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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

TVD Round-up

The 2014 Thunder Valleys Days was a complete success. A great deal of that success is due to the many chapter members that volunteered to assist with food preparation, shuttle drivers, set up and tear down, safety observers, parking and the target swap on Friday.

This event is a lot of work. A full year of planning is required and it can all fall apart without our volunteers. Your service to the club is greatly appreciated. TVD is also one of our biggest and most successful, fundraising events.

This year was our 15th year of hosting the Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting.

We had 107 shooters including over a dozen of our chapter members. After the smoke had cleared, the Maryland State Champion is our own Mike Sage AKA Sagebrush Kid.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a shooting sport that uses single action revolvers, a lever action rifle and a shotgun to shoot various courses of fire, called stages. Shooters compete against each other in various categories. The object is to shoot the stage in the fastest time without any mistakes. Time penalties include 5 seconds for each missed target, 10 seconds for shooting the targets in the wrong sequence and 10 seconds will be added to your time, for a minor safety violation.

The event includes a day of side matches and two days for the 10 main stages. It all culminates with an awards banquet on Saturday night.

It all adds up to a lot of fun. Period clothing adds to the atmosphere representative of the late 1800's.

If you would like to learn more about the sport, stop by one of our monthly matches (the 4th Saturday of the month, March thru November). Also watch your newsletter for our introduction to Cowboy Shooting Clinics held twice a year. You can also contact Chuck Crooks AKA Chuckaroo at WildlifeRangers@aol.com for additional information.

Again, thank you Ike Waddies!!

**Ike, Mike Sage aka Sagebrush Kid
Md State Mens Champion**

Kiddo Caldwell, ladies Md State Champ



Ike, Donna Limparis aka Lil feathers





Bill Leaman aka Wandering Bill

Ike's

Paul Bluteau aka Tug Hill



Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot

Article by Judy Riley

The last Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot was held Saturday, July 19, 2014.

It was made to order, perfect weather. The turnout was smaller than usual; yet, much fun was had by all who were there!

Evidence is in the smiles...

Steve Lefebvre, Archery Instructor kibitzing with Jesse Lim, CRSO



On target with Jean Aker, RSO, NRA Instructor



Mark Anderson, RSO was hitting those spinners dead-on



Shannon Garrity broke-bad on her clay birds - they didn't stand a chance!



Also, we were all wowed - when a 13-year-old broke out his Birthday present of the day - a beautiful green 10/22 Ruger - brought out for its first trial run at the fun shoot.



The most amazing part of the day was watching a ***Blue Monarch Butterfly*** that kept flitting around the Fun Shoot, then stopped to pose at the end. He was really quite amazing! **What a showstopper, such a treat!**



Thank you to our Butterfly Garden

The next Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot is scheduled for **Saturday, December 6th**. This is a **FREE** event and we always have some kind of goodies. Hope to see you there!

Only **one month** before National prints the **2015 Billing Statements** for us; if necessary, please update your information with Judy Riley, MDR, should you have any changes to your address, phone# or email, thank you.

-ALSO-

Only **Two Short months** before you will see a **collection stamp of \$60 on your Dues Renewal Invoice**, **IF** you have not met your work requirements **AND** you have passed your two-year Anniversary date.

Now is the time to **complete your work credits** and request removal from **Probation Status** to **become a Full Member**.

Thank you,
-Judy Riley, MDR

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

CONSERVATION NEWS FOR August 2014

Meo Curtis

UPCOMING CHAPTER CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Sunday August 24. Adopt A Road. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 8:30 a.m. Up to eight workers are needed for the Adopt A Road. Gloves, hand tools , water, and trash bags will be provided. Contact Meo Curtis (meosotis58@verizon.net) to let me know you are going to be there.

Saturday September 6. Native Tree Project Maintenance. 9 a.m. to Noon. This is an off-site work project. Gloves, tools, and water provided. We will remove invasives around previously planted trees and cage up volunteer trees to protect them from deer browse.. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought on the day of the event. Contact Jeffrey Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) for directions or additional information.

OTHER CONSERVATION NEWS

JULY GARDENS MAINTENANCE:

We had an even dozen workers working on gardens maintenance. They valiantly pulled vines and other overgrowing weeds in the planter boxes of the Shotgun Shed, outside the Chapter House, and in the Butterfly Garden. They really went to town at the rain garden next to the Shotgun Shed, taking out our arch enemies of bush and vine honeysuckle and tree-of-heaven. Thanks to all for their very hard work.

As the Chapter membership has grown, I have met more and more members who really do know how to tell a desired plant from a weed. This has been very helpful when setting folks out around our grounds. If any member has ideas about plantings or removals around the Chapter and is willing to help organize to implement these ideas, please contact me at meosotis58@verizon.net or come to a Conservation Committee meeting (first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.)

NEEDED: Adopt-A-Road Coordinator. Help protect our local streams and the Patuxent Reservoirs from litter and associated pollutants by organizing our Chapter's Adopt-A-Road events. The Montgomery County Adopt A Road program requires that we clean up Mullnix Mill Road, requested for six times per year. Right now, there are June and August Adopt-A-Road specific events and for the past many years, we have done both Mullnix Mill Road and Long Corner Road. We also include both of these roads in our spring and fall Watershed Clean ups which are open to the general public. I will continue to provide lead for coordination of the Watershed Clean ups but would welcome a co-coordinator who would be lead for organizing the Adopt-A-Road events.

The Chapter provides the bags, gloves, some litter grabbers, and water. The Adopt-A-Road Coordinator would be responsible for recruiting workers, acquiring supplies, organizing on the day of the event, requesting pick up by the County, and reporting to the DOT Adopt-A-Road program. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net if you are interested.

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair offers a great opportunity to have fun while learning. Where else can you see pig races, Chainsaw Carver demonstrations, learn all about bees, and buy award winning baked goods? If you missed the chance to volunteer at the IWLA booth this year, still come on out and bring your family for a great and educational time.

This year will include new and improved interactive displays at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tent, featuring things you can do to protect our streams and other waterways and ways to reduce your household impacts on our natural resources. The DEP tent will be near the IWLA tent and the Chilly Mall (where you can get lots of incredible home-made goods!)

New this year will be a scavenger hunt for young and old alike. Roam around the exhibits, find the answers to the three questions in the scavenger hunt, and get a nice water bottle as a prize. Come on Monday through Wednesday for the special aquatic biology display with live specimens from our local streams. Despite how urbanized much of Montgomery County is, there are still some wonderful natural places and you can learn more about how to protect those areas by coming to the DEP tent.

Howard County Nature Walks: The Howard County Recreation and Parks are offering a number of nature walks this summer. Please check ahead for age appropriateness for youngsters. Contact Nick Brightwell, nbrightwell@howardcountymd.gov, 410-313-0415 for more information.

Native Tree Hike-West Friendship. Learn about the benefits of native trees and how invasive species are adversely affecting our forest ecosystem.

Sunday August 17 1-2 p.m.

Reptiles and Amphibians—Warfield Pond. Learn about frogs, turtles, and their relatives.

Saturday August 16 11 am-noon

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

SAFETY THOUGHTS

Safety is a frame of mind that is supported by actions.

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

September 2014

Wed 9/3 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet

Sat 9/6 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green

Sun 9/7 Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers

Wed 9/10 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 9/13 Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian

Sun 9/14 Hank Williams, Mike Webb

Wed 9/17 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 9/20 Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun 9/21 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 9/24 Brian VanWinkle, Bob Woodward
Sat 9/27 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 9/28 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Myers, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, John Davis, Jay DeVan, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim) rerun

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

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

On May 18th, a WD40 aerosol can with residue still in it was found on the uncovered pistol range. Shooting at aerosol cans is prohibited. Please familiarize yourself with the following definitions in the Rifle and Pistol Rules -SAFETY SECTION:

10. Permissible targets include paper, balloons, and frangible, biodegradable items such as candy, crackers and clay pigeons. Such targets must be attached to the target backboard and mounted so they do not obscure the steel target stand frame.

11. Permissible free standing targets include, commercially made steel or "self-sealing" plastic targets which swing, spin, or fall when hit by a bullet.

A. Explosive targets (e.g., Tannerite) are strictly prohibited.



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

Congratulations

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

James M. Scott
Thomas R. Barlow
Joseph D. Forsha
Chris Regnier

Membership Dinner

June 25

Probationary Members: (regular credit)
Diane Brooks, Ronald Hilton and Raynu Clark

Club House Bar (inventory and cleaning)

July 21

Member: Mary Esfanaji
Probationary Member: (regular credit)
Stephen Esfanaji

Membership Dinner

July 25

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Gavin Mangolas and Keith Mangolas

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Tim Garrity, Shannon Garrity, Karen Engling and Rachel Engling

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

July 25

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Edward Hand, Joe Wolf and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Member (regular credit)

John Porter, Joe Deffenbaugh, Jerry Klinger, Jerry Schmidt, Gene Mongelluzzo, Ken Reichard, John Arness, Tim Garrity and Shannon Garrity

Chapter Maintenance Day

July 27 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/Conservation)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Nick Hewitt, Dale Buschling, Jim Horton, Tony Hess, Steve Rowcroft, Rodger Moran, John Hartwell, Jon May, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Frank Saenz, Shan Iftikhar, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Greg Dilla, Rob Van Tassell, Michael Husband, Stephenie Husband and Donna Vincenty

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Brian Pack, Mike Zarchin, Joe Winters, Katherine Grasson, David Morrow, Jan Paper, Matthew Konas, Bud Gates, Jim Scott, Billy Ramos, Peter Nowak and James H. Nail

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

John Porter, Larry Ritzmann, Larry W. Carpenter, Shannon Garrity, Tim Garrity, Stephen Elko, Pamela Porter, Charles Dilla, A.J. Janks, Ryan Washington, Dan Leaman, Michael Vincenty, Richard Lowery and Sean Parker

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.

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, Bob Cooley, Jesse Lim, and Judy Riley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion and the Thunder Valley Days update.

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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