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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

2014 - Membership Dues

Thank you to EVERYONE for all of your patience, support and kindness during this transition. Joe Gick has done a superb job for nearly 30-years and these are big shoes to fill. All of the hearts, a frog and caring thank you notes with your dues payments are treasures that have kept me going and put a smile on my face with each one that I read.

If you have already paid your Dues, your 2014 Membership is in processing mode and new cards will be received by you in December.

REMINDER to those who have not paid, to date:

WE HAVE REACHED A CAP ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

If your payment is not received by December 31, 2013, your Key Card will be deactivated and range privileges suspended until payment is received.

If you have not paid by January 31, 2013 you will be dropped from membership in our chapter. You will be forced to re-apply and be placed on the waiting list with all other new members wishing to join as spaces become available.

Dues must be received IN MY HANDS BY THESE DATES, NOT "in the mail." Thank you.

From the green shed (Guy Wright)
October 2013

What a wonderful day! The temperature was in the high 50's and sunny. The turnout was another good one.

For some time we have known that the sound barrier behind the rifle range shooting benches was going to need an upgrade. It was decided that the easiest way to do this was to simply build a new wall in front of the old one and the first step in that process was to sink new posts in the ground. Al Goldschmidts used his business relationship with Fisher Lumber to get 3 donated 6x6's and the rest at cost. Fisher Lumber has been very good to us and in my opinion, deserving of your patronage, if you have a need.

I sent the first 12 people to the range to help with setting the posts and they got that job done as well as the regular range maintenance. Thank you.

I also found myself with a “hat trick” of Leaman’s on this maintenance day. Our Chaplin, John Leaman and his two brothers Dan and Bill, who are new members working off their work obligations. The Leaman’s and a healthy crew of new members had a continuing go at invasive flora that exists around our Chapter grounds. Good job folks!

We are now coming to the time of year when work tends to slow down as the temperature gets colder and we move through the holidays of November, December, and January. Our next maintenance day happens on November 17th because of Thanksgiving. It is a short turnaround but if you can come out - please do. We always have things that require attention.

If we have snow or sleet that requires us to cancel a maintenance day, membership meeting, orientation, or other scheduled activity, we will send a email as soon as the decision is made. The closure will be reflected on the online club calendar - so always check the calendar if you are in doubt.

Thanks again to all who attended. See you next month at the green shed.

Conservation (Meo Curtis) (photos by Bill Agnostak)

Fall Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up

We had a tremendous turn-out of new members for our Fall Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean up on Saturday, November 2. Bill Agnostak, new member and event photographer, has contributed some thoughts on his experience elsewhere in this newsletter.

There were 70 members and family who participated, picking up trash along the roadsides and DNR parking lots from Long Corner Road down to Howard Chapel Road. This included Mullinix Mill Road, Long Corner Road, Hipsley Mill Road, Annapolis Rock Road, Howard Chapel Road, Howard Chapel Drive, and Gue Road from the tributary crossing to Long Corner Rd, and out to the DNR area at Brown Church Road. They collected 50 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 also picked up 16 tires, a mattress and box springs, containers of used paint (about 8 gallons) and used oil (about 5 gallons), car parts, lumber, and heavy wire.

Thanks to Jim Piatieski, Rich Fried, and Jeff Deschamps who assisted with organization and transport; to Buzz Vogel, Jack Kniefel, and other new members who volunteered their own vehicles to haul people and trash from point A to point B; and Judy Riley, the 'Red Rover' among locations. And also thanks to Jose Scoseria and his assistants for cooking a tremendous lunch to reward all those hard workers. Some feature photos this time—thanks to Bill and Jeff.





The first loads being offloaded



The days haul

As an official geezer (someone over, darn I forgot how old I am,) it was encouraging to see so many volunteers, well over 70 WAC members, eager to help with this past weekends' Watershed Clean-up. As this was my first (and, hopefully, not last) clean up participation, I was both, impressed with the number of younger participants and depressed by the amount of trash that was collected...especially considering a similar clean-up was done about 6 months earlier. As an Adopt-a-Road participant myself, I am often disheartened about how litter "unconscious" many folks are; considering that, here in Montgomery County, we have a tremendous re-cycling and trash pickup service, why there is so much litter is really sad. BUT, on the other-hand, WOW! what a great mobilized effort was put out by the members of the WAC....I commend all who participated and hope that OUR streams, wildlife and local residents are all appreciative of the great effort that was made. May Mother Nature bestow a great and prosperous Holiday and 2014 on all.

Bill



Chef and crew

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2013

December 2013

Sun 12/1 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Sat 12/7 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 12/8 George King, Arden Young

Sat 12/14 Paul Fisher, Greg Myers

Sun 12/15 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Sat 12/21 Steve Olsen, Murray Welsh

Sun 12/22 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Sat 12/28 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Reynolds

Sun 12/29 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Stephen Meyers, Steve Rowcroft, Steve Meyers, Ron Roberson, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Bob Cooley, Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross, John Davis, Mike Bowen, Roman Drew, Robin Dixon, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Charlie Weaver, Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut, Ed Shifflett, Gary Giambalvo



Shotgun range maintenance (Berle Cherney)

Rifle and pistol

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (R/P) - Jesse Lim

Important! It is your responsibility to read and understand our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules <http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Although members should read and understand **ALL** R/P rules, we would like to highlight a section under CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

18. No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

If at any time you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

NRA Basic Pistol update – Wendy Smith

October was a busy month with our Basic Pistol class on the 13th and the fifth annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens introduction class and dinner on the 19th. While the weather on the 13th was damp and cool, we were glad it kept the swarms of stink bugs away!





October 13th class instructors: Joseph Smith, Jean Aker, Jesse Lim, John Mullaney, Suzy Floyd, Pete Ott, Al Goldschmidts and Wendy Smith (not pictured).

The October 19th Fifth Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens introductory firearms class and dinner was a HUGE success that received (once again) RAVE reviews from all of the students. **A huge thank you** to Chefs Cherie, Dawn, Ed and Randy. They prepared a phenomenal meal starting with bruschetta appetizers, chicken parmesan with homemade marinara over penne pasta, roasted asparagus and melon salad with hand-made citrus dressing, homemade rolls and flavored butter and an amazing dessert! Our last day of class will be November 10th and we'll have the final class pictures in the December newsletter.

Earlier this year....



Assorted photos from a Seneca Valley High Power match this summer.(Submitted by Jean Aker)

WORK ACTIVITY RECORDING

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year (you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Gary Giambalvo, William A. Agnostak
Michael T. Holder, Jr., David Tannenbaum
Peter Ott, Eddy Navarro, Adamos Vasiliou,
Jerry Sorrentino, Ryan McGarity, Rod Kahn,
Eric D. Trexler, Vernon E. Vogel, Jr.,
Martin Sanders, Randy McKenzie,
Henry Meetze.

Hunter Safety Course

October 4

Conservation work credit earned by:

Erik Hill.

Club Olympiad Day

October 10

Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Gazdik, Carl McMahon and Phillip Dean.

Save The Bay

October 20

Deb Perry, Mary Esfanaji, Steve Rowcroft and Tony Hess.

Conservation work credit earned by:

Gary Giambalvo.

Cowboy Set up

October 25

Full members, family and nonmembers:

Barb Crooks and Chuck Crooks, Mary Esfanaji, Paul Bluteau, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Ed DeSantis, Frank D. Early, George Hughes and Gina Becker.

Regular work credit earned by:

Mike Holder, Art Padama, Marty Svrcek, Mitch Mroczka, Rodger Moran, Mike Stieber, Jerry Klinger, Tom Kennedy, John Zeitz Jr. and Steven Tiner.

Chapter Maintenance Day

October 27

Full members, family and nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Peter Ott, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Roger Dahlin, Hans Varmer, Mark Mckevitt, Rudy Werner, Anton Hess, Stephen Rowcroft, John Hallman, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Barb Crooks and Chuck Crooks.

Chapter Maintenance Day (continued)

October 27

Conservation work credit earned by:

Martin Sanders, Marty Svrcek, Mike Holder, Rob Dahlin, Kelly Zachary, Eric Trexler, John Poole, Larry McIntyre, Tony Carts, John Camino, Tom Barlow, William Fraga, Bill Connor and Brady Hill.

Regular work credit earned by:

Marty Dempf, Bud Gates, Adam Gaab, Arthur Paholski, Chris Gockley, Dave Wrona, Peter Nowak, Tim Whipp, Michael Wolfe, Gail Wolfe, Dan Leaman, William Leaman, Ed Shifflett, Jack Kneifl, Hans Varmer, Mark North, Jacob Brodsky, Wm. Greg Cass Jr., Richard A. Young and Billy Ramos.

Hunter Safety Course

November 1

Conservation work credit earned by:

Erik Hill.

Fall Watershed Clean Up

November 2

Full members, family and nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jose Scoseria, Rich Fried, Jim Piatetski, Judy Riley, Tim Donnelly, Jason Whipp, Lois E. Byrd, Ryan Pearre, Karl Krehma and Andrew Carts.

Conservation work credit earned by:

Jack T. Kneifl, Jay Copsey, Joe Adams, Adrian Jackman, Joseph Deffenbaugh, Helen Zupnik, Bob Zupnik, Lance Kennedy, Frank Hyatt, Nick Hrabak, Joe Forsha, Hossein Moaddab, Mark Evans, Christopher Toscano, Charles L. Dorian, Ed Shifflett, Warren Miller, Mike Zarchin, Mike Stieber, William S. Nisbet, Chih-Te Lee,

Kevin Wu, Ginger Dietsch, Bob Dietsch, Eric Willie, Christopher Ricketts, George A. Caperones, William Aubrey Duley, Marty Burke, James Klinger, Karen Engling, Rachel Engling, Mariya Charny, Michael Whalen, Rachele Donnelly, Preston Hall, Steve Jarosinski, Art Paholski, Larry Hill & Son, Bhavsar Chintan, David Tannenbaum, Mark Adkins, Ken Putkovich, Tim Whipp, Kevin Kittka, Larry Carpenter, Mark North, Glenn Anderson, Tom Kummer, Larry Ritzmann, William L. Byrd, Steven Pearre, Andrew Huo, David Riedman, Harold Dean Elliott, James Kelly, Vernon Vogel, Jeff Tokar, Tom Ondulich, Kirk Lattner, Tony Carts, Fran Payne, Tim Mills, Ed Gilpin, Eric Crompton and Bill Agnostak.

A reminder to our probationary members:

It's membership renewal time again. For members (1) that are at the end of their second year of probation or (2) might be over it and have not completed the minimum required work activities, you will need to pay the initiation fee of \$60.00 again along with the renewal fee of \$135.00.

You still have time to get whatever work activities you need done and not to pay the extra \$60.00.

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Nick Giuliano

If you are a probationary member and volunteered during the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter 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 Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Wendy Smith, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim, Bill Agnostak, Jean Aker, Berle Cherney 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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