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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Spring is nearly here. The level of activity has started to ramp up. Be sure to check the chapter calendar for event and updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Chapter Conservation Activities for March

[Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop Tuesday March 13, 2012 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.](#) Free! All materials and easy instructions provided. Registration required. Limited to 30 households, one rain barrel per household. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net **NOTE: no conservation work credit for attending this event.**

Conservation Work Credit Activities:

[Sunday March 18 from 9 to Noon Native Tree Planting Maintenance at WSSC's Pigtail Branch area.](#) Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

[Sunday March 25 from 10 to Noon Christmas Tree Planting and Maintenance.](#) Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Wade Dayberry at 301-787-5573 or wdayberry@hotmail.com

[Saturday March 31 from 9 to Noon \(Rain date: Sunday April 1\) Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up.](#) Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. Gloves, bags, water, and then lunch provided at noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Christmas trees (Wendy Smith)

March Christmas Tree Committee Update: By Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry

Mark your calendars for 9AM Sunday, March 25th – chapter maintenance day! We will be planting our new batch of Christmas Tree seedlings. No experience required, just dress for the weather and getting dirty, hard soled work-boots are a plus. This activity counts as conservation work credit.

Stay tuned for our announcement in the April newsletter seeking crafters for the first annual WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 8th and 9th, 10AM to 4PM at the Chapter House, Upper Hall. Contact Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com.

We are also in need of donations of gently used garden hose (with connectors intact) as well as gently used battery-operated grass clippers. Donations are tax deductible. Contact Wade Dayberry at 301-787-5573.

Happy Spring!

Adult Airgun (Phil Dean)

POSTAL LEAGUE WINNER

Jim Piatetski was the winner in the Senior + category of the 2011-2012 International Airgun Postal League air pistol competition. Other WAC members who participated in this annual event were:

Phillip Dean, Don Hunt, Karl Krchma, Jim Pachulski, and Rory Walley.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

April 2012

Sun 4/1 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 4/4 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 4/7 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 4/8 **EASTER SUNDAY ALL RANGES CLOSED**

Wed 4/11 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 4/14 Jim Arnold, Paul Fisher

Sun 4/15 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 4/18 Jay Jeffrey, Frank Bis

Sat 4/21 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 4/22 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 4/25 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney

Sat 4/28 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 4/29 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Substitutes:

Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Greg Meyer, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, John Davis, Joel Gross, Maj Tavakoli, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Conley Phipps, Bob Cooley, Robin Dixon, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Dick Smith, Debbi Perry, Carl McMahon, Glenn Hubert

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

The first WAC sponsored NRA Basic Rifle class is underway March 10th and 17th. The class is currently full. Many thanks to Rick Thornley, Gregg McDonald, John Mullaney, Terry Popkin and Jesse Lim for getting this first class launched.

March 25th, Sunday: Rifle and Pistol Range cleanup day. As the club membership grows and new activities are added, it is important to adhere to the underlying main reason for WAC's existence; to maintain "the wise stewardship of the land and its resources;" and, to provide a safe, attractive location to enjoy the available shooting sports—at a reasonable cost to the members. The volunteer labor is the main ingredient that makes our organization possible. Shoot safely and enjoy.

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Committee events

– Please see club calendar <http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar.html> for more details –

April 7th – 9am – 2pm - Bowling Pin Shoot – Uncovered Pistol Range

April 7th – 2pm – Introduction to WAC RSO – Rathskeller

April 8th – RANGES CLOSED – EASTER HOLIDAY

April 14th – 10am – 2pm – Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot – Rifle Range

April 14th – Registration opens for May WAC NRA Basic Pistol classes

We'd like to remind everyone, all classes and events held at WAC strictly adhere to the Conduct Rule, as follows:

CONDUCT

18. –No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.”

If you have any questions about any Rifle/Pistol Range Rules and Regulations for our Wildlife Achievement Chapter, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

February 9

Robert Day plumbed in the kitchen sink.

Airgun Range Maintenance

February 18

Phillip Dean, Bill Gazdik, Ed Mondonedo, Ryon Mondonedo, Steve Lefebvre, Damien Wheelles, Rex Gori, Paolo Amedeo and Jan Vandenberg.

Rain Barrel Prep Workshop

February 21

Tom Kummer, Eric Matson, Barbara Flook, Jim Crowson, Joe Carinci and Bill Gazdik.

Membership Dinner

February 22

Cooking for the evening: Randy McKenzie and Cherie Aker.

Kitchen and Dining room staffing:

Martin Sanders, Charly Culbertson, Diane Offutt, John Frank, Mary Esfanaji and Mary Hunt. .

Dining room set-up: Will Carbone and Steve Peck.

Bar staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre and Mash Esfanaji.

Chapter Maintenance Day

February 26

Pistol and Rifle Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts, Rory Walley, Ben Walley, Mark Graham, William Summers Jr. and John Mullaney.

Shotgun Range Maintenance: Tim Kelly, Jim Kelly, Mike Fitzgerald, Rudy Werner, Stephen Rowcroft and Kevin Dukes.

Conservation Activities: Jeff Deschamps, Stephen W. McCaskill, Jim Crowson and Meo Curtis.

General Maintenance: Wade A. Dayberry and

J. Delauder.

Green Shed: John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

Congratulations

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

Jan Vandenberg

Michael LaRoi

David M. Stamper

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Phil Dean, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Nick Giuliano, 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**](mailto: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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