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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

**Conservation** (Barry Fleming/Rodger Moran)

Rachel Carson Conservation Project April 17<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday April 17th the weather was beautiful and we had a crew of 21 come out for our semiannual conservation project at Rachel Carson Park along Sundown Road near Laytonsville. This was our 4<sup>th</sup> time working at this location which again was coordinated with the help of Katherine Nelson and Michael Pierce from the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission. We planted 10 varieties of native trees for a 52 tree total. The Parks Department provided 12 trees and our chapter purchased 40 more from Stadler Nurseries. Stadler continues to be very generous extending discounts to IWLA thus affording us the ability to purchase more trees than we normally could. In addition to tree planting we provided deer protection cages for new trees or recycled older cages and mended many of the others. About half of the trees we planted were used to replace those that had not survived over the past few years. The Parks Department had been planting here several years prior to our involvement so there are now several hundred trees here that we maintain.

This area is in the western most part of Rachel Carson Conservation Park where the Hawlings River crosses Sundown Road. Much of this low lying area along the river was previously privately owned and had cattle grazing here before the Parks Department was able to purchase it and merge it into Rachel Carson. The Hawlings River is a 13 mile tributary of the Patuxent River that basically starts its journey just north of Laytonsville flowing through this area of the park. This project, as well as our work at the Brookville site and the ongoing project in conjunction with WSSC at Triadelphia Reservoir, is all about improving the quality of the water that flows into the Rocky Gorge Reservoir, the source for much of our drinking water. We are working to reforest this area in order to provide some much needed shade to this part of the river. We will continue to work this area into the foreseeable future by planting new trees and maintaining what is there. Our thanks to all that came out to make this day a success.

Barry and Rodger



*(photos :Barry Fleming)*

*Conservation Credit Events coming up:*

Saturday May 14. Offsite watershed maintenance at Brookville site. Limited space available.

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*Other Conservation Activities:*

It appears we will soon be revitalizing our Christmas tree program. This will mean more opportunities for qualified conservation credit activity. More information will be forthcoming.

National Park Service 100th Anniversary This year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of our National Park Service. There are many events and activities throughout 2016 to celebrate the centennial and the goal that the most wondrous and spectacular landscapes in the world's largest democracy should be accessible to everyone, and that our indigenous plant and animal life should be provided protected free-range habitats. More information is available at: [nps.gov/subjects/centennial/](http://nps.gov/subjects/centennial/)

June 4 is National Trails Day; U.S. park sites host events demonstrating their array of trail activities, including hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding, and wildlife spotting. For more information: [nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org](http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org)

On the Park Service's 100th anniversary (Aug 25-28), admission fees will be waived at all park sites, and many parks are also hosting their own free days throughout the year. ([nps.gov/findapark/national-park-week.htm](http://nps.gov/findapark/national-park-week.htm))

•And fourth-grade students — hurry! you can visit free through the rest of the 2015-2016 school years, thanks to the Every Kid in a Park initiative. ([everykidinapark.gov](http://everykidinapark.gov))

#### 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)

### **June, 2016**

Wed 6/1 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 6/4 North South Skeet Tournament - No RO's

Sun 6/5 Tony Hess, Mark Gay  
Wed 6/8 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson  
Sat 6/11 Thunder Valley Days - No RO's  
Sun 6/12 George King, Gary Giambalvo  
Wed 6/15 Jay Jeffrey  
Sat 6/18 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji  
Sun 6/19 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli  
Wed 6/22 Bob Woodward, Rodger Moran  
Sat 6/25 Greg Myers, Mike Webb  
Sun 6/26 Bob Poth, Jay DeVan  
Wed 6/29 Bob Cumberland, Ron Roberson

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak,  
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,  
Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Jeff Tokar, Sean McTernan,  
Debbi Perry, Steve Myers, Steve Rowcroft, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young

**WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)***rerun from April*

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.damascusiwa.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 Rifle and Pistol Chairman to implement new guest identification badges and conduct rules for using the guest badges in January 2017. The badges will be part of the annual membership renewal activity later this year.

Important!

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.

Effective immediately: Any member receiving a violation will require them to attend the orientation class within 30 days from the citation date. If the orientation class is not re-taken within 30 days of the citation, the members range gate card will be suspended until the orientation class is recorded upon completion. A suspended candidate will not be able to use any of our shooting ranges and will not be allowed as a guest.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **May 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.

Duc H. Lam                      Stephen B. Elko

Mark Lattner                    James Lattner

Alexander W. Bush    Pamela Porter

John Porter\*

\*John completed his 60<sup>th</sup> work activity on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Chapter & Range Orientation**

I received an email from the Committee Chairman, Jean Aker with a request that we give credit to the following members for their service as instructors. For the past several years their contribution to the safe operation of our ranges is invaluable.

Pete Ott, Danny Smith, Vernon Vogel, Jesse Lim and Jean Aker

## **Upper Patuxent Watershed Cleanup 4/2/2016**

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma, Mike Wolfe, Donna Boousz, Justin Iadicola, Mack Iadicola, Gail Wolfe, Cathy Franklin, Giselle Taracena, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski, Paul Largent, Alan Zlotkouski and May Ambush

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Tom Merkle, Jeff Adcock, Joe Songer, Ed Maynes, Neil Balfour, Chris Miller, John Kavanagh, Delson Taracena, Tom Franklin, John-Luke Espinas and Shane Scott

**Archery Range Maintenance** 4/2/2016

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

John Porter

**Cowboy Clinic** 4/16/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Steven Tiner, Mike Sage, Robert Vendemmia, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Sandra Snapp, Norm Feldser and Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Stephen Elko and Neil Balfour

**Rachel Carson Tree Planting/Maintenance** 4/17/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Rodger Moran, Austin Merson, Barry Fleming, Catherine Fulton, Garrett Fulton and Jenny Bungardnor

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Marc Shaffer, David Bergtold, Manuel Perez, Brian Pack, Erik Mettler, John Porter, Richard Fulton, Leslie Harrelson, Christopher Hamrick, Lloyd Ballou, Dakotah Merson, and Winston Viana

**Chapter Garden Maintenance** 4/21/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Polly Leech and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Adam Vitelli, Al Goldsborough, Andy Leech and Karl Plitt

**Cowboy Set Up** 4/22/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Paul Bluteau, Sean Parker, Dale Hrabak and Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Manuel Perez, Tom Preston, Steve Chesler and Richard Fulton

**Chapter Range Maintenance Day** 4/24/2016 (including Green shed and Archery)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Dale Buschling, Bud Gates, Jim Hitchcock, William Leaman, Michael Zarchin, Brooks Zarchin, Logan Zarchin, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Dan Femiano and Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

John Porter, Pam Porter, Ron Colbert, Adrian Liebel and Frankie Cheung

**Shotgun Range Office** 4/30/2016

Members:

Murray R. Welsh and Mike Webb

**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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto: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, Barry Fleming, Rodger Moran, 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](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.

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