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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

IMPORTANT REMINDER to ALL Members

It does not matter what you do for a living, you are required to follow the Wildlife Achievement Chapter/WAC Rules and Regulations—without exception—while you are on our property. It is your responsibility to learn these rules. They are posted both at our website* and on the Rifle/Pistol Range in multiple areas.

**WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER/WAC
RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These rules apply to ALL Chapter members and their guests in a general shooting environment. Some may be waived by range safety officials at organized Chapter functions where shooting is strictly supervised. Assume all rules are in effect unless specifically informed otherwise by a safety official at the time of an event. The SAFETY and CONDUCT rules for the rifle/pistol ranges also apply to the WAC air gun ranges, except where specifically in conflict with the written rules for those ranges, in which case the air gun range rules take precedence.

***WAC RULES MAY BE FOUND AT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE:**

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

POLICY ON HANDLING VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Violations of the above rules and regulations may result in the loss of range privileges, and in some cases may lead to expulsion from membership in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Constitution and by-laws. Approved by Board of Directors

The Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot of May 5, 2012

The May 5, 2012 “Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot” was as popular as ever...as is evidenced in the following photos, provided by photographer, Jean Aker.

Thank you one and all!



This Pumpkin took a lickin' and kept on tickin'



- Our Reigning Meatloaf Champ of 2012-
Kudos to Chuck Crooks - "Chuckaroo" - for winning
"The Meatloaf Throwdown Competition" 2-years in a row
Take heed, this champ is the one to beat in the May 2013 competition!
8X10 Color Glossies will be available free for the asking.
Autographed copies available for a fee.
Ask Chuckaroo for details.

Great work done by the Eagle Scouts- Troop 945

Our sea containers (and the areas around them) have never looked so good...and, in case you haven't yet seen them...here they are! These photos were received by Judy Riley with a very nice note from Jamie Hughes-Troop 945; the article actually wrote-itself from what he was kind enough to send our way!

Photos provided by Jamie who stated, "I was even able to get some of the local IWLA members enjoying the newly restored Cowboy Shoot containers. The project was over two days in April, Friday the 27th, and Saturday the 28th. Lots of scouts came out to help and were able to finish even more quickly than we thought we would. Thanks again to the IWLA for helping me out with my project, and I hope they enjoy the results."

WE DO...a couple of Cowboys even did a dance to celebrate!!!



The Maryland Division Meeting was held at the IWLA Woodmont Chapter on June 2, 2012 – The building and grounds of this 1870's previous Rod & Gun Club of over 500 acres - where Presidents frequented - was absolutely spectacular!



Transit of Venus Across the Sun—Once in a lifetime experience...!!!
June 5th – “Star Party”



Lost our Solar Telescopic View...

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

On Saturday May 12, there were 14 volunteers who worked with Katherine Nelson of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on the Reddy Branch reforestation project. The workers included six volunteer s from the Housing Opportunities Commission Teen Club who came via Kim Knox of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

We worked on removing invasive plants that were overgrowing the young trees and also on protecting new 'volunteer' native trees with wire cages. The cages are necessary to prevent damage from deer rub and deer browse until the trees are large enough to survive the unwanted attention. The 'volunteer' trees have come up on their own and protecting them in place is much easier than caging trees that need to be carried from the nearest access point.

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. Many of the trees planted in the first year (fall 2008) are twice their original height. Even some of the trees that have come up on their own are already taller than an average man. We plan to continue twice per year work days at this site for many years until we have established a self-sustaining forested buffer to filter the runoff from adjacent areas and provide shade during the summer months.

Photos:



WAC volunteers Glenn and his son Zachary Miller measuring out fencing material for cages to protect the trees.



The group shot



HOC Teen Club and Katherine Nelson.JPG One of the volunteers from the Housing Opportunities Commission Teen Club works with Katherine Nelson of MNCPPC Planning to install one of the tree cages.

Other Conservation Work Credit Opportunities

Adopt-A-Road—Sunday June 24. 9 a.m.

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 24. 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.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

July 2012

Sun 7/1 Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed 7/4 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat 7/7 Mash Esfanaji, Tim Mulreany
Sun 7/8 Mike Webb, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 7/11 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 7/14 Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun 7/15 Joel Gross, John Davis
Wed 7/18 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 7/21 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry
Sun 7/22 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 7/25 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat 7/28 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 7/29 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Mary Esfanaji, Gary Green, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, Dick Smith, Debbi Perry, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, John Davis, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Bob Cooley, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Ron Roberson, Steve Rowcroft,

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 (Judy Riley, Jesse Lim)

Rifle/ Pistol: Jesse Lim, Chairman | Judy Riley, RSO Committee Secretary

We had a successful Rifle/Pistol clean-up event on Memorial Weekend's May-Maintenance-Day, what an incredible month! We would like to thank Fisher Lumber in Rockville Maryland for the materials they donated. Jesse Lim sincerely says, "thank you" to our group; and, in particular, to David Tannenbaum, Al Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts (son), and one additional participant whose name is not logged. We were able to repair the uncovered pistol range 25-yard line targets' in-ground stands. The repair maintenance took 4-hours to complete. Note: Please do not place any target on the ground: e.g. soda can, water bottle and other ground targets at any time, nor on the 25-yard's target base box (Safety Rule #10.) Permissible targets include paper, balloons, and frangible, biodegradable items such as candy, crackers and clay pigeons. (Such targets must be attached to the target backboard and mounted so they do not obscure the steel target stand frame; we do not want these frames destroyed.)



Attention: Please do not improperly use your pocket knife; pocket knives are useful and versatile tools, but there are some tasks they simply aren't designed to perform. Misconduct use of any pocket knife cutting on our rifle/pistol shooting benches is a violation (Conduct rule# 15.) The cost of repairs for any damage to Chapter property and the possible loss of range privileges will be assessed for violations of these rules and regulations.)

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women of the United States who have died in military service. WAC honors those in service now and those that are retired or deceased. June 2nd, 2012 - Veterans Appreciation Day is an honorable day to remember. Thank you to all WAC members, family and friends who participated. This helps make our Veterans Appreciation Day memorable.







RSO Committee update – May NRA Basic Pistol Class (Wendy Smith)

On May 6th and 20th, we hosted our first NRA Basic Pistol class of the year to a great class of 9 adult males, 2 junior males, 3 adult females and one junior female. We had a great time instructing them, and based on the survey feedback, they had a great time as well. Many thanks to the following instructors: Al Goldschmidts, Danny Smith, Jesse Lim, John Mullaney, Joseph Smith, Judy Riley, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith. A special thank you to Jean Aker for additional support and photo credits! Our next co-ed class is late September/early October; please watch for the special WAC announcement in August.



Reminder: Please check chapter calendar of events for range closings due to special events.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Tree Maintenance at Brookeville

May 5

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Glen Miller, Zachary Miller, Kevin Dukes, Lynville Wyse, Dadrina Childers, Ashied Mathews, Vianney Kenne, Dagmari Eshete, Abe Kebede, Jim Piateski, Steve Huffman and Kim K.

Membership Dinner and Meeting

May 23

Dinner and Kitchen support was provided by Charly Culbertson, Ron David, Nancy David, Brittany Lefebvre, Will Calcagnd and Paul Hoffman. Dining Room set-up by Will Carbone and Steve Peck.

Chapter Maintenance Day

May 27

Range Maintenance

Al Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Stephen W. McCaskill, Stephen Rowcroft, Rudy Werner, Jay DeVan and Shan Lftikhar.

Conservation Activities

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Brian McClay, John Davis, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Wade A. Dayberry, Eric Trexler, Patty Trexler, Cameron Trexler, Michael Trexler, Richard DeRiso, Brendan DeRiso and Jim Piateski and Rufus.

Green Shed

John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

Veterans Day Celebration

June 2

Don Hunt, Phil Dean, Jim Pachulski, Richard Metzbower, Singson Tiu, Mike Pachulski and Eric Jensen.

Congratulations

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

Thomas Keller

Mike Fitzgerald

Rita Mueller

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

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 Non-members; so, my guess could be wrong.

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

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, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Jean Aker, Judy Riley 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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