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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

There seem to be some members who are not receiving their newsletters via the US Postal Service and even some electronic notifications aren't getting to their destinations.

It is imperative that you keep our membership secretary, Judy Riley, up to date with a valid mailing address and valid email if you wish to continue receiving this information.

If you do not receive your printed newsletter and desire to do so, please call Judy at 301 774-7426.

You can always check the newsletter online at the chapter website.

To contributors to the newsletter-

The newsletter is done the weekend following the Board of Directors meeting, which is the first Wednesday of every month. Submissions must be made no later than noon on that Sunday, unless I am advised of late arrival.

Public Meeting for Patuxent River State Park Trails (Tom Newton)

On Thursday, June 12th, from 7-8:30pm, there will be a public information meeting at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the IWLA to discuss the upcoming trail assessment project at Patuxent River State Park. The initial project will only be for the upstream area between Route 94 and Route 27, but in the future, an additional assessment may be conducted downstream to Route 97.

The project will be led by Jeremy Wimpey, PhD, and his company, Applied Trails Research. ATR will be mapping all the trails on state park land, taking pictures, and documenting environmental concerns such as muddy areas (in the flood plain) or unsustainable trail alignments (which have become washed-out gullies over time). Jeremy will be on hand for the public meeting as well as a park walk-through planned for Saturday, June 14th in the morning.

The public meeting will be hosted by Captain Dave Powell, the park ranger for Patuxent River State Park, and Dan Hudson, the manager for natural surface trails in Maryland State Parks.

Chapter Air Pistol Tournament (Jim Pachulski)

The Adult Airgun Program will host the Chapter's Air Pistol Tournament on May 12th and 19th. The competition will start at 7:00pm EDT. The tournament is open to all adult members of the Chapter. Competitors may shoot the competition on either night, but not both nights.

The tournament will be a 60 shot match at 10 meters. The course of fire will be six strings of ten shots with 15 minutes allowed per string. NRA rules will apply (e.g., minimum trigger weight of 500 grams). Eye protection is required.

The winner of the tournament will not receive an all-expense paid trip to Disneyworld or a brand new Tesla Model X. We don't want to jeopardize anyone's NCAA standing. The winner will receive nothing more than bragging rights.

We're looking forward to a fun tournament. You won't want to miss it. If you have any questions, contact Jim Pachulski at jim.pachulski@verizon.net or (202) 487-6237.

Something special.....(Chuck Limparis)

This month, the Chapter received an anonymous donation in memory of a Mr. Pete McGlaughlin. I did not know Pete, nor was he a member of our chapter, but after hearing some of the stories about Pete, I can say with complete certainty he would have found a second home here at the chapter.

Pete was a Montgomery County local, having been raised with his 4 brothers in Twinbrook. He graduated from Richard Montgomery and then from Western Maryland College, now McDaniel with a degree in Biology. Later, he became a Certified Financial Planner where he spent his career helping his clients protect their investments and grow their savings for retirement.

Pete was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman. He hunted with Bow, Rifle, Muzzle Loader, and shotgun, all over the US, in Africa, and in every corner of Montgomery County. His special passion was Turkey Hunting. In addition, Pete was instrumental in introducing the donors' son, who is in fact a member of this chapter, to the shooting sports.

Pete was not big on being in the spotlight and per his wishes there was a private service where they followed his desire to go out like a Viking. His ashes were set adrift on a lake in a model Viking ship and a flaming arrow shot into the ship setting it ablaze that was followed by a big celebration of his life where everyone wore Hawaiian shirts in memory of his love for them.

At the time of his passing, Pete lived in Laytonsville and he is survived by his wife Nora and his daughters Amanda and Kate.

The donor has requested to remain anonymous and I have agreed to honor that request. After a discussion with the donor, and because of Pete's love of the outdoors and his desire to protect it for future generations, it was decided that the best place to apply the donation was the Land Purchase Fund. I will be depositing the donation, \$2,000.00, into the Land Purchase Fund tomorrow that will take the balance to \$47,158.49. A note of thanks and recognition will be sent to the donor and to Pete's family.



Pete and his wife Nora cuttin' a rug somewhere.....

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

UPCOMING CHAPTER CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Sunday May 25. Gardens Maintenance on member work day. Yes, time to weed, mulch, and whatever else to get the gardens looking good for the rest of the spring and summer. Meet at 9 a.m. at the large green maintenance shed. Gloves, some tools, and water will be available. . Contact Meo Curtis (meosotis58@verizon.net) to let me know you are going to be there.

Sunday June 29. Adopt A Road and Garden Maintenance. This is the monthly member work day, and there will be conservation credit activities. Up to eight workers are needed for the Adopt A Road, and any additional workers on that day will do grounds maintenance. Gloves, hand tools, water, and trash bags (for the Adopt A Road) will be provided. Contact Meo Curtis (meosotis58@verizon.net) to let me know you are going to be there.

REPORT ON RECENT CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Saturday May 10. Reddy Branch Parkland Forest Buffer Project

We had 18 workers at our Reddy Branch maintenance work day. This site is part of a long-term forest buffer restoration project through MNCPPC. In addition to our chapter, there have been many adult and youth volunteers who worked on this project since the first planting back in 2008. This was once a farm field that was plowed all the way down to the stream, and then part of it was later used (illegally) as a spreading area for horse manure.

Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC Planning led the group as we repaired and replaced cages around trees, took out a lot of invasive vines that were strangling some of the larger trees, and caged some young volunteer native trees that had come up from local seed stock. For those of us involved in that first planting (Jim Piatetski, Jeff Deschamps, and Meo Curtis) we have to marvel and admire how beautiful the trees look now. They are now tall enough to survive the occasional deer rub and provide habitat and food for birds and other wildlife, shade the stream on that side, and help filter the runoff from the field into the stream. This project is a very good example of how local government and residents can work together to restore and improve their natural resources.

OTHER CONSERVATION EVENTS

Your Woods and Your Wallet Workshop

Having woods on your property not only benefits wildlife, the air you breathe and your local streams but your pocket as well. Forests for the Bay in partnership with Howard County Conservancy will introduce private woodland owners to the many economic incentive programs available to you for having wooded property. The workshop will take place on Tuesday June 10th from 7 p.m -8:30 p.m. at the Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD. To RSVP for this Free workshop, go to www.forestsforthebay.org/events.cfm (scroll to find the event) or contact forests@allianceforthebay.org

General Assembly 2014 Session Issues

Rona Kobell of the Bay Journal published an article on April 30th which reflected on several controversial pieces of environmental legislation considered during the 2014 Session, including: (1) stormwater fees; (2) requiring an economic impact study before implementing a new agricultural phosphorus management tool, (3) delaying an Eastern Shore wind farm project over concerns about its effect on radar at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station; (4) Program Open Space (POS) funding; (5) the designation of new State wildlands; (6)

allowing farmers to place renewable energy facilities on lands subject to an agricultural easement and (7) removing “black liquor” from the State’s renewable standards energy portfolio.

The article noted that keeping stormwater fees in place was considered one of the biggest successes within the environmental community. The environmental community battled 20 bills that sought to gut the landmark law requiring the state’s 10 largest jurisdictions to set up funding from property owners to pay for stormwater management. These jurisdictions represent the largest sources of urban stormwater to our local and regional waterways. Urban stormwater is the only source of pollution to the Bay that continues to increase-- technological upgrades are reducing wastewater and septic system pollution, more farmers are adding agricultural best management practices, and atmospheric deposition is less polluting because of regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act. As more farmland is converted to non-farm uses, the percent of nutrients and sediment entering our streams, rivers, and the Bay from those non-farm uses increases.

The agricultural community in Maryland was able to delay the implementation of 2013 legislation requiring the use of the controversial Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT). The PMT provides more 'precise' information on how phosphorus moves from the soils to nearby waterways where excess phosphorus can lead to serious water quality problems. The Maryland Department of Agriculture must now conduct an economic impact study before farmers will be required to follow this more restrictive phosphorus application law.

The article also noted the challenges faced for Program Open Space (POS). Open space acquisition in Maryland is funded through a half percent tax on the transfer of real property, called the transfer tax, which is to be dedicated to the POS fund. For the last several years, the state government has taken the POS cash to use for other programs and replaced it with bond funds, which have more restrictions on how the funds can be used. POS managed to get back the \$57 million owed to it from previous years, but not the \$100 million the state took more recently. Advocates fought back a bill to cap the fund at \$100 million.

The entire article can be found on-line at:

www.bayjournal.com/article/md_general_assembly_withstands_attacks_on_stormwater_fee



Gollleee.... What’s this!



Ready to make cages.



Black plastic tubes about to be replaced with wire cages.



Jeff Kordenbrock and son working together.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

Remember – Safety starts with you.

June 2014

Sun	6/1	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed	6/4	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	6/7	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	6/8	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	6/11	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	6/14	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	6/15	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	6/18	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	6/21	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen

Sun	6/22	Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan
Wed	6/25	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	6/28	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	6/29	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Ron Roberson, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Charlie Weaver, Mike Bowen, Roman Drews, Joel Gross, John Davis, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Debby Perry, Bob Cooley, Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Rifle and pistol (WAC Range Safety Officer Committee,) - Jesse Lim (rerun from April)

Important! Read and know our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Please take the time to read and understand the Rifle and Pistol Range Rules!

Empty chamber indicators have been placed at the ranges as a CONVENIENCE AND COURTESY to our chapter members. Please feel free to use them as you see fit, but please, only take what you actually need to use.

If at any time you have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim at alphashooter@usa.com or cell 240-832-0354.

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

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

Paul Hoffman
Zachary Kelly
Nancy Ostrove
Kevin Meekins

Shotgun Clean-up Day

March 30

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mark Gay, Carl Newcomer, Stephen McCaskill and Jeffrey Kordenbrock, Jr

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

John Porter, William A. Duley, Jan Paper, Rodger Moran, Charles L. Dorian, Gene Lew, Matthew Newcomer, Ed Shifflett, Ken Richard, Thomas A. Downing, Michael Zarchin and Jeff Kordenbrock

Upper Patuxent Spring Watershed Clean Up

April 5

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Bill Ladd, Danny Smith, Chris Smith,

Jennifer Lim, Carl Newcomer, Barbara Kallish, Suzanne Leaman, Michael Chun, Matthew Chun, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jose Scoseria, Rich Fried, Jim Piatetski, Judy Riley, Alan Zlotowski, Rob Lang and the folks from Trout Unlimited.

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Edward Lisee, Janice Lisee, Michael Murrie, Robert Nugent, Bruce L. Burgess, Todd Bourcier, Rick Garbett, Debbie Garbett, John A. Tokar, Robert L. Stephenson, Megan Newcomer, Matthew Newcomer, Robert Radu, Robert Reynolds, Helen Zupnik, Robert Zupnik, John Porter, Franklin Hyatt, Bob Dietsch, Tom Peters, Rodger Moran, Mark Lattner, James Lattner, William Leaman, Magnum Vassell, Alfred Chun and James Borum

Shotgun Clean-up Day

April 6

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Berle Cherney, Stephen McCaskill, Rudy Werner, Frank Saenz and Ron Van Tassell

Airgun Range Maintenance Day

April 12

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jim Pachulski and Mike Fitzgerald

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Ben Partlow, Todd Bourcier, Vince Sempronio and

Alexander Flavin

Membership Dinner

April 23 (kitchen work)

Probationary Member: (regular credit)

Linda Sampson

Cowboy Set Up

April 25

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Vernon R. King Jr., Joe Forsha, Mike Holder, Joe Wolf, Nancy Ostrove, Paul Brounstein, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Bob Dietsch, Victor Ezerski, Erik Hill, Kenneth Putkovich, Tom Kennedy, Seth Levy and Sean Falk

Chapter Maintenance Day

April 27 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/Conservation)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Hands Varmer, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, , Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Carl Newcomer and John Leaman

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Andy Goldschmidts and Mark Warner

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Kevin Kittka, Matthew Konas, James Nail, Richard Lowery, Kevin Meekins and Sean Taylor

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 reminder to our probationary members:

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.

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Nick Giuliano

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 Times New 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, Bob Cooley, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim, Tom Newton and Chuck Limparis 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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