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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Fellow Ike's,

The annual auction and game dinner are right around the corner. As of this writing, all tickets are sold.

We are still in need of auction items. Please consider donating any sporting equipment or other usable items that you no longer can use. No exercise equipment or computer components please. Items may be left in the Rathskeller behind the bar. Tags are available to identify the items you donated. Tax receipts are available if you desire.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

(not Chapter related exactly, but could be an interesting time)

National Ocean Science Bowl

Chesapeake Bay Bowl

Saturday - February 7, 2015

George Mason University

Fairfax, VA

8am-4pm

Lodging the night before the bowl is available for volunteers that are traveling from far away. Please indicate you need lodging when you register.

Volunteers will receive breakfast and lunch on 2/7 and a T-shirt.

Volunteer registration:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=6I9tXEu1tL6TZMWaIsLXQw#>

Volunteer training will be held on Friday February 6th from 7-9pm at George Mason University in Johnson Center Meeting Room C-3rd Floor (we will have pizza!)

We are not recreating the wheel. The Stingray Bowl has created a great volunteer training page so please review this page prior to the competition: <http://www.ssufisheries.com/main/nosb-online-training-modules.html>

Volunteers needed in the following categories:

- Bowl Central staff - Wide variety of tasks including: check-in/registration; maintaining master scoreboard; communications between competition rooms; food/drink logistics, etc.
- General assistance/Alternates - May fill in for Room Runners, Scorekeepers, Timekeepers, or Bowl Central staff, as needed
- Moderator (need 6) - Presides over match; reads questions; maintains match decorum. Must have good understanding of rules and be able to clearly pronounce scientific terms and Latin names. Must thoroughly review questions well in advance of bowl day to help verify accuracy of answers.
- Science Judge (need 6) - Controls buzzer system; ensures questions are read correctly; makes rulings on acceptability of answers; responds to science challenges. Must thoroughly review questions well in advance of bowl day to help verify accuracy of answers
- Rules Judge (need 6) - Ensures all match rules are followed; watches for scorekeeper or other procedural errors; ensures quiet is maintained and that no one from the audience signals competitors; responds to rules challenges. Must become intimately familiar with all rules before bowl day
- Timekeeper (need 6) - Manages question clock and game clock; notifies players at particular time intervals
- Scorekeeper (need 6) - Maintains running tally of points during individual matches via flip chart
- Room-Runner (need 6) - Oversees competition room setup/breakdown; assists Rules Judge; takes Team Challenge Questions to/from grading room; delivers paperwork to Bowl Central at the end of each match; responds to any room needs that may come up; monitors competition room door during competition (no one enters or exits while competition is in session)
- Team Challenge Question Grader (need 4+) - With other Graders, evaluate all TCQs according to provided rubrics. Must have extensive ocean science knowledge. Graders work in seclusion, behind the scenes. You will be asked to review the questions a few weeks prior to the event

Please contact me with further questions.

Richard K Friesner

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Don't forget to help our feathered friends this winter.

SAFETY THOUGHT

SAFETY IS FREE USE PLENTY OF IT – from James P
(Not the editor tho I agree)

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

Shotgun Range Roster

February 2015

Sun	2/1	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Sat	2/7	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	2/8	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat	2/14	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	2/15	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Sat	2/21	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	2/22	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Sat	2/28	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Hank Williams, Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch, Mike Webb, Jay DeVan, Roman Drews, Bill Murphy, Mike Bowen, Bob Cooley

RIFLE AND PISTOL / RANGE SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE (Jesse-Thomas Lim)

Happy New Year 2015!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and extend my warm wishes for a Happy New Year to all WAC members and their family.

Last year, we maintained an excellent safety record in WAC firearms safety and adherence to the conduct rules. We recognize and credit this to the positive attitude of our WAC members and the range safety committee officers who worked hard to ensure compliance. It is your sheer dedication and motivation why we are successful. We wouldn't have achieved this success and continued the firearms safety program and Montgomery County Firearms Certification without your support and dedication. Thank you once again for this excellent achievement.

I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous year, and may we all continue to work together this way **every** year to bring more success to the WAC firearms safe shooting community.

Sincerely,

Jesse Thomas Lim

WAC BOD, Chairman Rifle / Pistol

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee

MD-DNR , NRA CRSO, Certified Instructor

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules!

The rules are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354 or email alphashooter@usa.com .

REMINDER!

All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly LEGIBLY sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Guests must be signed in LEGIBLY with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing.

IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

CONDUCT Rule# 18 . We will conduct a strict audit and observe any member using the rifle and pistol ranges for prohibited training and certification activity outside of the WAC sanctioned training programs.

Rule# 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 observed or 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.

WAC NRA TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE – WENDY SMITH:

Thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic group of WAC NRA Basic Pistol and Rifle trainers who continue to volunteer their time to support our successful program. Most all of our trainers hold demanding full-time jobs, balance family obligations and still find time to happily support our volunteer training program. As well, this is strongly evidenced by the student surveys and feedback we receive after every class.

We held our 6th Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol class in November 2014. Here are some highlights of the class:



Our next class offering will be the NRA Basic Rifle class held in March – **WEATHER PERMITTING**. The class is open to WAC members and their family, per WAC membership rules. The course cost is \$50.00 payable the first day of class.

Saturday, March 9th – 7:30AM to noon

Saturday, March 16th – 7:30AM to 4PM

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2013.html#march>

Registration will be announced via special WAC email publication in early February. Class size is limited and seats fill up fast! Minors (age 12 and up) must be accompanied by their parent or guardian the entire time. We cannot pre-seat or pre-register prior to the registration announcement.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the NRA training headquarters is changing their delivery method for the NRA Basic Pistol curriculum in 2015. The traditional classroom portion of the class will be delivered **ONLINE VIA COMPUTER FOR THE STUDENT.**

At a minimum, the student will need to take the online portion prior to attending the WAC portion of the training. Please stay tuned for more information in early spring as to how we will integrate this and any impacts to the 2015 WAC NRA Basic Pistol course delivery and schedule.

Lastly, we will continue to offer the Maryland Handgun Qualification License (MD HQL) portion to qualified adults **FREE OF CHARGE** to WAC members during the NRA Basic Pistol class.

For more information on the MD HQL, please visit the following summary link on the WAC home page, or contact Jesse Lim at alphashooter@usa.com:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/#purchase>

<https://www.mdsp.org/Organization/SupportServicesBureau/LicensingDivision/MainLicensingPage/LicensingandRegistration/Firearms/HandgunQualificationLicense.aspx>

Parting Note:

Congratulations to WAC's own "Chuckaroo" on being inducted into the 2015 Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Hall of Fame this week in San Antonio, Texas. Thank you for all you do for our WAC community and SASS events!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A reminder to our members

If you joined the chapter on or before January 2013

And you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are still on probation.

Congratulations

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

Liam P. Kelly

Fran Payne

Jeff Tokar

Robert Dahlin

Alexander A. Flavin

Steven John Kordell

Michael J. Zarchin

Kenneth Montgomery

Cowboy Dinner (Kitchen Service)

November 22

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

Neil Balfour

BOD Meeting (Kitchen Service)

December 3

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

Neil Balfour

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Service)

December 17

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jim Kelly and B. Kelly

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Karen Engling and Adrian Jackman

Chapter Maintenance Day (range maintenance)

December 21

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Rich De Riso, Brendan De Riso, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Bill Kelly and Billy Ramos

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Andy Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, James Nail, Jeff Tokar, Chris Gockley, Liam Kelly and Matt Dil

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed or you need a reminder as to your work history please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS!

IF YOU JOINED IN 2012 OR BEFORE

CHECK YOUR WORK STATUS

RENEWAL TIME **IS HERE** AVOID THE

\$60 PENALTY

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.

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 Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Bob Cooley, Jeff Deschamps, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith and Tim Garrity 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.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piatieski 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 Piatieski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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