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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**



Kudos to Cherie Aker who received her Food Service Certification on March 8, 2012. She passed the exam with a 93! She is now “official “ in the kitchen and will continue to whip up some great dishes for our dining pleasure.

Her husband Jean has retired recently so I’m sure we’ll see a lot more of him, too.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Conservation** (Meo Curtis)

**Conservation News for April**

**Upcoming Conservation Work Activities:**

**Annual Chapter Garden Maintenance Sunday April 29.** This is the regular monthly member work day. We will be pulling the many invasive weeds that are threatening to overtake the gardens next to the Chapter House, pulling out and trimming the more woody and thorny invasives growing up in our shrubbery, and applying new mulch. 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the green maintenance shed.

Tree Planting and Riparian Buffer Maintenance Saturday May 12. 9 a.m. to Noon.

Come out to help with maintenance of our tree planting on County parkland along Reddy Branch near Brookeville. Tools, gloves, and water provided. Student service learning hours if the forms are brought for signature this day. Conservation work credit for probationary members. Contact Jeff Deschamps ([jeff.deschamps@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.deschamps@verizon.net)) or Jim Piateski ([jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net)) for details.

Upcoming RainScapes Workshop at Brookside Gardens

Registrations for this workshop is through the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department online and can be found on pp 103 - 104 in the online guide. In order to register for Parks and Recreation classes you must have a ParkPass. It can take a few days for that pass to register, but it is free. Sign up for the ParkPass via the Montgomery County Parks Department. [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org)

**Conservation Landscaping Techniques:** Learn How conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, help improve the environment and save you time and money. Explore ways to replace traditional lawns with native landscapes to benefit our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Turf removal techniques will be explained, and a site design exercise tailored to each participant's yard will be developed, along with a shopping list. Fee: \$10

- Friday, May 18, 2012, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (#18801) OR
- Saturday, May 19, 2012, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (#18802)

### **Success at Tree Planting and Maintenance Sunday March 18**

About 15 volunteers showed up for work at the Pig Tail Area on WSSC property. For those unfamiliar with the Pigtail area it is on the Howard County side of Triadelphia Reservoir. About a dozen years ago, our chapter planted native trees in this area as part of a WSSC reforestation project. There were a mix of Chapter and non-Chapter, young and old volunteers. One group dug holes and then planted and watered more than 100 small shrubs and trees, including hazelnuts, elderberry, and pecans. Another group cut wire fencing to length and then protected the new plantings from deer browse and rub with wire cages secured with rebar. A few others pulled vines and other invasives from around trees that had been planted on previous work days. The Chapter will continue to work in partnership with WSSC and other volunteer groups to help maintain this area until the trees grow tall enough to fend for themselves. We plan for another work day here in the fall. Special thanks to Jim Piateski for obtaining and transporting the fencing, the rebar, and the chain saw.



Talk by Kim Knox with WSSC going over game plan for planting.



Digging holes to plant trees.



Installing wire cages to keep deer off new trees.

### **Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up Saturday March 31**

Our Chapter continued its 30-year plus trend with our Annual Spring Watershed Clean Up/Adopt A Road on Saturday March 31, 2012. There were about 30 volunteers so we were able to pick up not only our Adopt-A-Road stretch along Mullinix Mill Road, but also Long Corner Road from the Patuxent River to Rte. 108; Annapolis Rock Road from the River to Rte. 108; Howard Chapel Road from the River to Rte. 108/Rte. 650; and Gue Road where one of the Patuxent tributary crosses all the way to Long Corner Rd. Some volunteers walked and picked up along the tributary at Gue Road and the Patuxent River at Long Corner, Annapolis Rock, and Mullinix Mill. At least one of the volunteers from Trout Unlimited brought his waders and picked up trash while walking in the Patuxent River. At Gue Road, the volunteer crew was led by a nearby resident who saw our event announcement and came out to help clean up this area where she regularly walks and regularly picks up litter.

We collected about 50 contractor bags of trash. Most of the trash was recyclable beverage containers, along with one tire, various amounts of household remodeling materials, and a wedding dress.



The Chapter continued its tradition of providing lunch for all volunteers. We also gave each participant a metal water bottle and reusable sturdy plastic bag with our Chapter logo to support the 'reduce, reuse, and recycle' approach to conserving our natural resources.

Many thanks to Jose Scoseria, our chef, and Don Hunt for lunch support; Judy Riley and Jeff Deschamps, our rovers to keep our volunteer crews supplied with water and trash bags and relocation to maintain work flow; Jim Piateski, who volunteered his time and his truck for trash hauling; and also to Alan Zlotkowski from DNR who came with a truck to help haul out trash.



Pep talk by Meo.



Trash collected in three hours.

**Christmas trees** (Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry)

**March Christmas Tree Committee Update:** On March maintenance day, a great crowd of enthusiastic helpers planted 50 Douglas Firs; 50 Frasier Fir; 15 Concolor; 15 Colorado Blue Spruce Christmas Trees.



Please come out on April 29<sup>th</sup> chapter maintenance day to help us maintain the new plantings and assess the existing tree stock. This counts as conservation work credit and students can earn SSL hours for this (or any chapter work at WAC). Please bring your SSL forms on the day of the event for signature.

We are still in need of donations of gently used garden hose (with connectors intact) as well as gently used battery-operated grass clippers. Donations are tax deductible. Contact Wade Dayberry at

[wdayberry@hotmail.com](mailto:wdayberry@hotmail.com).

We are currently seeking crafters for the first annual WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 4PM at the Chapter House, Upper Hall. Table space rental is \$50 for two days and space is limited. Please pass this along to any of your friends or family crafters and register early! Proceeds from the table space rental will be applied to the Christmas Tree Committee. For more information, contact Wendy Smith at

[iwlvactrees@live.com](mailto:iwlvactrees@live.com).

Happy Spring!

**Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

**May 2012**

Wed 5/2 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 5/5 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green

Sun 5/6 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 5/9 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 5/12 Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian

Sun 5/13 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 5/16 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon

Sat 5/19 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 5/20 Joel Gross, John Davis



Wed 5/23 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney

Sat 5/26 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert

Sun 5/27 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 5/30 Dick Smith, Debbi Perry

**Substitutes:**

Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Steve Rowcroft, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, John Davis, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry, Bob Cooley, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Jim Kelly, Maj Tavakoli

**Folks:**

**Please remind shooters that they should be displaying their ID cards indicating that they are range approved.**

**Thanks for what you do.**

**Bob**

**Rifle and Pistol** (Wendy Smith)

**Inaugural NRA Basic Rifle Class – Held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Rifle and Pistol Committee Range Safety Officers held their first NRA Basic Rifle class in March. Eleven students participated, including two teen boys and two young women. A good time was had by all and the class was very successful.

Many thanks go to John Mullaney, Gregg McDonald, Rick Thornley, Jesse Lim, Terry Popkin and Wade Dayberry for constructing and hosting this first class. Judy Riley, Jean and Cherie Aker and Wendy Smith assisted with logistics.



**Photo credits: Jean Aker**

**Important upcoming dates (see chapter calendar for more details):**

The May NRA Basic Pistol class registration will be announced on April 13<sup>th</sup> via a special WAC announcement. Please be on the lookout for that announcement; class size is limited and **FILLS FAST**.

**Sat Apr 14<sup>th</sup>**: Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot, 10am-2pm – Rifle Range is closed during event.

**Sun Apr 29<sup>th</sup>**: Chapter Maintenance Day – Includes Rifle & Pistol Range maintenance and clean-up.

**Sat May 5<sup>th</sup>**: Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot - 10am-2pm – Rifle Range closed during event.

**Sun May 6<sup>th</sup>**: NRA Basic Pistol class (day one) Intro – Upper Chapter Hall, 1pm-4pm (**Free**).

**Sun May 20<sup>th</sup>**: NRA Basic Practical Pistol Certification class (day two) – Upper Chapter Hall 9am-1pm, Uncovered Pistol Range 1pm-4pm – Uncovered Pistol Range closed 1pm–4pm (**Materials Fee**).

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Membership Dinner and Meeting**

March 28

Dinner was prepared by Randy McKenzie and Cherie Aker. Kitchen support team: Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Diane Offutt, Charly Culbertson, Stu Graham, Mary Esfanaji and Laurie Balagurchik.

Dining Room set-up: Wm. T. Carbone

Bar staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre and Mash Esfanaji.

**Tree Planting and Maintenance**

March 18

John Davis, Robert Day, JD Delauder and his two helpers (could not read names), Carroll Dodson, Larry Halvorson, Don Bckelman, Thomas Keller, Hank Meetze, Kim Knox, Mark Graham, Rod Teel, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski and members of the Sandy Spring Lions: Alan Ballard, Paige Morris, Thomas Morris and the other name we could not read.

**Cowboy Set Up**

March 24

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Paul Bluteau, Mike Sage, Ray Dorn, Mash Esfanaji, Rich Rankin, Ryan Romig, Ron Romig, Geronimo Jim, Lena Oakley and Cody.

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

March 25

Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts, John Cianflone, Gary Young, John Mullaney, John Link, Jerry McPhee, Clark Mueller, Ian Augustine, Jeff (Not legible), Gerhard Bartsch, Mike Holt, Karl Krchma, Mark McKevitt, Stephen Rowcroft, Glenn Hubert, Richard A. DeRiso, Richard D. DeRiso, Brendan DeRiso, John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

**Conservation Activities (Trees):**

Syani Walley, Terry Golden, John Cianflone, Gary Young, Michael Holder Jr., John Mullaney, John Link, John Hare, Charly Culbertson, Jerry McPhee, Dale Buschling, Stephen W. McCaskill, Jeff Rachel, Jake Rachel, Clark Mueller, Rita Mueller, Russell Lahti, Richard A. DeRiso, Richard D. DeRiso, Brendan DeRiso, Dan Failacci, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith.

### **Spring Watershed Clean-Up**

March 31

Gertraud Robinson, Joe Robinson, Jay Sheppard, John O'Malley, Matthew McGuire, Chris Link, Chuck Chapman, Rita Mueller, Alcan Zbtsoloski, Michael Gagne, Robert Buschling, Robert Day, Victor Cascella, Natalie Cascella, Shawn Glabach, Rick Glabach, Linda Glabach, Gerard Sorrentino, Timothy Fahl, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski, Jack Roach, Jay Copsey, Ian Augustine, Kate Augustine, Nick Augustine, Mark Coggeshall, Jose Scoseria, Mavita Rogue, Dennis Covert, Lou Reichel, Don Hunt, Judy Riley, and Meo Curtis.

### **A note to our Probationary Members**

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Nonmembers; so, my guess could be wrong.

If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

### **Congratulations**

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

John H. Davis Jr.

Douglas C. Kay Sr.

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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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, 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](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.

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