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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

It's that time of year again when we search for eligible members to run for Board of Director positions. Joe Carinci is the chairman this year and Bill Carbone, Bill Gazdik, Ed McNally and Steve Lefebvre are the other members. If you are interested in running for a board slot, contact Joe Carinci at lojocar1@verizon.net.

Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot (Steve Lefebvre and Judy Riley)

On May 7, 2011, the Rifle/Pistol and Junior Air Gun Committees co-sponsored a wonderful annual family event called the Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot. The following junior airgun members received NRA Certificates of Achievement for their participation in the fun shoot: Brittany Lefebvre, Sean Black, Will Calcagno, Jimmy Cummins, Josh Goldberg, Alec Goldberg and Gabe Levine. On hand to supervise the event for the Rifle/Pistol Committee were NRA certified range instructors as well as a group of our own Range Safety Officers (RSO's) who made sure that everyone had a safe and fun time. Also on hand at the fun shoot were shooting coaches Dave Goldberg and Ken Lefebvre from the Junior Air Gun Committee. The Rifle/Pistol and Junior Air Gun Committees will be co-sponsoring more fun shoots and NRA certified events so watch the WAC Calendar and Newsletter for more information on these wonderful events that are fun for both juniors and their parents.

—Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot— Saturday, May 7, 2011



This was a very successful event!

We were honored to have the following Junior Shooters along with their parents and family who joined in today's fun:

- ❖ Brittany Lefebvre
- ❖ Sean Black
- ❖ Will Calcagno
- ❖ Jimmy Cummins
- ❖ Josh Goldberg
- ❖ Alec Goldberg
- ❖ Gabe Levine

... Many of our regulars attended, as well.



José Scoseria brought us yummy goodies. Hot Judy Riley, as were the balloons that—with the Jesse Lim and several volunteers set up (and evidenced in the following pictures, all had a great time:



Chocolate, Coffee and Donuts were donated by wind—challenged even the very best shooters. took-down) some really great targets for us. As

The proud winner of the 2011 First National Annual Throwdown - Slamdown Meatloaf Competition held at the IWLA-WAC GM_05.25.11 was "Chuckaroo" (Chuck Crooks)! He sported the winning trophy in good form! "Roo" will retain bragging rights for an entire year! Good luck to next year's challengers. (Bobby Flay didn't accept this year's challenge...competition was probably too tough...maybe next year?)

At popular request, "Chuckaroo" has been kind enough to share his winning recipe with us. (It was previously reported he was a member of "Team Très Amigos" that included Rich Fried and Greg Talamini...however, "Chuckaroo" was definitely the chef for this one!

Chuckaroo's First Place 2011 - 10# Meatloaf Winning Recipe

- 5lbs Ground Beef
- 5lbs Italian Sausage
- 3-Green Bell Pepper
- 3-Yellow Bell Peppers
- 3-Red Bell Peppers
- Crushed red pepper
- Black Pepper
- Salt
- 1 1/2 lbs Parmesan Cheese
- Ketchup
- Olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- Fresh garlic
- 5 cups Panko Japanese bread crumbs

This was a really tough competition and I, for one, would not have wanted to be one of the Judges; as, these were all GREAT meatloaves in their own right! Who knew there were so many ways to make a meatloaf? They were all delicious and some were beautiful, to boot! We were all lucky winners who got to share in the results...YUM!!!



Charles E. Crooks (AKA Chuckaroo) wearing his crown and bling. The judges are in the background.
Note: (bling has been concealed to keep its brilliant appearance from blinding the viewers)



The line went out the door! The guy in the white skirt at the back of the line actually won the event!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Tree Planting and Riparian Buffer Maintenance in Brookeville Saturday May 14. 9 a.m.-Noon

We had a very efficient group of nine folks this Saturday, including two who must have learned about the event via WSSC. In only two hours, we used up the three rolls of fencing and stakes obtained by Jim Piateski for deer-protection cages around about 60(?) trees. Mostly native cherries, but we made a concerted effort to increase diversity and included a few oaks, native elms, and mulberry marked by MNCPPC staff.

First picture is preparing the cages. The second picture is the finished product installed around a volunteer oak tree.





Conservation Maintenance Day—Sunday May 28. 10 a.m.-Noon.

Despite the fact that this was a holiday weekend, there was a good turn out to help with Conservation Committee this past workday. We planted four native elm trees along the parking area behind the chapter house to eventually provide shade and cooling along that side. We also weeded and mulched the butterfly and cub scout gardens. Thanks to all who came out to help!

Upcoming Chapter Conservation Events

Adopt-A-Road—Sunday June 26. 10 a.m.-Noon

We need from four to eight volunteers for our quarterly Adopt-A-Road activity. We'll provide gloves, bags, and water and you provide hands to pick up along Mullinix Mill and other roads. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net to volunteer.

Conservation Maintenance Day—Sunday June 26. 10 a.m.-Noon.

We also need to do more chapter grounds maintenance on the June work day. Just show up at the Green Maintenance Shed for assignment.

Other Conservation Events in the Area

Bethesda Solar Day. Saturday June 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m 4825 Cordell Avenue Suite 200 in Bethesda. Free! Sponsored by Bethesda Green (www.bethesdagreen.org). Meet representatives from local solar companies and learn all about solar power--costs, benefits, tax credits available; residential experiences; how to check your home's 'solar readiness'. Have fun with activities for kids.

Christmas Trees Update (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

The newly planted seedlings appear to be doing well, with new growth reported during May maintenance day. We can use extra volunteers on June maintenance day to help with trimming the grass around the trees. Due to low turnout on May maintenance day (Memorial Day weekend), we were only able to focus on the new seedlings.

The Christmas Tree committee are in need of 4 (used) hand-held grass trimmers, either manual or battery powered. If anyone has gently-used grass clippers they wish to donate, please let Wade Dayberry know at 301-787-5573. A tax deductible receipt can be furnished.

Rifle and Pistol Report: (Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith)

The NRA Certified Basic Pistol class was held on May 1st and 22nd. We have had fantastic interest and turn-out for the classes. The last scheduled NRA Certified Basic Pistol class of the year will be the Third Annual Ladies, Daughters and Teens class and dinner. Registration will begin in September, stay tuned for more information at that time.

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol events: Please refer to the WAC calendar for more information:

June 11th – Bowling Pin Match (1-5PM)

July 9th – Practical Defense Match (1-5PM)





IWLA – WAC RSO / NRA Certified Basic Pistol Instructors: Jesse Lim (Chief Instructor), Heather Barber, Wade Dayberry, Al Goldschmidts, J. Gregg McDonald, John Mullaney, Alan Palestine, Danny Smith and Wendy Smith. A huge thank you to Cherie Aker for covering logistics and RO line support. (Photo credits – Chris Ogene and Jean Aker.)

A special THANK YOU to student Sally Bradbury for a generous donation of paper targets to be used for the fall Ladies/Daughters and Teens class. They are greatly appreciated, and we wish Sally the best with her upcoming relocation.

Range Orientation (Barry Ephraim)

The following members attended and passed both the Range and Shotgun Orientation course exams, and as of May 29, 2011 have full Range Officer Privileges and responsibilities.

Jeff Schilling, Peter Nowak, James Pennypacker, Edgar Fernanglas, Terry Golden, Andy, Huo, Mark Graham, Ian Chu, and Kevin Kenney. In addition Matthew Boccuzzi passed both exams and indicated he will become a Student Member with Rifle Privileges, Offspring Matt Kenney passed the Range Orientation Exam and we are looking forward to seeing him on the range with his Dad, and when older, as a new member.

The course was very capably taught by new instructors Brian Van Winkle and Rory Walley with occasional interference from Barry Ephraim.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2011 (Bob Cooley)

July 2011

Sat 7/2 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 7/3 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 7/6 Brian Van Winkle, ~~Rip~~ Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 7/9 Paul Fisher, John Davis

Sun 7/10 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 7/13 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 7/16 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 7/17 Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross

Wed 7/20 Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut

Sat 7/23 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 7/24 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 7/27 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 7/30 Robin Moore, Rodney Winstead

Sun 7/31 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes

Mash Esfanaji, Carl McMahon, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley, Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Richard Maple, Berle Cherney, Maj Tavakoli, Dick Smith, Jay Jeffrey, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Debbi Perry, Dick Smith

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Tree Maintenance at Brookeville

May 14

Clair Pritchard, Peter Szydlo, Nate Njuki, Steve Huffman, Martin Stout, Mary Dolan (MNCPP), Jim Piateski, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis.

Membership Meeting Dinner

May 25

Under the watchful eye of Chef McNally; the kitchen was turned over to the competitors in the Meatloaf Throw Down competition. Kitchen assistants were Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Peter Nowak and Jim Pennypacker. Also, assisting in the kitchen and competing in the competition were Cherie Aker, Charly Culbertson and Judy Riley.

Dining Room Setup: Bill Carbone.

Behind the Bar: Ken Lefebvre and Greg Talamini.

Cowboy Setup

May 27

Paul Bluteau, Mark Graham, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Sandia Sidewinder (Guy Wright) and of course Chuckaroo.

Chapter Maintenance Day

May 29

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Guy Wright, Nick Giuliano, John Mullaney and Alan Pressman.

Shotgun Ranges

Jay Hannam, Berle Cherney, Karl Krehma, Chet Linton, Hunter Linton, Arden Young, Sam Young, Mike Young, Roman Drews, Ted Holden, Greg Myers, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Jerry McPhee and Dick Smith.

Butterfly Garden

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Louise Giuliano, Nick Giuliano, Miles Benson and Ted West.

Elm trees

Jim Piateski

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Wendy Smith and Robert Mongelluzzo.

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

Don Hunt

Mary Hunt

Robert Mongelluzzo

Tex Welch

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

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Nick Giuliano ,Wendy Smith ,Jesse Lim, Meo Curtis, Judy Riley, Steve Lefebvre, 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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.....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!