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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Game Dinner coming up (Chuck Limparis)

It's Almost Wild Game Dinner Time! Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 23 January 2016 and it will be here before you know it. Tickets are \$20.00 each and went on sale starting at the October Dinner meeting, this Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015. Some tickets will also be available at the Shotgun Range House, the BOD Meetings, and at future Membership Dinner Meetings. We are limited by the capacity of the building to 150 tickets so don't wait till the last minute to get yours as we usually sell out early. In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning alternate dining choices for those who prefer their game Domesticated.

Auction items have begun to appear but we are always looking for additional items so check your basements, your garages, your gun safes (Hint, Hint!), for any items that you wish to donate. Items can be left downstairs behind the bar and tagged with the donation stickers hanging on the wall by the door to the office. Please make arrangements with the committee chair, Chuck Limparis, for larger items or items you do not want to leave in the open. We ask that you refrain from donating exercise equipment or old computer hardware as we usually end up having it hauled away.

We are trying a new system this year for those who wish a donation receipt as the last system was a dismal failure. If you want a donation receipt, please email a list of the donated items to the committee chairman, Chuck Limparis at CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com and you will be sent a donation receipt as soon as the items are logged into the system.

If you have Wild Game you would like to donate, it can be left in the downstairs freezer, or brought to the kitchen on meeting nights, but please inform either Chuck Limparis or the kitchen staff of the donation so that it can be properly stored in the kitchen freezers. Game must be marked as to what it is, when it was taken, where it was taken and who donated it. If it is not properly marked, we cannot use it.

While we never know what will be donated until the last minute, once again there will be six weeks available at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, www.PortLargoVillas.Org. The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am. These weeks have been popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to escape the winter weather and relax in the Florida Keys, and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is awesome with water temps around 86 degrees.

Friday, 25 Mar 2016 - Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - MCPS Spring Break

Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - Friday, 08 Apr 2016

Friday, 08 Apr 2016 - Friday, 15 Apr 2016

Friday, 15 Apr 2016 - Friday, 22 Apr 2016

Friday, 12 Aug 2016 - Friday, 19 Aug 2016

Friday, 19 Aug 2016 - Friday, 26 Aug 2016

So, come on out, buy your tickets, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!!

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

We completed our annual fall clean up on Saturday October 31. There were 36 folks helping out, mainly members and their families. We collected a substantial pile for pick up—see attached. We cleaned up Mullinix Mill Road, Long Corner Road, a good portion of Gue Road, Annapolis Rock Road, and an old DNR dump site in the very upper part of the watershed. There were 35 bags plus of litter along with discarded furniture including sofa, chair, and dresser, miscellaneous large to medium household trash (trash cans, children's toys, etc), and remodeling debris. Much of the debris was found at the old dump site.

Special appreciation to Rich Fried and Jeff Deschamps for being there from start to finish and helping out with all tasks including the people shuttle and moving trash to the pick up site. Also thanks to Ed Maynes our photographer and Judy Riley for helping out with roving from site to site with supplies and relaying messages.





The group at Windsor Forest (photos by Ed Maynes)

Conservation News for November 2015

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

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 takes place 5:30-7:00pm. Classes are \$8 for IWLA members and \$10 for nonmembers. (Discounts are available for multi-class signups.)

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.

Family Adventures in Nature

Experiencing nature with the important adults in their lives gives children a sense of well-being and the confidence to connect with the world around them.

December 6, 2015: Wreath Making and Winter Nature Walk

The holiday season will be in full swing. Join us on a nature hike around the grounds of the League's Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter (located in Poolesville) to look for treasures that we will turn into festive holiday wreaths. We will make our creations by the fire in the cozy chapter house while enjoying hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows and s'mores. We look forward to having you at our last FAN Club of the year!

WSSC Year-Round Trail Pilot Program at Triadelphia Reservoir for 2015-16 Season

WSSC will keep the Triadelphia Access Road along the Triadelphia Reservoir open for multipurpose use during the 2015-2016 winter months. Effective December 1, horseback riders, birdwatchers and hikers will be able to enjoy use of the Access Road through the winter as well as spring, summer and fall seasons. The 4.5 mile Triadelphia Access Road traces the southern boundary of the reservoir in Montgomery County. The blue stone parking lot, located on Triadelphia Lake Road, will be the only entrance to the Access Road during the winter. This lot provides ample parking space for six to eight horse trailers. Once the reservoir reopens to all visitors on March 15, 2016, the upper parking lot at Green Bridge Recreational Area will open to horse trailers as well, providing entrance to the Access Road from both ends. There will be no other trail entrances between the Triadelphia Lake Road and Green Bridge Recreational Areas.

The Pilot Program applies to land activities on the Access Road only. All other areas of the reservoir will close for the season on November 30. All fishing or boating activities will resume on March 15, 2016 (weather permitting) for the 2016 season. On days when managed hunts occur on Triadelphia Reservoir, the entire reservoir including the Access Road will be closed until 1 p.m.

Hunts are currently scheduled for:

- December 1, 3, 21, 28, 30, 2015
- January 12, 2016

Access will require a permit and compliance with all watershed use regulations. The trail will be closed to horseback riding in wet weather and when the trail is wet and muddy to protect the watershed from erosion. You can find out the daily status of trails by checking WSSC's website at <http://www.wsscwater.com>, the watershed recreation Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WSSCWatershedRecreation> or by calling the "4Fun" hotline at 301-206-4386. Access Road trail maps and complete rules and regulations are available online under the 'Education and Recreation Section' of the WSSC web site.

Upcoming Conservation Events

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Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

December, 2015

Sat 12/5 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 12/6 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Sat 12/12 Greg Myers, Mike Webb

Sun 12/13 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Sat 12/19 Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen

Sun 12/20 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Sat 12/26 Arden Young, Steve Olsen

Sun 12/27 Ed Gilpin, Jay DeVan

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Ed Gilpin, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak,
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,
Brian Van Winkle, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson,
Debbi Perry, Steve Myers, Steve Rowcroft, Bob Reynolds

Rifle/pistol Report(Wendy Smith/Jesse Lim)

Safety is Paramount! All posted rules and conducts will be followed at all times. These Range Rules are intended to provide a safe shooting environment. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING YOUR SUPERVISED GUEST 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.damascusiwa.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 Jesse_Thomas Lim or a designated WAC Range Safety Officer with an orange RSO badge”. Jesse Lim can be reached via cell at 240-832-0354 or email Jesse Lim.

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

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.

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.

CONDUCT Rule# 5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.

Note: Please remain vigilant in our WAC property and please politely ask any individual for their membership card when an individual or group is roaming and/or removing tangible property or items in any area of the WAC property.

An appreciation goes out to the following members, who help the 2015 Maryland DNR Manage Hunt shooter Qualification in September, 2015 and November, 2015. (* help both sessions), Thank you for the kind support. *Jean Aker, Mike Canter, *James Fort, *Phil Lowe, Dennis Price, Hiem Trang, and *Roman Tweedy.

NRA Training Update and Other Tid-Bits: (Wendy Smith)

Our last NRA Basic Pistol class of the year (Ladies/Daughters/Teens) was held on October 17th and November 8th. On October 17th, we treated the students to a scrumptious and luxurious dinner prepared by Cherie Aker, Randy McKenzie, Dawn Crupa with kitchen support from Mash and Mary Esfanaji, Neal Balfour and others. I apologize for any names omitted. Thank you to the chefs and teams who continue to WOW us year-after-year with this event!

The second day of class consisted of 6 adult ladies and 3 young adults. The weather was amazing and a good time was had by all. A special thank you to all of the instructors and support for this class: Susy Floyd, Candy Varmer, Wendy Smith, Judy Riley, Joseph Smith, “Buzz Vogel, Pete Ott and Hans Varmer.



We would like to take a moment to highlight the husband and wife teaching teams of instructors of the WAC NRA training curriculum: Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Suzy Floyd, Pete Ott, Candy Varmer and Hans Varmer.



Extra Tid-Bits:

Watch the newsletters and club calendar in 2016 for special ladies-only shooting events and other ladies events, as our WAC First Vice President, Cherie Aker, has expressed a strong interest in developing and focusing more time on these kinds of events. Please stay tuned in early 2016 for more information.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

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

Chris Nelson	Mitchell Optican
Blake Beaudoin	Linda J. Sampson
Mark Scuderi	Arthur Padama
William Connor	William M. Mooney
Timothy Whipp	Larry Ritzmann
Stephenie Husband	Michael Husband
Matthew Newcomer	

Membership Setup and Dinner

9/24/2015 and 9/25/2015

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)

Neil Balfour (two credits)

Cowboy Setup

9/25/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Paul Bluteau
and Guy Wright**

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Brian Holloway, Steve Chesler, Ed Maynes, Darwin Ebeling, Robert Lalley, Manuel Perez, Phil Rafferty and Thomas A. Preston

Shotgun Range Maintenance

9/26/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Carl Newcomer, Joe Pauley, Arden Young, Tom Hess, George King and Bill Murphy

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Matthew Newcomer, Jeremy Dvorak, Duc H. Lam, Kelly Dvorak, Ryan Byrd and Ed Maynes

Chapter Maintenance Day

9/27/2015 (Ranges and General Maintenance)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Tom Peters, Billy Ramos, Dan Leaman, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman,
Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith and Bud Gates

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Stephenie Husband, Michael Husband, Alan Tiu, Michael Meyers and Sid Everhart

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Tom Preston, Steve Emerick, Bill Connor, Mark Scuderi, Andrew Muchnick, Robert Lalley and Aaron Thorp

Hunter Safety Courses

9/26/2015 and 10/10/2015

Member: Phillip Lowe

Board of Directors Meeting

_(Kitchen Duties)

10/7/2015

Member: Adrian Jackman

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Neil Balfour and John Porter

Clays To Save The Bay

10/11/2015

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Aaron Thorp

Kitchen Duties (Function Unidentified)

10/17/2015

Member: Adrian Jackman

Probationary Member: John Balfour

Brookeville Tree Work

10/17/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jim Piatetski, Jeff Deschamps, Amalia Colbert, Liloh Colbert and Katherine Nelson

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Michael Husband, Stephenie Husband, Donald Koss, Brian Holloway, Mark Anderson, Jeff Kordenbrock, Thomas Stevens, Chris Nelson, Romain Tweedy, Frank Colbert and Mark Scuderi

Cowboy Set Up

10/23/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Paul Turska Jr., Paul Bluteau, Sean Parker and Jerry Klinger

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Manuel Perez, Steve Chesler, Steve Rabil, John Arness and Denis Armbruster

Chapter Work Day (Ranges or General Clean up)

10/25/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Chuck Crook, Barb Crooks, Tom Ouellette, Jan Paper, Billy Ramos, Bud Gates, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Paul Largent, Rick Blatchford and Dan Femiano

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Tim Whipp, Blake Beaudoin, Tim Andreadis, Sid Everhart, Wandelene Everhart and Karl Plitt

Membership Dinner (kitchen/dining room duties)

10/28/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

W.T. Carbone and A. Jackman

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

John Porter, Neil Balfour, Karl Plitt, Buzz Mooney and Sunny Sim

Watershed Clean Up

10/31/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Paul Largent, Jim Lessig, James Togashi,

Barry Fleming, Jay Copsey, Jennifer Sim, John Cianflone, Karl Krchma, Alan Zlotkowski,

Alyson Ritzmann, Judy Riley, Rich Fried, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Tim Andreadis, Ron Baklarz, Ed Maynes, Sid Everhart, Wandelene Everhart, Donna Largent,

Michael Meyers, Arthur Padama, Phil Rafferty, Dan Radzykewycz, Chris Ricketts, Linda

Sampson, Sunny Sim, Greg Strearns, Larry Camper, William Mooney, Keith Stroud, Larry Ritzmann, Bill Connor, Mitch Optican, Dave Kile and Riley Rafferty

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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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