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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Could you make a successful 911 call from the chapter?

Have you ever called 911? If you do it from a land line, your address is automatically displayed to the 911 operator. That is true from your home or the auto dial phone in the red box by the sign in box. In a true emergency, you will probably use your cell phone. You will have to give the address of our chapter. Very few people know our street address. It is 26430 Mullinix Mill Road. We are in Damascus, right? Nope, our street address is Mount Airy, Maryland, 21771.

We hope you never have to make that emergency call. If you do, our address has been added to the back of your Range Card and the front of your Membership Card. Red signs have also been put at strategic locations by Chuckaroo with our street address on them. You will need it to get the emergency help to find us properly.

Suggested changes to IWLA/WAC Bylaws. These will be discussed at a future General Membership Meeting. The complete Bylaws and Constitution may be viewed on our web site.

UNDER Bylaws: Article I – Initiation Fees and Dues

ORIGINAL:

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall fix annual dues in this chapter, with membership approval. New members admitted after October 31 will pay a full year's dues and will be paid up for the ensuing year.

CHANGE:

Change date to October 1.

ORIGINAL:

Section 5. Any member whose dues have not been paid before the first day of February in any year shall be deemed in arrears and not a member in good standing. The member's rifle and pistol range privileges and the right to purchase skeet and trap range cards or shooting and archery supplies, and all other membership privileges shall be suspended until the dues are paid.

Section 6: The Membership Secretary shall mail a second and final bill to members in arrears by the first day of March advising them that they will be dropped from membership rolls if payment is not received by April 1st. A list will be made on April 1st of all members who have not renewed and shall be conspicuously posted in the Chapter and Range houses.

CHANGE:

Section 5. Any member whose dues have not been paid before the first day of January in any year shall lose the privileges to use any range at the chapter until the dues are paid and the new Range Access Card has been received by the member. The date on the check does not suffice as proof of payment and a right to use any range. You must have the new card in your possession and properly displayed to use any range.

Section 6: The Membership Secretary shall mail a second and final bill to members who have not paid by the second week of January advising them that they shall be deemed in arrears and not a member in good standing if payment is not received by February 1st. The member's right to purchase skeet and trap range cards or shooting and archery supplies, and all other membership privileges shall be suspended until the dues are paid. A late fee may be assessed to the dues payment as noted on the second bill.
A list will be made on April 1st of all members who have not renewed and shall be conspicuously posted in the Chapter and Range houses. You may choose to renew at any time before the end of the current year and have your privileges restored by paying your bill with any associated late fees.

UNDER Bylaws: Article III – Elections

ORIGINAL:

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate at the June meeting consisting of at least one candidate for each of the elective offices. The slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be Distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member with the notice of the July meeting.

CHANGE:

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate at the June meeting consisting of at least one candidate for each of the elective offices. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the July meeting.
The candidate for the positions of President, First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents must have previously served in a Board of Directors position for at least one year to be eligible for these positions. The slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member with the notice of the July meeting.

UNDER Bylaws: Article V – Duties of Officers

ORIGINAL:

Section 8. The Parliamentarian shall be the final source of all questions concerning the Constitution, Bylaws, and procedures at meetings. Duties shall also include keeping an accurate listing of attendees at meetings.

CHANGE:

Section 8. The Parliamentarian shall offer his interpretation of all questions concerning the Constitution, Bylaws, and procedures at meetings . If any of these interpretations are challenged, the final authority shall be a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
Duties shall also include keeping an accurate listing of attendees at meetings.

Respectfully submitted by
Joe Gick
Membership Secretary
Wildlife Achievement Chapter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Fall Watershed Clean up

We changed the date of the Fall Clean Up from Saturday to Sunday October 25 but we still had a very good turnout to help prevent trash and associated pollutants from getting into the Patuxent River. We had 20 volunteers, so in addition to Mullinix Mill Road, we also picked up along Long Corner Road beginning at the Patuxent River and heading toward Damascus Road, Gue Road from the DNR gate at a tributary crossing to Long Corner Road, and also Annapolis Rock Road from the Patuxent River to Rte. 108. The volunteers collected 20 bags of trash, mattress and box spring, old water heater, spare tire, bicycle tire, roofing materials, old swing set and baby pool, two 5-gal floor wax containers (empty), propane tank (empty), small car battery, and four 1-gallon containers of who knows what . Most of the stuff that went into the bags were either recyclable beverage containers or fast food containers and wrappers. See attached photo for what we collected! Special thanks to Jose Scoseria, our clean up chef for a yummy lunch and also to those volunteers who drove their own vehicles around.

Tree Planting (jeff Deschamps)

Some things can't be changed, just endured... and so it was with the tree planting held Saturday, October 17. It was cold and rainy, and the ground was soft, preventing the trees from being delivered a bit closer to the planting site. Despite all this almost 20 folks showed up to support the event. 60 trees were planted along a primary stream that feeds into the Hawlings and on into Rocky Gorge Reservoir. A few folks came back to the chapter when the work was finished for lunch. If you missed this unforgettable day we will be doing this again next year, hopefully with better weather. My thanks to the all the folks that braved the weather to support the tree planting, including our photographer Bob Cumberland, Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC, and David Plummer, Chair of the Patuxent Reservoirs Technical Advisory Committee and Montgomery County Soil Conservation District Manager.



.....and a lovely time was had by all.....

America Recycles Day

Join millions of Americans nationwide in celebrating America Recycles Day! In Montgomery County, this will be celebrated over the weekend of November 14 and 15th with various events around the County.

Paper Shredding/Recycling and Donation Drop-off!

Shred and recycle your personal papers and donate usable clothing and household goods at these locations (Montgomery County residents only). These events will occur rain or shine.

Saturday, November 14 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown, MD 20874

Sunday, November 15 from 8:00am to 12:00pm

John F. Kennedy High School
1901 Randolph Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

Sunday, November 15 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Walt Whitman High School
7100 Whittier Boulevard
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

On-Site Paper Shredding and Recycling Guidelines

Services provided by Office Paper Systems

- Paper shredding is available at no charge to Montgomery County residents only (no businesses are permitted).
- Cars must be in line by closing time
- All types of paper such as financial and legal documents, receipts, and tax and medical records will be accepted for shredding
- Paper with staples or paper clips is acceptable
- Envelopes with plastic windows are acceptable
- No plastic or electronic items such as credit cards, CDs, or computer disks
- Limit: five paper bags or small boxes per household

Clothing and Household Goods Donation Guidelines

Benefiting The Arc of Montgomery County Thrift Store, Lupus Foundation of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, and National Children's Center, Inc.

- Bring quality items that are in working/usable condition. Please bring clothing and small loose items in bags or boxes.
- Clean clothing, shoes, accessories, and bed and bath items
- Miscellaneous household goods such as dining ware, pots and pans, glassware, picture frames, stuffed animals, games, power tools, small electronics, and garden tools
- Books, CDs, DVDs, etc.
- Furniture and other items such as tables, chairs, lamps, and exercise/sporting equipment
- Do not bring large heavy furniture items such as sofas or loveseats, mattresses, large appliances, automobile parts, construction materials, televisions, computer monitors, or food
- Tax-deduction receipts will be available upon request.

CHRISTMAS TREE UPDATE (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

We would like to extend our appreciation to Phil Howard for his continued training and coaching us on the proper way to plant and maintain the Christmas Trees in order to produce the best possible trees for selling. He has come out to the league several times doing some specialized pruning to help with the new growth.

We still need volunteers to assist on the November 22nd maintenance day helping trim the remaining Douglas Firs that are saleable. This will count as conservation credit. We can also use help painting simple signs on 2X3' plywood on this date.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the tree sales (assisting customers with cutting and loading the trees in / on their vehicle) and making wreaths - weekends in December from 10 AM to 4 PM. This will count as general chapter work credit. Our goal is to have enough volunteers to have 2 to 3 hour shifts each of the six days we will be selling.

Please contact Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.

NOVEMBER RANGE ROSTER (Bob Cooley)

Folks:

Please remember to hand out and discuss the safety packet with shooters you feel may need some review.

November 2009

Sun 11/1 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Martin Cherry

Sat 11/7 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffrey, (plus new person to be assigned)

Sun 11/8 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, (plus new person to be assigned)

Sat 11/14 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 11/15 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, (plus new person to be assigned)

Sat 11/21 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 11/22 Bob Poth, Joel Gross, Christopher Heiler

Sat 11/28 Richard Zabell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 11/29 Gary Green, Peter Sittner (plus new person to be assigned)

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

Rifle and Pistol Committee Report (Jesse Lim and Wendy Smith)

Range re-engineering has been completed on the uncovered pistol range. The specs and design updates have been submitted and are pending approval with the Montgomery County Fire and Safety Committee (MCFSC). A new permit will be issued from the MCFSC if the changes pass their inspection.

The Ladies and Daughters/Sons basic introductory firearms class was held on September 5th by Jesse Lim at the chapter house. We had 36 attendees in all, including seven teenagers: five girls and two boys. The class was a huge success and received excellent feedback from the attendees. Twenty-six ladies received the MD Firearm safety certification. The meal prepared by Ed McNally was outstanding and a sincere thanks to Ed for his excellent and creative culinary work! The following dads/spouses helped Ed in the kitchen and helped to serve the meal: Pat Mills, Chris Heiler, Don Hunt, Gary Schneider, Scott Fass, Scott Snyder, and Mike Harmon. (If I have missed anyone, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure your work credit is logged.)

October 11th – The next-level class in the curriculum was conducted for the ladies/teens who attended the September 5th class. This course was the NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course (NRA certified) and was instructed by Jesse Lim. The class includes 4 hours classroom and 4 hours hands-on instruction at the range.

Eleven participants attended and had excellent feedback. Thanks to Scott Fass, Scott Snyder, Judy Riley and Pat Mills for their assistance with the class portion at the range.

November 7th - Next offering of Basic Introductory Firearms Safety course, to ALL WAC members and their families. There are currently 43 participants signed up. (Total of 50 participants permitted due to chapter hall space and logistics). Next-level class offering (NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course) is tentatively planned for January 31, 2010, pending chapter hall availability.

Starting with the above class in November, the Rifle and Pistol RSO team will continue to offer firearm safety classes to the WAC members. The curriculum includes:

Level 1: Basic informational class, Level 2: NRA basic firearm safety, Level 3: NRA Range Safety Officer and Level 4: WAC RSO classes. We hope to offer these classes at least two times during 2010. Please stay tuned for more information in 2010.

DNR hunter shooter qualification day in September was conducted by Jesse Lim. We had 38 candidates (4 failed). A very special thank you to the following RSOs and members that assisted Jesse with the qualification logistics:

James Fort, John Randall, Paul Bluteau, Carlos Rivera-Silva, Joseph Wolf, Marc Hinthner, Hiem Trang, Terry Popkin and Bruce Roth. The last DNR qualification date this year is November 1, 2009.

CPR Class Update by Lou Knapp:

On October 18th, 2009 a group of WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officers and Shotgun Range Safety Officers gathered at the Chapter House for the day. Rather than engaging in their sport, they were there to learn the latest techniques in First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, or CPR – gaining knowledge of how to help themselves, friends, and others, and perhaps even how to save a life.

The effort they participated in was based on the well-regarded American Heart Association “Heartsaver” First Aid/CPR course, which is widely used for such training in the workplace by commerce, industry, and government, but modified particularly for WAC application. The instructor was Robert Scott, Founder of Scotts First Aid of Clear Spring Maryland, who is himself a seasoned paramedic and a member of the training faculty at the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Training Center: hence the instruction was characterized by frequent reference to the kinds of cases local EMTs in our own area are called on to help with, and how trained First Aid providers can assist in the vital time frame between when 911 is called and professional first responders arrive. A good deal of discussion also involved “woods wise” discussion of cases where medical assistance needs arise while hunting and fishing.

The training involved a mix of standard presentations, use of “Heartsaver” course film segments, and actual “hands on” exercises and practice, much of which involved the use of mannequin “dummies” provided by Scott First Aid of the same type used to train firefighter and paramedics. A highlight of the CPR portion was introduction to and practice with the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices: this modern life-saving technology is now being widely deployed in place such as airports, hotels, recreation centers, and the like. As with the other competencies gained on October 18th, this exposure equipped the participants with the knowledge, skill, and confidence to properly use the equipment if called upon to do so in an emergency.

The WAC members were universally enthusiastic about the insights gained that Sunday – which are invaluable not just while serving as Range Safety Officers, but in the home and at work as well. Jesse Lim, Chairman of the Rifle and Pistol and Chief Range Safety Officer recommend that others take advantage of the course. Until now, participation has been limited to RSOs as a pilot program, but plans are in the works for future sessions to be open to all Chapter members.

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.



Clean up crew after the October General Membership Meeting
Front to back Cherie Aker, Jean Aker, Herb Sutcliffe, Lisa Sutcliffe

Photo by Red Skillings

Be sure to join us for Fried's Famous Fried turkey on November 18, 2009 at our General Membership meeting

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Cowboy Action Set up Friday

August 21 (Better late than never)

Don Hunt, Ron Romig, Ryan Romig, Tom Schell and Chuck Limparis.

Tree Planting Work Day Saturday

October 17

Moe Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Don Hunt, Brian White, Scott Springer, Nate Springer, John McCarragher, Chad Gordon, Michelle Chesnut, Rick Sommer, James P. Murphy, John W. Maisel, Jim Piatieski, Chris Ogene, Richard L. Sillcox, Bob Cumberland, and Ed McNalley. Also we would like to thank:

Katherine Nelson MNCPPC

Dave Plummer MSCD

Cowboy Action Shooting Saturday

October 24

Ron Romig, Renegade Lee, Jon Barker, John Leaman, Chuck Crooks, Guy Wright, Jim Krantz and Chuck Limparis.

Chapter Maintenance Day Sunday

October 25

Ranges, Pistol and Rifle

Don Hunt, Mark Furr, Alexander Lednow, Robert Mongelluzzo, Michael Gutierrez, Scott Fass, Dan Zimmerman, Al Goldschmidts,

Green Shed and General Cleanup

Guy Wright, J. Delauder, Karyn Deauder and Ted Holden.

Christmas trees

Phil Howard, Thomas King, Terence Smith, Peter Gracyalny, Patrick Gracyalny, David Tung, Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry.

Skeet and Trap Ranges

Berle Cherney and G. Bartsch.

Watershed Clean-up Sunday

October 25

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jeff Opiekun, Dale Buschling, Michael Barvin, Joe Wolf, Caroline Wolf, Steve Wathen, William Beck, Jeff Lewis Beck, Mike Svizzero, Russell Lahti, Henry Anderson, Jim Krantz, Brian White, Nick Giuliano, Chuck Benjamin, Jose Scoseria, Chterion Zaprianov and Chris Ogene.

Volunteers

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and we'll track it down.

Congratulations

The following probationary members graduated to full membership status.

John W. Maisel

Christopher C. Ogene

Michael Barvin

Jon J. Metrey

Corey F. Leach

Scott Springer

Robert A. Ryon

James Krantz

Gerhard Bartsch

Michael Barvir

Mark E. Mckevitt

William C. Beck

Our list of members graduating this month and last has been larger than normal. The gentle reminder sent out by Joe Gick reminded probationary members nearing the end of their probationary period had not met their minimum obligations. Some members needed only one more activity to graduate, which they have now completed. Others thought they had completed the required activities. But, did not follow up by checking the newsletter for their names as working on an activity.

We cannot stress enough to our probationary members that part of the responsibility for getting credit for their work is theirs. For example, some new members came out to work on an activity, did the work, signed in and got the credit. But, then stayed on for another three to four hours helping with another activity thinking they would get credit for this work also. They would have, had they mentioned to the person they were helping that they're new members.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Nick Giuliano, Joe Gick 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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