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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Nominations for Officers, 2016-2017.

At the June general membership meeting, the Nominating Committee was confirmed and subsequently provided a slate of nominees for next year's Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee consisted of Jeff Deschamps, Barry Fleming, Dave Goldberg, Tyler Goldberg, and Jim Hitchcock.

At the July membership meeting, there can be additional nominations from the floor. Elections will take place at the August membership meeting.

Nominations for 2016-2017

President	Ken Lefebvre
1st Vice-President	Cherie Aker
2nd Vice-President	Rodger Moran
3rd Vice-President	John Porter
Recording Secretary	Meo Curtis
Corresponding Secretary	Jim Piatieski
Membership Secretary	Adol Owen-Williams
Treasurer (for life)	Chuck Limparis
Sergeant-At-Arms	Rich Fried
Parliamentarian	Steve Lefebvre
Chaplain	Tim Garrity

Directors for 2016-2018 (3 vacancies, 4 candidates)

Berle Cherney
Tom Ouellette
Billy Ramos
John Walter

Directors for 2015-2017 (continuing—no election)

Jean Aker
Dave Goldberg
Jesse Lim
Steve Lefebvre

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Work Credit Activities:

Adopt A Road and Gardens Maintenance Friday June 24.

Nine people helped out on the Adopt A Road, picking up along Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Rd from the Patuxent River to Route 108. We collected 9 bags of litter (much of it recyclable containers!), 6 tires, and one small roadside advertising sign.



Also that day, Melissa Dilla and Roger Byrd did some 'clean up' in the gardens around the Chapter House and Shotgun Shed. There was a mighty battle with the viny and thorny weeds that are growing up through the azaleas next to the Chapter House. The war will continue next month.

Chapter Gardens maintenance this summer on last Fridays of the month. 8:30-11:30 a.m. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Friday July 29.

Friday August 26

Adopt A Road. 8 to 16 volunteers needed for each event, must pre- register with contact information - Contact Judy Riley 301-980-4057. Texting is okay. Please – clearly - provide name ,phone number , and Member ID#.

Friday August 26. 9:00-noon.

Montgomery County Fair. Workers needed for shifts each day from Friday August 12-Saturday August 20. To register, contact Don and Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com 301-946-4795

Other Conservation Activities:

Speaker: National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

At the July 27 general membership meeting, Tom Franklin from the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) will be talking about efforts to increase bobwhite populations. The bird has declined by 80% across its range during the last 40 years due to habitat change on the rural landscape. The NBCI is working with 25 state fish and wildlife agencies trying hard to reverse the decline and they are having success in some areas.

Many of us grew up in areas where you heard bobwhite calls every summer. While there likely aren't any bobwhite calls there now, there are lots more buildings and roads. It's not just about bobwhites either—the habitat they need supports a wide variety of native plants and other wildlife. More information is available at: <http://bringbackbobwhites.org/>

Free Rain Barrel Workshops Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

The Howard County Master Gardeners distribute rain barrels and teach people how to use them. Howard County residents are eligible to receive a free 55-gal barrel with cut-outs for fittings, to be used for a rain barrel (one barrel per address, please).

The rain barrel must be used in Howard County and the recipient of the barrel must fill out a pledge form and take part in the workshop. After the workshop, the recipient will know where to buy the parts and how to assemble and maintain the rain barrel.

Time and Dates: 9-11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: July 16, August 6, August 20, September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15. For more information contact the Howard County Master Gardeners 410-313-2707 3300.

Other Chapter News

President's Award from the Maryland Division

Congratulations from the Maryland Division! At the Annual Convention on June 25, our Chapter received the President's Award for the most outstanding youth program during 2015. The Nomination noted our long-term support for youth-oriented programs, including the Damascus Junior Air Rifle Program, Scout programs, and our new archery program which involves youth and adults. Photo shows our President Lefebvre receiving the award from Division Vice-President Miles Greenbaum.



Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

August, 2016

Wed 8/3 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 8/6 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 8/7 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 8/10 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 8/13 Mike Webb, Steve Olsen

Sun 8/14 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 8/17 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson

Sat 8/20 Sean McTernan, Murray Welsh

Sun 8/21 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 8/24 Bob Woodward

Sat 8/27 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar

Sun 8/28 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Wed 8/31 Debbie Perry

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak, Rodger Moran,

Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,

Brian Van Winkle, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Steve Myers,

Steve Rowcroft pictured between Berle and Bill, will be leaving us. He, his Wife and horses are moving back to San Antonio, Texas. Sunday was his last day at the club.

Steve was a good guy and a good shot on the skeet, trap and 5 Stand fields. You could always count on him for an "assist" in 5 Stand.

He was always there to help set up and close the fields and help with other things.

We had a small going away party at the Shotgun Range House, hand shakes and bro hugs were given out at the end.

We'll miss him. (Rodger Moran)





Seldom seen view of trap and skeet fields (photo by Berle Cherney)

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

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They 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. REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly 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.

Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest name not sign in will be removing immediately from the club ground and consider as trespassing.

WAC board has approved the request from the chairman of the rifle and pistol to implement and add in our conduct rules for “Guest Identification Badges” guideline rules will be included in the 2017 renewals membership and new member.

Guests must be signed in 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.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.

4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.

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

6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.

7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times

Practical defense pictures below. Belated Happy 4th everyone!







THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **July 2014** 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 TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

**Brian Holloway
Chih-Te Lee
David Anderson**

Trout Release Event Little Seneca Creek

5/13/2016

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Joe Songer

Trout Release Event Brighton Dam

6/3/2016

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Paul Hudes

Veterans Appreciation Day

6/4/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Ken Lefebvre

Archery Coaching

6/4, 6/18 and 6/25 2016

Member:

John Porter

Thunder Valley Days Set-up

6/7/2016

Trail Boss: Chuck Crooks

Old Wranglers and Helpers (Regular Credit)

Lee Trunnell, Doug Breenfield, Tom Ouellette, Traplon Dave and Dogmeat

Thunder Valley Days

6/9/2016

Trail Boss: Chuck Crooks

Old Wranglers and Helpers

Wm T. Carbone, John Porter, Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji and Stephen Elko

Tenderfoot Wranglers: (Regular Credit)

Chih-Te Lee and Phil Rafferty

Thunder Valley Days

6/10/2016

Trail Boss: Chuck Crooks

Old Wranglers and Helpers

Wm T. Carbone, Doc Zen, Karl Krchma, John Porter, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Merry Klinefelter

Tenderfoot Wranglers: (Regular Credit)

Edgardo Cobian and Chih-Te- Lee

Thunder Valley Days

6/11/2016

Trail Boss: Chuck Crooks / Chuck Limparis
Old Wranglers and Helpers
Karl Krchma, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji
Tenderfoot Wranglers: (Regular Credit)
Ron Colbert, Phil Rafferty, Riley Rafferty, Noel Briscoe and Calvin Stewart
Banquet Dinner:
Old Wranglers and Helpers
Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Adrian

Membership Dinner(prep work)

6/21/2016

Members:

John Porter and Pam Porter

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Assistant)

6/22/2016

John Porter

Garden Maintenance

6/24/2016

Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Roger Byrd and Melissa Dilla

Adopt-A-Road

6/24/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma and Jayden Holloway

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Brian Holloway, Anthony Loratto, Graig Hanson, Larry Emswiler and his sons Memphis and Blake

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

6/26/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Bud Gates, John Porter, Billy Ramos, Dean Elliott, Stephen Meyers Donald Koss, Mark McKevitt and John Leaman

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Anthony Loratto, Donald W. Waldschmidt, Larry Camper, Adrian Liebel and Brian Hollowa

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

This reminder is directed to the many probationary members that have devoted many, many hours to the maintenance of our ranges. This is great; the Ranges require a lot of maintenance. However, as stated in the Chapter's Bylaws all probationary members must participate in at least one Conservation Activity in each of their probationary years.

We have quite a number of probationary members that have completed all four required work activities in their first year of probation and think they have met their obligation, they have not. If you think you may be one of these members, drop me an email.

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

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, Berle Cherney, Meo Curtis, and Rodger Moran for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and posting 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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