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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay

Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Damascus, MD

Sunday
October 16, 2011

Proceeds to
Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited

No Pre-Registration
Open to the Public
Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM
HOA and Lewis Class

2 Rounds
Trap or Skeet

\$25

Lunch and
Event T-Shirt

As always, check the calendar on the website for other events. www.damascusiwa.org



Why do you come to the IWLA-WAC?

Because, even on your very worst day, a smile emerges-just like the ones on these two chaps-and, it ends up being "The Best Day Ever!"

(Credit to Judy Riley)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

Upcoming Conservation Activities

Adopt-A-Road: Sunday, August 21 will be the next event. We need from 6 to 8 volunteers. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. Gloves, water, and bags will be provided. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net to sign up.

Tree Maintenance and Invasive Plant Removal: Saturday September 17 from 9-noon. Conservation work day at the WSSC Pigtail Site in Howard County. We will provide gloves, water, and some pruners and loppers. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or [Jim Piateski](mailto:Jim.Piateski@verizon.net) at 301-253-4950.

Honor Roll Award

Our chapter nominated Kimberley Knox, WSSC Community Outreach Manager, for an IWLA National 2010 Conservation Award. The Honor Roll Award is designed for *non*-members (groups or individuals) who have achieved outstanding accomplishments involving conservation, public education or publicity efforts in keeping with the League's goals. Since Kim joined WSSC in 2008, she and her staff have identified, educated, and successfully engaged partners from numerous stakeholder groups in the region. These include college and high school students, girl and boy scouts, 4-H students, and Master Gardeners, along with the Wildlife Achievement Chapter and the Rockville Chapter to promote environmentally-friendly activities to protect our local streams and drinking water quality.

Her award was announced at this year's National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa and then subsequently presented by Meo Curtis at the Patuxent Reservoirs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. The TAC is an interjurisdictional agency group responsible for technical review and recommendations for programs and policies to protect the quality of the Patuxent Reservoirs and Watersheds. Our chapter is continuing to work with Kim and WSSC to maintain a reforestation project near the WSSC Pigtail Launch Ramp site in Howard County.

It should also be noted that the Maryland Division performed well again in the awards department taking nine of thirty-two presented. Read the details on that in the next issue of the Waltonian.

COUNTY FAIR

Volunteers are needed to staff the IWLA booth at the county fair. The fair runs from August 12 to 19. If you feel like you can talk to folks about the League in general and what our chapter has to offer contact Don & Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com or call 301-946-4795. If you have already contacted Don & Mary there is no need to respond again.

BRASS

The Conservation and Blacksmith committees have been working together on a project to reclaim spent brass from our ranges. It will take a team of at least three to manage the smelting and casting operation. If this sounds like something you would be interested in contact Dick Smith (dsmith@lofstrand.com). No dates have been set yet, at this time we are just trying to get a list of interested persons put together. We will also need plumbing brass to add to the casing when we begin smelting. If you have old fitting to dispose of you can give them to either Jeff Deschamps or Dick Smith.

Christmas Tree Committee Update (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Thanks to all of the eager volunteers that came out on July maintenance day (in spite of the heat) to help water, trim the grass and helped remove some of the invasive vines out of the trees. Tremendous progress was made, but there is always more to do! The newly planted trees that were planted in April are in need of watering, if you can come out on August maintenance day (August 28th) we would appreciate it. Unfortunately Mother Nature has not been blessing us all with some much-needed rain. We plan to start using the water out of the rain barrel near the green maintenance shed, but are in need of donations of gently-used hoses with all their coupling parts intact. Also, if you have any gently-used (small) manual grass clippers you wish to donate, please contact Wade Dayberry at wdayberry@hotmail.com with any questions. Donations are tax-deductible.



Wade Dayberry (Christmas Tree Committee Chairman) teeing up the bucket brigade!

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

July was a busy month for Rifle and Pistol hosted events. We hosted the Practical Defense Match on July 9th, and the Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot on July 30th. A fun time was had by all, in spite of the summertime weather conditions.

Thanks to Al Goldschmidts and Terry Popkin for running the Practical Defense Match on July 9th. The Practical defense has a great turn out. Please be reminded the 'Practical Defense match' has intermediate level coaching and instruction for intermediate use of firearms and 'Self Awareness'.

So what is 'Self-Awareness'? Is it just looking around all the time? It is not. It is a concept about pattern recognition before reactive shooting. As you move into a new area you establish a baseline for what that environment is. Sights, sounds, smells and touch. Use all those senses when you approach your shooting area, regardless of the scenario. When part(s) of that baseline begin to go astray, use your intuition to assess the situation which may mean deciding to shoot or not to shoot. Use your self-awareness and intuition to tell you when something is out of place.

As always, if you encounter ANY situation on the Rifle or Pistol Ranges that seem to be in violation of our safety rules, or any seemingly unsafe situation, please contact our Rifle and Pistol Chairman Jesse Lim *immediately* at 240-832-0354. If possible, and while it is fresh in your mind, make note of the situation in detail, times, person(s) name(s), badge ID number(s) and/or license plate number.



Thanks to Cherie and Jean Aker for donating another .22 spinner target supporting the Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot.

Visit our Tommy Riley .22 fun shoot and we can coach you on trigger control, finger placement on the trigger, grip on the stock, cheek weld, breath control, follow through, bipod manipulation, etc.

If you don't own a good accurate .22LR (Long Rifle caliber) rifle or pistol, check the WAC calendar for the next Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot and meet with Jesse Lim for demonstrations and recommendations. Learning on a .22LR rifle or pistol is the best way to start learning and honing in for precision shooting.



The next sponsored event is the Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday, August 13th from 9AM to 2PM on the uncovered pistol range.

Safe shooting!

(Photo credits - Jean Aker.)

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2011 (Bob Cooley)

September 2011

Sat 9/3 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 9/4 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 9/7 Brian Van Winkle , “Rip” Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 9/10 Paul Fisher, John Davis

Sun 9/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 9/14 Dick Smith, Ron Roberson

Sat 9/17 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 9/18 Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross

Wed 9/21 Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut

Sat 9/24 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 9/25 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 9/28 Richard Maple, Berle Cherney

Substitutes

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Conley Phipps, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Wade Dayberry, Carl McMahon, Jay Jeffrey, Robin Dixon, Rodney Winstead, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Maj Tavakoli,, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Membership Dinner

June 22

Working the kitchen for the dinner were Matthew Boccuzzi, Eric Trexler and Fred Dodson.

Handling the dining room set up were Bill Carbone, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt and Richard Hanley.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

Cowboy Shoot

06/22/11 through 06/25/11

June 23

Ranch Hands for the day were:

Bob Mc Deromtt, Mary Pat Donals, Steve Peck, Don Hunt, Terry Golden, Tom Cauffiel, Rick Sommer, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Working the Chuck Wagon this day were:

Mac McCollum, Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci , Mary Hunt, Chuck Limparis, Conley Phipps and Ed Lloyd.

June 24

Ranch Hands for the day were:

Don Hunt, Karl Krchma, Rick Sommer, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Terry Golden, Tom Cauffiel, Steve Peck and Berle Cherney.

Working the Chuck Wagon this day were:

Mac McCollum, Bill Gazdik, Mary Hunt, Susan Frye, Conley Phipps, Ed Lloyd, Phil Dean, Joe Carinci, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Greg Talamini, John Walter, Blix Winston, Joe Gick, Delores Gick, Jean Aker, Cherie Aker and Jim Piateski.

June 25

Ranch Hands for the day were:

Don Hunt, Bill Carbone, Karl Krchma, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tom Cauffiel, Rick Sommer and Guy Wright.

Ranch Hands doing clean up were:

Alan Pressman, Crisaldo Padilla, Michael Holder, Steve Adams, Ian Chu, Nick Giuliano, Doug Hutchison, Andy Kendle and Richard Rankin.

Working the Chuck Wagon this day were:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Mary Hunt, Joe Gick, Susan Frye, Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci and Mac McCollum.

Chapter Maintenance Day

June 26

This maintenance day included Adopt-A-Road and other conservation activities.

Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Berle Cherney, Alan Pressman, Jean Aker, Chuck Crooks, Karl Krchma, Adrienne Flynn, Arden Young, and Sam Young.

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Wendy Smith, Steven Stanfield, Xavier Daschner and his Mom and Wade A. Dayberry.

Adopt-A-Road / Conservation Activities

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Michael Holder Jr., Mitchell Optican, Adam Optican, Gabriel Taylor, Gary Young.

Green Shed

Guy Wright

General Maintenance Activities

Roger Romack, Terry Golden, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Glenn Hubert, Mark McKevitt and Richard Hanley.

July 9

Air Rifle Range Maintenance

Paolo Amedeo, Singson Tiu, Bill Gazdik and Phillip Dean

Membership Dinner

July 27

Dining Room Set Up

Will Carbone and Dave Goldberg

Kitchen Help

Charly Culbertson, Mark Nauman, Matthew Booth and Danny Crumpler.

Congratulations

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

Jean Aker

Danny Smith

Scott G. Fass

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, Jeff Deschamps, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Jean Aker 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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