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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Thunder Valley Days 2012

As many of you know, TVD is one of our chapter's bigger fundraisers. This was our 13th year of hosting the Single Action Shooting Societies, Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting.

With competitors from 9 states all bidding for shootout bragging rights, the final outcome was indeed a surprise and a joy to see. To be the State Champion, you must be a resident of the state. This years ladies champ was Kiddo Caldwell (her 8th in a row) and the Maryland State male champ was Lead Slingshot Nick. Lead Slingshot Nick is only 13 years old and believe me when I say, he shoots very well and fast! Nick was also 4th overall shooter in the match.

Many, many thanks are needed for our WAC crew of Waddies. We had over 50 club members pitch in to help make things run smoothly. And, as always, their efforts contributed greatly to a flawless match. They also worked in some of the hottest weather we have ever had for a Thunder Valley match. Waddie is a term of endearment given to the old time ranch hands that were called upon to do whatever task was at hand.

If you have never seen a cowboy match, I encourage you to come out and observe one of our monthly matches. Our cowboy matches are held on the 4th Saturday of the month from March through November. Complete information is available on our Damascus Wildlife Rangers web site at www.WildlifeRangers.com.

There will be another introduction to Cowboy Shooting on September 9th. See the web site for details.

Chuckaroo

(Photo credits to Berle Cherney and Randy McKenzie)



Waddies Joe Carinci and Bill Gazdik



Kiddo Caldwell and Lead Slinging Nick



Posse cutting a 2X4 in half





Our chapter's treasurer, "Dogmeat Dad" - Shooting his black powder rifle with "Tug Hill" timing.



Waddie Mary



Activity around a stage.



Soda can gets blasted by a scattergun!

Additional photos from Veterans Appreciation Day *(Photos by Jean Aker)*





Upcoming Elections

The following is the Nomination Committee slate of officers and directors for the upcoming year:

President- Jeffrey Deschamps
1st VP- Chuck Crooks
2nd VP- Ken Lefebvre
3rd VP- Bob Cooley
Recording Secretary –Judy Riley
Corresponding Secretary- Jim Piatetski
Membership Secretary – Joe Gick
Treasurer- Chuck Limparis
Sergeant at Arms- Rick Fried
Parliamentarian- Mac McCollum
Chaplain – John Leaman
Directors- John Walter, Berle Cherney, Mark Gay

The Nominating Committee was :

Guy Wright
Greg Talamini
Wade Dayberry
Rick Sommer
Jesse Lim

Nominations from the floor will be entertained at the July 25th General Membership meeting.
The election will be held on August 22, 2012 at the General membership Meeting.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

WAC Hosts Public Meeting

On Tuesday June 19, our chapter hosted a public meeting on how Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) properties are being used and how they should be used. This was one of two meetings held by EA Engineering (EA Eng.) consultants to WSSC. The meeting was well attended (see photo below) with approximately 50 participants including representatives from EA Eng., WSSC, the general public and a few chapter members.

It is appropriate that our chapter host meetings such as this as a primary goal of the League is to educate the next generation about the wise stewardship of the land and its resources. To do this, there must be access to large areas of open space maintained in as natural condition as possible, which can be found on the WSSC reservoirs property. Without access, it is not likely that the youth of today will appreciate the beauty, function, and need for areas that provide habitat for wildlife as well as buffers for runoff from developed lands.

We consider ourselves important stakeholders in the protection of the Patuxent River Watershed and the reservoirs. We have formed partnerships with Montgomery County MNCPPC and with WSSC to protect the reservoirs and their tributary streams. To this end, we have conducted native tree plantings and invasives management work days on parkland and WSSC property, and have sponsored an annual spring clean up of the Upper Patuxent that predates the Potomac River Watershed clean up.

In a comment letter as a follow up to the meeting, we advocate that WSSC continue to allow recreational access for those activities that connect us with our natural environment. This would include fishing, canoeing and kayaking, bird watching, hiking, and other passive recreational activities. People advocating for all of these

activities were present at the public meeting. We also support the DNR, Howard County Department of Recreation, and Montgomery County Parks staff who pointed out the need to continue managed hunts with a goal of a sustainable white-tail deer population throughout this region. They pointed out that proper deer management is critical to the health of the forest and that there is already evidence of loss of much of the understory, most likely due to excessive deer browse.

This was a very informative meeting, and allowed a new group of the public to visit our facility. Many of these visitors thanked us for hosting the meeting and commented on how nice the facility was and the quality of the chapter property. We hope that some of them will return to join as members.



Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)
August 2012

Wed 8/1 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 8/4 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 8/5 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 8/8 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 8/11 Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer
Sun 8/12 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 8/15 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 8/18 Murray Welsh, Bob Cooley
Sun 8/19 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell
Wed 8/22 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat 8/25 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
Sun 8/26 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 8/29 Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley

Substitutes:

Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Mike Webb, Maj Tavakoli, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, John Davis, Joel Gross, John Davis, Ron Roberson, Steve Rowcroft, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Rifle and Pistol

No report submitted.

Remember to check online calendar for range closures and other event

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Board of Directors Meeting

June 6

Richard Gautereaux: provided kitchen support.

Thunder Valley Days

June 22

Ian Augustine, Tom Nicewarner, Greg Castello, Richard Gautereaux Sr., Richard Gautereaux, Chase Gautereaux, Somer Gautereaux, Susan Frye, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Will Carbone, Paul Turska Jr. and Don Hunt.

Thunder Valley Days

June 23

O S McCollum, Michael Gagne, Jack Kneifl, Bill Gazdik, Mary Hunt, Joe Carinci, Steve Lefebvre, Susan Frye, Richard Gautereaux, Nicolas Giuliano, Paul Turska Sr., Judy Riley, Michael Whalen and to all who did not sign in but pitched in.

Chapter Maintenance Day

June 24

Range Maintenance

Rifle and Pistol Ranges: Al Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Kevin Meekins, Mariya Charny, David Tannenbaum and Karl Krchma.

Skeet Ranges

Stephen Rowcroft.

Green Shed

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

Conservation Activities (Adopt A Road)

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Joe Adams, Donald Jackson, John Hartwell, Eric Rager, William Summers, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Chapter Membership Dinner

June 27

Dinner and Kitchen Functions

Mac McCollum, Cherie Aker, Charly Culbertson and Randy McKenzie.

Kitchen support

Diane Offutt, Tim Kenney, Lyana Pearson, Jack Kenney and Eric Matson.

Dining Room Set-up

Will Carbone.

Hospitality Staff (the Bar)

Ken Lefebvre, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

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, Jean Aker, Chuckaroo, Berle Cherney, Randy McKenzie 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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