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FEBRUARY 2006 CALENDAR (Chuck Crooks)

Wed 1 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members Please, Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 1 Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed 1 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2 DNR Hunter Education Instructor Training (Upstairs Hall) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 4 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 4 USNA Annapolis Rimfire and Air Sectional.
Sun 5 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 6 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 7 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 8 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 9 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 11 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 11 Junior International Air Sectional Match, Centerville, VA
Sun 12 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 12 Open International Precision Match, Centerville, VA
Mon 13 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 14 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15 Nest Box Birdhouse Workshop 7:30 PM
Thu 16 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 18 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 18 Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 18 Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sun 19 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 20 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 21 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 22 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 22 Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Thu 23 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 25 Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 25 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 26 Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 26 Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 26 Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM***
Sun 26 Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
Sun 26 Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 26 Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00 AM @ Equipment Shed ***
Mon 27 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 28 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

Wed 1 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 1 Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed 1 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 4 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 4 Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sun 5 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 6 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 7 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 8 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 9 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 11 Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 11 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 11 Military Rifle Fun Shoot 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sun 12 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 13 Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 14 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15 Rain Barrel Workshop 7:30 PM
Wed 15 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 16 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 17 Set up in Rathskeller and Social Hall for Saturday Air Gun Match
Sat 18 Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 18 USAS 3 Position Air Rifle Match, Social Hall and Rathskeller 7:00 AM to 9:30 PM
Sat 18 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 19 USAS 3 Position Air Rifle Match, Social Hall and Rathskeller 7:00 AM to 9:30 PM
Sun 19 Skeet & Trap 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

NOTE: * Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST (Bill Rahn)

FEBRUARY 2006

Sat 2/4 Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
Sun 2/5 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt
Sat 2/11 "The Fichter Gang", Carl McMahon, Rob Taylor
Sun 2/12 Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher, Martin Cherry
Sat 2/18 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Mike Webb, Mike Bowen
Sun 2/19 Jim & Judy Crowell, Robert Case, Tim Olsen
Sat 2/25 Richard Zabell, Tony Evans, Red Gambrell, Paul Fisher

Sun 2/26 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Peter Sittner, Joel Gross
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Sun 3/5 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Jake Turska, Paul Turska
Sat 3/11 Carl McMahon, Rob Taylor, "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 3/12 Martin Cherry, Randy & Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher
Sat 3/18 Mike Webb, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Peter Currall
Sun 3/19 Tim Olsen, Robert Case, Jim & Judy Crowell
Sat 3/25 Paul Fisher, Red Gambrell, Richard Zabell, Tony Evans
Sun 3/26 Peter Sittner, Joel Gross, Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

If any of our Regular or New Range Officers wish to change duty days, on a regular basis, from Saturday to Sunday please give Bill Rahn a call at 301-774-6234. We usually have a very good balance of RO's for both days but our Sunday regular list is growing shorter. Also this year we will be establishing a Wednesday Roster for RO's. If you are retired and have some time that you can commit, on a regular basis from April to October for Wednesday Range Officer Duty please call or email Conley Phipps at 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com. Many thanks Bill and Conley!

CALENDAR EVENT PoC's:

.22 Fun Shoot : Tom Riley 301-774-7426
Air Rifle Field Target: Joe McDaniel 301-865-8257
Adult Airgun: Phil Dean 301-865-8202
Bowling Pin Shoot & Practical Defense Match: Jesse Lim 301-540-0860
Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow
Terry Springer 301-428-0216
Christmas Tree: John Leaman 301-972-1572
Conservation Committee: Jim Piateski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736
Cowboy Shoot: Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666
Fall Clean-up and Adopt A-Road: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237 smc_geek@msn.com
Hunter Safety: Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2
Junior Airgun: Bob Inness 301-340-9185 email: binness@starpower.net or John Watson 301-929-3583
Military Shoot: Jose Tassara 301-431-2799 Jose_Tassara@comcast.net
Range Orientation: Ray Logan 301-946-2651, nagolyar@starpower.net, or Barry Ephraim, eyebear@aol.com
Rifle Pistol Range: Guy Wright 301-253-4604
Seneca Valley Rifle Match: Mike Gugulis 301-417-0987
Skeet & Trap : Conley Phipps 301-460-8528
S&T Range Officers Schedule: Bill Rahn 301-774-6234

CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The IWLA -WAC Board of Directors has accepted and approved three amendments to our Chapter's Bylaws. Before these amendments can take effect, they must be

approved by a two thirds vote of the membership, at our March 22nd, 2006 membership meeting.

Article III - Membership

Section 5

Current Reading;

All members who have been elected to membership in the chapter shall undergo one year probation, this probation period to terminate one year from the date which they were elected to membership. During this probationary period, all new members will be required to work on a minimum of two Chapter events. Events can be fundraisers or committee functions requiring a work detail as sponsored by the Board of Directors. New members failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for membership renewal for one year, after which application can be made as a new member. During this probationary period, the member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon expulsion under this section, all unused dues will be returned.

Proposed Amendment

Article III - Membership

Section 5

All newly elected members shall undergo a probationary period, no more than three years in length. The probationary period is determined by the Board of Directors, and will be provided in writing to new members prior to their being presented to the BOD for consideration.

During this period, all probationary members will be required to participate in Chapter activities. Activities may include, but are not limited to: Chapter maintenance days, event fundraisers, committee projects, conservation projects or Chapter Social events.

New members failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for membership renewal for one year, after which, application can be submitted as a new member. During the probationary period, the member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon expulsion, under this section, all unused dues will be refunded. Current probationary requirements will be listed on the membership application in use at the time. For applicants with special needs, a written request for an exemption can be filed with the Board of Directors for consideration.

Article V - Duties of Officers

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall:

Sub Section b.

Current Reading:

b. prepare and mail the monthly bulletin and notices of membership and Board of Directors meetings, and

Proposed Reading:

Amendment would change the word "mail" to "distribute."

Article XV - Amendments

Current Reading

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing, present and voting at a

meeting of the Chapter provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a prior meeting, and that notice of the proposed change, and the date at which the proposed change is to be voted on, shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member, not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting at which the action thereon shall be taken.

Proposed Reading:

Amendment would change the word "mailed" to "distributed."

2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Joe Gick)

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership for 2006. A second bill was sent out in early January to all who did not renew by the deadline, December 31st. The 31 day grace period extended has expired. Any renewals now must be accompanied by a \$40 additional late fee. If you do not respond by April 1, 2006, you will be dropped from our rolls and must re-apply as a new member if you wish to rejoin. If you have any questions, contact Joe Gick at 301-774-9399 or Joe.Gick@Verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS: If anyone has any items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to me at unodir@comcast.net. Include contact info in case I have questions.

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING (Conley Phipps)

Our February dinner meeting will feature a wonderful dinner prepared and provided by one of our Chapter Members. Kai Lee, owner of Lee's Kitchen located in the Layhill Shopping Center at Bel Pre Road and Layhill Road will again serve a sumptuous Chinese meal.

WINTER RANGE ROAD

Buckets of ice melt and gravel have been placed at the top of the range road to be used if people have problems exiting the range because of ice buildup on the new concrete pad.

GRADUATES TO FULL MEMBER STATUS: The following probationary members completed their second required activity during the past month and are now full-fledged members of the WAC. Congratulations to: **Dave Johndrow** and **Jim Pachulski**.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Ray Shaver)

Probationary members are required to help in two chapter events during their first year of WAC membership. **At least one of those events must be a conservation activity.** If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out in an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES (Dec. 18): **David Connors** was omitted from last month's list. Thanks for notifying Ray Shaver (MRShaver@msn.com) about the omission.

WILD GAME DINNER (Jan. 28)

KITCHEN & SERVICE: **Jorge Silva** assisted by sons, **Roberto** and **Carlos**; and by **Rich Fried**, **Patrick Ramsey** and **Ruth Hornseth**.

HOSPITALITY: **Rob Hallen** assisted by **Ken Lefebvre**.

AUCTIONEERS/ASSISTANTS: **Michelle Chesnut**, **Donna Limparis**, **Joe Gick**, **Chuck Crooks**, **Chuck Limparis** and **Nick Limparis**.

WILD GAME DONORS: **Sam Doyle**, **Saul Honigsberg**, **Geoff Hornseth**, **Norma Kawecki**, **Vince Iacono**, **Bill Nicoll**, **Bill Rahn**, **Greg Talamini** and **Charles Wiles**.
RANGE ORIENTATION (Jan. 29): **Ray G. Logan**.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (Jan. 29): **Al Goldschmidts**, **Ray Shaver** and **Guy Wright**.

SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE (Jan. 29): **Jeffrey Kornis**, **Jacob Lambert**, **Jim Pachulski**, **Peter Sittner** and **Jake Turska**.

HOUSE & GROUNDS (Jan. 29): **Pete Doubroff** and **Dave Johndrow**.

CONSERVATION – TREE MAINTENANCE AT NORTHWEST BRANCH (Jan. 29): **Meo Curtis**, **Jeff Deschamps**, **Bill Kelly**, **Richard Phelan**, **Michelle Chesnut** and **Jill Coutts** (Northwood High School).

FEBRUARY SITE MAINTENANCE: The next monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from **9:30 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, February 26**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

JUNIOR SHOTGUN PROGRAM FORMING

(Jeffrey Greenhut)

A new member of the club, Jeffrey "Doc" Greenhut, a certified NRA shotgun instructor, and an experienced hand at shotgun programs for juniors, wants to form a shotgun program for junior (ages 12-18) shooters. The program will be designed to develop competent recreational shooters who are capable of shooting trap, skeet, sporting clays, or hunting game birds safely and without embarrassing themselves. Shooters need not have their own guns, or have shooting experience.

Doc hopes to shoot Tuesday afternoons after school starting in September and needs to know about how many shooters might be interested in such a program so he can work up a proposal and budget for the Board. If you know any youngster that might be interested, email Doc at jeffgreenhut@comcast.net and let him know the name, age, and contact information of the prospective shooter. If you do not have access to email, you may call him at 301-570-3013

NEW MEMBERS FEBRUARY 2006

Christopher Kershisnik Frederick, MD Sponsor: Tuan Le
Thomas E Koury Mt Airy, MD Sponsor: Thomas L Koury
Steve Leache Silver Spring, MD Sponsor: William Best
Jeremy Magers Frederick, MD Sponsor: Wayne Berkebile
Bill Magers, Jr. Clarksburg, MD Sponsor: Wayne Berkebile

Doug Marshall Laytonsville, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick
James Nathlar Silver Spring, MD Sponsor: Bill Carbone
Ronald R Roberson Rockville, MD Sponsor: Bill Schneider
John W Studt Columbia, MD Sponsor: Alan McIlvried
Alexei A Zemskov Rockville, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Jeff Deschamps)

On a cold and wet Sunday, January 29, Meo Curtis, Bill Kelly, Richard Phelan, Michelle Chesnut, Jeff Deschamps, and Jill Coutts (Northwood High School) went to the Northwest Brach tree planting site to complete installation of deer protection. Other than a few cages damaged by falling limbs or trees everything looked fine. Of course, it has only been about three months since the trees were planted... We expected some problems from deer browse, but saw no evidence while working that day. Students and teachers from Northwood High School will monitor the growth and survival of the trees and help us in performing periodic maintenance of the planting. The Conservation Committee is holding a "Rain Barrel Workshop" at 7:30 pm on Wednesday March 15. If you are interested in building your own rain barrel and finding out what you can do to control runoff from your property this is a great opportunity. To sign up send an e-mail to Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or call (301) 604-3736. Pre-registration is HIGHLY recommended as we have supplies for a limited number of rain barrels. The workshop is free to members and non-members. In past years we have had to turn people away due to limits on space and supplies so if you are interested, pre-register early. The annual Watershed Clean Up, an activity sponsored jointly by the Conservation and Adopt-A-Road Committees, will be held on Saturday April 1. We meet at 8:30 AM at the maintenance shed. The more people we get the larger the area we can clean. You CAN make a difference. We have seen the amount of trash found decrease over the past few years. This, plus many dedicated volunteers, is what has allowed us to continue to expand the area we clean up. So bring your friends and family for the clean up and stay for the free lunch provided for all participants. For more information contact Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Michelle Chesnut (Michelle.Chesnut@direcway.com).

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

Attention All Rifle Range Shooters (Tom Riley)

Beginning February 01, 2006 until its completion, a berm is going to be built on the rifle range. It will be built on the left side of the rifle range and on the left side of the #1 shooting position, using the 100-yard marker as a reference; this is the berm that is used for the cowboy shoots at station # 3, at the 75-yard marker. The new berm is being built to better protect the cowboy shooters and will not encroach on the shooting area of the rifle range shooters.

We only ask for the patience of the shooters as we bring in material to build the berm; and during the weekdays,

from time to time, we will need to "Call the Range COLD." It's going to take time to build. We will advise all shooters of our headway and plans as they arise and change on the club's web sight.

Thanking You in Advance, Tom Riley

Rifle and Pistol Range Report (Guy Wright)

Information: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

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 February 2006, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 5:30 PM, unless some activity has pre-empted the range (see "Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability" below).

Range Rules Violations: Recently there have been several conduct rules violations on our ranges. In two cases members failed to sign-in and out of the range. This violates Rule 6 under Conduct. This Rule states, "All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds."

Violation of Rule 6 invokes Rule 1 that states, "Unauthorized persons using the rifle/pistol ranges will be deemed trespassing. Unauthorized rifle/pistol range users include anyone who does not display a current range-approved membership card, has not signed the range register, has or is a guest who has not signed the range register, or is violating any directives restricting access for use of the ranges."

Periodic audits of Range Sign-in Rosters and electronic gate activation entries are used to identify violators. Every time a keycard is used to enter the range or Chapter house, a computer records many data points. These include member name, number, date, location, and time. This provides information about members who were present when misconduct occurs and will aid the Range Rules Violations Subcommittee in their investigation.

On Saturday January 14, 2006 several sandbags were removed from the rifle range. One of these was found at the 50 yard berm and had suffered more than a few bullet holes. This behavior along with that of shooting at lane number indicators is dangerous, childish, and if substantiated may result in invoking Conduct Rule 18 which states, "The cost of repairs for any damage to Chapter property and the possible loss of range privileges will be assessed for violations of these rules and regulations."

In all cases these violations are referred to the Range Rules Violations Subcommittee whose members are current or past Chapter officers and Committee chairmen. Serious and flagrant violations may ultimately result in

expulsion from the Club in accordance with Article X of the By-Laws.

Covered Pistol Range: You may notice that the covered pistol range shelter has upgraded insulation for sound abatement and complete enclosure with chicken wire to keep out the local fauna. Many thanks to Al Goldschmidts and Ray Shaver for coming out on a rainy day to complete this project.

Donations: Thanks to Larry Lippman and Al Goldschmidts for precut plywood target backers. And thanks to Ray Gilbert, for a donation of replacement range lane markers.

Up-Coming Events Affecting Range Availability:

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday February 18, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. (Please note that participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range). Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jljm@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Military Fun Rifle Shoot on Saturday March 11, 2006 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM on the Rifle Range. The Rifle Range will be closed during this time. For additional information you can contact Jose Tassara at 301-431-2799.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday March 18, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. (Please note that participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range). Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jljm@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday March 24, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday March 25, 2006 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

If anyone has any topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to me at my above email address and include some contact info in case I have questions. Guy Wright; guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE (Bob Inness)

A DARC SHOOTER EARNS A MAJOR HONOR

On January 7th, eight of our precision shooters participated in the Junior Olympic Regional Qualifying Match held at the U. S. Naval Academy. Among those participating, Azeem Sheikh of Gaithersburg, Maryland

competing in the youngest age category (J3) fired an impressive 533/600 in this all-standing position match. While that was not the winning score, nor the high score for our shooters, it is an impressive score for a thirteen year old competitor.

On January 21st, eight of our precision shooters competed in the 2006 NRA Classified 3 Position competition held at the Chapter House. Nineteen shooters representing five clubs participated in this match. Azeem's older brother, Aleem Sheikh, captured third place overall, winning the Bronze medal with a score of 570/600. Azeem earned the first sharpshooter medal in that same competition with a score of 552/600.

Last week, Azeem was notified that his score at the Naval Academy Match earned him an invitation to participate in the 2006 USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championship Air Rifle Program to be held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, in March of this year.

Azeem will attend the match, accompanied by one of the DARC precision coaches. He will practice and compete on the range our Olympic team calls home with and against some of the very best junior air rifle competitors in the country. It is a high honor that only one or two of our shooters have previously earned in more than thirty years. His team-mates (including his supportive but understandably slightly envious older brother) and his coaches congratulate him for his huge accomplishment and wish him well in the national competition!

FLY FISHING FORUM (Richard Phelan) unodir@comcast.net

This month's column will be a short one. I have spoken with Georgia Townsend about using the Chapter building one weekend day in March for the fly tying class (date not yet determined) and got an okay as long as it does not conflict with other events. As soon as I can get at least two possible dates for the event, I will poll the group to see who can assist in teaching and who would like to come and learn. As I see it, this event should have value added for our members, and not be solely a social function. Also, if you have expertise in marine entomology and might be interested in giving a short basic talk to the group on the life cycles of aquatic insects, hatches, times of year, etc. please contact me at the email address above.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some. -*Benjamin Franklin*

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