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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

**FLU SHOT CLINIC
AT CHAPTER EVENTS**

A representative of the Damascus Rite Aid pharmacy will be available to provide flu shots at the

Save the Bay event—Sunday, October 21

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

and

Membership meeting—Wednesday, October 24

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

We have been advised that the cost of the shots
are covered by 99% of all insurance policies, Medicare or private.

Please bring your insurance cards.

Questions: contact Berle Cherney

CUSTOM SILICONE EARPLUGS &

FLY FISHING EXHIBIT AT

Save the Bay event

Sunday, October 21

This is a great opportunity to have a set of silicone earplugs molded specifically to each individual's ears. These plugs are preferred by most serious shooters for both comfort and sound protection effectiveness. The cost is \$50.00.

The Potomac-Patuxent Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the beneficiary of our Save the Bay event, will be demonstrating fly tying and other fly fishing techniques in the main clubhouse.

Questions: Contact Berle Cherney

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Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



Wildlife
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Damascus, MD



**Sunday
October 21, 2012**

Proceeds to

Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited



No Pre-Registration

Open to the Public

Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**2 Rounds
Trap or Skeet**

\$30

**Lunch and
Event T-Shirt**

The new Wildlife Achievement Chapter Officers for the 2012-2013 term were sworn in at the September 28, 2012 General Membership Meeting. The ceremony began with something very funny being said...have you ever seen so many smiles and so much laughter?



The honor of the installation of the new Officers was performed by National IWLA President, Bob Chapman. From left to right are Jesse Lim, Wade Dayberry, Judy Riley, Joe Gick, Jeff Deschamps, Greg Talamini, Jim Piatetski, Chuck Limparis, Rick Sommer, Ken Lefebvre, Rich Fried, Chuck Crooks, Guy Wright and John Leaman

THE FIRST ANNUAL CLUB OLYMPIAN DAY!

Article submitted by Judy Riley

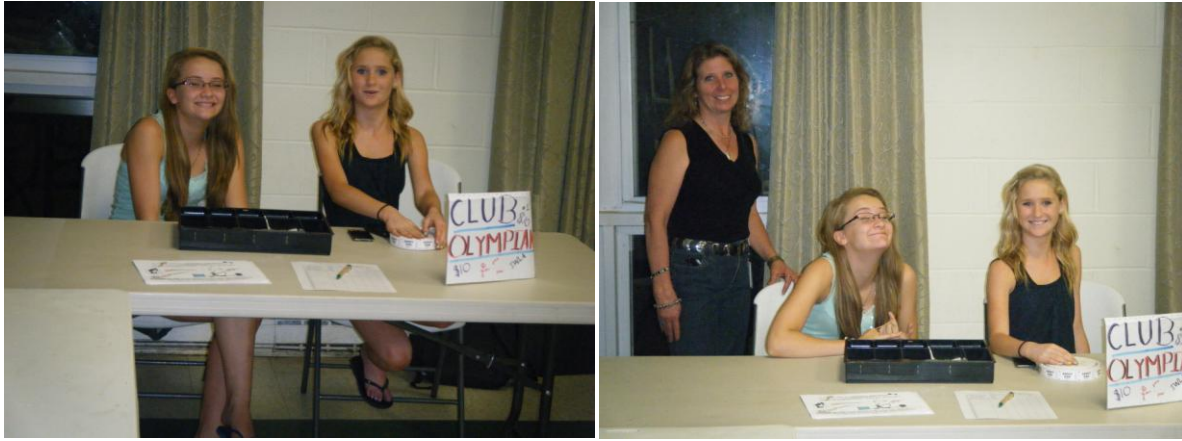


This was a brand new event that began with a “bang” at the General Membership Meeting on Friday, September 28, 2012. Opening Ceremonies were announced by our illustrious Grand Marshall, Steve Lefebvre. This was the kick-off for the main event planned for Saturday, September 29, 2012...

“THE FIRST ANNUAL CLUB OLYMPIAN DAY!”

This was the first event where the contestants outnumbered the planners of the event! We thank everyone who helped to plan and all those who participated because it definitely “takes a village” to put something this big together and to also have it turn out so well. FUN was had by all.

The "Kick-Off" with Brittany, Kendall Lefebvre and Mary Esfanaji



The Planners & Volunteer Workers

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| 1. Amedeo | Paolo | 14. Lefebvre | Ken |
| 2. Carroll | Anne | 15. Lefebvre | Judy |
| 3. Carroll | Elizabeth | 16. Lefebvre | Brittany |
| 4. Crooks | Chuck | 17. Lefebvre | Kendall |
| 5. Crooks | Barbara | 18. Lefebvre | Steve |
| 6. Dean | Phil | 19. Lim | Jesse |
| 7. Esfanaji | Mash | 20. Malarkey | Tom |
| 8. Esfanaji | Mary | 21. McNally | Ed |
| 9. Gick | Joe | 22. Myers | Greg |
| 10. Goldberg | Tyler | 23. Ott | Peter |
| 11. Gross | Joel | 24. Ouellette | Tom |
| 12. Hunt | Don | 25. Riley | Judy |
| 13. Jensen | Eric | 26. Walter | John |

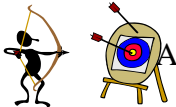
One of the best parts of this whole friendly competition was the fact everyone got to compete in multiple disciplines:

Rifle, 

Pistol-Cowboy Single Action,



Archery,



Airgun, 

Shotgun



Fishing...some were better at one than another, of course; however, this was a chance to do something one might not have, otherwise, even tried if not for this event.

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Everyone had one heck of a good time that was culminated in a bit of music by our house band, "The No Names"

Ed's Dogs at the annual WAC picnic!



...and an Awards Ceremony



The following competitors were awarded Red/White/Blue ribbons from which hung golden medallions that were beautifully engraved by “Chuckaroo” with their prize category. As seen here with Ken presenting “Fred” EE Chi Ng with his 2-awards:



The 1st Place—Club Olympians have been officially granted “Bragging Rights” for a year were awarded to the following—for The Best overall Champions in their category! Each is equally talented in all of the disciplines!

Juniors:	Brittany Lefebvre
Adults:	“Fred” EE Chi Ng
Experienced:	Richard Gautereaux

Other awards were earned, as follows:

Juniors

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Fastest Time</u>
Gautereaux	Somer	Fishing		<u>Tie- Breaker</u>
Goldberg	Josh	Shotgun		
Lefebvre	Brittany	Rifle	4	x
Lefebvre	Brittany	Pistol	3	x
Mall	Maddy	Archery		
Pratt	Tyler	Air Rifle		

Adults

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Fastest Time</u>
Carroll	Ann	Archery		
Carroll	Ann	Air Rifle		
Malarkey	Tom	Pistol		
Malarkey	Tom	Shotgun	2	x
Mell	Peter	Fishing		
Ng	EE Chi	Rifle		
		Shotgun		

Experienced

Davis	John			
Davis	John	Air Rifle	<Perfect Score	
Fried	Rich	Pistol		
Fried	Rich	Fishing	8	x
Lefebvre	Ken	Archery		
Riley	Judy	Rifle	6	x

Many thanks to the other competitors who gave these award winners a run for their money!!! There were many very close calls, as evidenced by the necessary timed tie breakers.

Many families came out to experience this event together!

Conservation (Meo Curtis, pics by Jeff Deschamps)

We had a terrific turn out for the Conservation Work Day at the Chapter on Sunday September 23rd. There were 25 chapter members and others, including two students for student service learning hours, who came out to continue our re-do of the landscaping around the Chapter House. This hardworking crew removed hundreds of pounds of undesirable plants, put down landscaping fabric and mulch, and planted around the front of the Chapter House. A key item was removing all of the vegetation which had grown up around the heating and cooling units—excess vegetation decreases the efficiency of those units (and increases our operational costs).

There was even a bit of sprucing up down at the Shotgun Range House, thanks to Donald Jackson. We also took out exotic bush honeysuckle and other invasives that have grown up among the evergreens and other trees in the areas in front of the Chapter House. Exotic bush honeysuckle was planted as an ornamental for many years, and is now threatening many of our wild areas. There are many undesirable features of exotic bush honeysuckle species, including rapid takeover and production of toxic chemicals that prevent native plants from growing near them. Some recent studies have indicated that the bright red berries are junk food for birds and other wildlife, being lower in proteins and fats than those of native species. This is bad news for migrating birds that need all the calories they can get. More information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/loni1.htm>

Thanks in particular to Ken Lefebvre (Mr. Green Energy) who donated the very sturdy landscaping fabric and to new members Kathy and Anton Steuer who donated hostas, lirioppe, and other plants.





Upcoming Conservation Work Events

Native Tree Reforestation Project Maintenance. Saturday October 13. 9 a.m. to noon. Our Chapter is continuing on a long-term project to enhance and maintain forested buffers to the Reddy Branch, a tributary in the watershed of the WSSC Patuxent Reservoirs.

Site is on Montgomery County parkland off of Brookeville Road. Flyer with directions will be posted by early October on the Conservation Committee web site:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index/>. Gloves, tools, and water will be provided. Contact Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net.

Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean up. Sunday November 4, 2012, from 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Join the IWLA-Wildlife Achievement Chapter in preventing roadside litter and dumped trash from getting into the tributaries that lead to the Patuxent Reservoirs. Meet at 9 a.m. at 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd, Mt. Airy MD 21771. Bags, gloves, and water supplied. Lunch at noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Christmas Tree Committee Update

October Christmas Tree Committee Update: By Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith
The early fall rains continue to help the seedlings take root, however, we have a way to go to have a strong saleable crop for the public. To that end, we will not be holding Christmas Tree sales at the league this year. We will have one day that will open for a limited time for the WAC membership to come out and purchase a tree if you wish. The date will be communicated in early December via special WAC announcement.

Our alternative plan to tree sales is to hold a craft bazaar in early December. We must have at least 10 crafters/vendors to make this a worthwhile event for all.

LAST CALL for crafters and vendors for the WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 8th and 9th from 10AM to 4PM at the Chapter House, Upper Hall. Table space rental is reduced to \$40 for two days. **Please pass this along to any of your friends or family crafters and register by October 31st!** Proceeds from the table space rental will be applied to the Christmas Tree Committee. For more information, contact Wendy Smith at iwlvactrees@live.com.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2012

November 2012

Sat 11/3	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun 11/4	Paul Turska, Jake Turska (Daylight Savings Time Ends)
Sat 11/10	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun 11/11	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Sat 11/17	Mike Bowen, Roman Drew
Sun 11/18	Joel Gross, John Davis
Sat 11/24	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 11/25	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer Mark Gay, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Murray Welsh, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Ira Wein, Ron Roberson, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch, Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney, Steve Rowcroft, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Debbi Perry, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/Wendy Smith/Judy Riley)

RSO Committee update – October NRA Basic Pistol Class

On September 23rd and October 7th, we hosted our second NRA Basic Pistol class of the year to an enthusiastic class of 14 adult males, 1 junior male, and 3 adult females. We had a great time instructing them, and based on the feedback, they all had an educational and fun time as well. Thank you to the following instructors who volunteered their time in the classroom and on the range: Danny Smith, Jean Aker, Jesse Lim, Joseph Smith, Judy Riley, Peter Ott and Wendy Smith.

IMPORTANT REMINDER to ALL Members

It does not matter what you do for a living - while you are on our property, you are required—**without exception**—to follow the Wildlife Achievement Chapter/WAC Rules and Regulations. **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

Sunday-September 16, 2012 - DNR Maryland Hunter Shooting Qualification Day

40-people came for the DNR Maryland hunter shooting qualification and 36-people successfully qualified. Special thanks to our members, WAC Range Officers and special guests, DNR hunter education instructors, who assisted Jesse Lim in supporting the WAC-DNR Maryland Hunter Shooting Qualification program.

WAC ROs:

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| 1. Dennis Price | 6. Mash Esfanaji |
| 2. Steve Peck | 7. John Randall |
| 3. Peter Gracyalny | 8. Jay Copsy |
| 4. Norma Kawecki | 9. James Fort |
| 5. Mary Esfanaji | |

Guest DNR instructors:

1. Capt. Daedra Carrio, MC Correction/ Rehab
2. Kinta Diven
3. Phillip Lowe

Announcement: The next DNR Maryland Hunter Shooting Qualification Day will be held on Sunday- November 4, 2012, between the hours of 9:30am to Noon. This will be for Shotgun and Muzzleloader Qualifications Only.

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members

It's time to think about where you are on completing your required work. With summer almost half over conservation work will soon be minimal and conservation work is mandatory.

Reminders of the work requirements that must be completed are:

First year you must complete one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation.

Second year is the same as the first with one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation to be completed.

Each year is independent of each other: you cannot do four activities the first year and consider your obligation to be met.

If you have been keeping track of your progress ,great! Not sure of your work status or have questions? Email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Please reference IWLA in the Subject Line.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Diana Bourke
John Bourke
John P. O'Malley
Rory Wally

Chapter Membership Dinner

September 28

In the kitchen we had Randy McKenzie and Cherie Aker, supported by Charly Culbertson, Tom Barlow, Donald Beaudoin and Tim Garrity.

At the Bar we had Ken Lefebvre, Mary Esfanaji and Mash Esfanaji. Dining Room set-up by Will Carbone.

Airgun Range (Chapter Olympiad)

September 29

Working the event were Phillip Dean, Bill Gazdik, Eric Jensen, Pete Ott and Don Hunt.

Chapter Maintenance Day

September 30

Range Maintenance (Pistol/Rifle)

Al Goldschmidts, Henry Meetze. Jon May and John Fink Jr.

Shotgun Range Maintenance

Chris Walker, Patrick Walker, Tom Barlow, Victor Cascella, Donald Beaudoin, Richard Young and Jack Kneifl.

Conservation Activities (Tree maintenance)

Wendy Smith, Bill Damaska, Jim Scott and Wade Dayberry.

Green Shed Guy Wright.

Cowboy Set-up

No Date

Dogmeat Dad, Ray Dorn, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks and Spotted Horse.

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.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Berle Cherney, Judy Riley, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry 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 Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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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