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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENT

Note from the editor

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter has a ton of events going on. Most never make the newsletter because nobody submits articles.

This issue is sparse. The font has been enlarged to fill up space to make it worth printing. C'mon all you committee chairs. Once a month is not too much to ask for a little input.

Good Stuff

Girls and guns having fun held another of their social shooting event recently. Everyone had a good time and were glad to see Past President Cherie Aker at the event. Pictures are on Facebook.
Nothing submitted for the newsletter.

Game Dinner

Save the date. January 22nd 2022! Wild Game Dinner! Cancelled last year for the pandemic, but will happen this year. Lots of goodies never revealed last year will go on sale in '22.

We will only sell 100 tickets to keep crowds manageable and they will be \$30.00. After all, it is a fundraiser! Tickets will be available in a few weeks. As soon as we have them, we will send an announcement to the membership.

Tickets will be on sale at the skeet house on the weekends and Wednesdays until the time changes. They will also be available at the membership meetings.

If you have Wild Game to donate, you can leave it in the Rathskeller refrigerator freezer but let Chuck Crooks (IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com) know it is there so we can move it to the kitchen. **Please label the donation with, type of game, when taken and your name.**

If you have items to donate for the auction, please leave it in the Rathskeller by the downstairs bar. Please label it for the auction. There will be stickers on the clipboard by the office door. Please leave usable items only. No exercise equipment, incomplete items, books / magazines, broken items or computers.

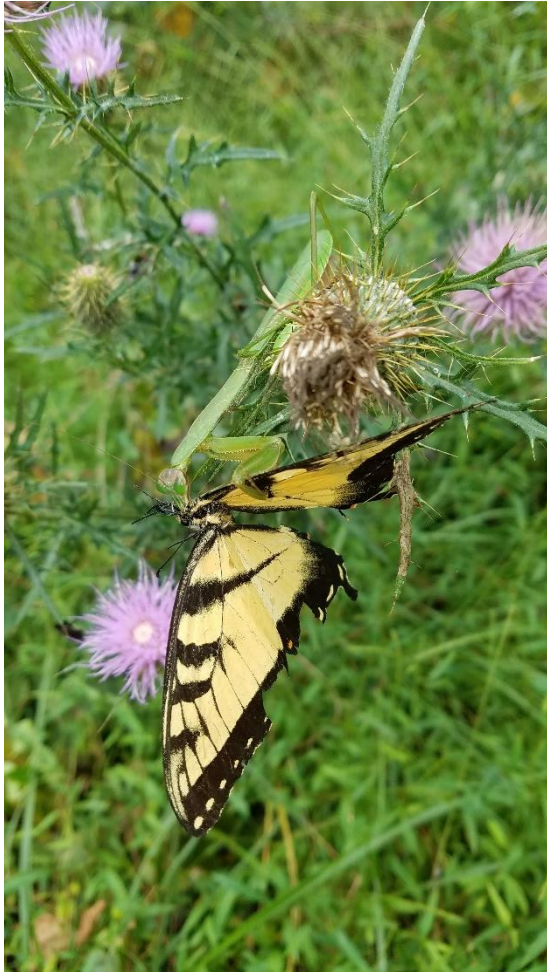
We are a registered non-profit organization and all donations qualify for a tax deduction.

Donated items become chapter property.

Event Contact Susan Bortniak 301-972-9258 or any board member.

Conservation (Jim Piatieski)

We had a nice turnout at the Pigtail Boat launch on the Howard County side of Tridelphia Reservoir. We have been planting and protecting trees in this area for the last 12 or 13 years. I've lost track. It is controlled by WSSC and we have had a long standing partnership with the management of the watershed. Fortunately, their restrictions during Covid were not as sever as areas controlled by MNCPPC and we were able to continue our work at that site during the pandemic. The picture below was taken that morning. We lost a pollinator to another "beneficial" insect. In this case, the Tiger Swallowtail lost the battle with the mantis.



Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

November, 2021

Wed	11/3	Frank Bis, Bob Wolfe
Sat	11/6	Bob Shelley, George King
Sun	11/7	Steve Myers, Rodger Moran
Sat	11/13	Ryan Turner, Doug Chapman
Sun	11/14	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	11/20	Murray Welsh, Craig Leopard
Sun	11/21	Al Cross, Paul Turska
Sat	11/27	Phil Butler, Ron Hoggard
Sun	11/28	Dave Stevenson, Jim Shay

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

No report

Range Orientation (Jean Aker)

The September 26, Range Orientation class was conducted with 8, of the 10, registered members. All passed, and only one was eligible for their range access card. The class was conducted by Jean Aker, Buzz Vogel and Jesse Lim.

RANGE SAFETY (Chuck Crooks) (*This can't be posted enough*)

The club has had security cameras in place for about 6 years. The cameras became necessary after some property thefts and general safety concerns.

Range rules are established for a reason. They are designed to protect the safety of all members, their guests, our neighbors and our property. For these reasons, we take range violations very seriously. No matter how trivial you might think a rule is, there is a basis for safety that must be adhered to.

All range safety rules are accessible from our web site's main menu under the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules link or you can take this direct link
<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Recently there has been a series of range rule violations including; shooting from a holster at a non-sanctioned event, failure to display range cards for members and their guests, shooting from the hip, shooting beyond the posted hours, failure to wear safety glasses, failure to write a guests name on the sign in log, using rifle caliber firearms on the pistol ranges and having more than one firearm on the firing line at the same time.

Initial violations (handled by the rifle and pistol committee) can be a warning and/or suspension from the ranges until you retake the range safety course. Serious violations may be reviewed by the board of directors for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the club.

As you know, firearm ranges are always on the radar, especially in our area. Therefore, we take our rules and the safety of our members and guests a priority.

As range officers, you are asked to report known violations to the rifle and pistol chairman.

If you are not sure about your member status, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com, and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **October 2019** and have not seen your name listed in any newsletter issue as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW

FULL MEMBERS

John Duchaj
John M. Kenon
Michael R. Smith
Hussain Bharmal
Kenneth Milcetic
Claude K. Mc Dow Jr

Pax River Trail Celebration Setup

8/28/2021

Rodger (Chair)

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Hussain Bharmal, Erk Baer, Edward Meyers, and Todd Davis

Shot Gun Range Maintenance

8/29/2021

Mark Gay (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

G Bartsch, Phil Butler and Dave Anderson

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

John Duchaj

Gardens Maintenance

9/17/2021

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Ralph Bally, Barb Bally, Curt Coughlin,

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Amraj Singh, Jacob Coughlin, Brine Lesniewicz

Pigtail Tree Maintenance

9/18/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jim Piateski (Chair)

Steve Smith, Anne Tarr,

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Doug Wolf, John Baugher, Ken Darnell

Roger Tarr, Ken Milcetic, Andy Weir

Cowboy Clinic

9/19/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Stephen Elco, Joe Smith, Wendy Smith, Sandy Snapp, Dean Snapp, Bob Vendemmia,

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 Chuck Crooks , Jean Aker and Steve Olsen for their contributions to this newsletter. Chuck Crooks for 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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Chuck Crooks

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