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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

When our Chapter started the annual wild game dinner the objectives were to have fun and to share in the bounty of the hunt. True to that tradition we still have a good time and enjoy wonderful foods. Our cooks plan and make preparations for the game dinner well in advance and they work tirelessly for several days preparing a wonderful assortment for our dinning pleasure. Those efforts are well spent as year after year we are rewarded with a wonderful dining experience.

But for the last few years something has been missing in a big way. Wild game donations from our members has dropped off. Our dedicated cooks have been relying on store bought meat and fish. We are missing out on the experience and theme of a wild game dinner. We ask our hunters and anglers to step up and increase donations for our dinner. Imagine your satisfaction knowing that people are sitting down to a meal having fish or game that you are sharing with them. Let's put the wild back in the wild game dinner. We need you to get out in the field and streams and bring in some of the bounty to share with your club. Word on how to get to your donations to the right place and time will be sent out in time for the big event.

We are trying something new this year. In addition to individual donators, we're putting together a hunting party at a regulated hunting area. On January 19th, one week before the dinner, we will gather old and new friends to hunt pheasants. Experienced hands at upland game hunting will tell you what an exciting time you can have when the birds pop up challenging your reflexes and shooting skills. Join us for a great experience with your fellow club members and an opportunity to make a contribution to the chapter.

For details email Bill Kelly at kelly24100@gmail.com or call 301 717 0302 or home 301 253 5009.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Reddy Branch reforestation maintenance—Saturday October 13

We had a very good turn out for our long-term reforestation project along a stream on parkland near Brookeville. There were 16 volunteers who used up about 250' of donated wire mesh to cage 'volunteer' trees to protect them from deer graze and buck rub. We also moved a dozen or so cages from trees that didn't make it to new volunteers and removed vines and other invasives that were crowding out the trees inside their cages.

The volunteer trees are those natives that are coming up on their own. There is one area where we noticed few if any volunteers and few survivors from a previous fencing operation. We wonder if this is due to previous herbicide application in this area which used to be farmed. The MNCPPC intends to

plant larger native trees (like sycamores, red maples, and some oak varieties) in late November in the hope that they can survive whatever may be preventing seeds from sprouting.

On our way leaving the site, Jeff Deschamps spotted a great blue heron in the stream right at one of the sharp turns adjacent to a pasture. We also had a pileated woodpecker and numerous geese flying overhead as we worked. A great spot!

Photo one shows how the cages are created. Photo two shows the happy crew at the end of the work event, minus Jeff Deschamps the photographer. Special thanks to new member Rob Day who donated the wire mesh for the cages.





Fall Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up—Sunday November 4

We had another good turn out for this conservation event. There were 24 volunteers, including one for student service learning hours, who participated along Mullinix Mill Road, Long Corner Road, Annapolis Rock Road, Howard Chapel Road, and Gue Road from the tributary crossing to Long Corner Rd. We also cleaned up the areas around the DNR parking lots on Long Corner Road, Annapolis Rock Road, and Howard Chapel Road. We collected 33 contractor size bags of litter, most of which was recyclable beverage containers, plastic and aluminum, and also fast food trash. There were not many plastic bags among the litter. We found numerous empty paint cans and home renovation material at Gue Road and a big pile of miscellaneous car parts along Long Corner Road. We picked up 2 car tires and 1 truck tire.

See photo for some of the volunteers who have just unloaded bags to the pick up site. Special thanks to Judy Riley who volunteered as a 'rover' to provide trash bags and water to the volunteers; to Jim Piatetski and the others who used their own vehicles to move the trash back to event.



Montgomery County Adopt-A-Road Award

This is somewhat of a dubious honor since it reflects trash not properly disposed of. However, our **Chapter** won the *Adopt A Road Clean Sweeps* award from July 2011 through June 2012 **for picking up the most bags of any of the Montgomery County Adopt-A-Road participants.** We reported picking up 132 32-gallon bag equivalents, not counting all the larger miscellaneous items that would not fit into those bags. This is roughly equal to 2,640 pounds—that is more than a ton of litter prevented from getting into our local tributaries and the Triadelphia Reservoir. Thanks to all the members and non-members who came out to help on the Watershed Clean ups and Adopt-A-Road events this past year.

Upcoming Conservation Event: Saturday November 17 from 9 to Noon Native Tree Planting Maintenance at WSSC's Pigtail Branch area. Gloves, tools, and water provided. We will pull invasives and also be moving cages from non-survivors to new volunteer trees. Meet at the work site which is on the Howard County side for the Triadelphia Reservoir at: 5550 Green Bridge Road, Dayton, MD (see: https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Pigtail+Recreation+Area,+5550+Green+Bridge+Road,+Dayton,+MD.&rlz=1C1SFXN_enUS499US499&sugexp=chrome.mod%3D4&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hl=en&sa=N&tab=wl). Contact Jeffrey Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Jim Piateski (jimpiateski@verizon.net) for additional information.

Christmas Tree Committee Update (By Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

This is a reminder that 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.

Due to a lack of vendor response for the December Holiday Craft Bazaar, we have decided to cancel it this year. Thank you to those who did express an interest, it is greatly appreciated.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

December 2012

Sat 12/1 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 12/2 Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Sat 12/8 Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer
Sun 12/9 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat 12/15 Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun 12/16 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Sat 12/22 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
Sun 12/23 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Sat 12/29 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 12/30 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Frank Bis, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Ron Roberson, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Mike Bowen, Roman Drew, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Ira Wein, Ron Roberson, Joel Gross, John Davis,, Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney, Steve Rowcroft, Debbi Perry, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

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

RSO Committee update – October and November NRA Basic Pistol Class – by Wendy Smith

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. 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.



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.

Dany W. Smith
Anthony C. Hess
Ira H. Krowitz
Donald A. Beaudoin
Tracy Herriotts
John P. O'Malley
Rory Walley
John Hare

Conservation Work Day

September 23

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Tim Iafolla, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Paul Hoffman, Doug Dolan, Ira Krowitz, Nancy Ostrove, James Borum, Tony Santini, Donald Jackson, Donald Beaudoin, George A Caperones, Joan Caperones, Arnie Carlson, Eric Willie, Tom Barlow, Dmitriy Beloslyudtsey, Mark Coggeshall, Rachele Donnelly, Christian Donnelly, Timothy Donnelly, Leslie McKinney and Jim Horton.

Kitchen Work

October 20

Cherie Aker, Linda Sampson and Randy McKenzie.

Save The Bay (Support Team)

October 21

Deb Perry, Mike Holt, Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji, Stephen Rowcroft, Maj T, Anthony C. Hess and Gary Giambalvo. New member Mir Ali administered flu shots to those who wanted them. Mir is a pharmacist at the Damascus Rite Aid Pharmacy.

Chapter Membership Dinner

October 24

In the kitchen we had Charly Culbertson and Cherie Aker, supported by Linda Sampson Prep Chef and Tracy Herriotts doing the dishwashing.
Dining Room set-up by Will Carbone.

Cowboy Shoot Setup

October 26

Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Ray Dorn, Steve Huffman, Paul Bluteau, Paul Turska Sr. and Dogmeat Dad.

Chapter Maintenance Day

October 28

Range Maintenance (Pistol/Rifle)

Al Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Jon May,

Shotgun Range Maintenance

Fra Krowitz, Ee Chi Ng, Yue Li, Warren Miller and Shah Lftikhar.

Conservation Activities (Tree maintenance)

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, John Camino, Drew Penistone and Bill Damaska.

Green Shed -Guy Wright, John Leaman and gunner Leaman.

General Maintenance -(worked where needed)

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Steve Via, Chuck Chapman, Tom Hess, David Stamper and Freddie Stamper.

Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up

November 4

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jose Scoseria, Judy Riley, Jim Piateski, Jack T. Kneifl, William A. Carroll, Anton Steuer, John Cianflone, Liam Kelly, Jay Copsey, Bob Waffle, Martin Dempf, Vernon James, Kevin Wu, Martin Sanders, Timothy Iafolla, Chih-Te Lee, Dany Smith, Chris Smith, Bob Elliott, Harry Chopev, Mariya Charny, Kevin Dukes, Gerald Sorrentino, Chris Regnier, Dmitriy, James Conrad, Tom Ondulich and Donald Beaudoin.

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 Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bill Kelly, 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 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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