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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Chapter Work Credit Activities

Trout in the Classroom: Help us teach Kids about Clean, Cold Water

Every spring, I have the pleasure of introducing the concept of clean, cold water to thousands of kids throughout the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Some of these kids are in elementary school, most of them are in Middle school and a few of them are in high school. What they have in common is that they have been raising rainbow trout for the past 5 months and it's time to release them into the wild during a "release event" field trip.

These release events are a great opportunity to introduce kids to the great outdoors and broaden their interests. The events take place from Monday through Friday, from the last week in April through the first week in June, and usually start at 9 am and end at 1pm. We typically set up 5 or 6 stations and small groups of the students rotate from station to station. These stations would include Trout Release, Water Quality Testing, Macro-invertebrate Sampling, fly casting and fly tying. Anyone can manage the trout release and anyone with hip boots or waders can assist with macro-invertebrate sampling. IF we have a few people interested in learning, I think I can arrange a class on Macro-invertebrate sampling before we begin the releases.

IF you think you would like to give us a hand with these releases, please contact me, Alan Burrows, at aburrows53@gmail.com or (443) 610-7850. I will be happy to share the calendar for releases in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties to see if you can fit one or more into your schedule. In addition, for those of you looking for work credits, helping us with these events count as a Conservation Credit.



The Pigtail group on March 11th



Collection site for Adopt-a-Road and watershed cleanup on April 1st.

Conservation Activities

Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up

We completed our spring watershed clean up on Saturday April 1. We had a crew of 36 people, 16 non-members, including four cub scouts and their parents and two young ladies and their mom who helped out. We cleaned up Mullinix Mill Road, Long Corner Road, Annapolis Rock Road, and continued clean up on an old dump site in the very upper part of the watershed. We picked up 37 bags, 2 tires, and miscellaneous furniture parts and other larger debris. There were many recyclables among the litter, very few plastic bags. The photo shows unloading at the pick up site. More photos from the event are posted on the Chapter facebook at: facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/

Many thanks to those who helped with logistics on that day, including Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski, Rich Fried, Judy Riley as 'rover', and Ed Maynes as photographer. Also thanks to DNR's Alan Zlotkowski and trailer for debris transport and Montgomery County Highway Services for debris disposal!

National Park Free Admission Days

- April 15-16 and 22-23: Weekends of National Park Week.
- August 25: National Park Service Birthday.
- September 30: National Public Lands Day.
- November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend.

In Maryland, there are 6 National Parks that have admission fees.

- [Antietam National Battlefield](#) (Washington County)
- [Assateague Island National Seashore](#) (Worcester County)
- [Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park](#) (Montgomery County)
- [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#) (Baltimore City)
- [Fort Washington Park](#) (Prince George's County)
- [Harpers Ferry National Historical Park](#) (includes parts of West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland)

Conservation Committee Web Site

Yes, it's finally been re-activated after a multi-year slumber. We're using a free site so this is not structured as a be-all and end-all site, but rather a concise presentation of Conservation Committee goals, partnerships, and upcoming events and activities. Under the 'About Us' tab, we have background on our ongoing conservation work projects including Christmas trees, chapter gardens, and the three off-site reforestation projects—Pigtail Recreation Area in Howard County and Rachel Carson and Reddy Branch Parks in Montgomery County.

The direct link to copy into (and bookmark on) your browser is:

wacconservation.wordpress.com. You can also go to the Chapter web page (*damascusiwla.org*) and click on the link from the home page.

Facebook Our Chapter and the Maryland Division both have facebook pages to highlight events and news related to our Chapter and to the State activities. You must have a facebook account in order to view these pages. Each page has one or more moderators who review and approve pending posts before these can appear to the general public.

Direct links:

Chapter: *facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/*

Division: *facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/*

Cleaning up for the New Year? Be safe about household hazardous wastes (HHWs).

Many products we use in our homes and routinely throw away with our trash are considered HHWs. These products are similar to regulated hazardous wastes produced by business and industry. Products which are corrosive (such as acids and alkalis), flammable, reactive or toxic (poisonous) can be found in most homes, garages and workshops. These products pose risks if used, stored or disposed of improperly.

Carroll County: The Bureau of Solid Waste schedules two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous waste. The spring pick up has not yet been announced but will be published at: <https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/solidwaste/>

*Frederick County: To assist residents with proper disposal of hazardous wastes, the Department of Solid Waste Management hosts two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous material disposal (not for commercial waste), each spring and fall. **The next event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will take place at 8349 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704 from 8am until 12pm.***
<https://frederickcountymd.gov/3958/Household-Hazardous-Wastes>

Howard County: HHW days at Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville are **Saturdays ONLY (April - November)** from 8am to 4pm. There will be **special drop-off days** on Saturday, February 4 and March 4. Details of what is accepted can be found at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/Alpha-Ridge-Landfill/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

Montgomery County: Year-round at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.
<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=household-hazardous-waste&key=157>



Christmas tree layout



Christmas trees planted and tubed

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

May 2017

Wed	5/3	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	5/6	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	5/7	Steve Meyers, Doug Chapman
Wed	5/10	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	5/13	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian,
Sun	5/14	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Wed	5/17	Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat	5/20	Roman Drews, Chris Hamrick
Sun	5/21	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed	5/24	Bob Woodward, Charlie Mello
Sat	5/27	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	5/28	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Wed	5/31	Debbie Perry

Substitutes: Joel Gross, Bob Cumberland, Jay DeVan, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Gary Giambalvo, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin, George King, Bob Reynolds, Maj Tavakoli, Arden Young, Jim Crowell, Mike Webb, Jeff Tokar, Adam/Kim Buynak

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update –(John Porter)

The WAC Rifle and Pistol RSO committee is pleased to announce the following classes:
Sunday April 23 8:00AM-12:00PM in the chapter upper hall, 1:00PM-5:00PM on the open pistol range.

NRA Basic Pistol Certification Class (Phase 2)

In order to participate in phase 2, you will need to complete phase 1 online with the NRA.

The cost is \$60.00 payable to the NRA. They will mail you the textbook and you can complete the course at your own pace.

Register at www.basicpistol.org

Registration for phase2 to be held at IWLA/WAC will need to be done separately online with the NRA:

April 23, NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting - Phase 2 online registration.

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=428122&seats=20&State=n&zip=21771&radius=25.1&id=53&bsa=&youth=&women=>

If interested, please register asap as this determines our class size.

We will confirm all registrations.

The cost for phase 2 is \$50.00 payable to IWLA/WAC on April

The instructors provide all handguns and ammo for this class on the range.

You do not need to be an NRA member to take this class!

Please Note: This class provides certification for Maryland HQL permits.

Saturday May6 8:00AM-5:00PM in the chapter upper hall.

Utah CCW (Concealed Carry Weapon) Class

This class is open to all WAC members and family .

The cost for WAC members is \$50.00. The cost for non-member family is \$80.00.

Fingerprinting services will be available the day of class.Please bring \$10.00 cash to cover this expense.

THIS CLASS DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MARYLAND CONCEALED CARRY.

To register or information please contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com



Participants in Basic Rifle Class march 11, 2017

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **April 2015** 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 are not sure as to your status, Email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Joseph Mark Songer
Manuel Adolfo Perez
Barbara Flook
Rick Ebrey
Ted A. Boone

Pigtail Tree Planting

3/11/2017

Members:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Jim Piateski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Alan Burrows, Michael Greer and Robert McLaren

Membership Dinner (Kitchen prep work)

3/21/2017

Members: John Porter and Pam Porter

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Duties)

3/22/2017

Members: John Porter and Pam Porter

Cowboy Setup

3/24/2017

Members:

Bill Gazdik and Chuck Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

William Hermach, Mark Mayer, Joe Songer, Justin Kaufman, Jeremy Rutter, Dan Lewis, Nelson
Torres and Ed Maynes

Chapter Maintenance Day

3/26/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Al Goldschmidts, Byron Susinno
and Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Alison Pruziner and James Smith

UPPER PATUXENT WATERSHED CLEANUP

4/1/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Dan Bharmal, Jed Feffer, Jean Feffer, Karl Krchma, Jennifer Stnbim, David Jacobson, Noah
Jacobson, Shawn Lyons, John Robertson, Hunter Robertson, Skylar Robertson, Jake Howard,
Janine Howard, Braden Howard, David Clerk, Judy Riley, Alan Zlotkowski, Rich Fried, Tana
Mullen, Rachel Mullen, Kayla Mullen, Jim Piateski, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Hank Bharmal, Steve McCaskill, Ed Maynes, Karl Plitt, David Edwards, Francisco Reyes, Michael Polcsa, Ryan Fitzgibbons, Nicholas Caffrey, Phil Rafferty and Riley Rafferty

Christmas Tree Planting

4/2/2017

Member: Rodger Moran

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Lee Cascio, Samuel Miller, Lloyd Ballou, Roger Byrd, Ed Maloney, Barb Flook, Chris Crider, John Anzalone, Phil Rafferty and Riley Rafferty

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

4/5/2017

Member: John Porter

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, Jeff Deschamps, Lee Cascio and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and 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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