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## **CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Due to the volume of material last month, there are several items which may appear to be 'old news'. That they may be, but they were not mentioned earlier.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING** (Red Skillings)

#### **GAME DINNER**

The Chairman Wild Game Dinner & Auction: Rich Fried

The Chefs:

Jorge Silva, Ed McNally, Roberto Silva.

Breads and dessert (pies):

prepared & provided by Jim Piatieski.

Kitchen Assistants: Dolores and Joe Gick

Pots & Pans: Ruth Hornseth and Jose Tassara

Auction Principals:

Donna Limparis, Joe Gick, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis

#### **DONORS OF WILD GAME:**

Tom Armentrout, Joe Carinci, Tom Cunningham(non-member friend of Anne Rickert)-chukar and pheasant; Saul Honigsberg-elk; John Leaman, Bob Mabie, Bill Nichol-geese; Tom Ouellette, Jerry Spring ,Greg Talamini

The Joint-Chefs, Jorge Silva, Roberto Silva and Ed McNally would like to thank the person or persons that donated the Elk and Tuna but none of the packages had names. All these generous gifts made the dinner a great success. (Jorge's own words.)

Jorge went on to say:

Please ask that for next year, all donations be clearly marked with the hunters name, date, place, and a short story of hunt, circumstance or road kill. I think that will add a special authenticity to the "Game Dinner".

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### **An open letter to Izaak Walton League Membership:**

Recently, my wife and two friends of ours attended the Wild Game Dinner and auction at the IWLA. Everyone enjoyed the food, friendly atmosphere, and fun of the auction. During dinner, my wife asked me why the dinner was being served on Styrofoam plates. After all, isn't this a conservation league? Then, some gentleman in the crowded room remarked, "No one comes here for the conservation. They only come for the shooting range." I was very embarrassed to say the least. As I began to look around the room, I did notice the recycle bin for

aluminum cans, but my eyes quickly diverted to a man dropping the empty glass beverage container into the trash can.

The next week I walked down to the rifle and pistol ranges and noticed a few things I'd never noticed before. There were trash cans at each of the ranges, yet someone still neglected to put their Snickers candy bar wrapper in the can. Upon further examination of the contents of the trash cans, I discovered plastic water bottles, aluminum cans, paper and cardboard boxes, loads of shotgun hulls and rifle brass, and a .22 caliber misfire. Misfires should never be in the trash cans. Everyone here knows better.

The plastic water bottles, aluminum cans, and cardboard boxes that are ending up in the trash need to be addressed. Recycling containers are available (although not always clearly marked) and need to be used. These are easy steps we already do at home (If you live in Montgomery County it's mandatory). As members of a conservation league who are committed to preserving the environment, shouldn't we also make an effort to recycle at the club? Maybe more containers are needed and better signs are required.

Rifle brass and shotgun hulls that litter the ground around the ranges are another matter which also needs to be addressed. We have such a nice facility, yet it looks like our members are just too lazy to clean up after themselves. Empty Brass MUST go into the 5 gallon buckets and later is sorted for steel and aluminum. These are all recyclable and are worth money to our club yet we throw them away. The signs at the range need to be updated and remind folks it is MANDATORY to clean up after themselves. Yes, pick up the brass your rifle has hurled three lanes down. Yes, put your diet coke can in the recycle bin. Yes, leave the range cleaner than you found it. Just because your pistol flings empties off into the grass doesn't mean you aren't responsible for picking it up.

Dennis Crossen

### **.SKEET AND TRAP SCHEDULE**

#### **MARCH 2009 RANGE ROSTER**

Sat 3/14 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter  
Sun 3/15 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross  
Sat 3/21 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein  
Sun 3/22 Bob Poth, Bill Wright  
Sat 3/28 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn  
Sun 3/29 Nunzio Litterio, Bob Cooley

#### **APRIL 2009 RANGE ROSTER**

Wed 4/1 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle  
Sat 4/4 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Jay Jeffrey  
Sun 4/5 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Martin Cherry

Wed 4/8 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert  
Sat 4/11 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter  
Sun 4/12 RANGES CLOSED EASTER  
Wed 4/15 Bill Doves, Scott Wood, Howard  
Goldberg  
Sat 4/18 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein  
Sun 4/19 Joel Gross, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell  
Wed 4/22 Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Frank Bis  
Sat 4/25 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn  
Sun 4/26 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Bill Wright  
Wed 4/29 Carl McMahon, Bob Woodward, Conley Phipps

Bob Poth stand-by this month

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The first two conservation events of the year, the Nestbox and Rain Barrel Workshops, went off without a hitch.

This year we tried something different and ran the Nestbox Workshop for our Scouts. Twelve Boy Scouts and twelve Webelos plus some of the adults participated in the workshop. This was a marked improvement from the last two years when we had only four or five participants. Thanks go to Jim Piateski for running the workshop, and Bill Ladd who made the Nestbox kits previously.

The Rain Barrel Workshop is always a popular event and usually plays to a full house. The number of participants is limited due to the limited materials we have on hand to make the barrels and space in the meeting room. We advertise this event to our members and the local community and usually get a large number of participants that are not members of the chapter and this year was no exception. About half the participants were non-members and the diverse areas they came from beyond Damascus (Silver Spring, Poolesville, Finksburg, and Thurmont) is a good indication of the broad impact of this event. When one person called to reserve a space they asked about additional space and had their neighbor call right after them – it seems they had been trying, unsuccessfully, to register for a rain barrel workshop for the last two years and were very grateful to get into our workshop. The success of the workshop is because of a team effort. A team lead by Bill Gazdik and including Bill Ladd, Susan Bortniak, and Mark Grygo, prepared the barrels for the workshop. Some of these same folks also helped out on the night of the workshop where Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps did a tag-team presentation.



## Help Wanted.

Recently, the topic of Maryland or Federal legislative bills was raised at a membership meeting. Specifically, though we have a location on our Web site called US and Maryland Links to allow you to look up and send email to your US Representative, check the status of bills in the Maryland General Assembly, and find your Maryland Representative - there is no place for the membership to see local and national bills of interest.

It has been proposed that such a section be added to our Web site, but we need a volunteer to research the bills of interest, prepare a short descriptive paragraph describing the bill, find the URL link to the National or

Maryland legislature web site, send the information to our Webmaster, and to track when the bill should come off our web page, and inform our Webmaster.

So, if politics is your passion and you would like to take on these duties please contact Red Skillings via email at [rskillings@aol.com](mailto:rskillings@aol.com).

### **Members completing probation**

The following is a list of members that have satisfied their probationary obligation to date. My probationary list starts on January 1, 2006.

Using this data I came up with the following list. Some of these names may have been posted before but I'd rather be safe than sorry.

If anyone thinks they have completed their probationary obligation please E-mail me at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and reference IWL in the subject line. As mentioned above my data only goes back to January 2006 and may not have all of the Active Sign-In sheets for this time period.

Charles L. Crawford, Charles Christianson,  
Jeff Demuth, Dr. Len Fechter  
James S. Wimbish, Thomas L. Bragg  
Larry Emswiler, Miles Benson  
Edward Grim, Charles Minear  
David Cheng, Ed McNally  
Ala G. Palestine, Nunzio Litterio, Jr.  
Wade A. Dayberry, Wendy Smith, Ravi Goonasekeram, Sung Y. Han

### **NOTICE**

The WAC Legislative Affairs Committee has received information that the Montgomery County Delegation is sponsoring an Anti-Trapping Bill, HB 0931 in the current session of the Maryland General Assembly and has determined that the issues contained in this Bill may be of interest to some of our members. The House Bill is entitled "Montgomery County-Steel Jaw Leghold or Body-Gripping Traps-Prohibition MC 922-09" and can be seen in its entirety at the following website: <http://mlis.state.md.us/2009rs/billfile/hg0831.htm>. The Maryland Assembly website at: <http://mlis.state.md.us> has contact information for your State Senators and/or Delegates if you feel strongly about this issue to provide your position on this legislation

### **ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM**

We have an active airgun program for adults at the WAC-IWLA. On Monday evenings from 6:30 PM till about 8:30 PM indoor 10 meter air pistol and air rifle firing is conducted in the downstairs range. This is informal shooting in a supervised manner. We generally fire a 60 round match for the air pistol. Those wishing to fire air rifles can do it at the same time as the pistol firing. We have some air pistols that new shooters can use if you want to get started in this fun activity. The outdoor airgun range is available for your use during normal range hours. That range has a covered firing line with benches where you can fire at targets from 10 yards to 50 yards. There are target frames for holding paper targets and a number of different types of metal 'reactive' targets are kept displayed for your use. Swinging cans and several 'field targets' are also available for your use. You might want to purchase some Daisy Shatter-Blast breakable targets and bring them along with you to use there. A number of air rifle field target matches are scheduled during the year. These are listed in the chapter calendar. Contact Phillip Dean via telephone (301-865-8202) or email ([pd10x@comcast.net](mailto:pd10x@comcast.net)) for information of questions.

## RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

**Rifle and Pistol Range Rules:** The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwla.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

Junior Rifle Practice on Saturday March 21, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Contact Tom Malarkey 240-246-6941 (Covered pistol range closed during event)

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday March 27, 2009. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday March 28, 2009 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Maintenance Day/Range Cleanup on Sunday March 29, 2009 from 10:00 am until 1:00pm

Special Thanks to Al Goldschmidt, who took his time and constructed the drop down brackets and brought his equipment for our successful installation of the project,



### **- Range Safety Officer Training Class-**

Jesse Lim, Chairman of the Rifle and Pistol will be holding a Range Safety Officer certification class on Sunday, April 5th from approx. 9:00am to 4:00pm. Bring your lunch. This class will be held at the chapter meeting hall and is not a walk-in class. Seating is limited .You must pre-register Contact Jesse Lim at 240-832-0354 or evening at 301-540-0860 prior to the class for an interview and qualification. Registration is required. Prospective range safety officer candidates must already have a current range access card 2009.

### **Summer Internship Available at the Chesapeake Bay Trust and other Maryland Non-Profits**

Application Deadline: Monday, March 23, 2008

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is participating in the second year of the Maryland Nonprofit Leadership Program, an opportunity offering paid summer internships in the nonprofit sector to college juniors, seniors, and graduate students attending Maryland institutions. Participating interns will work at the Chesapeake Bay Trust or other Maryland nonprofit organization for ten weeks full-time from June 1 to August 7 while participating in bi-weekly seminars in nonprofit management. Each participating student receives a \$3,000 scholarship.

Eligible applicants must be graduate or undergraduate students attending a two- or four-year college or university in Maryland with a GPA of 3.00 or higher. In addition, all undergraduate applicants must be entering their junior or senior year during the Fall 2009 semester.

Visit [http://www.shrivercenter.org/nonprofit\\_student.html](http://www.shrivercenter.org/nonprofit_student.html) to apply for an internship with the Chesapeake Bay Trust through this new program. Interested students should contact Dr. Jana Davis at [jdavis@cbtrust.org](mailto:jdavis@cbtrust.org) to discuss this opportunity.

### **2009 National Convention**

The 2009 National Convention is 22-24 July, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If any Chapter member desires to attend he/she must so advise the Recording Secretary. This advice must be received prior to May 2009. At the BOD meeting of May 2009 the BOD will vote on the proposed delegate list.

### **ODDS AND ENDS**

It's that time of year again. Daylight savings is back with us. Time to check smoke detectors and replace batteries. A couple other things come to mind. Skeet and trap ranges will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm as well as weekends. Cowboy action shoots are going again. All you guys that have been doing without this winter can get your duds and hoglegs out of mothballs and get them dirty .Airgun Field Target starts next month. Just try to put an 8 or 10 grain lead pellet through a ½" hole at 40 yards with a puff of air. The satisfying thwack of lead on steel and watching the silhouette fall. Keep an eye on shooting times as they will change as we have and extension of daylight hours. Easter will be upon us before the next newsletter and all ranges are closed for the day. The big Patuxent Watershed Cleanup will be held on Saturday April

4<sup>th</sup>. Bring the whole family and help beautify our local area and keep trash out of our local streams. Jose Scoseria will be preparing lunch right after the cleanup.

The bluebirds are building their nests and the bees are working hard at collecting nectar and pollen. The earth is awakening again from her winter nap. Get outside and enjoy it!

Last but not least, the dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup> will be our traditional corned beef and cabbage feast. Our kitchen staff has always outdone themselves on this meal. This is usually accompanied by some libations that fit the occasion.

Hope to see you there.

The Editor

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) )

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking the work hours of new members. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jesse Lim, Meo Curtis, Guy Wright, Red Skillings, Dennis Crossen and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net).

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. It would help me out if your articles are submitted in Times New Roman, 12 pt font. Thanks.

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