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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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**Sunday
October 20, 2013**

Proceeds to



Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited

**No Pre-Registration
Open to the Public**

Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**2 Rounds
Trap or Skeet**

\$30

**Lunch and
Event Hat**

Chapter Awards (Jeff Deschamps)

There are a lot of good people in this Chapter and every year we ask for nominations for Chapter awards. It is sad when no nominations are forthcoming as we all know members that do something that makes this a better place. This year we do have two awards to present although I am sure there are others equally deserving.

Mash Esfanaji – The first time I noticed Mash's activities I didn't even know who he was. I noticed because every month someone showed up on the Chapter Maintenance day with a car carrier. One or two pallets of birds were loaded onto the carrier and these were loaded from the carrier into the skeet houses. I assumed the person with the car carrier used it in his job, but I could have been more wrong. Mash likes to collect tools and the car carrier is just one of those tools... Mary Esfanaji tells me he has quite a collection and I know our Chapter has benefited from this as he has also brought his arc welder out to the Chapter to repair some of the steel targets used in the cowboy shoots. If that was all Mash did you would say he actively supports his Chapter. At some point he began helping out with the beverage service. After working with Ken Lefebvre for a while Ken convinced him to take over. Now Mash is in charge of the beverage service. Mash always seems to be there if you need help and can also manage the work that needs to be done. We need more folks willing to manage Chapter activities, not just follow others and Mash has stepped up to do that. For these reasons **Mash Esfanaji** is receiving the **Chapter's Meritorious Service Award**.

David Goldberg – Dave has been involved with our Junior Air Rifle program for a number of years. He started as a coach and is now responsible for running the whole program coordinating all of the coaches and resolving conflicts on the club calendar. Junior Air Rifle is a program that meets three times a week from September through the end of the school year and then usually continues into early summer with a small number of our youths that have been invited to compete in national competitions. At our September membership meeting I learned that Dave also takes care of all the paperwork so that the other coaches can do what they do best – coach our youngsters. During the past two or three years various people have talked about starting a junior archery program at our Chapter. Programs like this have been very successful at many other chapters. The problem had always been who was going to organize it – this is not something I could do. I can't recall if Dave volunteered or just didn't know how to say no when we talked about this project. Through his efforts all the people that were needed to accomplish this were brought together – this included our current archery chair, house and grounds, and most importantly the folks that had the knowledge to coach the new archers. We now have a field and a woods archery ranges and a coaching program for archery. The classes they have run to introduce new folks to archery have all filled up very quickly. This is a great addition to the many activities our chapter has to offer. Because of this **David Goldberg** is receiving the **Chapter's Meritorious Service Award**. Congratulations to both Mash and Dave. I am sure they will both continue to support the chapter for many more years and I hope that next year we have new folks that we want to honor for step up to the plate to make this Chapter even better.

Maryland Waterfowl Hunters Be Aware (Greg Talamini)

There has been a very large increase in snow geese in the Atlantic Flyway.

It's estimated at more than one million birds. Special Conservation Order Seasons can run into March or April. There may be a special permit required in some states. There are some confusing regulations for these seasons. As an example, Maryland requires the special permit for the conservation-order season but not the federal duck stamp; New York requires the federal duck stamp but not the special permit. Because these are special management seasons, mandatory reporting requirements are in place as well. Maryland waterfowlers must possess the printed receipt showing proof of purchase of the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp while hunting migratory game birds; the stamp itself isn't enough. This information provided by "Tips From The NRA" by J.R. Robbins Published in Shotgun Sports, April edition.

Proposed Bylaw change (rerun from September)

Old Section 5.

Any member whose dues have not been paid before the first day of January in any year shall lose the privileges to use any range at the chapter until the dues are paid and the new Range Access Card has been received by the member. The date on the check does not suffice as proof of payment and a right to use any range. You must have the new card in your possession and properly displayed to use any range.

New Section 5.

Any member whose dues have not been paid before the first day of January in any year shall no longer be a member in good standing and shall lose all Chapter privileges.

Old Section 6.

The Membership Secretary shall mail a second and final bill to members who have not paid by the second week of January advising them that they shall be deemed in arrears and not a member in good standing if payment is not received by February 1st. The member's right to purchase skeet and trap range cards or shooting and archery supplies, and all other membership privilege shall be suspended until the dues are paid. A late fee may be assessed to the dues payment as noted on the second bill. A list will be made on April 1st of all members who have not renewed and shall be conspicuously posted in the Chapter and Range Houses. You may choose to renew at any time before the end of the current year and have your privileges restored by paying your bill with any associated late fees.

New Section 6.

By the second week in January the Membership Secretary shall mail a second and final bill to members who have not paid by December 31. A late fee may be assessed to the dues as noted on the second bill. If payment is not received by February 1st, the member shall be dropped from the rolls and must re-apply for membership.

From the green shed (Guy Wright)

September 29, 2013

The sun is over someone's yard arm somewhere so I am relaxing with a little Knob Creek - ok maybe more than a little - and reflecting on what went on this chapter maintenance day. The short answer is A LOT!

We had 45 names on the sign-in sheets and I know of at least 3 others who didn't sign in because they didn't need the work credit. There were also some juniors who came out with the family to help with the work of the day - which had a large focus on cutting down invasive plants and brush.

In addition to regular Rifle and Pistol Range Maintenance and Trap and Skeet Range Maintenance groups, there were 6 or more separate work crews who chopped, lopped, and otherwise hacked the heck out of invasive brush all around chapter grounds. Then a lot of workers jumped to other crews to help out.

The following may not be all of the crews - so if I forgot one - please forgive me. Your work was no less important than the ones I interacted with.

There was a crew who cleaned up the bedding around the chapter house; a rain garden crew; an elm tree nursery trail crew; and island in front of the shotgun house crew; and a Leyland Cyprus crew. And I can't forget our "Wandering Bub" who weed whacked about everything that could be whacked - including part of the Christmas tree lot.

The Leyland Cyprus group formed yet another crew who worked with me to load the staggering amount of cut brush on to our club trailer and unload it at our brush composting site in the back left corner of the trap and skeet impact field. In all James Borum, Dave Wrona, Henry Flanner, and Haytham Najjar loaded and unloaded 5 or 6 - 8' x 12' trailer loads of brush. Thanks for your hard work and double duty. (I hope you all remembered the Advil when you got home.)

Chuck and Barb Crooks carted 2 and one half skid of clay birds down to the trap and skeet houses using our Case 580 Super L, where boxes of clay birds were loaded into high and low houses. They finished up their day by using the Case to push all of the dumped brush deeper into the composting area to make room for future loads.

Everywhere I looked I saw members hard at work to improve the appearance of our chapter grounds.

Thanks to you all. Please don't be a stranger. Maintenance day happens once a month for three hours. I look forward to getting to know more of you by your first name.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Grounds and Christmas Tree Maintenance

Wow, there were over 60 members and family who came out for the Chapter Work Day on September 29. About 15 showed up at 8:30 a.m. for the informal talk on invasive plants and why we are keeping them out of the Chapter landscaping. There were 34 of us who continued our war on invasives, pulling, lopping, and whacking down those many unwanted weedy vines, plants, and shrubs. We even replenished some garden areas with plants donated by Wendy Smith. Special thanks to Jeff Deschamps, Wendy Smith, and Guy Wright for leading 'teams' of workers as we spread out across the Chapter grounds.

Upcoming Conservation Work Event

Saturday November 2 (Rain date, Sunday November 3). Upper Patuxent Fall Watershed Clean Up. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9:00 AM. –Gloves, trash bags, and water provided. Scrumptious lunch for all participants at noon at the Chapter House. Student Service Learning credits if the forms are presented on the day of the event. This is a partnership project with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation Adopt A Road and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Patuxent Park. For more details, contact **Meo Curtis** at meosotis58@verizon.net

Other Conservation News

IWLA National—Tiny Ikes Program

At this year's National Convention, the membership voted overwhelmingly to support the Strategic Plan developed since January with much direct input from chapters across the country. The membership agreed on the need for renewed focus to conserve our land, water, and wildlife, and connect more people, especially youth, to outdoor recreation.

IWLA National in Gaithersburg is sponsoring a program this fall just for youngsters ages 2 to 5- the 'Tiny Ikes'. At least one adult 18 or over must stay with the child throughout the session. Younger siblings are welcome, but slings or carriers are recommended for outdoor adventures! Be sure to dress for the outdoors and the weather.

Location:

All events take place at IWLA National, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

(Located next to NIST off Muddy Branch Road). Cost per session is \$8/child* for IWLA members; \$10/child* for non-members. Non-members can also sign up for 3 sessions for \$27.

Registration:

Space is limited. To sign up for one or multiple sessions, contact Rebecca Wadler at (301) 548-0159 x243 or rwadler@iwla.org. You may also download and complete a registration form at

<http://track.iwla.org/z.z?l=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5pd2xhLm9yZy90aWtlcw%3d%3d&r=2874870772&d=515738&p=1&t=h&h=9533cf111dff328060c66fbfc51ca871>.

Sessions:

October 16 (Wednesday):

Autumn Art 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. As the leaves begin to change and fall into reach we will experience the colors of autumn. How many leaves and colors can we find? Discover your artistic side by using nature as your inspiration to create something vibrant.

October 30 (Wednesday):

Halloween Spooktacular 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Wear your costume and bring a flashlight for a (not scary) night exploration as we learn about the things that go bump in the night. It'll be a hoot to discover the animals that wake up when it's time for you to go to bed as well.

SAVE OUR STREAMS WORKSHOP IN GAITHERSBURG, MD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Do you wonder if it's safe for kids and pets to play in the stream near your house? Would you like to help test the water and make sure the information gets to people who can clean it up? Save Our Streams is a fun and easy way to test water quality by collecting and identifying underwater insects.

The Lois Green - Sligo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is sponsoring a Save Our Streams (SOS) Workshop on the Chapter property at 8721 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg, MD. The workshop will be on Saturday, October 26th, start at 9 A.M. and conclude by 3 P.M. Classroom training in the Chapter meeting room will be followed by field training in a nearby stream. The cost of the workshop is \$25; reservations are on a first come first served basis! Please visit <https://sosworkshop.eventbrite.com/> to register. The workshop can accommodate up to 30 adults (high school students with National IWLA permission). Please be prepared to bring your own lunch - drinks will be provided.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2013

November 2013

Sat 11/2 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun 11/3 Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers
Sat 11/9 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 11/10 Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Sat 11/16 Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun 11/17 Joel Gross, John Davis, Ed Shifflett
Sat 11/23 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 11/24 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Sat 11/30 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Reynolds

Substitutes:

Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bob Cooley, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Berle Cherney, Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan, Arden Young

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/ Wendy Smith)

Important! It is your responsibility to read and understand our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules
<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Although members should read and understand **ALL** R/P rules, we would like to highlight a section under CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

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 at any time you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

WORK ACTIVITY RECORDING

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year (you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

John L. Hallman
Tony Santini
Peter Szydlo
Fred Thomas Teal, Jr.
Hans Varmer
Glenn Hubert
Stephen Rowcroft
Hank N. Williams
John Cianflone
Erick Matson

Montgomery County Fair (conservation activity)

August 9-17

Bill Ramos, Kevin Mook, Joe Dennie, Diane Brooks, Paul Hoffman, Claire Usilton, Hank Williams and Jack Cochran.

Cowboy Clinic (general work credit)

September 6

Doug Hutchison, Norman Felder, Tom Ouellette, Ron Romig, Ran Romig, Blue Butubaugh, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks.

Also we had two new members whose names are unreadable.

Hunter Safety Course (conservation work credit)

September 6

Erik Hill.

Renewal Mailing Work Group (general credit)

September 25

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Joe Gick, Dolores Gick, Jesse Lim, Judy Riley, Berle Cherney, Jean Aker, Cherie Aker, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Steve Lefebvre, Troy Agnew, Louise Giuliano, Nick Giuliano, Vernon Vogel, Greg Talamini, Bob Cooley, Ed McNally and Randy McKenzie.

New Member: Lance Kennedy.

Cowboy Set up (general work credit)

September 27

Sam Nesor, Beuty Putkovich, Paul Bluteau, Mary Esfanaji, John Leaman, Barb Crooks and Chuck Crooks.

New Members: Mark Morgan, Frank D. Early, Jim Bourdon, Gary Cooper, Chris Neapor, Ken Putkovich, Jerry Klinger, Sean Parker and Mark Scuderi.

Membership Dinner (general work Credit)

September 27

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties

Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji and Deanna Svrcek.

New Members: Haytham Najjar, Sharon Hitt, Rachel Engling, Dan Leaman, Bill Leaman, Marty Svrcek, Martin Sanders.

Cowboy Tear Down (general work credit)

September 28

Mike Sage.

New Members: David Selman, Lance Kennedy and Frank Early.

Chapter Conservation Work Day

September 29

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Ronald Brooks, Natasha Tokar, Theresa Tokar, Gunnar Tokar, S. Camino. Wendy Smith, Robert Buschling, Marla Hrabak, Ronald Brooks, Juliette Brooks and Matthew Pitman.

New Members: Jeff Tokar, James Borum, James Horton, Harry Chopev, John Camino, Thomas A. Downing, Brian P. Reilly, John Hallman, Jay Hannam, Mark Morgan, Tony Santini, Chris Link, Peter Szydlo, Mike Schmidt, Tom Peters, Patrick Riley, Edward Olson, Chris Bransford, Gene Mongelluzzo, Dmitriy Beloslyudtsev, Bud Gats, Greg Cass, Haytham Najjar, Henry Flanner, Dale Hrabak, David Wrona, David Pitman, Fred Teal, David Fontanez, Nathan Pratt, Mark Adkins, Glen Cook and Steven Hefferon.

Chapter Maintenance Day (general work credit)

September 29

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)

Al Goldschmidts, Rudy Werner, Mark McKeivitt, Ardem Young, Tony Hess, George King and Bill Gunther.

New Members: Gary Giambalvo, Billy Ramos, Bob Waffle and Stephen Rowcroft.

General Ground Maintenance

Green Shed (operations shack)

Guy Wright, Barb Crooks and Chuck Crooks.

A reminder to our probationary members:

It's membership renewal time again. For members (1) that are at the end of their second year of probation or (2) might be over it and have not completed the minimum required work activities, you will need to pay the initiation fee of \$60.00 again along with the renewal fee of \$135.00.

You still have time to get whatever work activities you need done and not to pay the extra \$60.00.

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Nick Giuliano

If you are a probationary member and volunteered during the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members so my guess could be wrong. If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis , Jeff Deschamps, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Wendy Smith, Jesse Lim ,Greg Talamini, Debbi Perry 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 Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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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