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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

# **Wild Game Dinner and Auction**

**January 25, 2014**

## **Auction donations needed!**

This is our chapter's premier social and fundraising event, and we count on donations from members to be offered as auction items.

**\$20.00 tickets will be limited to  
150 attendees.**

**Please keep an eye out for emails regarding ticket  
sales.**

**Please leave items on the lower floor of the main clubhouse—behind the  
bar. Labels for items are on the wall next to the office door. Please put  
your names on these labels and place them on items. No exercise or  
computer equipment, please.**

For more information, contact Berle Cherney  
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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be no Chapter and Range Orientation in December.

### **Membership note**

THANK YOU TO ALL who have supported the Chapter Dues Renewal efforts!

Please know, some have volunteered on multiple occasions; which, although this makes each project run smoother since less instruction is required, it also tends to put the same people helping over and over again.

A Lick & Stick Party was held after the 11/20 GM meeting that allowed Probation Member Kevin Kittka to earn General Work Credits for this event. Additionally, kind assistance was given by Cherie Aker, Barbara Crooks and Steve Lefebvre that night.

On Sunday, 11/21, Wendy & Joe Smith kindly assisted with another leg of this mail-out project.

Mash & Mary Esfanaji kindly gave of their time Wednesday-12/6.

We had another L&S Party Saturday - 12/7 for which Cherie Aker and Steve Peck gave of their precious time. Later, that evening, Wendy Smith and Ken Lefebvre assisted with pulling cards for National, as well.

"It takes a village..."

Thank you everyone!

- Judy Riley  
Membership Secretary

### **From the green shed** (Guy Wright)

It was kind of a raw day. Cloudy skies, a little cool, and a mist kept coming and going. In spite of this the turnout was very good.

Al Goldschmidts and his two sons, Aleks and Andy, led a group working on the rifle range sound barrier. Bub Gates and others completed the team.

Ken Lefebvre and some volunteers installed new window air conditioners in the Rathskellar to replace ones that had failed. The biggest of the two is really a window heat pump so the Rathskellar now has an additional heating source. Mash and Mary spent a good part of the morning designing and building support brackets for the new window heat pump.

Dave Goldberg and a crew spent the morning clearing invasive plants from the perimeter of the new field archery range.

Joe and Wendy helped out in the green shed to hand out work assignments. And regulars JD, Karyn, and Kevin showed up to help out in several different areas.



Ken Lefebvre also brought his skid loader and spent some time spreading and smoothing out the large size gravel that will form the base of the field archery access road and parking area.

The rifle and pistol range got its usual cleaning, and the skeet and trap houses were restocked with a couple of pallets of clay birds and was also tidied up.

Well done to all!

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 December 22nd. It is the weekend before Christmas but if you can come out - please do.

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** (Jim Piateski) (photos by Kim Knox)







We had a nice turnout at the Pigtail Recreation Area on November 16<sup>th</sup> for tree planting and invasive removal. Photos depict cage making and planting of native species surrounding the Tridelphia Reservoir. Many of our members using public water will be drinking from this reservoir. We have been planting trees and removing invasives from this area for about 10 years now.





# **Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

## IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

### January 2014

Sat	1/4	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	1/5	Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers
Sat	1/11	Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian
Sun	1/12	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Sat	1/18	Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun	1/19	Joel Gross, John Davis
Sat	1/25	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	1/26	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

#### Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Myers, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bob Cooley, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Berle Cherney, Debby Perry, Jeff Greenhut, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan, Arden Young, Ed Shifflett, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Reynolds

#### SAFETY THOUGHTS

The second vice president's responsibilities include overseeing general safety. We empower all members and their quests to become safety officers for the club. During your activities at the club, please be aware of your surroundings. If there is anything that appears to be unsafe bring it to the attention of Bob Cooley, the second vice president. Thank you for your attention to this very important mind set. It is far better to prepare and prevent, than repair and repent.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all. Have a safe and prosperous New Year. And as always thank you for your service.

#### Adult Airgun ( Jim Pachulski)

##### New Year's Resolution for 2014

This is the time of year when many folks make New Year's resolutions that they will never keep. This year, make one that you will keep. Resolve to participate in the Adult Airgun Program and take your shooting skills to the next level.

On Monday evenings in the fall and winter, members of the Adult Airgun Program convert the Rathskeller into a 10 meter, international-style indoor shooting range. Starting at about 7:00pm, we shoot an informal 60 shot match. It is a great opportunity to practice your pistol and rifle shooting technique without using all of your holiday gift cards on ammunition.

Don't own an airgun? Never even shot one? No problem. Our regular members bring spare airguns to loan to other shooters. On your first night, we'll pair you with an experienced member for one-on-one instruction and coaching. No pressure, no competition, no hassle.

Don't waste another Monday evening sitting on your couch and channel surfing your television. Drop in to the Adult Airgun Program and start pulling the trigger. We guarantee you'll have a great time. If you have any questions, contact Jim Pachulski at [jim.pachulski@verizon.net](mailto:jim.pachulski@verizon.net) or (202) 497-6237.

#### 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 SAFETY and CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

SAFETY Rule# 5. While personnel are in front of the shooting benches or down range, all firearms shall be placed on the shooting bench, unloaded, with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available. Firearms, ammunition magazines, ammunition, firearm scopes and accessories shall not be touched during this period.

SAFETY Rule# 16. Only the firearm in use is permitted at the firing point while shooting.

CONDUCT Rule# 16. All range-approved members are range officers, and as such, are expected to maintain an attitude of SAFETY, PATIENCE, and COURTESY at all times when using the ranges.



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**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol class was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The weather held out nicely and an informative and great time was had by all! We look forward to our 2014 curriculum starting in March with the Basic Rifle class and May with the Basic Pistol class. Registration for both classes will be announced via special WAC email notification about a month prior. Please do not delay signing up, classes fill up fast.





November 10<sup>th</sup> class instructors: Joseph Smith, Danny Smith, Gregg McDonald, Jesse Lim, John Mullaney, Suzy Floyd, Pete Gracyalny, Judy Riley and Wendy Smith. Chuckaroo also stopped by in the morning for this photo op with the lady instructors!

## 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.

Steve Houck  
James M. Kelly  
Chris Link  
James B. Bourdon  
Leslie C. McKinney  
Rachelle Roger Donnelly  
Michael Schmidt  
John Camino  
Kevin Dukes

### **Brookeville Tree Maintenance**

October 12

Members and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jim Piatetski and MNCPPC member Katherine Nelson.

Probationary Members: (**conservation credit**)

Thai Lam, Jim Bourdon, Judah Organic, Rick Yount, Mark North, Hossein Moaddab, David Selman, Rodger Moran, Gary Cooper, William Fraga, David Rockabrand, Peggy Reed, Robert Reed and Mike Schmidt.

### **WSSC (Pigtail) Tree Maintenance**

November 16

Members and Nonmembers:

Jim Piatetski, Jimmy Jennings, Dan Jennings, Danielle Jennings, Grace Kelly, Conor Kelly, Theresa Kelly, Lena Halbani, Jeff Adamson, Austin Adamson, Ajay Adamson and Antrew Kugler.

Probationary Members: (conservation credits)

Dirk Wiersma, Michael Gagne, Zachary Kelly, Ed Gilpin, Philip Knowles, Rodger Moran, James Kelly and Geoffrey McDermott.

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

November 17

Members and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Mary Esfanaji, JD Delauder, Jason Veals, Rudy Werner, Stephen Rowcroft, David Goldberg, Tom Kosciesza, Al Goldschmidts, Robert Mongelluzzo, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Tony Hess and Mash Esfanaji.

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Robert Mongelluzzo Jr., Don Veals, Rich Hunt, Joe Winters, Edward Olson, Chris Bransford, Billy Ramos, Bub Gates, Nick Hewitt, Kevin Meekins, Adrian Jackman, Chris Link, Jim Horton and Sean Parker.  
Probationary Members: (conservation credits) Aleks Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Steve Pearre, Mariya Charny, Patrick Riley, Steve Houck and Thomas A. Downing.

### **Membership Dinner**

#### **November 20**

Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Ed Warburton, Rachel Engling, Mitch Mroczka and John Link.

### **Cowboy Set up**

#### **November 22**

Members and Nonmembers:  
Mary Esfanaji, Barb Crooks, Chuck Crooks, Mike Holder, Ed DeSantis, Joe Smith,  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Dale Hrabak, Frank D. Early, Michael Bennett, Joe Dennie, Francis Scuderi, Romeo Adjani and Tim Whirley.

### **Cowboy Shoot and Dinner**

#### **November 23**

Shoot  
Members and Nonmembers:  
Mike Sage, Dotch Coroner and MT Chambers.  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Philip Knowles and Steve Tiner.  
Dinner  
Members and Nonmembers:  
Addi Pool and Erik Chapman.  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Rachel Engling and John Poole.

### **A reminder to our probationary members:**

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### **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, however no conservation activities remain for 2013.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Wendy Smith, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim, Kim Knox (WSSC), 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](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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