport!

Roo

Open house at new archery range (Steve Lefebvre)

Over 20 archery enthusiasts including adults and children attended the open house at the new archery range on Saturday, July 20, 2013. There was a presentation and discussion about different types of archery equipment by US Archery Association certified instructor, Ron Roberson. The new archery range rules were discussed and everyone was given an opportunity to try out the archery equipment on display.

One of the first time archers, Josiah Flanner, hit two balloons at a distance of ten yards and was awarded his very own leather archery glove and wrist guard. The new archery range is open to members and their guests and is located next to the entrance gate to the range road. Thanks to all who attended meetings and helped get the new archery range open. Special thanks to Bryce Simons for building the target stands for his Eagle Scout project. Thanks to Dave Goldberg and his son Tyler, Ken Lefebvre and all others who helped finish and install the new archery targets, who have been instrumental in writing the new archery range rules and establishing a new archery program for adults and youth and the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the IWLA. Watch the monthly newsletter and website for upcoming archery events. Enjoy the archery range located in a comfortable ,shady spot behind the Christmas trees.

Shotgunners

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events at the club:

Shotgun Range Officer Appreciation Day Saturday, August 31st

This day is to show our appreciation to all of the Shotgun Range Officers who give their time to help us run and maintain the shotgun ranges. The club will provide pulled pork and as well as chips and sodas.

Shotgun Range Officers - bring a dish and join in the fun for the day. Special round of Chinese Trap for all Shotgun Range Officers to begin at 1:30PM. Please join the fun!!

Clays to Save the Bay Sunday, October 20th

\$30 for 2 rounds of Trap or Skeet, plus Lunch and a "Save the Bay" Hat. HOA and Lewis Prizes. All proceeds go to Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited. See the posters and newsletter for more information.

Club Championships (Skeet and Trap) Saturday, November 9th

Who is the Trap and Skeet Club Champion for 2013??? We will have an overall champion, a skeet champion, and a trap champion as well as Lewis Class winners. Everyone can win! This event is open to all IWLA members. Come join the fun and see who wins!!

We appreciate your support. See you at the club!!

Shotgun Committee

Upcoming Elections

Be sure to attend the August General Membership meeting on August 28 ,2013. At that meeting we will be electing the next Board of Directors of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. It is your chance to support the candidate of your choice.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

August

On the Chapter Maintenance Day on Sunday August 25, we will have an Adopt A Road event, with 8 workers needed for Mullinix Mill and Long Corner Road. If there are more than 8 workers, we'll continue gardens maintenance because the weeds never stop growing. 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.

Other News

For those members interested in learning more about water quality problems and pollution from non-point sources (NPS), EPA has some great on-line resources. Historically urban stormwater (runoff from developed areas) was considered a 'non-point source' because there was no one specific contributor to what was coming out of the storm drain system. Technically though urban stormwater is a 'point source' since the runoff comes into local streams and waterways out of pipes or channels constructed to drain development. All of the Maryland counties with 'urban' areas have been covered under these regulations since the early 1990's. Some large scale agricultural livestock operations are also regulated as 'point sources' of pollution but most agricultural activities are considered 'non-point sources' and not subject to stringent water quality regulations through the federal clean water act permit program.

Maryland is among a number of states with their own programs to reduce water quality impacts from agricultural operations and Maryland farmers have high rates of compliance. The 2012 report on agricultural compliance in Maryland is available through the Maryland Department of Agriculture or on the web at: http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/counties/MDANMP2012.pdf

The following includes URL shortcuts for those trying to find information on various nonpoint source topics on EPA's website. These were compiled by EPA for the NPS News-Notes list-serve.

www.epa.gov/nps — EPA's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Home Page, which should allow you to get to all of EPA's other specific NPS topic pages in a click or two. (Hint: the blue Quick Finder Panel on top and the green Navigation Panels are intended to get you to specific content in the topic area you're searching for.)

www.epa.gov/nps/outreach — NPS Outreach Page

www.epa.gov/nps/kids — NPS Kids Page

www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox — EPA's Award-winning NPS Outreach Toolbox. Search for the best NPS outreach efforts nationwide and learn how to create effective NPS outreach

www.epa.gov/nps/where — "Where You Are" for State- or Region-specific NPS Information. Links to each State NPS Program Page and EPA Regional NPS Pages

www.epa.gov/nps/success — CWA Section 319 NPS Success Stories: More than 400 NPS-impaired waterbodies restored to achieve water quality standards!

Shortcuts to other NPS pages in alphabetical order:

www.epa.gov/nps/319 — One-stop shopping for all your CWA Section 319 grant program needs, including EPA's new 319 grant guidelines
www.epa.gov/nps/agriculture — Agricultural NPS Page
www.epa.gov/nps/ag — This also gets you to the Agricultural NPS Page
www.epa.gov/nps/amd — Abandoned Mine Drainage (formerly Acid Mine Drainage) NPS Page
www.epa.gov/nps/calendar — NPS Events Calendar
www.epa.gov/nps/chesbay502 — NPS Guidance for Land Management in the Chesapeake Bay Basin
www.epa.gov/nps/czara — EPA's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CZMA Section 6217), jointly administered with NOAA
www.epa.gov/nps/forestry — Managing NPS Impacts from Forestry/Silvicultural Activities
www.epa.gov/nps/grts — EPA's Section 319 Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS) page (Check out the Interactive viewer and drill down to project-specific data!)
www.epa.gov/nps/guidance — Collection of EPA guidance for controlling NPS pollution from a variety of categories
www.epa.gov/nps/hydromod — Managing NPS Impacts from Hydromodification
www.epa.gov/nps/lid — Low Impact Development / Green Stormwater Infrastructure
www.epa.gov/nps/marinas — Managing NPS Impacts from Marinas & Boating
www.epa.gov/nps/monitoring — Guidance for Monitoring NPS Projects
www.epa.gov/nps/npsinfo — NPSINFO e-Forum Resource Center
www.epa.gov/nps/outreach — NPS Outreach Page
www.epa.gov/nps/rhb — Managing NPS Impacts from Roads, Highways & Bridges
www.epa.gov/nps/tribal — Tribal NPS Program Page
www.epa.gov/nps/urban — Urban NPS Page
www.epa.gov/nps/wetlands — EPA's Wetlands & Riparian Management Page (also links to EPA's Wetlands Home Page at www.epa.gov/wetlands)

Other EPA shortcuts related to NPS:

www.epa.gov/newsnotes — NPS News-Notes, EPA's national NPS newsletter.
www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds — EPA's Healthy Watershed Initiative (HWI) Home Page, focusing on prevention of NPS pollution
www.epa.gov/watershedcentral — EPA's Watershed Central – One-Stop Shop to Guide Successful Watershed Management; Also links to the Watershed Central Wiki for sharing and collaborating watershed restoration efforts.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

September 2013

Sun	9/1	Steve Rowcroft, Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed	9/4	Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat	9/7	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	9/8	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Wed	9/11	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	9/14	Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian
Sun	9/15	Joel Gross, John Davis
Wed	9/18	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahan
Sat	9/21	Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun	9/22	Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan
Wed	9/25	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	9/28	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	9/29	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bob Cooley, Ira Wein, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Berle Cherney, Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut

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

Important! It is your responsibility to read and understand our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules <http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Although members should read and understand **ALL** R/P rules, we would like to highlight a section under CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

18. No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

If at any time you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

On behalf of the Rifle and Pistol and RSO committee, we would like to continue to send our appreciation to Al Goldschmidts. Al ensures the rifle and pistol ranges are maintained and in accordance with the Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee requirements. Thank you for your continued efforts and commitments to our chapter, Al!

Please come out on the August 25th Maintenance day. While official chapter maintenance starts at 9AM, you can usually find Al there earlier in the morning. Rifle and Pistol maintenance counts as general chapter work credit.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7th for the next Practical Defense clinic starting at 9AM.

NRA Training – Wendy Smith:

Our next class will be NRA Basic Pistol on September 21st and Oct 13th. Registration will begin August 15th, watch your email closely for a special WAC announcement indicating registration is open. Do not delay in registering once its open, classes fill up very fast for these popular courses. A small number of slots will be available on the wait list and will be filled on short notice.

The last Basic Pistol class of the year will be the Ladies/Daughters and Teens dinner and class. The first day of class is October 19th and will include a spectacular dinner by Chefs Cherie, Ed and Randy. The second day of class is Sunday, November 10th, all day. Registration will be announced in early October. Thank you to our dedicated volunteer team of WAC RSO / NRA certified instructors who provide these training opportunities to the WAC membership. A lot goes in to hosting these classes, and most all of the instructors have full time jobs and significant family obligations. Your sacrifice, dedication and time instructing is greatly appreciated!

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.

A reminder to our probationary members:

With summer passing by so fast, before you know it, it's membership renewal time again. For members (1) that are at the end of their second year of probation or (2) might be over it and have not completed the minimum required work activities, you will need to pay the initiation fee of \$60.00 again along with the renewal fee of \$135.00.

You still have several months to get whatever work activities done that you are lacking, so as not to pay the extra \$60.00.

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Nick Giuliano

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

The following probationary member has successfully completed his probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Matthew Woody

Tree Maintenance

July 23

John Tredway

Membership Dinner

July 24

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties

Cherie Aker, Bob Stephenson, Sandy Stephenson and Kenneth Gould.

Dining Room setup

Will Carbone

At the Bar:

Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Generator Construction Project

July 24

John Tredway

Cowboy Set-Up

July 26

Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks and Mary Esfanaji.

Chapter Maintenance Day

July 28

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)

Al Goldschmidts, Tom Peters, Glenn Miller, Jon May, Bob Reynolds, John Tokar, Stephen W. McCaskill, Chris Brackins, Mark McKeivitt, Tom Hess, Fran Payne, James Klinger and Paul Largent.

Conservation Work (Gardens and Trees)

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Christopher Toscani, Erik Hill, Joe Donoghue and Chris Regnier.

General Ground Maintenance (Everywhere)

Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Garry Brown, Dale Buschling, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks,

Green Shed (operations shack)

Guy Wright.

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 Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Chuck Crooks, Steve Lefebvre, Greg Talamini, Wendy Smith, Jesse Lim, Debbi Perry 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 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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