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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

2012 Dues

I have noted in a previous newsletter that I had to receive your dues by December 1st to assure that you get your 2012 range badges in time. That time has come and gone. Everyone should have received a bill over 90 days ago. The National Office will be generally closed for vacations the last two weeks of December. They control the processing of 2012 membership cards. I do not have them. A second and final billing will go out early in January. It still takes several weeks to process the payment and get your cards back before I send them to you.

All payments received by December 10th are in process.

You cannot use any range after January 1st without visibly wearing a 2012 card.

Any payment received on or after February 1st will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee

Joe Gick, Membership Secretary

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The Shotgun Safety Course will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 10:00 AM on the upper floor of the main clubhouse.

Members must have successfully completed the pistol and rifle range officer course (taught at the club orientation) before taking the shotgun class. If you were issued a range card, you have completed the course.

Please bring your range cards so they can be certified, indicating that you've taken the course.

If you like, bring your shotguns so you can shoot afterwards, when the shotgun ranges open at noon.

Members who have not completed this course must always shoot on the shotgun ranges with the supervision of a member who has completed the course. This is the same policy as the rifle and pistol ranges.

Pre-Registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact Berle Cherney. berle@berlecherney.com 301-942-4949

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Note: No Conservation Committee meetings scheduled December or January

Think Green: e-subscriptions

Montgomery County

There is a very easy and free way to get electronic newsletters, updates, and information of all sorts of Montgomery County government activities. You can subscribe to one or more e-subscriptions through the County's web site and have information delivered via your e-mail address. The e-mail address for subscription is:

<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

The County does not use your e-mail address for anything other than those specific subscriptions to which you subscribe. A number of agencies provide routine information through these e-subscriptions, including consumer protection, council and executive updates, permitting services, and of course, my personal favorite, environmental protection. For the best overview on County activities, I recommend that you subscribe to the Public Information Office e-gazettes, in particular the Paperless Airplane.

Howard County

I couldn't find similar e-subscription services, but there is a terrific web page with all sorts of links to 'green' services in Howard County. This is the Green Central Station through the Office of Environmental Sustainability: <http://livegreenhoward.com/>

The site includes a calendar of events, a map of featured 'green' hotspots and amenities, a featured 'Green Business', and even a blog for posting your own information of note.

Frederick County

Frederick County also has its own Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources to 'advance practical solutions for protecting the environment, conserving energy and living sustainability.' Services include a quarterly electronic newsletter on local activities and news of note.

<http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/index.aspx?NID=3530>

You can also subscribe to a number of other electronic newsletter about Frederick County government activities, calendar of events, and 'News Flash' announcements.

<http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/list.aspx>

If you don't have time to read an issue, you can always hit 'delete' and you've only wasted a few electrons instead of trees, ink, and transport.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

When bad weather is imminent or has already arrived check your email and/or the Club website for shotgun range closure announcements. No need to travel if it is not necessary.

Shotgun Range Roster January 2012

Sun 1/1 Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat 1/7 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green
Sun 1/8 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat 1/14 Jim Arnold, Paul Fisher
Sun 1/15 Joel Gross, Maj Tavakoli
Sat 1/21 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein
Sun 1/22 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat 1/28 Greg Myers, Bob Cooley
Sun 1/29 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Glenn Hubert, Mark Gay, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Seamus Webb, Robin Dixon, Mike Webb, Conley Phipps, John Davis, Ron Roberson, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry, Carl McMahon, Jay Jeffrey, Frank Bis, Dick Smith, Richard Maple, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Debbi Perry, Berle Cherney,

Range Orientation

The rain and cold held off and we had a decent day for Range Orientation. The following members now have range access. Jim Bourdon, Michael Schmidt, Rachele Donnelly, Hank Meetze, Liam Kelly, Alan Rannals, Terry Keener, Brent Kelly, Robert Day, Hank Williams, and James (Brian) Phillips.

In addition Spouses Timothy Donnelly and Lisa Rannals have Range Priviledges. Offspring Christian Rogers, Carter Meetze, Austin Rannals, Alan P. Rannals, and Charles Williams, while too young to receive Range Cards, did very well on their Range Certification Exams and we look forward to seeing them on the ranges with their parents.

Christmas Tree Committee Report (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Eleanor and Jerry Black's Annual Visit to WAC:

Since 1987, Jerry and Eleanor Black have made an annual trek to WAC to get a Christmas wreath for their front door. Year after year they have the same routine... get up, go to Tom and Ray's in Damascus and then head over to WAC.

Most often, the trek was on the first Saturday in December. It was frequently cold, blustery, and sometimes with snow. Last year, on Sunday, Jerry left church in a snow storm to make the trek, all 54 round-trip miles of it, to get the wreath which was not ready on Saturday. He didn't want to wait another week to get it.

At first, they took whatever wreaths were available. But, as time went by, they requested a specific type of wreath but always adorned with holly. Eleanor's favorite is blue spruce. However, they are happy with the greens that are available each year. They have kept the WAC-supplied red bow from about 10 years ago. So, now Eleanor asks for an extra sprig of holly instead of a red bow!

The Black's wreath is among the first to go up and the last to come down in their neighborhood. It is sprayed with water daily, so it stays green from the first week of December to the last of January.

We thank the Black's for making WAC part of their annual holiday tradition.



Remember - Students can get SSL credits for volunteering at any WAC event. 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)

Several events have been held in November and December sponsored by the Rifle and Pistol RSOs. On November 5th the Practical Defense match was held, DNR hunter qualification on November 6th, Bowling Pin Fun Shoot on December 3rd and a Holster Clinic and Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot on December 10th. We hosted over thirty boy scouts from troops 945 and 461 during the Tommy Riley fun shoot. Thanks to Terry Popkin, Douglas Johnson, Mark Coggeshuall, Steve Schultz, Peter Gracyalny, Chris Walker, Andrew Cooke and Greg Myers for their supervision and instructional coaching on the line during the shoot.

Highlights from the December Tommy Riley Fun Shoot:



In addition to all the above events, day two of the Ladies/Daughters/Teen NRA Basic Pistol class was held November 13th. There were seventeen students in all, including five juniors. Based on the feedback from the class, all had a great time, felt it was very informative, educational and all of the instructors received rave reviews! Thank you to our instructors: Alan Palestine, Danny Smith, Mary Heather Barber, John Mullaney, Joseph Smith, Terry Popkin, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith. A special thanks to Jean and Cherie Aker for helping cover additional logistics, line coverage and Cherie's famous PINK firearms!



The WAC 2012 NRA class schedule is now posted on the WAC calendar starting with the 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.

During the November General Membership meeting, Jesse Lim presented Mary Heather Barber, Alan Palestine and Ed McNally with the annual Sportsmanship Award.

Best wishes to Alan and Mary Heather on their retirement and move to Colorado. Their numerous contributions to WAC as Rifle and Pistol RSOs, (Mary Heather R/P RSO sub-committee), NRA Basic Pistol Trainers and Shotgun RSO will be sorely missed. Seeing they still have children in the Maryland area, we welcome them to come back as our shooting guests any time!

A sincere thank you to Ed McNally for all of his numerous culinary miracles he has prepared for our NRA training classes and for the many contributions to our WAC community.



On behalf of the Rifle and Pistol RSOs, we all continue to wish a speedy recovery to Judy Riley.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Safe shooting!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Chapter Fall Clean Up (All Conservation)

November 5

Jim Piatetski, Tracy Herriotts, Robert Herriotts, Douglas Kay, Steve Wathen, Chuck Chapman, Kathy Chapman, Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jose Scoseria, Kahe Yakorlen, Don Hunt and Ed McNally.

Membership Thanksgiving Dinner

November 16

Cooking for the evening: Chuck Crooks,

Ed McNally, Rich Fried, Greg Talamini and Ed Harren. Kitchen staff for the evening: Mike Schmidt, Henry Me Donnelly, Timothy Donnelly, Alan Rannals and Randy McKenzie. Dining room set-up: Will Carbone.

The BAR staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre assisted by Mash Esfanaji and Jean Aker.

Chapter Maintenance Day

November 20

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Ryan McGarity, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Shotgun Ranges

Lftikhar H. Shah and Glenn Hubert.

Green Shed

John Leaman and Gunnar Leaman

Christmas Tree Maintenance (Conservation)

Wade A. Dayberry, Steven Heffeson, Andy Huo, Tracy Herriotts, Robert Herriotts, Matthew Booth, William D. Seested, Chip Schwartz, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Richard Jones, Richard Deriso, Richard A. Deriso, Brendan Deriso, Leopoldo Then, Alex Then, Aleksandr Shtirberg, Belousovn Shtirberg, Maria Shtirberg, Jan Vandenberg, William Vandenberg, David Tung, Patrick Gracyalny, Kelly Carr, Bill Murphy, Wheat Wheatley, William Jones, Guy Wright, Joseph Smith and Wendy Smith.

Cowboy Shoot Set Up

November 25

Chuck Crooks, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Scott McCauley, Paul Bluteau, Steve Huffman, Rick Jones, William Jones, Ray Dorn and Guy Wright.

Cowboy Dinner

November 26

Brad Boccuzzi, Marshall Dell, Randy McKenzie, Mary Hunt, Don Hunt, Steve Lefebvre, Ken Lefebvre, Dotty Agnew, Ge'O eP cm{ .Troy Agnew and Mash Esfanaji.

Mom's Comfort Meal (Kitchen Support)

December 2

Charly Culbertson, Steve Lefebvre, Ed McNally and the mystery worker (name not legible).

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 your effort. Also, a legible name wouldn't hurt.

Congratulations

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

Chip Schwartz

Eric V. Speights

John A. Betz Jr.

Richard DeRiso

Stephen Schertler

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, Berle Cherney, Wendy Smith, Barry Ephraim, Joe Gick, 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**](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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