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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Speaker for May 27th Member Meeting Eddie Franceschi, recently hired as the WSSC Patuxent Watershed Manager, will be our special speaker this month. Eddie was previously with the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District, working on issues related to equine operations and management. He will be here to talk about WSSC properties and public use and to get input on volunteer projects to help protect the Patuxent Reservoirs and the surrounding WSSC watershed lands.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is responsible for water supply and wastewater treatment for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The two Patuxent Reservoirs—Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge—provide water to these two Counties, mainly to Prince George's County. The Chapter's property drains to the Upper Patuxent which then drains to the Triadelphia Reservoir. More facts about the Reservoirs and their watersheds can be found on-line at: www.wsscwater.com/education-and-recreation/educational--recreational-activi/watershed-protection/watershed-facts.html

Adopt-A-Road (Judy Riley)

Sun June 28

9:00 AM to Noon

(Green/Conservation Event)

8 to 16 volunteers needed, pre-register with - Contact Judy Riley 301-980-4057 (may text name & phone #) or, email: j2_iwla-wac@verizon.net

WSSC Pigtail Site Maintenance-May 7

On Thursday, May 7, four of us worked at the WSSC Pigtail Site to address an issue brought up by WSSC property maintenance staff. WSSC mows this area only twice a year, and by the time they get there, the grass and brushy stuff is pretty tall. In fact, tall enough to hide some of the cages and rebar supports used to protect the trees and shrubs that have been planted there over the past few years. The cages are needed for protection from deer browse and deer rub.

With support from WSSC, we are trying out some marking techniques to make the cages and rebar more visible and easier to miss. Our first try includes spray painting the rebar and attaching surveyor's tape on the top rung of the cages. The first mowing of the season is scheduled for next month, and we'll find out then how successful we've been with our marking.



Howard County: Free Workshops for Environmentally Friendly Landscaping

Want to help the environment while improving the appearance of your yard? Want to get some financial help to do so? Then come to one of the following environmentally-friendly landscaping workshops at stores near you. You can learn about rain gardens, rain barrels, tree planting, and conservation landscapes including Howard County financial incentives for each. Contact Rachel Beebe in the Office of Community Sustainability (rbeebe@howardcountymd.gov) with any questions.

Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Home Depot, 9051 Snowden River Pkwy Columbia, MD 21046

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Walmart, 3200 North Ridge Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Workshops will begin every 20 minutes -
10 -10:20 a.m. Rain Gardens

10:20-10:40 a.m. Rain Barrels

10:40-11 a.m. Conservation Landscapes

11:00-11:20 a.m. Tree Planting

11:20-11:40 a.m. Rain Gardens

11:40-12:00 p.m. Rain Barrels

12:00-12:20 p.m. Conservation Landscapes

12:20-12:40 p.m. Tree Planting

12:40-1:00 p.m. Rain Gardens

1:00-1:20 p.m. Rain Barrels

1:20-1:40 p.m. Conservation Landscapes

1:40-2:00 p.m. Tree Planting

Tree Montgomery Program For Developed Areas

Tree Montgomery is a new program to increase tree cover in already developed areas in the County. The County's Department of Environmental Protection is looking for appropriate places to plant, especially in yards of single family homes, parking lots, and multi-family communities. Target areas are densely developed, have little tree canopy, or show a real need for shade. Each fall through spring, the County will plant trees and provide up to two-years of maintenance care after planting at no cost to the property-owners. When installed, the trees will be 10 to 12 feet tall and will eventually be more than 50 feet tall to provide decades of benefits. Program funding is provided through the Tree Canopy Law enacted in 2013.

Tree Montgomery will help reverse the loss of tree canopy due to development, storm damage, and the aging of many trees in the County. The program also helps raise awareness of the multiple benefits of trees—including shade and summer cooling, nectar sources for pollinators, and intercepting rainfall and slowing stormwater runoff.

Tree Montgomery's 2015 spring plantings have already been scheduled. To start planning for a fall planting, visit TreeMontgomery.org.

New offsite conservation opportunity (Barry Fleming)

On Sunday April 19 we had a group of 23 come out to do a tree planting and maintenance project at Rachel Carson Park along Sundown Road, east of Laytonsville. This project was coordinated with the help of Katherine Nelson from the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) who was also in attendance. We planted 28 new trees of which 18 had been purchased by our chapter from Schott Nurseries and another 10 that were donated from Stadler Nurseries. We first worked this area last fall and anticipate being here for some time due to the size and amount of work anticipated. This area is in the western most part of Rachel Carson Park along the banks of Hawlings River. Besides planting the new trees we also repaired or replaced many of the cages that had become too small or had been damaged over time. The Hawlings River is a 13 mile tributary of the Patuxent River and basically starts its journey just north of Laytonsville flowing through Rachel Carson Conservation Park. This newer project, as well as our work at the Brookville site and the ongoing project in conjunction with WSSC at Triadelphia Reservoir, is all about improving the stream water ending up in the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. This reservoir is the source of much of our drinking water in the area. Thanks to all that made this day a success.









Patuxent Hiker Biker Trail (Bob Cooley)

The June 20th Patuxent Trail Project Kick-off has been postponed. Details to follow as they develop.

Chapter Air Pistol Tournament (Jim Pachulski)

It is once again time for the Chapter's annual Air Pistol Tournament. The Adult Airgun Program will host the tournament on May 11th and 18th at 7:00pm. The tournament is open to all adult members of the Chapter. Competitors may shoot the competition on either night, but not both nights. Spectators are encouraged to attend both nights and cheer for their favorite competitors.

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.

In keeping with the program's tradition, we have once again turned down generous prize donations, which this year included season tickets to the Washington Redskins, an autographed RGIII jersey and a case of Yuengling. Participation in the tournament will not jeopardize any competitor's amateur 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.

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

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 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. He can be reached via cell at 240-832-0354 or email alphashooter@usa.com.

NRA TRAINING UPDATE (Wendy Smith)

IMPORTANT: Pre-registration is required for ALL WAC sponsored NRA classes.

Walk-ins cannot be accommodated due to the fact we have strict registration requirements from the NRA and student materials are ordered in advance of the classes.

We held our first NRA Basic Pistol class of the year, May 2nd and 9th. Based on student feedback and judging from many smiles on their faces, a good time was had by all. The next NRA Basic Pistol class will be in September and October 2015. Please watch for the August newsletter announcing the upcoming registration dates.

A big THANK YOU TO our instructors: Al Goldschmidts, “Buzz” Vogel, Gregg McDonald, Jean Aker, Jesse Lim, John Mullaney, Joseph Smith, Judy Riley, and Pete Ott.



SAFETY THOUGHTS

It is tick season. please take preventative action to avoid tick bites and the possibility of lyme disease. Apply repellent prior to your outing. Wear long pants, long sleeves and socks. Light colored clothing allows you to spot ticks early.

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2015 **June 2015**

Wed	6/3	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	6/6	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	6/7	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed	6/10	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	6/13	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	6/14	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	6/17	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	6/20	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	6/21	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	6/24	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	6/27	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	6/28	Jay DeVan, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch, Ed Gilpin, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Roman Drews, Bill Murphy, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Bob Poth, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Cumberland, Ed Gilpin

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A reminder to our members

If you joined the chapter on or before **May 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.

If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

Congratulations

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

Kenneth Putkovich	Robert Radu
Matthew R. Dill, Sr.	Marty Burke
Joseph A. Dennie	Ed Gilpin
Joe Donoghue	Jeff Williams
Haytham K. Najjar	AJ Janks
Mark Morgan	Paul C. Kinzer
Brian P. Reilly	

Fundraiser Dinner for Jr Air Rifle

April 11 (Worked in Kitchen)

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

Neil Balfour

Rachel Carson Park Tree Planting

April 19

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Rodger Moran, Drew Spence, Paul Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

John Porter, Barry Fleming, Nick Hrabak, Dale Hrabak, Glen Weston, David Bergtold, Carl Coakley, Ryan Washington, Scott LeVora, Fran Scuderi, Erik Havens, Magnum Vassell, Robert Radu, Leslie Harrelson, Paul Kinzer, Noel Briscoe, Grant Brumpton and Alex Bush

Membership Dinner

April 22

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Neil Balfour and Adrian Jackman

Cowboy Set-Up

April 24

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Paul Turska Sr., Paul Turska Jr., Ed DeSantis, Paul Bluteau and Paul Largent

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

Carlos Pana, Marilyn Pena, Michael Veirs Sr., Michael Veirs Jr., Rick Ebrey, Duc H. Lam, Joe Songer, Philip Knowles and Neil Balfour

Chapter Maintenance Day

April 26

Range Maintenance (Shot Gun/Rifle/Pistol)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John Leaman, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Grant Brumpton, Robert Reynold, Ed Gilpin and Dale Buschling

Conservation Work

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Ken Putkovich, Manuel Perez, Matthew Konas, Wince Sempronio, Marc Shaffer and William Leaman

Archery Class Assistant

May 2

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

John Porter

Board Meeting (Kitchen Work)

May 5

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

John Porter, Scott Henderson and Neil Balfour

Maintenance at Pigtail Area

May 7

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Melissa Dilla, Bill Nicholson, Paul Quattrociocchi

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 Piateski 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, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Jim Pachulski 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.

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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