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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Maryland Hunting Licenses (Greg Talamini)

For those of you who have held a MD hunting license, it's time to renew. Even if you don't think you can hunt this year, please buy a basic license. The money generated is needed by D N R for many funds, which help provide and protect our natural resources. If you are new to hunting, you can take the Hunter Safety Class here at WAC. Days and times are published on the web site. This course is required in order to apply for a license. It is time well spent along with access to our ranges, which provide a place to practice your shooting skills. For upland game and waterfowl hunters, you can practice your skill on the Skeet and Trap range. For deer hunters there are the rifle, pistol and archery ranges. Nationwide the number of hunters has fallen 35 percent in the past 30 years or so, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That means the natural resource officials must find new ways to control animal populations, especially deer. The office, which oversees all wildlife conservation programs, supervises animal population management and addresses nuisance complaints from residents, receives almost all it's funding from hunting and fishing license sales and federal matches. We need the support of hunters and all outdoors people. Officials blame the downturn in hunting on what some have called a "nature-deficit disorder." The average American lives farther from a forest than in the past and is often overburdened with work, school and organized activities for children. Children are not given the exposure to nature, the great outdoors, and all it can provide. We as Ike's should take on that responsibility by bringing our own children to our club, teach them how to enjoy nature and its benefits.

Buying a basic hunting license is the most passive way you can make a contribution if time is an issue.

New Cowboy Shooter Clinics (Chuck Crooks)

The next new cowboy shooter clinic at Damascus is Saturday October 30, 2010. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

To view the application, use this link www.damascusiwa.org/dwr/CLINIC2010.pdf . You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me!

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the clinic outline here <http://damascusiwa.org/dwr/clinicoutline.html> to see what's covered.

Atlantic Guns and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For additional information contact Chuck Crooks AKA [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

Many thanks to Atlantic Guns for again providing all of the clinic ammo!



Save the Bay Shoot (Bob Cumberland)

On Saturday September 11th the chapter hosted our Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay charity shoot. It was a great day. We had 50 participants and several non-shooting supporters that helped us raise \$1600. Mark Gay won the award for High Overall Score, while Jim Krantz and Heather Barber won awards for 1st and 2nd Lewis class respectively. To date this event has raised almost \$12,000 to benefit the Chesapeake Bay. The recipients of this years proceeds will go to the Chesapeake Bay Alliance. A special thanks to the helpers, especially to Ed McNally and the kitchen crew. Jim Krantz not pictured.



Bob C, Mark G., Heather B.



Ed McNally and kitchen staff



Bob Mabie and friend



GOTCHA !

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps) **Tree Maintenance at Pig Tail Area**

On Sunday October 3, 15 volunteers showed up to help do some maintenance on trees we planted at the Pig Tail Area on WSSC property in September 2000. For those unfamiliar with the Pig Tail area it is on the Howard county side of Triadelphia Reservoir and is the closest to the dam on that side. All of the trees that survived from the planting in 2000 had an assortment of vines (including Mile-a-minute, Oriental Bitter Sweet, and Japanese Honeysuckle) in them. The photos below show work in clearing the vines off the trees (including a river birch), and sycamores planted in 2000 that is now almost 50' tall (originally only 3-4'). Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers we made excellent progress on the tree maintenance and plan to go back in the future to assure the continued survival the trees planted at this site.



Next Conservation Work Events

Saturday 10/16: Tree maintenance and planting in Brookeville, Reddy Branch. 9 a.m. – Noon. Tools, gloves, and water provided. Contact Jeff Deschamps via e-mail at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net for details.

Saturday 11/6: Annual Fall Watershed Clean up. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. Tools, gloves, and water provided. Lunch at noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net for more information.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010 (Bob Cooley)

In an effort to more efficiently assign range officers, I am assigning three officers per range day. If everyone serves their range duty, this will allow me to rotate as many folks as possible as substitutes. My plan is to minimize the days that you serve. If there is a problem with your assignment please use the "rangegroup" blog to get assistance. If you are unable to get help or switch with someone please notify me so I may help in trying to get coverage.

Bob

November 2010

Sat 11/6 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 11/7 Mike Agnelli, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sat 11/13 Paul Fisher, Robin Moore, Ed Grim

Sun 11/14 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, John Davis

Sat 11/20 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Gerhard Bartsch

Sun 11/21 Buddy Michael, Joel Gross, Murray Welsh

Sat 11/27 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Jay DeVan

Sun 11/28 Dave Stevenson, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Substitutes

Jim Kelly, Jim Arnold, Berle Cherney, Bob Cooley, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Mark Gay, Bob Poth, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Maj Tavakoli, Debbi Perry

Reminders:

1. Please, lock money box in locker with KEY LOCK.
2. Please, make sure that the MASTER LIST kept to record tokens given to members that have taken the safety course is locked in the extra token box in the magazine.
3. Please, remember that hours are 12-5 Sat, Sun and 2-7 Weds. The range should be open during those hours. It is your discretion to close during heavy rain that looks like it may not stop, accumulating snow that makes the ranges dangerous, or when dangerous situations arise that cannot be resolved.
4. Please, look for members picking up hulls under the low-house window. This is very dangerous at all times when the machine is on. It is particularly dangerous when the thrower is in ones hand. All it takes is a short or an accidental button push and the person gets a bird in the ear.
5. Please, make sure that all the power is off upon closing. We want to minimize damage to the machines if lightening were to strike.
6. Please, remember your service is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU

RIFLE/PISTOL

Rifle and Pistol Committee Update (Jesse Lim and Wendy Smith)

On September 11th, the DNR Hunter Qualification was conducted. Thirty-nine shooters attended, one failed on black powder. A special thanks to the following for helping RO the event: Paolo Amadeo, John Randall, Jean Aker, Lou Knapp, Hiem Trang, Jack Chomko, David Tung, Joe Wolf and Caroline Wolf.

We also held the Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol introduction on September 11th. The follow up (Level 2) class for this group will be held on October 10th. I know that everyone enjoyed the wonderful dinner prepared by our head chefs Ed McNally and Cheri Aker, with extra help from Brittney and Ken Lefebvre, as well as Jean Aker. A sincere and special thanks to Ed, Cheri, Brittney, Ken and Jean for doing double-duty to host our event right after the Save-the-Bay event held earlier that day.

The 50-yard rifle range berm is now fixed and the rifle range sound buffer is also repaired. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out during the rainy September maintenance day. A special thank you to Al Goldschmidts for bringing the heavy equipment and donating his time for the continued improvement of our ranges.

REMINDER: As communicated in the September newsletter: Rifle cartridges may ONLY be fired at the rifle range

A Practical Defense Holster Clinic will be held the morning of December 4th from 8 AM to 10 AM prior to the Bowling Pin Match that day.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Membership Dinner Meeting

August 25

Another excellent dinner served by:

Chef McCollum

Supported by Bruce Carlson, Allie Young and Brian McClay.

Hospitality service was provided by, KenLefebvre, Dolores Gick and Tom Malarkey.

Chapter Maintenance Day

August 29

Road Crew Clean-Up

Don Hunt, David Jobes, Ed Mondonedo, Beth Mondonedo, Christen Mondonedo, Ryan Mondonedo, Andrew Mikan, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Chuck Chapman and Erik Chapman.

General Conservation Work

Mary Hunt, Karl Krchma, John Davis,

Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps.

Christmas Trees

Thomas Keller and Wade Dayberry.

Pistol and Rifle

Steve Peck, Alex Limparis and Al Goldschmidts

Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges

Phil Howard, Jeff Opiekun, Ken Johnson, Mark McKevitt,

General Grounds Maintenance and

Clean-up

Wayne Stevens, Troy Agnew, Chris Heiler, Bill Wright, Berle Cherney, Gerhard Bartsch, Richard Young and Sam Young.

Green Shed

Guy Wright

Cowboy Shoot

August 27

John Leaman, Paul Bluteau, Ryan Romig, Ron Romig, Jon Barker, Ralph and Angela, Steve Peck, Mike Statland, MUD, Renegade Lee, Wild Bill and Tug Hill.

The above-mentioned people are part of the Damascus Wildlife Rangers. We are not sure as to what they do but they sure clean up after themselves.

Damascus Heritage Day

September 18

Don Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma, Tiu Singson, Carole Poth and Phillip Dean.

Outdoor Airgun Range Repair

September 25

Jan Vandenberg, Karl Krchma, Bill Gazdik, Phillip Dean, Stan Lipinski and Al Otter.

Chapter Maintenance Day

September 26

Pistol and Rifle Range Maintenance

Alan Pressman, Jesse Lim, Al Goldschmidts, Steve Peck, Don Hunt, Tom Kosciesza, Mark Furr, Tom Oullette, John Mullaney, Jean Aker and John Leaman

Shotgun and Skeet Ranges

Berle Cherney, Ted Holden, Herb Sutcliffe, Mark McKevitt, Richard Young, Sam Young and Matt Boron.

Tree Maintenance Christmas/Chestnut

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Brian, David Stamper and Wade A. Dayberry.

Butterfly Garden

Meo Curtis and Bruce Carlson.

Green Shed (mission control)

Guy Wright and John Leaman.

Membership Dinner

September 24

This was the Annual Installation Banquet,

Chef Cherie Aker prepared the menu and was assisted by Rick Jones, Don Hunt and Mary Hunt. Also assisting were Gene and Sarah (no last names given) so, if either one needs credit let me know.

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Tree Maintenance Day

October 3

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Laura Stohlman, John Stohlman, Michael Svizzero, Rita Mueller, Mladen Udbinac, Dan Zimmerman, Milton L. Hart, Gabriel Taylor, William Jones, Jim Piateski, Rick Jones, Lynn Jones and Kim Knox.

Cowboy Shoot

Date and time unknown

Chuck Crooks and his gang rode in, did their thing and rode out. So be on the lookout for the following:

Alex Limparis, Rich Rankin, Steve Peck and Ron Romig AKA Most Wanted, this one has a price on his head (\$19.95).

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

Daniel Floyd

Eduardo Mondonedo

Belinda Mondonedo

Stephen G. Adams

Miaden J. Udbinac

Volunteers

Reminder to our New Members:

Keep track of the Activities that you have participated in. Remember you need to complete a minimum of two activities in EACH year of your probationary period. Each period is 12 months starting on your acceptance as a member. This helps eliminate questions that may arise later.

Also, one of the activities each year MUST be conservational in nature. Check the IWLA Web site

www.damascusiwla.org for upcoming activities, such as:

October 16 Tree maintenance, Brookville 9:AM

November 6 Fall Clean Up 9:00 AM

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered and signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for picking up and mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cumberland, Chuck Crooks, Nick Giuliano, Greg Talamini , Wendy Smith and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to 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.

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