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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Save The Bay Shoot

Results to come next edition. A great day to hang with friends and really enjoy the weather.





Meo looked the blue crab.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for October 2015

WSSC Campfire and Watershed Fair Saturday September 26, 2015

Our Chapter was among the 15 groups that participated in the WSSC's 15th annual Family Campfire and Watershed Fair. This was held at Brighton Dam in Montgomery County with fun and educational activities for all ages. Other participating non-profit groups included the Canoe Cruisers, the Maryland Geocaching Society, the American Chestnut Foundation, and Echoes of Nature. The Echoes of Nature exhibit included many live animals, including a red-tail hawk, black snake, and white possum. Unfortunately, due to the windy conditions and lack of rain, the fire department recommended against lighting the fire but participants still had a great time.

Each exhibitor had to include a 'hands-on' activity suitable for a wide range of ages. WSSC provided a 'passport' to those interested, and those who showed proof of completing at least 10 activities won a prize. Our 'Fishing is Fun' activity was well-received, using a magnet to 'catch' a fish and then identifying the fish from a special factsheet that included fun facts for each of the six sport fish in the 'pond'. In fact, some of the younger participants didn't want to let go of the fishing pole. Jeff Deschamps and I took advantage of the passport visitors to have great conversations about our Chapter and the Izaak Walton League of America. The fun for us was definitely interacting with young and old and conveying the love we have for being outdoors and appreciating nature.



Upcoming Conservation Events

Saturday October 31. 9:30 a.m.-Noon. Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean-Up. Help us keep spooky stuff from getting into our local waterways. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. The Chapter will provide gloves, trash bags, water and lunch at noon for all participants. Wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Student Service Learning credit if the forms are provided on the day of the event. Rain Date: Sunday November 1 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon.

Saturday November 14. 9 a.m. - Noon. Pigtail Branch Reforestation Maintenance in Howard County. **To register and for directions to the site - Contact Jeff Deschamps by e-mail at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.**

IWLA National: Tiny Ikes! There are a number of programs this fall specifically for our youngest members'—those who are from ages 2-5, accompanied by at least one adult over 18 years of age. All classes are held at the IWLA National in Gaithersburg from 10:30-11:30 a.m. except the Halloween Spooktacular, which take places 5:30-7:00pm. Classes are \$8 for IWLA members and \$10 for nonmembers. (Discounts are available for multi-class signups.) For more information and a registration form,

October 13, 2015: Art and Nature. Let your little Picasso explore the natural world through art. We will explore colors and use nature as our inspiration to create something vibrant.

October 29, 2015: Annual Halloween Spooktacular. Wear your costume and bring a flashlight for our (non-scary) night exploration to learn about the things that go bump in the night. It will be a hoot to discover

November 10, 2015: Not a Stick . . . or a Rock. Things in nature aren't always what they seem. Let's use our imaginations and turn the sticks, rocks, and other items we find in nature into something magical.

December 2, 2015: Getting Ready for Winter. Learn how animals prepare for the coming cold weather and make a treat to share with the animals to keep their bellies full.

On Saturday September 19th we had an eager group of 29 come out to do our semi annual tree planting and maintenance project at Rachel Carson Park along Sundown Road, east of Laytonsville. This was the 3rd time we have worked this site which again was coordinated with the help of Katherine Nelson and Michael Pierce from the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission, also in attendance. We planted 11 varieties of native trees for a grand total of 69. The Parks Department provided 21 and our chapter purchased the other 48 from Stadler Nurseries. Thanks to the efforts of Rodger Moran, Stadler Nurseries has now partnered with our chapter to provide trees for future projects at considerable discounts. In addition to the large tree planting we also provided deer protection cages for all the new trees, repaired older cages and removed a considerable amount of invasive vines. The majority of the rain held off until late

morning before letting loose and soaking many of the dedicated hard working Ike's.

We had several emails of appreciation from folks in the Parks Department expressing their gratitude for our hard work. Katherine Nelson in an email to her management made a statement about "how impressed she is with the tenacity of the IWLA". Michael Pierce wrote that he "observed nothing but eager, attentive, and hardworking folks in the field Saturday". Carole Bergmann wrote many nice words but she also stated "I cannot emphasize enough how important projects like these are, or how the much the Park Department values your efforts..." As you can see from comments like these, are certainly appreciated.

We first worked this area last fall and anticipate being here for the foreseeable future 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 where it runs parallel with Sundown Road. 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 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 quality of the water ending up in the Rocky Gorge Reservoir, the source for much of our drinking water. Thanks to all that made this day a success. The photo below shows the area along this section of the Hawlings River that we are trying to reforest and provide some shade to this section that has none now.
(Article submitted by Barry Fleming)

Pictures below from the event at Rachel Carson Park.









Rifle/pistol Report(Wendy Smith/Jesse 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>

“Important Reminder! If you are in doubt, ask a question. That whole thing about better to beg for forgiveness than ask permission doesn't apply with guns. If there is doubt in use of our rifle and pistol ranges, if there is a misunderstanding, PLEASE ask the Rifle and pistol chairman or designated WAC Range Safety Office with an orange RSO badge”. Jesse-Thomas Lim

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354 or email [Jesse Lim](mailto:Jesse.Lim) .

The WAC RSO Committee would like to highlight the following safety rule:

Safety rule 17. Firearms which are not in use shall be stored appropriately behind the shooting position. Firearms stored in the range racks shall be unloaded with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available.

This means the shooter may only have one firearm on the shooting line at a time. All others are to appropriately stored behind the shooting position.

Additional safe gun handling rules that should ALWAYS be practiced every time one is shooting:

Watch where you point the muzzle of the FIREARM (muzzle control). Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle **at all times** by pointing it in a safe direction. This means:

- Always keep the firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A "safe direction" means that the gun is pointed so that even if an accidental discharge occurred, it would NOT result in injury. Pointed downrange at all time and muzzle-up when removing from bench for proper storage.
- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot. When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don't touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.**
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use. Whenever you pick up a gun, such as when removing it from or returning it to storage, remember to point it in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded.
- **Be sure you know how your firearm operates: read the manual on your firearm, know how to safely open and close the action of the firearm and know how to safely remove any ammunition from the firearm and its magazine.**
- Know your target and what's beyond it.

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.

Range's Tipper Corner: REMINDER: NO RIFLE CARTRIDGES ALLOWED at any time on our pistol ranges (covered or uncovered) Firearm's rules highlight:

Firearms Rule #6. Handguns in traditional center fire rifle calibers must be shot on the rifle range. Other handguns are prohibited on the rifle range, except when firing at targets beyond 50 yards.

Firearms Rule #8. All handguns with handgun caliber ammunition are permitted on the covered and uncovered pistol ranges.

A: Pistol-caliber carbines (long guns firing handgun ammunition) are permitted on the covered pistol range, uncovered pistol range and rifle range.

B: Acceptable ammunition calibers include: all rim fire, 30 M1 Carbine, .32 ACP, .327, 357 Magnum, 38 Special, .380, 9mm Luger, 40 S&W, 10mm, 44 Special, 44 Magnum, 44-40 Winchester, 45 ACP, 45 Colt, 5.7, and .460/ .500 (S&W). If you do not see the caliber listed, please contact the Rifle and Pistol Chairperson.

C: All rifles and rifle carbines are allowed on the rifle range as well as shotguns firing solid slugs.

D: Handguns may only be fired at the 75 and 100 yard targets on the rifle range.

IWLA WAC NRA Basic Pistol Training Class Update – Wendy Smith

We held our second NRA Basic Pistol class of the year on September 19 and October, 11, 2015. We had an interactive enthusiastic crowd of 15 students. By the look of the smiles on their faces, and engaged questions they asked, a good time was had by all.

A special thanks to: Sergeant John Mullaney (MCP), Danny Smith, Jean Aker, Jesse Lim (WAC BoD, Rifle and Pistol Chairman and NRA Training Counselor), Joseph Smith, and Pete Ott. Both Joe and Pete came in all patched up but honored their commitment to the class none-the-less. Thank you to our training team!



The last class of the year will be the Ladies/Daughters and Teens Oct 17 and Nov 8th.

We are in the process of working the 2016 calendar and the next planned NRA class will be the Basic Rifle Class in March.

WALK-INS TO THE NRA CLASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME, due to NRA registration requirements.

As always, stay tuned for special WAC announcements and newsletters alerting members to the registration dates.

Students must register in advance once registration is opened, as materials are ordered specifically for the class size and for student-to-instructor ratios. Classes fill up fast, don't delay registration if you are committed to taking the class. As well, we do ask that registrants kindly honor their commitment to both days of the class, as often times we have to turn away people on the wait-list and cannot fill their spots on short notice.

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Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

November, 2015

Sun	11/1	Stephen Myers, Steve Rowcroft
Sat	11/7	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	11/8	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak (Maj Tavakoli- sub)
Sat	11/14	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian (Steve O. Murray W. - subs)
Sun	11/15	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	11/21	Bill Murphy, Roman Drews
Sun	11/22	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat	11/28	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	11/29	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Above includes changes I'm aware of.

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, , Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin, Bob Woodward, Greg Myers, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Debbi Perry, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Bob Reynolds

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before September or October 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.

James DeMoss, Jr.	Eric Jensen
Jerry Schmidt	Gene Mongelluzzo
Kevin Kittka	Dawn Shapiro
Marty Svrcek	Thomas C. Shapiro, Jr
John Ahrens	T J Atkinson
David F. Clemmer	Charles L. Dorian
Barry Fleming	Rick Garbett
Erik Havens	Kirk Lattner
Daniel L. Leaman	William M. Leaman, Sr
Philip Lowe	Richard Lowery
Rodger Moran	William S. Nisbet, Jr
Sean Parker	Helen L. Zupnik
Robert M. Zupnik	Mark Johnson

Board of Directors Meeting

8/5/2015 (**Kitchen Duties**)

Probationary Members: (**Regular Credit**)

Brian Mastro, Bruce Bender and John Porter

Cowboy Clinic

8/9/2015

Probationary Member: (**Regular Credit**)

Stephen Elko

Cowboy Setup For Thunder Valley Days

8/17/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Probationary Members: (**Regular Credit**)

Donald Koss, Phillip Lowe and Larry Ritzmann

Cowboy Setup For Thunder Valley Days

8/18/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Probationary Members: (**Regular Credit**)

**Eric Jensen, John Porter, Gene Mongelluzzo
and Noel Briscoe**

Montgomery County Fair

8/14 to 8/22 (**Each member work one shift**)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Mia Curtis and Tom Wallats

Probationary Members: (**Conservation Credit**)

John Logun, Carolea Logun, Tom Stevens, Tom Shapiro, Dawn Shapiro, Dave Anderson, Marty Svrcek, Daniel Leaman, Bill Leaman, Bob Mascaro, Lynn Mascaro, Kay Mangan, Phil Lowe, James McTague and Phil Rafferty

Due to space constraints of the printed newsletter, I eliminated the function the member did and just listed the day. All credits for TVD are (Regular)

Thunder Valley Days

8/20/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Martin Begosh, Will Carbone, Joe Carinci, Stephen W. McCaskill and Jim Arnold

Probationary Member:

Anthony Loratto

8/21/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jim Arnold, Paul Largent, Karl Krchma, Stephen W. McCaskill, Bill Carbone, Joseph Carinci, Martin Begosh and Merry Klinefelter

Probationary Members:

Donna Largent and John Porter

8/22/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jim Arnold, Karl Krchma, Wendy Smith, Joe Smith, Brian P. Reilly, Joseph Carinci and Ian Augustine

Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Dinner

8/22/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Ryan Mondonedo, Kristin Gagne, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Adrian Jackman

Probationary Members:

John Porter and Neil Balfour

Membership Dinner Set-up (Regular Credit)

8/25/2015

Probationary Member:

Danna Largent

Membership Dinner

8/26/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Adrian Jackman and Karen Engling

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Donna Largent and Rachel Engling

Adopt-A-Road

8/28/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Judy Riley and Tom Kenny

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Tony Loratto, Donald Waldschmidt, Brian Mastro, Steve Smet, Dave Anderson, Cameron Ray, Eric Jensen, David Clemmer and Eric Wood

Garden Maintenance

8/28/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Bill Gazdik and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Phil Falcone, Richard Lowery, Tom Merkle,

Gail Merkle and Mark Shanks

Shot Gun Maintenance Day

8/30/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Arden Young, Carl Newcomer, Roman Drews and Stephen W. McCaskill

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Iftikhar H. Shah, Larry Camper, Jeffrey Adcock and Chuck Dilla

Shot Gun Maintenance

NO Date on sheet

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Bill Murphy, Mark Mckevitt and Tom Hess

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Jeremy Dvorak, Chuck Dilla, Alison Pruziner, Jon Pruziner, John Ahrens, Philip Walsky and Stephen Brookfield

Chapter Maintenance Day

8/31/2015

Green Shed

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, Guy Wright, Dale Buschling, Tom Ouellette, and John Leaman

Probationary Member

Magnum Vassell

Range Maintenance (Shot Gun/Rifle/Pistol)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Billy Ramos and Tom Peters

Probationary Members:

Mark Shanks, Eric Wood, Dave Anderson, Frankie Cheung, Larry Ritzmann, Matthew Konas,

Chuck Dilla and Dan Radzykewycz

General Grounds Maintenance

Members:

Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith and Connor Walsleben

Board of Directors Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

9/2/2015

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

John Porter and Aaron Thorp

Hunter Safety Classes

9/4 and 9/12/2015

Probationary Member: (Conservation credit)

Philip Lowe

Rachel Carson Tree Maintenance

9/12/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Kenneth P. Reichard, Matt Morehouse, Mike Sharp, Jerry Klinger and Pat Riley

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Eric Richard, Marcel Moone, Alan Tiu, Gene Mongelluzzo, Eric Jensen, James Lattner, Mark Lattner, Rick Garbett, Steve Sweeney, Rick Ebrey, Sean Parker, Jerry Schmidt, **Steve Emerick**, Mike Veirs, Lloyd Ballou, Mark Johnson, Donald Koss, Pamela Porter, Paul Quattrociocchi, James DeMoss

Francisco Reyes, Stephen Rabil, Barry Fleming and Rodger Moran

Garden Maintenance

9/24/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Jeffrey Adcock and Stephen Brookfield

Archery Class Assistant

May, June, July and September 2015

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

John Porter and Scott LeVora

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 Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Barry Fleming, Chuckaroo and Wendy Smith and Jesse Lim 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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