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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES



Our new Board of Directors

Front row --(in a class by himself) Bob Cooley

Second row--Judy Riley, Chuck Limparis, Jeff Deschamps, Greg Talamini, Jim Piatiski,
Mac MacCollum, Richard Fried, Joe Gick, Rick Sommer, John Leaman

Third row- Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Wade Dayberry, Jesse Lim, Ken Lefebvre, Berle
Cherney

Thanks to Past-President Joe Carinci (not pictured)"for conducting the induction.

Don't forget the spaghetti western dinner Friday 10/14. Proceeds will benefit the junior
airgun program. The charity skeet and trap event on 10/16/2011 will benefit
Pautuxent/Potomac Trout Unlimited.

Annual Game Dinner (Jim Piatieski)

Our GAME dinner and auction is fast approaching. We are in need of items for the auction (no exercise equipment or old computers, please). We are also in the market for GAME for the GAME dinner. Almost anything will do. Fish, fowl, small, furry mammals, marsupials or large hairy ones will do. We do ask that the GAME be marked to identify what it is, who donated it and when it was harvested. Delivery of GAME needs to be scheduled. Contact info will be forthcoming.

This event has always been one of the largest social events and fund raisers held at our chapter. We applaud Rich Fried for his years as the chairman of this event. He has done a spectacular job. Circumstances beyond his control will prevent Rich from chairing the event this year. He'll still be able to assist however. Going forward, Berle Cherney and Mary Esfanaji will be the points of contact. More information in subsequent newsletter issues and notices.

Maryland Hunting Licenses (Greg Talamini)

For those of you who hold 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. Our ranges 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 35 percent in the past 30 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. As Ike's, we should take on that responsibility by bringing our own children to our chapter and 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.

NEW SHOOTERS CLINIC (Chuck Crooks)

The next new cowboy shooter clinic, at Damascus, is Saturday, October 29, 2011. Class size is limited (20), and seats are on a first come, first serve basis. Pre-registration is required. We are already half full.

To view the application, [CLICK HERE](#). 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](#) 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.* For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

Saturday October 15 from 9 to noon. Tree Maintenance and Invasive Plant Removal. Conservation work day at the MNCPPC Parks Reforestation Site on Reddy Branch in Brookeville. We will provide gloves, water, and some pruners and loppers. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or [Jim Piatetski](#) at 301-253-4950.

Saturday November 5 from 9 to noon. Fall Watershed Clean-up. Conservation work day to clean up Mullinix Mill Road and other Patuxent River road crossings. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. Gloves, water, and bags will be provided. Lunch at noon for all participants. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought for signature on the day of the event. Rain date on Sunday November 6. For more information contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Sunday October 31. Member work day with conservation grounds maintenance. We'll continue to remove invasives and simplify the conservation gardens on the property. Report at the green shed at 9 a.m. Gloves and water provided.

Completed Conservation Events

On Saturday, September 17, we held a conservation work day in continued support for our project at the WSSC Pigtail site in Howard County. There were 12 members present to assist Kim Knox and a number of high school students with native tree maintenance and invasive plant removal. There were a couple of really big discoveries for the day. One was an old pump house with mechanical pump. Another were some giant puff balls found by expert hunter-gatherer Jim Piatetski.



Create a more watershed-friendly landscape: Conservation Landscape Workshop

Learn how to manage runoff from your property and participate in a hands-on garden installation.

Saturday, October 22, 9:00-5:00

IWLA headquarters, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 in Gaithersburg

This free workshop will include a 3-hour lecture with hands-on design component and after lunch, participants will install a conservation landscape garden on the IWLA property. This is a full day course. Lunch will be provided, but please bring plenty of water for the day. Please wear appropriate work clothes and no open-toed shoes. Please bring gardening gloves. Participants should also dress accordingly for the weather (this event will take place RAIN or SHINE unless severe weather threatens the safety of participants). Note – if garden installation portion is disrupted by weather, the garden will be installed on Sunday the 23rd.

<http://www.muddybranch.org/event/conservation-landscaping-training-and-demonstration-garden-installation>

The Montgomery County Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program offers incentives to homeowners for energy efficiency improvements such as insulation, heating

and cooling systems, and appliances. Owners of single family properties and condominiums can apply for up to \$3,000 depending on the type of project being done.

In order to be eligible, each applicant must have an energy audit from an approved auditor and a scope of work from a contractor. For many improvements, additional incentives may also be available from your utility provider, the Maryland Energy Administration, and other organizations.

Detailed information on the program, auditing and contracting requirements, and links to other incentives are located on the website www.mcenergyfunding.com. Any questions about the program should be directed to help@mcenergyfunding.com.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

November 2011

Wed 11/2 Brian Van Winkle , Bob Woodward

Sat 11/5 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 11/6 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Sat 11/12 Paul Fisher, John Davis,

Sun 11/13 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Sat 11/19 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 11/20 Joel Gross, Glenn Hubert

Sat 11/26 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 11/27 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry, Carl McMahan, Jay Jeffrey, Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut,, Robin Dixon, Dick Smith, Richard Maple, Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine, Maj Tavakoli, Berle Cherney, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

I would like to take this time to thank Heather and Alan for their dedication and service as range officers. Please join me in wishing them well in future endeavors in Colorado.

Bob

Airgun (Phil Dean)

There will be an air rifle Field Target Fun Shoot on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the outdoor airgun range. Target set up will begin at 9:00 AM and the firing will begin at 10:00 AM. If you have fired in a field target match before, come on out again. If you have not participated in this interesting air rifle event, this is the opportunity to 'give it a try'. Field target shooting is firing at metal targets that fall down if you hit the kill zone. These targets are fired from distances of 10 yards to 50 yards using air rifles with telescopic sights and can be fired from a sitting position, off hand, or from the 'hunter' position with the air rifle supported by a crossed shooting stick and the shooter sitting on a seat. Bring your own scoped air rifle or we can squad you with other shooters who will let you use their equipment.

We use the term 'FUN SHOOT' because that is what we hope it will be for the participants. You select the targets (bigger kill zones are easier to hit) and the firing distance (closer is better) which should provide a 'fun time' for all. The shoot should be finished by 1:30 PM.

Contact Phil Dean (301-865-8202) for more information.

Christmas Tree Committee Report (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Only nine weeks until Christmas Tree sales begin! Christmas tree and wreath sales will be held weekends in December from 10AM to 4PM starting Saturday, December 3rd and concluding Sunday, December 18th.

We are in need of help on the October and November maintenance days to get the trees ready for sale (grass trimming and removal of invasive vines), as well as assistance with painting signage.

If you wish to sign up to help volunteer for December tree sales (counts as general chapter work credit), please email Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com. It is a fun time, with emphasis on getting into the holiday spirit and enjoying (familiar and new) fellow WAC members and their company. If you want to come out on maintenance day to lend a hand with Christmas Tree maintenance (counts as conservation credit), just show up at the green maintenance shed no later than 10AM on October 30th and/or November 20th. Students can get SSL credits for volunteering at these (or any WAC) events. Please be sure to bring your SSL forms the day of the event for signature.

Lastly, if you have any gently-used (small) manual grass clippers or garden hose (with connectors intact) that you wish to donate, please contact Wade Dayberry at wdayberry@hotmail.com with any questions. Donations are tax-deductible.

Rifle and Pistol Report (Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith)

On September 11th, Jesse-Lim hosted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Managed Hunt Qualification. Forty-two out of forty-four participants passed qualification. A special thank you to all those who helped RO the event:

James Fort
Mike Canter
Jean Aker
Edward Spier
Mike Gugulis
Jules Korner
Marc Hinthier
Rick Thornley

To learn more about the Maryland DNR Hunter Qualification program, please visit the link below, or contact Jesse Lim at alphashooter@usa.com .
http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/shoot_qual_cal.asp

The next MD DNR Qualification session at Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC) is on November 6, 2011 at the Rifle Range. Please see the WAC calendar for more information.

Upcoming events:

October 22nd and November 13th – Third Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol class and dinner. The class is currently full, but a few spots remain on the wait-list in the event of any cancellations. Please contact Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com for more information or to be put on the wait-list.

November 5, 2011 – Practical Defense Match – Uncovered pistol range. Set up starts at 9AM and tear-down completed by 2PM. Please see the WAC calendar for more information. This is an intermediate level event with additional instructional level content, however, all experience levels are welcome.

Safe shooting!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER

Pigtail Area Maintenance

September 17

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Kim Knox, Jim Piateski, Tim Huchison, David Tannenbaum, Bill Damaska, Mike Pittard, Mark Graham, Timothy Pagen, Mike Fitzgerald, John Betz and Blake Beaudoin.

Cowboy Shoot Set Up

September 23

Scott McCauley, Sandia Sidewinder, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparis, John Leaman, Logan, Gunner and Chuck Crooks.

Membership Dinner

(And Installation of Officers)

September 23

Ed McNally assisted by Cherie Aker and Jean Aker prepared the evening's dinner. Kitchen staff for the evening: Don Hunt, Charly Culbertson, Arnie Carlson and Mark Coggeshall. Dining Room Set-up by Will Carbone.

The BAR

Staffing for the evening was Ken Lefebvre and his illustrious staff, Mash Esfanaji and Dolores Gick.

Chapter Maintenance Day

September 24

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Alan Pressman, Al Goldschmidts, Steven Stanfield, Brian McClay and Jean Aker.

Shotgun Ranges

Berle Cherney, Stephen McCaskill, Mark McKevitt and Mike Holt.

Conservation Activities

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Rory Walley, Ben Walley, Diana Bourke, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Green Shed

Guy Wright, John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

Division Meeting and Luncheon

October First

Ed McNally assisted by Cherie Aker prepared the dinner. Kitchen help for the evening: Mary Hunt and Don Hunt.

Board of Directors Meeting

October 5

Ed McNally dished up a surprise snack, of shrimp and french fries. Working kitchen cleanup was Jim Bourdon.

Congratulations

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

John Mullaney
Richard Hanley
Steven Stanfield
Kirk Anderson
Star Mitchell
Nicolas M. Limparis

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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, Jeff Deschamps, Phil Dean ,Greg Talamini, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Jesse Lim, Judy Riley 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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