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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Our sincere condolences are offered to Cherie Aker (Jean) for the many losses she has suffered this past year; for the loss of her Sister, Susan, a Grandson and, most recently, her Father: James Donald Fink (80) who passed peacefully on Friday, February 11, 2011 at his residence in St. Leonard, Calvert County, Maryland.

Cherie's dad – raised in Riverdale, Maryland – served as an Army Ranger during the Korean Conflict. He was retired in 1985 from the National Park Service in Washington, DC and was a life member of the Elks Lodge for 51 years. He served his community for over 25-years as an active member (and, recently became an Honorary Member) of the Calvert County Fair Board. A member of the veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The American Legion and a Life Member of the Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department he, additionally, volunteered his time towards youth and charitable events.

It is remarkable that Cherie continues to wear her beautiful smile and give of herself to everyone at IWLA-WAC without skipping a beat. She is a wonderful person who is bright and cheerful and fun to be around. We are grateful to Cherie and Jean for their many contributions and services to our club; without the likes of which, we could not continue to function. It is the volunteers who give back to our Wildlife Achievement Chapter that allow us to thrive. So, Cherie and Jean we thank you and sincerely offer sympathy to you during this difficult time. Know that you may call on any of us if we may lend a hand or an ear to assist either of you.

*Judy Riley*

**Rain Barrel Workshop**

Tuesday March 15th from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Chapter House (upstairs) on Mullinix Mill Rd.

Free to members and-non-members! All materials and easy instructions provided. Limited to 30 households (one rain barrel per household). Registration required.

See event flyer ([http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/Barrel\\_Workshop11.pdf](http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/Barrel_Workshop11.pdf)) or contact Jeff Deschamps via e-mail to [jeff.deschamps@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) for more information or to register.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Conservation**

Announcing the formation of a fledgling group organizing to promote and protect our local waterway, the Muddy Branch. The group 'Muddy Branch Alliance' will be holding their first meeting this month. If you have a passion for our local parks, clean water, and protecting our watershed for a bright future, please join us. If you have questions, please contact Paul Hlavinka at [phlavinka@gmail.com](mailto:phlavinka@gmail.com).

#### Muddy Branch Alliance March Meeting

Date & Time:  
March 22, 2011  
7PM-9PM

Location:  
Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.  
707 Conservation Lane  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Agenda  
Organizational Update  
Alice Ferguson Pickup  
Stream Monitoring  
Muddy Branch Trail Plan Overview

Members living near the National Headquarters may be interested in attending . It's located next to NIST just off Muddy Branch Rd.

#### **Hunters take note:**

### **"Chronic Wasting Disease Makes its First Appearance in Maryland"**

\*The following is a repost from our blog at [www.Patriotlwm.wordpress.com](http://www.Patriotlwm.wordpress.com):

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that a White-tailed Deer harvested in Maryland has tested positive in laboratory testing for Chronic Wasting Disease. A hunter in Allegany County reported taking the deer on November 27, 2010 in Green Ridge State Forest. Maryland is now one of 20 other states and Canadian provinces with CWD documented in deer, elk or moose.

Many details of the disease are unknown, but below are some links and a great video from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on CWD.

*(The website has links to more related information on CWD)*

## **Rifle and Pistol Report: By Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith**

Rifle and Pistol Committee Update by Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith

The Rifle and Pistol Committee would like to acknowledge a generous donation from Gary Schneider's family and estate in his memory, to be used towards Practical Defense Match Supplies. Kip Shapiro shot the Winter Practical Defense match in Gary's memory. Gary was a dedicated WAC member, RSO and NRA trainer and is sorely missed by all who knew him. A special thanks to Al Goldschmidts for bringing a portable heater to the Winter Practical Defense match so all could be a little more comfortable in the cold temperatures.



Thank you to José Scoseria for donating two (2) new .22 Fun Shoot Reset Targets and to Judy Riley for donating her hard-fought-and-won used .22 Fun Shoot Reset Targets for the Tommy Riley Memorial .22 Fun Shoot Matches.

Did you know the Rifle and Pistol Committee hosts a shooting event nearly every month? Please see the WAC calendar for upcoming events such as the March 12<sup>th</sup> Practical Defense Match and the April 9<sup>th</sup> Bowling Pin Shoot. These events are excellent ways to network with fellow WAC members, hone shooting skills and participate in advanced shooting events.

The Spring NRA Basic Pistol classes are full, however a few slots will be opened for a wait-list in the event of cancellations. The next planned NRA Basic Pistol class is scheduled for October/November and is our annual Ladies/Daughters and Teens event. Please contact Wendy Smith for more information via email at [smitty446@hotmail.com](mailto:smitty446@hotmail.com).

### **SKEET AND TRAP** (Berle Cherney)

Many thanks to members who participated in clearing the shotgun fields of snow on January 29--Russell Lahti, Star Mitchell, Greg Myers, Nate Rowell, Craig H. Wolfe, David Stevenson, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, William Murphy, Mark Gay--and especially Steve Pupkar, who brought his Bobcat. Steve's contribution made a huge difference.



Shotgun Chairman Mark Gay ready to call for a skeet target. He looks lonely , doesn't he.

**IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2011** ( Bob Cooley)  
**April 2011**

Sat 4/2 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 4/3 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 4/6 Brian Van Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 4/9 Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley

Sun 4/10 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 4/13 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 4/16 Murray Welsh, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 4/17 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 4/20 Jay Jeffrey, Jeff Greenhut

Sat 4/23 Robin Moore, Debbi Perry

Sun 4/24 No Duty **RANGES CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY**

Wed 4/27 Richard Maple, Berle Cherney

Sat 4/30 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

**Substitutes**

Joel Gross, John Davis, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Paul Fisher, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Carl McMahon, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Frank Bis

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

January 30

**Rifle and Pistol Ranges Maintenance**

Al Goldschmidts and John J. Mullaney.

**Rain Barrel Prep**

February 16

Kudos to Jeff Deschamps, Susan Bortniak, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt and Bill Gazdik, all of whom prepped 35 rain barrels for the workshop.

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

February 27

**Rifle and Pistol Ranges Maintenance**

Al Goldschmidts, John Mullaney, Chris Link, John Link, and Wade A. Dayberry.

**Shotgun/Skeet Ranges**

Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji, Paul Fisher, Beriel Cherney, Rudy Werner, Mark McKeivitt, Paul Turska Jr., Paul Turska Sr. and Mark Gay.

**Grounds**

Bill Kelly.

**Green Shed**

Guy Wright.

**Conservation work at Chapter House**

February 27

Dale Buschling, Ken Lefebvre, Dan Failacci, Tim Pagen, John O'Malley, Bill Kelly, Steven Stanfield, Peter Szydlo, Journey Delauder, Karyn Delauder, K. Delauder, Donald Jackson, Drew Spence, Samson Emmanuel, Jerry Sorrentino and Steve Lefebvre.

**Congratulations**

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

Ian Butler

Thomas J. Felten

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered in the past month or so please send an email with your information to: [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) )

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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](mailto: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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to  
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**For the latest developments in Chapter events, visit us at: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>**

**.....To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it...**

**..I AM AN IKE!**