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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

New Cowboy Shooter Clinics

The second of two New Cowboy Shooter Clinics in 2009, at our IWLA-WAC Chapter, will be on October 31, 2009. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

Applications are available on the chapter web site www.DamascusIWLA.org. 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. Atlantic Guns and our 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!

There will be two hours in the classroom and two hours on the range. Please bring ear and eye protection and there is no costuming required for the class.

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. For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](mailto:Chuckaroo@wildliferangers@aol.com) (wildliferangers@aol.com) or 301-831-9666. The cost is \$5.

WAC lost a member a good friend this August in Tony Evans. His friends and fellow members will remember him contributing his time photographing events and shooting trap and skeet. While in the Marine Corp Tony was part of the high power rifle team. He shot in the Heart of Maryland Trap league but I suspect that was more for the sausage sandwiches they served at breakfast. Admittedly they were good and worth the early morning trek to the various host clubs. He was a professional cameraman, a history buff and firearm collector. Most of all he was a good loyal friend to many of us and the WAC. He understood Semper Fi was more than a motto it was his way of life.

Greg Talamini

BREAKIN' CLAY EVENT (Bob Cumberland)

Our Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay shoot is almost here!

This year our proceeds will benefit the Patuxent River Keeper. Many have asked why we have switched from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to this group. It was a simple choice. While CBF makes a notable effort towards improving the state of the Bay, they are unable to provide support to local organizations like the WAC. If you had the pleasure of attending the August meeting you would have heard Fred Tutman "The Patuxent Riverkeeper" speak about the organization, it's objectives, challenges and projects. Participating with a local organization allows our members to have a direct impact to our section of the Chesapeake watershed which coincides with our Chapter projects. The Patuxent Riverkeeper is a strong organization that works in our neighborhood. Combining our efforts will make each of our groups more successful. Below you will find additional information and the link to the Patuxent Riverkeeper website. Please take a look.

I hope you will be able to attend our Breakin' Clays event, and support our efforts to restore the quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

<http://www.paxriverkeeper.org/>

Fred Tutman is the Patuxent Riverkeeper, a nonprofit watershed advocacy group to protect, restore, and advocate for clean water in the Patuxent River. The Riverkeeper trains volunteers to patrol the river, investigate and resolve water quality and pollution complaints, launch and manage restoration projects, raise awareness about the river and its problems and work toward better enforcement of current laws and better laws to protect the river. The Patuxent River is the only major river of the Chesapeake Bay drainage that is entirely within the State of Maryland. Its watershed covers 930 square miles overall and runs north to south for 110 linear miles through seven Maryland counties, from Montgomery County to St. Mary's and Calvert County to flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

An ongoing projects is that of the 'Roughnecks' the volunteers that work on the river to maintain a 'water trail' for canoes and kayaks to increase access for those who want to enjoy its natural resources. The Riverkeeper also supports volunteer water quality monitoring in the River, supplying all test kits and training to take valid measurements for dissolved oxygen and other water quality indicators. More information is available at: www.pwqi.net

Other interesting news activities at: <http://www.paxriverkeeper.org/category/news/patuxent-riverkeeper-news>

Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay Benefit
Skeet and Trap Shooting Event September 12th, 2009
Sponsored by the 26430 Mullinix Mill Road, Damascus, MD
No pre-Registration—Open to the Public
Lunch Served 11:30am- 1:30pm
\$25 for Two rounds of Skeet or Trap
26430 Mullinix Mill Road, Damascus, MD
All proceeds benefit the work of Patuxent Riverkeeper

Upcoming Events (check web calendar for range closure times)

Breaking Clay to save the Bay September 12th ,10 'til 2.
Hunter Qualifications September 13th
Hunter Safety 9:00 until 1:30

Damascus Heritage Day September 20th

Our next Membership Dinner meeting is Friday September 25th. New Board of Directors will be installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

Non-Native Invasives Workshop, Saturday September 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the upper level of the Chapter House. Learn which ones and how to control the worst plant pests around. Seminar plus field work for conservation credit. Register via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net.

A tree planting is scheduled for October 17, 2009 at the Reddy Branch off Brookville road in Brookville. Mark your calendars.

Adopt-A-Road

On Sunday, August 23, we had an incredible turn-out of volunteers for the adopt-a-road event. So many, in fact, that we split crews and did some 'grounds invasives management' i.e. weeding. Ten volunteers picked up trash on Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Road, beginning at the Patuxent River and heading toward Damascus Road. The volunteers collected 16 bags of trash, many beverage containers, and two spray containers of unknown liquid.

The volunteers also found an abandoned boat on trailer along Long Corner Road--this was reported to the County's illegal dumping hot line. The boat should be hauled away shortly and the owner of the property should be taking care of the tires within 30 days. The next adopt-a-road is the Annual Fall Clean Up with lunch for all volunteers. This is scheduled for Saturday October 24, 2009.

The other set of volunteers helped spruce up the grounds and get rid of many weeds and invasive, including wild grape, tree-of-heaven, and thistle. If you want to learn more about the 'weed invaders' in Montgomery County, come out to the Invasives Management workshop on [SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26] beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapter House. We will then have a work session around the Chapter Grounds. The workshop plus work day will count towards required conservation credits for probationary members. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at 301-604-3736 or via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net

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 D N R 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 will be published soon. 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 and pistol ranges. Whatever your pleasure, please buy a hunting license this year; it's the most passive way to make a contribution to conservation.

TRADITIONAL ARCHERY (Tom Ouellette)

The traditional archery club will be meeting on Mondays @ 7:00 at the archery range. All interested parties are welcome.

SKEET AND TRAP (Bob Cooley)

October 2009

Ladies & gentlemen:

Please take it upon yourselves to elicit the services of those around you. We need and want additional range officers. Get their contact information and pass it on to me.

Thanks, I am having a range officer orientation on Sunday, September 27 at noon in the range house.

Bob Cooley

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2009

October 2009

Sat 10/3 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Christopher Heiler

Sun 10/4 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, and Paul Turska

Wed 10/7 "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 10/10 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 10/11 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 10/14 Ron Roberson, Jeff Greenhut, Carl McMahon

Sat 10/17 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 10/18 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 10/21 Conley Phipps, Frank Bis

Sat 10/24 Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Gary Green

Sun 10/25 Bob Poth, Joel Gross, and Bob Cooley

Wed 10/28 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 10/31 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Peter Sittner

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE (Barry Ephraim)

Cherie Aker, Mark Johnson, Jonathon Lui, Tony Santini, Tom Keller, Jim Kearney, Rick Lebowitz, Kim Hower and Dan Hower. In addition, Family members Grace Aker, Nicole Denny, Linda Kearney, and Nick Kearney. The weather was beautiful so we again were able to utilize the Shotgun Range and Lower firearm ranges as a classroom. While still a work in progress, new members are getting a much better idea of range decorum by being on the ranges. Course was taught by Tim Urban, Tom Ouellette, and Barry Ephraim.

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 September 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.



Thanks to our kitchen help at the August membership meeting, Cherie Aker and Tom Keller.
Photo by Skillings (thanks,Red)

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

First let me take care of a late entry from the Thunder Valley Days, no date on sheet.

Paul Bluteau, Guy Wright, Damascus Sages, Tomahawk Terry, Dogmeat, River Banks, and of course, P q One?

Thank you, Ladies and or Gentlemen.

Adopt-A-Road and Grounds

Invasive Control Sunday August 23

Don Hunt, Bill Schooler, Martin Rosendale, Kathy Rosendale, Pat Mills, Tex Welch, Beth Welch, Tom Felten, Andrew Mikan, Dale Buschling, Nick Van Terheyden, Rob Eby, Nicholas A. Peters, Bill Gazdik, Madea Marinik, Lauren Brown, Ravi Goonasekeram, Nate Goonasekeram, John E. Hench, Russell Lahti, James Mooney, Jeff Curry, Richard Hanley, Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps.

Chapter Maintenance Day Sunday August 30

Ranges both Rifle and Pistol

Alan Pressman, Don Hunt, Nicholas A. Peters, Joe Wolf, Caroline Wolf, Al Goldschmidts, Tom Kosciesza and Samuel De La Cruz.

Skeet and Shotgun Ranges

Phil Howard, Peter Sittner, Ted Holden, Berle Cherney, Mike Webb, Rudy Werner, Jerry Hill, Matt Boron, Roman Drews and Chris Heiler.

Conservation Projects

Daniel Zimmerman, Todd Denny, Wendy Smith, Jeff Deschamps and Russell Lahti.

Green Shed

Guy Wright, all by himself (it's not easy being Green).

Just a reminder

Probationary members are required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least TWO (2) projects MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts.

If your name is not listed and you signed the activity sheet, shoot via e-mail with the facts to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and we'll track it down.

Congratulations

The following probationary members graduated to full membership status as having completed the required projects:

Stuart Carroll

Peter A. Nicholas

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, Red Skillings, Greg Talamini, Tom Ouellette, Bob Cumberland ,Barry Ephraim 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

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