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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Chapter Air Gun Tournaments (Jim Pachulski)

The event you've all been waiting for is just around the corner. It is once again time for the Chapter's annual air gun competition. This year the Adult Airgun Program will host two separate tournaments, one for air pistol and the other for air rifle. The air pistol tournament will be held on Monday, March 21st at 7:00pm. The air rifle tournament will be held on Monday, April 18th at 7:00pm. The tournaments are open to all adult members of the Chapter.

Competitors may shoot in one or both tournaments. Spectators are encouraged to attend the tournaments and cheer for their favorite competitors.

Each tournament will be a 60 shot match at 10 meters. The course of fire will be six strings of ten shots with 15 minutes allowed per string. NRA rules will apply (e.g., minimum trigger weight of 500 grams for air pistols). Eye protection is required.

In keeping with the program's tradition, we have once again turned down generous prize donations, which this year included a 10 DVD set of the Presidential debates (unabridged), 2,080 classified emails recently released by the State Department (with 22 bonus emails rated "Top Secret"), and an autographed Jordan Zimmerman jersey. The winners will receive a hearty handshake, a pat on the back and their name published in a future Club newsletter.

We're looking forward to a couple of fun tournaments. You won't want to miss them. If you have any questions, contact Jim Pachulski at jim.pachulski@verizon.net or (202) 487-6237.

Junior Airgun Fundraiser (Ed Mondonedo)

This is an announcement of the Annual DAMASCUS JUNIOR AIR RIFLE FUNDRAISER SPRING FLING DINNER. The Spring Fling Dinner 2016 is Saturday, April 2, 2016 at [5pm](#) at the IWLA Clubhouse.

· Come all, celebrate the spring and help raise money for our junior shooters. The team needs your support to help the shooters go to the Regional, National and Junior Olympic travel matches.

· Cost: \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child under 11 years old. DARC Shooters are free.

· Live music performances by our own IWLA members. 5:00pm

· Door prizes and 50/50 Raffle. 6:15pm

· Dinner meal, Ice cream dessert. 6:30pm

· After dinner movie, Marvel's "The Avengers - Age of Ultron" 7:30pm.

Spaces Limited to 80 people - RSVP by Wednesday March 30, 2016

email: Eduardo M. Mondoñedo eddarc rifle@yahoo.com

New Shooter Clinic

The first of two New Cowboy Shooter Clinics at Damascus is on Sunday, April 10, 2016.

Application is available here. <http://www.damascusiwla.org/dwr/clinic2016.pdf>

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for February 2016.

Come out to the Conservation Committee meetings (1st Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.) to share your ideas for expanding our conservation activities or to propose alternate conservation credit work. The Committee has a good budget for activities so we have the financial capital but we need more human capital!



The small but effective group at Pigtail on March 5, 2016 (Meo Curtis participated as well)

Conservation News for March 2016.

Conservation Credit Events coming up:

Patuxent Watershed Clean-Up Saturday April 2. 9:30 am to noon. Rain date: Sunday April 3. Help keep litter from getting into our local waterways by cleaning up our roadsides, river crossings, and DNR parking areas. Lunch provided at noon for all participants. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Rachel Carson Park Tree Planting and Maintenance. Sunday April 17. 9 am to noon. No rain date. This is an off-site project. For more info and directions contact Contact Barry Fleming barryjfilem@verizon.net or Rodger Moran rodger.j.moran@gmail.com

Chapter Gardens maintenance. March. Keep an eye out for an email alert during March. This will be on a weekday morning during the week of either March 14-March18 or March 21-25—weather dependent! Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Chapter Gardens maintenance. Sunday April 24 from 10 to noon on the Chapter monthly work day. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Other Conservation Activities:

Howard County Greenfest Come out for a FREE family event celebrating Earth Month on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00am – 4:00pm at Howard Community College 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway Columbia, Maryland 21044 in the Burrill Galleria. Over 80 displays will provide easy steps we can all take to promote environmental responsibility. Lunch will be available for purchase. Check HCGreenfest.org for more information. Rain or shine event but most activities are inside.

Montgomery County Greenfest Saturday April 30 from 11 am to 4 pm at Takoma Park Community Center at [7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912](http://7500MapleAvenueTakomaParkMD20912). A one-day festival focused on the people and environment of Montgomery County! Activities for all ages to create a greener community. Check montgomerycountyGreenfest.org for more information.

- Enjoy live music.
- Watch an environmental film!
- Learn how to green your home and neighborhood.
- Explore the approximately 100 exhibitors and vendor booths.
- Listen to a nationally recognized speaker, including EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.
- Grab a snack at a food truck.

Local Geocaching with an environmental theme!

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC): The WSSC six geocaches are spread out within the T. Howard Duckett Reservoir (Rocky Gorge). Each cache contains information about WSSC, our programs, tips for being a responsible water user, and possibly some cool “swag.” Remember, if you take something, it’s polite to leave something of greater or equal value for the next person to find! *Please note that geocachers do not need a Watershed Use Permit when searching for caches on our property. For more information see: <https://www.wsscwater.com/watershed>.

Montgomery County. The Caching the Rain geotrail's theme is stormwater awareness. Improving water quality is in your hands! The Caching the Rain Geotrail takes you on a tour of some of Montgomery County’s stormwater management practices. There are geocaches placed nearby various practices that help improve water quality in our local streams. More information is available at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/water/caching-the-rain.html>.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

April, 2016

Sat 4/2 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 4/3 Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed 4/6 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat 4/9 Greg Myers, Mike Webb
Sun 4/10 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 4/13 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 4/16 Sean McTernan, Steve Olsen
Sun 4/17 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 4/20 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 4/23 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun 4/24 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed 4/27 Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry
Sat 4/30 Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Ed Gilpin, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak,
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,
Brian Van Winkle, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Steve Myers,
Steve Rowcroft, Rodger Moran

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

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354. REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone.

Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest name not sign in will be removing immediately from the club ground and consider as trespassing.

WAC board has approved the request from the chairman of the rifle and pistol to implement and add in our conduct rules for “Guest Identification Badges” guideline rules will be included in the 2017 renewals membership and new member.

Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member’s current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 2014** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.** If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Varria Braxton and Magnum Vassell

Board of Directors Meeting

1/6/2016

Probationary Member:

Kitchen Assistant (Regular Credit)

John Porter

Board of Directors Meeting

2/3/2016

Probationary Members:

Kitchen Assistant / Bar (Regular Credit)

John Porter and Neil Balfour

Wild Game Dinner Set Up (Kitchen)

2/18/2016

Member:

Adrian Jackman

Probationary Members:

Kitchen Assistant (Regular Credit)

John Porter, Lynn Mascaro, Bob Mascaro, Varria Braxton

Wild Game Dinner Set Up

2/19/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Ian Butler, Lee Trunnell, Paul Bluteau, Alex Cummins, Chuck Limparis, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Shon Barr, Michael Veirs Jr., Michael Veirs Sr.
and Alan Burrows

Range Maintenance Day

2/28/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Tom Ouellette, Bud Gates, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Connor Walsleben, Mike Zarchin, Brooks Zarchin, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Harold Dean Elliott, Ian Butler, Frank Saenz and Stephen McCaskill

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

John Porter, Pam Porter, Neil Balfour, Nancy Holl, C. Frank Holl and Riley Rafferty

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

This reminder is directed to the many probationary members that have devoted many, many hours to the maintenance of our ranges. This is great; the Ranges require a lot of

maintenance. However, as stated in the Chapter's Bylaws all probationary members must participate in at least one Conservation Activity in each of their probationary years.

We have quite a number of probationary members that have completed all four required work activities in their first year of probation and think they have met their obligation, they have not. If you think you may be one of these members, drop me an email.

If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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 Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Jim Pachulski, Wendy Smith and Jesse Lim for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to 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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