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## CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Longtime Membership Secretary, Joe Gick, has decided to leave the Old Line state and relocate to South Carolina in the near future (read ASAP). Joe has served in this capacity for many years and will be missed by the chapter. As a result, the nominating committee will be looking for a replacement immediately as that season is upon us. Organizational skills and computer literacy are a requirement.

If interested, please contact Georgia Townsend at [townsend.georgia@gmail.com](mailto:townsend.georgia@gmail.com), Chairperson, Dave Goldberg, Bill Kelly, Mash Esfanaji or Will Carbone. There are a couple of director slots up for election as well as an opening for third vice-president. The deadline is June 26, 2013 at the General membership meeting. Nominations from the floor will be at the July membership meeting. Election is held at the August membership meeting.

### THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

The Single Action Shooting Societies Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting is June 20, 21 and 22.

We have been the host of this event for the last 14 years and it has become one of our biggest fund raisers.

Spectators are welcome (no pets). Please bring ear and eye protection.

#### Help Needed

It takes a lot of hands to produce and set up this match. Volunteer "Waddies" have been the backbone from day one and each one that helps on the above dates will receive a special TVD "Waddie" badge. During the 21st and 22nd days, all Waddies get free food during the event.

Our biggest need is food workers, shuttle drivers and folks to assist with tear down after the match.

Please review the list below for times and dates.

**Kitchen and Food preparation** help for lunch on 20, 21, 22 and a late afternoon BBQ on Friday the 21st. Contact [Mac McCollum](mailto:Mac McCollum) 301-854-3707.

**Parking** on the 20th, 21st and 22nd, mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 21nd & 22nd. Contact [Chuck Crooks](mailto:Chuck Crooks) 301-831-9666.

**Target swap** on the 21st at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

**Shuttle Drivers** on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 20th, 7:00 AM on the 21st and 22nd, finished at 4:00 PM.. Contact [Rich Fried](#) 301-253-2789. If you have a vehicle that can tow a trailer evne better!

**First Aid Station** on 21st & 22nd. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

**Roaming Safety Officer** (for visitors checking for ear and eye protection). Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666

**Match tear down** on the 22nd. Approximately 2:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666 to volunteer.

#### Vendors

There will be vendors on site from Thursday thru Saturday. Even if you are not a cowboy shooter, there will be vendors with items you might be interested in.

There will be a vendor that makes custom ear plugs on site. Great for all shooting events.

In addition, we have an arrangement with Liberty Mutual Insurance. As a vendor, they will make a donation to the club for every person that gets a rate quote on auto or home insurance. A great deal for sure. And IWLA members will get an additional discount on insurance premiums. It don't hurt to ask!

#### Ranges Closed During TVD

Tue 18, **Club Rifle and Pistol Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up**

**Wed 19, All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up**

**Thu 20, All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days**

**Fri 21, All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days**

**Sat 22, All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days THE RANGES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 11:00 AM SUNDAY**

Veterans Appreciation Day was another big success. Many thanks to Rick Thornley ,Mike Gugulis and a host of others that helped make this another great success. Below are a few pictures courtesy of Jean Aker.







**Conservation** (Meo Curtis)

Reddy Branch Buffer Maintenance—Saturday May 11th

We had a terrific turn-out of 19 members and 4 Americorps Interns for the Reddy Branch buffer maintenance near Brookeville, Montgomery County. This is another of our Chapter's long-term conservation projects, this one begun in 2009 with tree plantings on the MNCPPC parkland. The goal is to increase the forested buffer and wildlife habitat along this tributary to the Hawlings River which goes on to the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. Maintenance involves eliminating invasive vines like honeysuckle and oriental bittersweet and 'caging up' native tree seedlings. The caging is necessary to protect the young trees from deer browse and buck rub.

Many thanks to Jim Piateski for obtaining and transporting the wire mesh and rebar and to Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC Planning for helping with organization and targeting the work efforts.



Ready to start



Straightening the tree



Fixing the cage



## Upcoming Conservation Work Events

There will be conservation work credit events during the June, July, and August member work days. To get credit, you must be there at 9 a.m. and stay until noon. For the Adopt A Road pick ups, eight workers are needed and you may end up walking as much as two miles. If interested in the Adopt A Road ,contact Meo Curtis at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net). The Chapter provides gloves, trash bags, some trash grabbers, and water.

June 30th. Adopt A Road pick up. We will also be doing butterfly garden maintenance on this day.

July 28th. Gardens and grounds maintenance and removal of invasives.

August 25th. Adopt A Road pickup. Yes, there will also be grounds maintenance on this day.

Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg. August 9th-17th. Help support the IWLA exhibit that has been organized by the Rockville Chapter for quite a number of years. Contact Don & Mary Hunt at [ButterflyMary46@msn.com](mailto:ButterflyMary46@msn.com) or 301-946-4795.

**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>

**Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

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Wed 7/3 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney  
Sat 7/6 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green  
Sun 7/7 Steve Rowcroft, Paul Turska, Jake Turska  
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Wed 7/10 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson  
Sat 7/13 Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian  
Sun 7/14 Hank Williams, Mike Webb  
Wed 7/17 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon  
Sat 7/20 Gerhard Bartsch, Roman Drews  
Sun 7/21 Joel Gross, John Davis  
Wed 7/24 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward  
Sat 7/27 Steve Olsen, Glenn Hubert  
Sun 7/28 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson  
Wed 7/31 Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut

Substitutes:

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

The Shotgun Committee had some great help on our April 28th monthly maintenance day. Thanks to all the members who participated—lots of new faces and eager workers. And that old-timer played a key role too.





**NRA Training – Wendy Smith:**

The May NRA Basic Pistol Class was completed on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a great class of 11 adult males, 2 teen males and 8 ladies. Our next class will be in late summer/early fall. Please watch your email for newsletter updates and announcement for registration in late August.

Here are some highlights from the May class. A huge thanks to all of our instructors who volunteer their time and expertise to the class. Instructors left to right front row:

Joseph Smith, Al Goldschmidts, Suzy Floyd, Jesse Lim, Danny Smith, John Mullaney, Jean Aker and Wendy Smith.





**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](mailto: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.

Ian Augustine  
Fred Dodson

### **Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up**

April 6 (late entry due to computer glitch)

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bill Ladd, Jim Piateski, Jose Scoseria, Rich Fried, Bruce Burgess, Sue Celeste, Alfred Chun, Harold Dean Elliott, Chris Gockley, Katherine Grasson, Paul Hoffman and Family, Steve Kordell, Gene Lew, Glenn Miller, David Morrow, Bob Nugent, Jay Sheppard, Allan Snyder, Thomas Stevens, Jan Sylte, Ray Sylte, Steve Via, Adrian Jackman, Jay Cosey, Shane Scott, Tom Ondulich, Martin Sanders, Erinn Sanders, Gillian Sanders, Bob Dietsch, Michael Via, Zachary Miller, Judith Schneider, Edward Lisee, Janice Lisee, Bob Reynolds, Susan Baker, Charles Baker, Richie Gautereaux, Richard Gautereaux, Kevin Dukes, David Plummer, Michael Plummer, Megan Plummer, Larry Hill, Ethan Hill, Cassidy Hill, Matthew McGuire, Mark Shaughness, Lisa Shaughness and Jenna Shaughness.

From DNR Seneca State Park:

Alan Zlotkowski and Trawls Watts.

### **Brookeville Work Day** (all Conservation)

May 11

Garry Brown, Mark Warner, Don Morris, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Ed Lisee, Jan Lisee, Matthew Dill, Michael Whalen, Jon May, Adrian Jackman, Jim Piateski, Andy Pozsgay, Jimmy Lessig, Jim Lessig, Ken Reichard, Kevin Grasson, Stephen Gilpin and Linda Hall.

We also had four AmeriCorps volunteers.

### **Membership Dinner**

May 22

Cooking for this evening

Ed McNally and Randy McKenzie.

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties

Mary Hunt, Rocco, Jeff Williams, Martin Wild and Tim Mills.

### **Dining Room setup**

Will Carbone

**At the Bar:**

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji.

Cowboy Set up (Damascus Wildlife Rangers)

May 24

Paul Bluteau, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Guy Wright, Webb McAlister, Bill Gazdik, Ron Romig and Chuck Limparis.

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

May 26

**Conservation Work**

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Alexander and John Tokar.

**Range Maintenance** (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)

Dan Zimmerman, Thai Lam, Jon May, David Wong, Charles Baker, Ian Augustine, Andy Pozsgay, Fred Dodson, Glenn Anderson, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Gerhard Bartsch.

**General Maintenance** (Everywhere)

Richard D. DeRiso, Brendon DeRiso, Richard A. DeRiso and Brian P. Reilly.

**Range Road**

Rick Yount.

**Green Shed** (operations shack)

John Leaman and Chuck Crooks.

**Airgun Range Clean-up**

May 28

Bill Gazdik and Phillip Dean.

**Veteran's Appreciation Day**

June 1

Karl Krchma, Jim Pachulski, Don Hunt, William Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Eric Jenson, Ryan Mondonedo, Ed Mondonedo, Phillip Dean, Claire Ulsiton, Jack Cochran, Dick Chiapparoli and Richard ?????.

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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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com).

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



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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](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis , Chuck Crooks, Wendy Smith, Berle Cherney, Jean Aker 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](mailto: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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