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NEWS LETTER



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be FRIDAY, January 26, 1990. This change in date is made to facilitate the **Annual Auction and Wild Game Dinner**. This is a very special event which you should not miss. Starts with an open bar at 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. dinner at 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the auction. Price will be \$11.00 for adults and \$5.50 for children. The menu, widest ever, will include Brunswick stew, "wild" boar, wild turkey, buffalo, alligator, venison both roasted and deep-fried, venison chili, swan, goose, duck, wild rice, green beans, potatoes, gravy, chips and dips, coffee, cake, etc. Also included will be banyard chicken, not to be confused with Gospel chicken, for which it is advisable to say a prayer before eating.

And don't forget the auction which follows the dinner, with a real auctioneer - your chance to pick up a real bargain and help the Chapter at the same time. Checks accepted.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Wednesday, February 14, 1990, at 8:00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY was the best ever, with delicious special foods prepared by the attendees and carried in. Unfortunately, only about 50 members and guests were present to enjoy the products of many fine kitchens, the fellowship and the beautiful Christmas tree, decorated by Wanda Dawson and Ed Bennett. Maybe next Christmas?

The Chairman of the Christmas Tree Committee, **Merle Keesler**, would like to thank all of you who donated your time and effort under very trying weather conditions to make this project a success. If members of the Chapter were to support the Chapter projects with just a small percentage of the enthusiasm that you all have shown, our success could have been even greater. Thanks for your support.

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE has set the date of Saturday, April 21, 1990, for our major cleanup effort. This date coincides closely with National Earth Day, which falls on Sunday, April 22. Cleanup effort will focus on removing major dumps in the same area as last year, approximately, with the cooperation of Montgomery and Howard County's and State government agencies. Volunteers will be needed; more about this later. Meanwhile, a smaller cleanup effort will be made locally in February or March.

Recycling of newspapers has bogged down due to lack of markets for the product. Pressure could be put on your Congressman, Senators and delegates to require all government offices to use recycled products, even if the cost is slightly greater.

COLD WEATHER used up more firewood to heat our buildings than was expected. To remedy this situation, Dave Anderson, Joe Carinci, Bob Lilly and Charlie Willesspent Thursday, January 11, cutting, splitting and stacking nearly 4 additional cords. They were cheered on by Wanda Dawson, who hauled the wood to the stacks with the front loader. A good time was had by all, except Charlie, whose saw hit a nail! Thanks, all.

ED BENNETT, Rifle and Pistol Chairman, says thanks to Reid, Alex and Darrin Power, Andy Scott, Al Goldschmidts, Bill Harvey and Charles McIntosh for providing new four foot wide target stands on the Rifle Range.

Just a reminder: All members and their guests using the Rifle and /or Pistol Ranges must sign in at the Chapter House, using a different line for each person.

The Range Road is wet and soft. Please do not drive on it until it is dry or frozen solid.

The next Range cleanup and Orientation class will be Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m.

A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) was signed on November 14, 1989, between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) that sets national criteria

for the preservation of wetlands, to become effective by December 15, 1989. Emplementation was delayed by the White House staff until January 15, 1990, and could be further delayed. President Bush needs to know that further delays or weakening of the Agreement should be firmly resisted. Conservationists should keep informed and act accordingly.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR 1989 GUN SHOW has stimulated planning for the 1990 Gun Show on November 3 and 4, 1990. Flyers with registration coupons will soon be available. Charlie Douglass is again Chairman. We'll keep you informed.

AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST appeared in the December issue of the MARYLAND WALTONIAN, referring to the rape of this beautiful area under the auspices and subsidization of the Federal Government. Ada and I sailed the length of this vast forest in 1974 on our way to northern Alaska. Starting at Vancouver Island, we took the British Columbia Ferry to Prince Rupert, B.C., then the Alaska State Ferry to Juneau, stopping briefly at Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, and Sitka, finally flying from Juneau to Glacier Bay National Park. As we passed between the many islands and the mountainous shore lines of the Inside Passage, we could see many areas of clear cutting, marring the pristine beauty. Some passages were so narrow that we could clearly see, count and photograph the many bald eagles perched in the trees. Occasionally a whale would breach, blow, toss its tail flippers and disappear again. At Glacier Bay, seals, orcas, dolphins and many sea and shore birds were present. The Park Lodge at Glacier Bay is located on its shore, in the midst of the rain forest, which we could observe at first hand. Rainfall along this southeast coast of Alaska averages 160 to 200 inches a year, so trees grow fairly rapidly; however, soil is not very deep, and few trees have tap roots. Glacier Bay was formed within the last 500 years, as the ice melted and cracked, helped along by many severe earthquakes, so that flora and geology still being revealed gives one clues to the way the world was at the end of the last ice age.

FEBRUARY RANGE OFFICERS

2/ 3	Rick Egarter	384-6436	Elmer Thias	647-6860
2/ 4	Ed Bennett	963-7328	Chuck Crooks	831-9666
2/10	Don MacDonald	294-8176	Margaret MacDonald	294-8176
2/11	Bob Woodward	831-9317	John Corbin	774-0934
2/17	Bill Rahn	774-6234	John Verna	253-1607
2/18	Bill Rowan	831-9317	Art Cox	831-7538
2/24	Clagett Warfield	926-2515	Wayne Sheets	933-2915
2/25	Bob Sadler	253-3501	Bill Marnane	869-7792

The Annual Winter Skeet and Trap Tournament will be held in February. Handicaps will be assigned so experts and novices all have a chance to win. Rules and sign-up lists will be in the Skeet and Trap range house.

NEW MEMBERS

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