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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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

Tree planting on Saturday October 17, 2009. 9 a.m. -Noon. We will be planting 60 trees on public parkland just west of Brookeville, Montgomery County. Gloves, shovels, and water will be provided. This is a rain or shine event so please dress appropriately. Lunch will be served at noon following the planting. Due to limited parking at the site, park at Oakley Cabin Historic Site off Brookeville Road and we will shuttle folks to the planting site. For additional information see the event flyer (http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/Brookville_Planting_Oct_2009.pdf) or contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or 301-604-3736.

Fall Watershed Clean up on Saturday October 24, 2009. 9 a.m. -Noon. This is Montgomery County's 23rd Annual Community Service Day, set aside for folks to come out and make a difference in their communities. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/volunteer/csd2009.asp. Help us prevent trash, litter, and dumped materials from getting carried from our roadsides and down into the Patuxent River. Meet at the green maintenance shed to get your area assignment. Gloves, water, and lunch will be provided for all participants. Community service hours available for students if the completed forms are brought for signature on the day of the event. No pre-registration necessary. If there is pouring rain at 8:30 a.m. on October 24, the rain date will be Sunday October 25, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Message will be available on the Chapter voice mail 301-253-2384, Conservation mail box (4). Event flyer has been posted at the Conservation Committee web page: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index.html>

Environmental Film and Discussion Night at the Rockville High School Auditorium in Rockville on Oct.22 7:30 - 9:00. The film 'RiverSmart' by filmmaker David Eckert will be shown. Following the film, there will be a discussion about what is being done to improve water quality in both the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and in Montgomery County streams. Discussions will also focus on what citizen can do to help. This event is being sponsored by the Water Quality Advisory Group, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, and the Montgomery County Public Schools Outdoor and Environmental Education Center.

For bird watchers, here is an opportunity to join a nationwide monitoring network. Cornell University is sponsoring Project Feeder Watch, a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. FeederWatch data help scientists track broadscale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. There is a \$15 fee for the participant kit. For detailed information and to sign up, go to www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw.

Christmas Tree Update: Wade Dayberry / Wendy Smith

We are getting ready for the upcoming Christmas tree sales being held weekends in December from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the sales effort, and are hopeful we get enough volunteers so we can schedule two or three hour shifts for each person. General chapter work credit is given for the tree sales activities.

We will require additional assistance on the October 25th maintenance day to tend to the existing trees, and that activity will count as conservation credit.

If you are able to volunteer your time for the tree sales, please contact Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com. This is a fun time to come out, socialize and get into the festive holiday spirit.

GREEN (Greg Talamini)

Over the last thirty-five years our world has become less green. For many reasons our children do not have first hand experience with nature. They do not get the chance to see and learn about natural resources, wildlife and the habitats that support them. If you're not in scouting go camping or visit local or national parks, take a trip to IWLA.

Members should be taking advantage of our club and the facilities we offer. Bring the children out with you. Don't wait for them to reach their teens when social and academic demands may preclude their taking an interest in our natural resources, hunting, fishing, hiking and generally enjoying nature and wildlife. Share these activities with them.

The stewardship of this land and its resources is in the hands of our children. The more we offer them to learn and experience, the more secure our natural resources will be. It's our responsibility and a lot of fun to share with our young people. Make the time, and make a difference.

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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

We have lost a fellow skeet shooter, Janos Csoke, who past away October 1st, this year.

I personally will always remember his unique style gun mount which looked un-aimed and held pointing up as if preparing to mount. He was a gentleman and always had a joke or two ready to tell us between rounds. He will be remembered by a number of shooting buddies here at WAC.

Greg Talamini

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2009

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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, Buddy Michael (in training)
Wed 10/21 Conley Phipps, Frank Bis, Bob Griffin (in training)
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, Richard Maple (in training)
Sat 10/31 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Peter Sittner
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 (Barry Ephraim)

The new September Range Certified Members are Bill Beecher, Scott Fass, Anthony Paetro, Scott Wilson and Spouse member Jo-Ann Wilson. All passed range exam with very high marks. Course instructors were Barry Ephraim, and new Range Certification course member Tom Cauffiel. New rules changes, such as the 50 yd range being the preferred handgun range for pistol caliber carbines, and offspring of members having a student membership available (at a very good rate) are being smoothly integrated into the course.

Organizational Chart (Wendy Smith)

Jesse Thomas Lim - Rifle and Pistol (R/P) Chairman

Mary Heather Barber - R/P Range Safety Rules Sub-Committee Chairlady

Hiem Trang - R/P Events Coordinator

John Mullaney - R/P Legal Coordinator

Judy Riley - R/P Advisory Council

Terry Popkin - R/P Events Coordinator

Tim Urban - R/P Chapter Coordinator

Tommy Riley - R/P Advisory Council

Wendy Smith - R/P Committee Secretary

The above committee partners with:

Al Goldschmidts- R/P Range Maintenance Coordinator

Barry Ephraim- Range Orientation Committee*

Greg Talamini- BOD Advisor*

Tom Malarkey- BOD Advisor*

*Specific focus on R/P range safety rules and coordination with W AC orientation instructors.

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.



Bowling pin shoot held in October (photos by Jean Aker)



DAMASCUS HERITAGE DAY EVENT (photos by Greg Talamini)



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Conservation Work Day Saturday

September 12

Red Skillings, Don Hunt, Cherie Aker, Cornelius Holden and Ed McNally.

Damascus Heritage Day Sunday

September 20

Jose Tassara, Blix Winston, Chris Beck, Joe Beck, Kirk Anderson, Joe Fiumara, Linda Sampson, Steve Adams and Ed McNally.

Invasive Plant Workshop Saturday

September 26

David Black, Matt Boron, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis.

Chapter Maintenance Day Sunday

September 27

Ranges, Pistol and Rifle

Tom Kosciesza, Al Goldschmidts, Don Hunt, Sam De La Cruz, Steve Houck, Steve Wathen and Robert Mongelluzzo.

Green Shed and other duties

John Leaman and Guy Wright.

Christmas trees

Terence P. Smith, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith.

Shotgun Range

Rudy Werner, Ted Holden, Gerhard Bartsch and Berle Cherney.

General Chapter Cleanup

Journey Delauder, Kate Delauder and Karyn Delauder.

Volunteers

If your name is not listed and you signed an activity sheet, send an email with the facts to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and we'll track it down.

Congratulations

The following probationary members graduated to full membership status.

William Schooler

Paul Tardif

John Bortniak

Susan Bortniak

Mike Statland

Gary A. Green

Benjamin Tedesco

Steven Myers

Bill Calcagno

Terence P. Smith
George F. Hughes
LeRoy Oettinger
Steve Garland
Journey Delauder
Dean Zuras

A reminder to all Project Leaders

It's important that you get your Sign-In sheets in as soon as possible. We all know how important it is to our new members to see their names in the newsletter. This also reassures them that they have been credited for their work.

To assist the leaders there is a sign-in sheet box on the desk in the office; for those who do not have access to the office, a Wall File Holder has been placed on the wall just to the right side of the office door.

There will be a supply of Sign-In sheets in both holders for you to use. However, we will take the information on any scrap of paper, piece of cardboard, tree bark or smoke signal. On second thought scratch the smoke signal, better you send an email to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com with the particulars.

Note to all Probationary Members

Please, if you have any questions or concerns about your status, just contact either Joe Gick at joe.gick@verizon.net or Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. We will be more than happy to work with you to address your concerns, (that's why we get the big bucks).

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, Wendy Smith, Greg Talamini, Jean Aker, 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.

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