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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner (Cherie Aker)

It's January and I am sure many of you have New Year's Resolutions. I know I have made a few. The usual – lose weight, save money, and become more involved in community projects. I wish you success with your New Year's Resolutions.

If you haven't made Resolutions – I suggest becoming more involved with our WAC chapter. Take a look at the WAC calendar – pick a project or event – and get involved! Our WAC Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 24th. We are serving pizza. It's a great opportunity to meet other members – enjoy conversation with fellow members and develop friendships.

WAC is offering a Practical Defense Holster Clinic on Saturday January 20th in the Rathskeller - downstairs hall starting at 10:30 a.m. The Holster Clinic could be a gateway to the Cowboy Action Shoots sponsored by WAC. To learn more about Cowboy Action Shooting – please access the following Web link <http://damascusiwla.org/DWR/dwr.html>

As always – I encourage participation in our Chapter Maintenance Day and Range Clean-up scheduled Sunday January 28th at 10:00 am. All Ranges are closed until Noon. Routine maintenance is very important!

Before coming to the Ranges – please remember to check the WAC Website Calendar for range closures due to inclement weather conditions.

Hope to see you soon!

Until then – take care and be safe!

WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES AT THE CLUB (Chuck Crooks)

With winter upon us, it is time to let you know the snow and winter procedures at the club.

Generally, with a 1 to 3" snowfall, we only clear sidewalks. To clear the gravel roadways using plows and snow blowers causes more damage to the road and does little to make the road safer. Larger snowfalls will be reviewed as they happen.

With larger snow amounts, we clear the main road to the chapter house first, then the upper and rear parking areas. The range road and range parking lot are cleared last.

The range road is the most difficult and it gets the least amount of sun, compared to the other areas. With deep snow, the range road could be closed for a lengthy period of time. Shooters can walk to the ranges but the actual ranges are cleared by mother nature only. We will say that walking down the road on foot is not too bad. Coming up is a totally different story.

During snow or ice events, chapter activities are canceled only as a last resort. It is up to the event chairperson to cancel the event or the house and grounds committee can deem it unsafe to hold the event. Every attempt to clear the main road and chapter house is made by those that have been selected to do the work. However, they must get there first. We have the capability to see the cameras around the chapter house remotely and can make a possible decision without going to the chapter. We also have a tenant that can inform us as well.

Event cancellations will be E-mailed to all members and the event cancellation will be posted on the clubs web site calendar. If your trip is for an event, check with the event contact (posted on the web calendar) prior to coming to the club. If you are an event chairperson, you need to be in contact with Guy Wright or Chuck Crooks.

Range closures will be listed in a header on the web site and regular updates will be posted. Updates, date and time of update, are also included.

If there is any snow on the range road we strongly advise that you use an all wheel drive or four wheel drive vehicle. You do so at your own risk.

Always look at the web site shortly before you leave for the club. Range closures, event cancellations and delays are all posted on the web sites main page and club calendar.

Every attempt is made to clear all areas for normal activities. This takes time. Safety is the main objective.

Your cooperation and patience is appreciated.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

The Conservation and Christmas Tree Committees have many events scheduled this year, with the first work credit event scheduled for Christmas Tree maintenance on February 25. Be sure to check the on-line Chapter calendar and keep an eye in the newsletter for related announcements.

Recycling for the New Year!

At the link below, you will find an alphabetized list from Howard County of miscellaneous items and what to do with them other than send them to fill up landfills! There is also a link to the Donation Directory which shows local organizations for donations and also some consignment shops in the area. <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/What-Should-I-Do-With>

Some examples of what you can do are shown below.

Bicycles: Bring your reusable bicycles to Alpha Ridge and give those bikes another life! Look for the Reusable Bicycle shed (please no tricycles or motorized bikes). This is a partnership with the Lions Club of Glenwood and [Bikes for the World](#) which has donated bikes to youth projects in Africa, Costa Rica, Barbados, El Salvador, DC and rural Kentucky. Also consider [Velocipede](#), located in Baltimore . If your bike isn't in good condition, contact your local bike store to see if they can use the parts or as a last resort, recycle it with scrap metal at the transfer station.

Paperless Billing: According to PayItGreen.org, if 20 percent of American households switched from paper to electronic bills, statements and payments each year, the collective impact would:

- Save 150,939,615 pounds of paper
- Save 1,811,275 trees
- Avoid producing almost 2 million tons of greenhouse gases
- Avoid creating over a billion gallons of waste-water during paper production
- Avoid using over 100 million gallons of gas to mail payments

Montgomery County Conservation Landscapes and Rain Garden Workshop.

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1pm - 4pm at Colesville United Methodist Church

The Department of Environmental Protection staff will show you how to evaluate your site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate. If you register by January 31st, RainScapes will provide a site plan of your home to discuss in the workshop. This event is free and hosted at the Colesville United Methodist Church. Register on-line here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rainscapes-stormwater-solutions-conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens-tickets-41707188323>

Become a FrogWatcher!

Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection offices at 255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120 Rockville. The workshop will introduce participants to the frogs and toads of Montgomery County and what makes these critters so amazing! FrogWatching is a perfect activity for families, homeschoolers, and those interested in citizen science. [Learn more and sign up](#) at <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/frogwatch/>

Environmental Legislative Summit from the Maryland League of Conservation Votes
Thursday, January 18 in the Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St. Annapolis MD.
I have attended for many years and have found the Summit very helpful in getting information and contacts about likely legislation with environmental impacts or benefits. Learn about the legislative priorities of Maryland's environmental community. The summit is free and open to all, but pre-registration (link below) is strongly encouraged. There is a free half-day workshop happening earlier in the day-agenda below.

To register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYBHfftDSqY50XIXxD_C6zFXwu5pBuxo8OZO5Dznx3zuaK-g/viewform

Where to Park: <https://annapolisparking.com/parking-locations/>

Agenda:

- Workshop - 12-3pm - a half day bring-your-own-lunch workshop with advocacy training and conversations to go more in depth on upcoming environmental legislative priorities and network with fellow advocates!

- Summit - 4-6 pm - hear from advocates and elected officials about Maryland's environmental legislative priorities, with Bob Perciasepe, former MDE Secretary and Deputy Administrator of EPA, as our keynote!

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

February

Sat 2/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 2/4 Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora

Sat 2/10 Larry Buck, Ian Rolfen

Sun 2/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Sat 2/17 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar

Sun 2/18 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Sat 2/24 Adam & Kim Buynak

Sun 2/25 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Jim Arnold, Gerhard Bartsch, Larry Buck, Roman Drews, Jeremy Dvorak, Gary Green,

Joel Gross, Keith Kosian, Rodger Moran, Tim Mulreany, Steve Myers, Bob Poth, Jim

Shay, Bob Shelley, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Murray Welsh, Hank Williams

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update – (John Porter)

Saturday Jan. 20 Mandatory RSO meeting 8:00AM - 10:00AM Upstairs Chapter Hall.

Saturday Jan. 20 Practical Defense Holster Clinic 10:30AM - 12:00PM Downstairs Rathskeller

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before January 2016 **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 are not sure as to your status, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Thomas Alan Goldsborough
Mindy Davis Goldsborough
William Allen Hermach
James Russell Holl
Kevin King Lee
Adam T. Dube

Save The Bay

8/27/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Mark Gay, Deb Perry, Rodger Moran,
Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak, Maj Tavakoli,
Adam Young, Steve Olsen, Dakotah Merson,
Robert Balser and Jeremy Dvorak

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

James Shay and Lawrence Buck

Shotgun Maintenance

11/12/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Mark Gay, Arden Young and Jeremy Dvorak

Cowboy Dinner

11/25/2017

Member: Cherie Aker

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Anna McComber

Board Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

12/6/2017

Member: Neil Balfour

Pre-Holiday Kitchen Preparation

12/12/2017

Member: Neil Balfour

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Steve Heintze

Range Maintenance Day

12/17/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Wendy Smith,
Mindy Goldsborough, Al Goldsborough,
John McCarraher, Bill Blinkhorn, Joe Pauley,
Judy Heming-Powell, Joseph Smith and
John Leaman

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Stephen Mason, Rob McLaren, Ivy Huang and
Eva Waaks

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 Cherie Aker, Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, John Porter and Chuck Crooks 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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