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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Fellow Ike's,

At the March 2013 Board of Directors meeting, the Board established a membership cap, for the first time in our history. It is anticipated that we could reach the cap later this year.

We want to assure our current members that we have taken these steps to protect everyone's enjoyment of our grounds and facilities.

The popularity of our club has grown considerably over the last few years. We have experienced growth at a relatively slow steady pace, until recently.

Due in part to our location, facilities, and the number of people getting into shooting sports, our membership has increased dramatically over the last year. Adding to the increase, our drop out rate has fallen. We have also seen a growth from new members joining for conservation activities and the social aspects of our chapter.

With growth, there can be growing pains. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to monitor the overall health of the Chapter and safeguard our facilities for the use of all members.

Once the cap is reached, we will establish a waiting list for potential new members. Procedures for managing the waiting list are being developed. Down the road we will examine the effects of the cap and make any needed modifications.

This was a difficult decision. However, we felt it was necessary.
(Chuck Crooks)

With the recent increase for membership over the last few months it is very important that new members as well as our older members pay attention to our calendar. We always mention this to prospective members and newly voted members so that they will be aware of just what facilities are in use on any given day on our grounds. It will also be a guide to programs, events, and qualified work days that will help probationary members complete their required work hours.

More importantly, the calendar provides all the information in a day by day presentation which helps members plan their time joining a group of members with mutual interests. This along with email announcements makes taking part easier. Meeting with others with like interests is a plus for all of us. There are no entitlements; all we achieve here from maintenance to community services come from member participation. As in life, the rewards are commensurate with the energy you provide. I know all new members receive a great deal information in an email to help

initiate your membership. Take the time to refresh via our web site and calendar. Most board members and committee chairs are easily accessible; contact information is available on our web site. Please take advantage of the information provided; members will be more than willing to direct you to whatever source or committee of interest. Spring is just about here and there will be plenty to do. Get involved, you are our future.(Greg Talamini)

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Our rain barrel workshop was attended by thirty people all who left with a shiny new rain barrel.

I want to thank Susan Bortniak, Jim Hitchcock, Don and Mary Hunt (and I think I'm leaving someone out, but not sure who), Paolo Amedeo for his hole taps, and Meo Curtis for her power point presentation.

The preparation was perfect and we finished in record time. The only glitch was that someone walked off with the sample diverter that was being passed around for everyone to look at .If someone finds it in their possession, please return it to the chapter house. (Jim Piateski)

Pigtail Branch Native Tree Planting and Maintenance—Sunday March 17th

It was a cold, raw day but 19 members came out to the WSSC Pigtail area on Sunday March 17th to plant native trees and plants and pull vines from the previous plantings. It looks like we had good survival from last year's plantings of wild cherry and hazelnuts. The crews protected the new plantings from deer browse and deer rub with wire fencing and rebar stakes. This is a continuing project begun about 10 years ago to increase the forested buffer around the WSSC Patuxent Reservoirs.

Much thanks to Jim Piateski for obtaining and transporting the wire mesh and rebar and to Kim Knox from WSSC for providing the trees and shrubs.



Watershed Clean Up—Saturday April 6th.

It was a great weather day and a great turn out for our 33rd plus year Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean up. There were 58 people for the event, so we were able to cover from Windsor Forest Road down to the Georgia Avenue parking lot. We had a bit of an organizational challenge getting the teams assigned and distributed to cover all of the sites, but our Chapter members know how to work together to make sure the job gets done! Alan Zlotkowski and Travis Watts from DNR arrived with a pick up and helped us with transporting bags and other trash back to the pick up site.

Over the years, we have seen a decrease in significant dump sites in our part of the Patuxent Watershed. However, significant littering with fast food packaging and recyclables (cans and bottle) continues. We ended up with quite a mountain of trash that the Montgomery County DOT will carry to the Transfer station. This included 27 tires, 2 sofas, 4 TVs (guess they weren't HD), 1 broken toilet, and once again a propane gas tank, along with about 60 contractor-size bags of litter and some miscellaneous items that didn't fit easily in the bags. When you consider that an average bag weighs about 25 pounds, we picked up about 1,500 pounds of trash just in the bags!

Many thanks to the 'veterans' who helped with logistics: Jeff Deschamps, Rich Fried, Bill Ladd, and Jim Piatieski-and guaranteed that no bags and no members got left at the sites! And of course, special thanks to Jose Scoseria, our chef, who guaranteed a hot lunch for all the workers.







Other Events

RainScapes Workshops

Learn more about the Montgomery County RainScapes programs at these upcoming workshops. The RainScapes program provides rebates for adding runoff management—like rain barrels and native plants—on your property. Space is limited to 40 participants per workshop. Make sure you register soon because space is filling fast. Please see below for more information on these workshops. Registration can be done through ParkPass (See link below) or in person at Brookside Gardens. Registration is \$10 per workshop.

Rain Barrel Workshops: April 12th and April 13th 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gather water from your rooftops, help control stormwater impacts from your yard, and store water to use in your landscape. Learn about watershed health in the County, and how you can help, starting at your own home. Rain barrel with fittings and easy instructions provided. Limit one 55-gallon rain barrel per household. Remember to bring a vehicle large enough to carry a 55-gallon barrel home! Please bring a bag lunch or snack, if you like.

<http://www.parkpass.org/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=21346>

Conservation Landscaping Workshops: May 31st and June 1st 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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. We'll go over turf removal techniques, help you develop a site design tailored to your yard, and provide information on the County's rebate program to help fund your project. Please bring a bag lunch or snack, if you like.

<http://www.parkpass.org/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=44347>

Adult Airgun (Phil Dean)

CHAPTER AIR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The annual WAC Air Pistol Champion Match will be fired on Monday evening April 22 and April 29. Participants can fire the match on either of the dates. The course of fire is 60 shots on the standard NRA 10 meter air pistol target fired from the NRA standing position. The match will be held in the indoor airgun range with range set up being at 6:30 PM and firing beginning at 7:00 PM. A charge of \$1.00 will be collected for the cost of targets. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202 or pd10x@comcast.net) for additional information.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

MAY 2013

Wed	5/1	Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat	5/4	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	5/5	Steve Rowcroft, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed	5/8	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	5/11	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	5/12	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Wed	5/15	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	5/18	Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun	5/19	Joel Gross, John Davis
Wed	5/22	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	5/25	Steve Olsen, Glenn Hubert
Sun	5/26	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Wed	5/29	Debbi Perry, Berle Cherney

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bob Cooley, Ira Wein, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Robin Dixon, Jay DeVan

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/ Wendy Smith)

BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:

Sat May 4 - (Day 1 intro) 1 - 4PM

Sun May 19 (Day two – prerequisite is May 4th) - 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

Sat Sept 21 - (Day 1 intro) 1 - 4PM

Sat Oct 5th – (Day two – prerequisite is Sept 21st) 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

LADIES/DAUGHTERS/TEENS

Sat Oct 19 (Day 1 intro and dinner) 2 - 6PM

Sun Nov 10 – (Day two – prerequisite is Oct 19th) 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/ Wendy Smith)

On March 24th maintenance day, a HUGE project was led by Al Goldschmidts in replacing the roof over the covered pistol range. Thanks to this long list of volunteers, the task was completed in 7 hours! Jesse Lim, Chairman of the Rifle/Pistol Committee, extends his sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the volunteers that make WAC special, but must call out those who came out on short notice to help with this BIG project:

Mary and Mash Esfanaji, Mark Adkins, Kip Shapiro, Dan Tockman, Randy Dunbar, Alan Pressman, Michael Murrie, Molms Brown, Aleks and Andy Goldschmidts, Peter Ott, Mark Johnson, Kraig Walsleben, Joe Carinci, John Mullaney, RJ Johnson, Tom Kosciesza, Philip Knowles and Kevin Grasson.

A special thank you to Jimmy and Jim Lessig of ABC Roofing and Don Hershey of Fishers Lumber, Rockville, MD for a their donations to the project.

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members (Nick Giuliano)

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.

Jeff Schilling

Bob Elliott

Bill Damaska

Membership Dinner

February 27

Cooking for this evening

Ed McNally and Randy McKenzie.

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties

Marty Burke, Charly Culbertson, Jeanette Nicholson and Joseph Grim.

Silverware and Tickets

Mary Hunt.

Dining Room setup

Will Carbone.

Air Rifle Dinner

March 16

Mark Scuderi and Carol McCarty.

Tree Planting and Maintenance

March 17

Laurie Balagurchik, Adrian Jackman, Edward J. Lisee, Janice B. Lisee, Michael Howerton, Henry Meetze, David Wong, James Lutz, Fred T. Teal Jr., Mark Graham, Joe Byrd, Joey Byrd, Tom Nicewarner, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Jim Piatieski, Jan Paper, Art Padama, Kim Knox and Steve Via.

Airgun Range Clean-up

March 23

Phillip Dean, Rex Gori, James Borum, Mike Fitzgerald, Steve Eshbaugh, Nathan Eshbaugh, Don Hunt, Bill Hunt, Linda Hall, Stephen Gilpin, Dean Mihalovits, Ed Lisee, Dick Bendt, Eric Jensen, Paolo Amedeo, and Jan Vandenberg.

Chapter Maintenance Day

Green Shed

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

Shotgun Range Maintenance

Robert Nugent, Alfred Chun, Steve Meyers, Richard Deriso, Brendan Deriso and Steve Olsen.

General Maintenance (Everywhere)

Chuck Crooks and Barbara Crooks.

Tree Maintenance

Jim Garrity.

March 24

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol)

Al Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Tom Kosciesza, Michael Murrie, Mark Samson, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Adrian Jackman, Jim Horton and Jean Aker.

Membership Dinner

March 27

Cooking for this evening:

Ed McNally, Cherie Aker and Randy McKenzie.

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties.

Charly Culbertson, Chase Gautereaux, Somer Gautereaux, Tyler Goldberg, Rocko Lefebvre, Jean Aker and Judy Riley

Dining Room setup

Will Carbone.

At the Bar:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji.

Range Maintenance (Wildlife Rangers)

No Date

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Mike Gagne, Paul Bluteau, Hud McCoy, Ray Dorn, Chuck Crooks and Guy Wright.

Congratulations

A reminder to our Probationary Members

If you would like an up-date of your work status, send an email to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

Just enter IWLA STATUS in the subject line; and your name in the message area, no need for anything else.

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

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 jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Jesse Lim, Meo Curtis, Greg Talamini, Chuck Crooks, Phil Dean, Wendy Smith 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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