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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

If you have made your renewal payment, it takes several weeks to process and get your cards back from the National Office. You will get your Membership Card and your 2012 Range Access Cards before they expire on 12/31/11.

If you have not sent in your payment, please do so immediately. If it has not been received by December 1st, you may not get your Range Card back before January 1st, and you will not be able to shoot on any ranges until you get your 2012 card.

Joe Gick
Membership Secretary

NEW 2012 Range Cards

The new 2010 Range Access Cards feature a Liberty Bell. They are very distinctive, and cannot be confused with the 2011 card

Last year, an asterisk was added at the end of your membership ID number to signify that you had passed the Shotgun Course. There were several complaints that this did not "stand out" enough.

For the 2012 card, the ID number is enclosed in Parentheses to signify that you have passed the Shotgun Course. A few asterisks may have mistakenly slipped through the system. They will be honored also, and fixed on the next go round.

Fellow Ikes,

Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 28 January 2011 which is rapidly approaching. Tickets are a little late getting back from the printers but they will be on sale very soon. This event tends to sell out every year so don't wait till the last minute.

In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning a Steamship Round of Beef for those who prefer Domesticated Game. Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each and will be available at the Shotgun Range House and at the Membership Dinner Meetings on 11/16/11, 12/21/11, and 01/25/11. There may be a few for sale at the door, but there is no guarantee, as we are limited to 150 Tickets.

Auction items are slowly starting to come in and once again we will have six different weeks at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact the Committee Chair Berle Cherney, or the items can be left downstairs behind the bar. Donation receipts will be available for those who desire them. Auction items can be viewed starting at 3:00pm with silent auctions and a few early bird items starting at 6:00pm. As usual, there will be good food and a whole lot of laughter.

The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, www.PortLargoVillas.Org. The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am. These weeks have been very popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to be in the Florida Keys and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is just incredible with water temperatures around 86 degrees.

Friday, 30 March 2012 - Friday, 6 April 2012 MCPS Spring Break
Friday, 6 April 2012 - Friday, 13 April 2012
Friday, 13 April 2012 - Friday, 20 April 2012
Friday, 20 April 2012 - Friday, 27 April 2012

Friday, 17 August 2012 - Friday, 24 August 2012
Friday, 24 August 2012 - Friday, 31 August 2012

So, come on out, buy your ticket, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!!

The **2011 Save the Bay Fun Shoot** was held at Damascus Wildlife Achievement Chapter of Izaak Walton on October 16th. Proceeds from this event went to Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited. It was a beautiful sunny day and 62 shooters registered for their events, picked up their t-shirts and set off to shoot trap or skeet.

Overall, 44 shooters shot 2 rounds of skeet with scores ranging from 49 to 2 and 18 trap shooters had scores ranging from 46 to 4. The overall winner of the engraved Champion Plaque was Gary Giambalvo who tied the top score of 49 with Steve Rowcroft. After a friendly coin toss, Gary was the overall winner.

The first Lewis class winner was Heather Barber who shot a 40 and the second Lewis class winner was Jeff Trunnell who shot a 20. Both Heather and Jeff also won beautiful engraved wooden plaques. Special thanks to Chuck Crooks for engraving the plaques and to Bob Cumberland for his design.

A great day was had by all with a pulled port lunch provided by the boy scouts. Special thank-you to Greg Myers and all of his helpers for the great lunch. We would never be able to have these fun events without the support and help of the great volunteers who did all the work from registration to acting as referees, to set up and clean up. Very very special thank-you to everyone who made this a success!!



Shooters from all ages...Some of the youngest who shot skeet





Boy Scout lunch crew and serving the crowd.



Many of the shooters and volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Reddy Branch Reforestation Project. Saturday October 15 from 9 to noon. There were 15 volunteers at the Reddy Branch native tree maintenance and invasive plant removal work activity. This is a long-term partnership effort with MNCPPC to create a forest buffer to protect a stream that drains to the Hawlings River, a tributary to the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. We established three teams of workers—one to cut and prepare the wire cages, another team to install the cages around the ‘volunteer’ native trees we found, and another team to remove invasives, especially bittersweet vines, that threaten the already established trees. We will continue to conduct twice per year work days at this site for many years, to guarantee that the young trees can outcompete both the deer and the invasive plant pressure.

Fall Watershed Clean-up. Saturday November 5 from 9 to noon. There were 14 volunteers who walked the roadside and stream crossings on this brisk fall day. We collected 25 contractor bags of trash, most of which were recyclable beverage containers, along with one tire, two propane gas containers (empty), some partially-filled cans of paint, and other miscellaneous items. Thanks to Jim Piateski and Steve Schertler for volunteering their vehicles for transport and trash collection. Special thanks to Jose Scoseria (head chef this day) along with Don Hunt and Ed McNally for providing a hot and tasty lunch for volunteers.



The Derisos finish some deer-proofing around one of the volunteer wild cherry trees.

County Launches New Website to Educate Consumers and Businesses About New Bag Law

Note: The Conservation Committee will continue to hand out multiple-use bags with the 'Earth Day Every Day' logo for all who participate in Conservation Work Events. Save a nickel a bag by using these AND advertise the Izaak Walton League!

Under the carryout bag law, effective January 1, 2012, all retail establishments in the County that sell goods and provide their customers a bag (either paper or plastic) to carry out purchases are required to charge 5-cents per bag. Internet, telephone, self-checkout counters, and fax sales also count as points of sale if the products are delivered in store-provided carryout bags. Retail establishments include all stores, permanent booths, service stations, grocery stores, department stores, and other sellers. Occasional retailers (defined as retail establishments engaging "in the retail sale of goods no more than six days in any calendar year") are exempt from the carryout bag law.

Montgomery County's carryout bag law is intended to encourage everyone to do their part to reduce litter in our waterways, on our streets and in our parks by providing shoppers with an incentive to bring their own reusable bags. Plastic bags are consistently one of the top items found in studies of litter in Montgomery County. It is also expensive to control and clean up litter. In 2009, Montgomery County spent over \$3 million on these efforts.

The website is part of a public education campaign, aimed at residents and businesses, to ensure everyone understands the law before it goes into effect. The education efforts will include distributing reusable bags and information to seniors and low-income residents. Currently the website includes Frequently Asked Questions and Basic Fact Sheets for residents and retailers, as well as a series of webinars for retailers. More information and materials will continue to be added.

Find out more about this new law by visiting www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BAG.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

December 2011

Sat 12/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 12/4 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Sat 12/10 Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley

Sun 12/11 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Sat 12/17 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 12.18 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Sat 12/24 Robin Dixon, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 12/25 No Assignment, All Ranges Closed

Sat 12/31 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Substitutes

Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Paul Fisher, *John Davis*, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson, Joel Gross, Glenn Hubert, Carl McMahon, Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut, Dick Smith, Richard Maple, Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine, Maj Tavakoli, Berle Cherney, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch



Sunday, October 30, 2011.

Most snow on October 30 recorded history.

These are a sampling of the volunteers who helped with our monthly shotgun field cleanup.



Earlier in October.....



Rebuilding fences...



Christmas Tree Committee Report (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Only a few weeks remain until Christmas Tree sales begin! Christmas tree and wreath sales will be held weekends in December from 10AM to 4PM starting Saturday, December 3rd and concluding Sunday, December 18th.

We are in need of help on the November 20th maintenance day to get the trees ready for sale (grass trimming and removal of invasive vines), as well as assistance with painting signage. We will also have wreath-making demo and training for our tree sales volunteers that will be helping in December. Christmas tree maintenance counts as conservation work credit.

We also need volunteers for December tree sales (counts as general chapter work credit), please email Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com. Please join us in sharing in the holiday spirit and enjoying (familiar and new) fellow WAC members and their company.

Students can get SSL credits for volunteering at these (or any WAC) events. Please be sure to bring your SSL forms the day of the event for signature.

Lastly, if you have any gently-used (small) manual grass clippers or garden hose (with connectors intact) that you wish to donate, please contact Wade Dayberry at wdayberry@hotmail.com with any questions. Donations are tax-deductible.

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

On October 22nd, we held day one of the Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol class with dinner.

A very special thank you to Ed McNally, Cherie Aker and Steve LeFebvre for working their special magic in creating an exceptional meal that (we hear) the ladies and teens are STILL raving about!

They created an exquisite meal with great attention to detail, including a single red rose at each place setting.

Thank you so very, very much!

Thank you go Judy Riley and John Mullaney for additional support during the class.

Day two of the class will be held November 13th.



Our 2012 NRA class schedule is now posted on the WAC calendar starting with a Basic Pistol and (newly added) Basic Rifle classes in March, Basic Pistol in May and the fourth annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens class in Oct/November. Registration will open in February for the March classes via special WAC email announcement.

The November Practical Defense Match was held November 5th and the DNR Hunter Qualification on November 6th. More details from those events will be included in the December newsletter.

On behalf of the entire Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee, we wish a quick and speedy recovery to

Judy Riley who is recovering from ankle surgery. Take care Judy, and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery!

Safe Shooting!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Brookeville Tree Maintenance

October 15

Jeff Deschamps, Moe Curtis, Jeff Schilling, Charley Culbertson, Adnan Hameed, Jack Nemerer, Fred Teal, Bob Elliott, Ryan McGarity, Richard DeRiso, Richard DeRiso Jr., Brendan DeRiso, Kim Knox, Jim Piatetski and Kathryn Nelson.

Breakin Clays For the Bay

October 16

Michael Holt and Chris Ogene.

Cowboy Shoot Set Up

October 22

John Leaman, **Gunner Leaman, Scott McCauley, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Crooks and Guy Wright.**

Membership Dinner

October 26

Ed McNally and Cherie Aker prepared the evening's dinner. Kitchen staff for the evening: Eric Speights, Diane Offutt, Charles Williams, John Cianflone, Allie Young, Phil Gardner and Mike Salvail. Dinning set-up by Will Carbone.

The BAR staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre assisted by Mash Esfanaji and Dave Goldberg.

Chapter Maintenance Day

October 30

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts and John Bete.

Conservation Activities

Jeff Deschamps, Wade A. Dayberry and Vernon Vogel.

General Maintenance

Karl Krchma, Bob Elliott, John Leaman, Herb Sutcliffe, Steve Houck, Todd Denny, Gunner Leaman, Guy Wright, Tim Fahl,

Berle Cherney, Mark Coggeshall, Richard A. DeRiso, Brendan DeRiso, Richard D. DeRiso, Jan Vandenberg, Ronald Brooks, Timothy Brooks, Juliette Books, Mark McKevitt, Chuck Chapman, Erik Chapman, Mike Holt, Glenn Hubert, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

A note to our probationary members:

PLEASE remember that it is important to list the activity you worked in order to receive the correct credit for the activity.

Congratulations

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

Brian White
Denny Todd
Douglas Barneski
Ronald W. Brooks

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, 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 Meo Curtis, pictures by Berle Cherney and likely others, Joe Gick, Debbi Perry, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Jesse Lim, 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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