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**CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

**President's Corner**  
**December 2018**



November 18<sup>th</sup> WAC's Kitchen hosted a pie bake. Traditional pies, such as Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, and Pecan were baked. Just to be different – I prepared Butternut Squash Crumble Pies. It was an enjoyable day and an opportunity to raise \$110 in donations for our Junior Rifle program.

Once again we are having a Cookie Bake and Exchange on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Kitchen. Last year – the kids showed their talent with decorating cookies and Rice Krispies Treats. Members attending the December General Membership Meeting had the opportunity to make a donation towards our WAC Land Fund and received their choices of cookies. This year's December Membership meeting cookies will again be available for a donation towards Junior Rifle.

The cookies are just one of many reasons to attend the WAC December Holiday Membership and the Installation of 2019 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Besides a good meal, camaraderie, and cookies – tickets for the Wild Game Dinner & Auction will be available for purchase during the membership meeting. Hope to see you there!

The Wild Game Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday January 26, 2019. Seating is limited and tickets usually sell out before the event. Tickets are still available and can be purchased for \$25 each at the Skeet Shack.

The Chapter Maintenance Day and Range Clean-Up are scheduled Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Also scheduled on the same day is the Club and Range Orientation at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs hall. Pre-registration is required. New members and current members are welcomed to attend.

*What if Christmas he thought doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas perhaps means a little bit more. – Dr. Seuss*

Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!

Cherie Aker

**Conservation** (Meo Curtis/Jeff Deschamps)



**Hello from Patuxent River State Park**  
Riley Schwengel at [riley.schwengel@maryland.gov](mailto:riley.schwengel@maryland.gov)

Hello! My name is Riley Schwengel and I am the Park Ranger recently assigned to Patuxent River State Park. I wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself and fill you in on some exciting developments that are taking place at the park. Before being assigned to Patuxent full time, I started my career as a Seasonal Ranger in Rhode Island followed by a season at Patapsco Valley State Park and another at Cunningham Falls State Park. My favorite pastime is to go hiking and wander quietly around nature. I love to explore and Patuxent is surely full of much to find.

As many of you know, Patuxent River State Park has existed since the 1970s, with the state first acquiring land for the park in the late 1960s. However, the park was never really developed and remains “wild” and greatly undiscovered. While this has created a quiet and reclusive park experience, it has also caused the park to be somewhat neglected. The Maryland Park Service now aims to correct this and to develop Patuxent to its full potential while maintaining the quiet and wild character that the park embodies.

One of the first steps towards this goal is to carve new trails. We have begun building trails in the southern area of the park and have gotten approval to build trails in the northern reaches as well. These trails will provide reliable and safe access for all users to the park’s many regions. The state-designated wildlands in the center (around Hipsley Mill Road) will not have any trails built within them and will retain their wilderness quality. We need as much help building our trails as possible and I encourage anyone interested to contact me for trail work opportunities.

Our other development is our nature center. Opened at an old farm house off at 23222 Georgia Avenue in Brookeville, the nature center hosted a number of free educational programs for the public this summer. It also has a host of displays, specimens, and resources for anyone interested in learning about the park or nature in general. We have begun to wind down programs due to the coming winter, but will kick back up in the spring and summer and I hope many of you will join us.



This is an exciting time for Patuxent River State Park. The park is finally getting the attention and resources it deserves. I hope the Izaak Walton League, its members, and many other local groups can help the Park Service transform Patuxent into a fully-realized park. I look forward to working with you all.

## Montgomery County RainScapes Rebates Increase. Residential, Commercial and Institutional Property Owners Are Encouraged to Apply

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) RainScapes program has been providing rebates since 2007 for residential, commercial and institutional property owners that voluntarily increase stormwater controls to their properties. Types of projects covered include rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavement.



Beginning on October 1, 2018, for all pending and future RainScapes projects, the maximum per property Rewards Rebate has been increased from \$2,500 to \$7,500 per residential property, and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for properties owned by commercial entities, institutions, homeowner associations or nonprofit organizations.

Over the past 11 years, 987 rebates have been distributed totaling \$511,481.63. Those who previously received the maximum rebate under the old threshold will be eligible for additional rebates for installing more controls. RainScapes projects require pre-approval from DEP in order to receive a rebate, except for rain barrel installation projects. Approved projects are expected to be completed within six months after approval. Rebates are awarded based on a final inspection of the project and submittal of receipts.

RainScapes rebates are funded through the Montgomery County Water Quality Protection Charge. Once a RainScapes project is installed, residents may be eligible for a reduction to their property tax bill in the form of a credit for maintaining their project. More information about the Rainscapes program, including information on how to apply for rebates, is available at [rainscapes.org](http://rainscapes.org) or by email at [rainscapes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@montgomerycountymd.gov). Information about a potential tax credit for implementing a Rainscapes project can be found at [montgomerycountymd.gov/wqpc](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/wqpc).

**How To for Howard County Recycles! *11% of the stuff*** Howard County residents think is recyclable and put in their blue bin...*doesn't belong and ends up as trash*. What's more is that improper sorting can contaminate what should be recycled and end up costing taxpayers more for trash removal service. Find out what you can recycle and what should be disposed elsewhere through the 'Do You Know before You Throw' game at: <http://howardcountymd.recycle.game/>. To play, drag and drop items to the correct place to see how much you "KNOW" Before You Throw. At the end of every level, you get to select a 'reward' to drag and create a 'digital park'. **Hint:** ARL stands for Alpha Ridge Landfill.

Find lots of options for proper disposal of all sorts of things at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/What-Should-I-Do-With>.

## **Fun facts about our membership** ( Tim Garrity)

### AGE:

Oldest members (x2) 92.6 years old

Youngest member is 2.7 years old

Average age = 54.9 years

90s = 5 people (0.3%)

80s = 33 (2%)

70s = 215 (13%)

60s = 414 (26%)

50s = 449 (28%)

40s = 245 (15%)

30s = 138 (9%)

20s = 58 (4%)

10-19 = 57 (4%)

1-9 = 9 (0.6%)

### MEMBERSHIP DURATION:

Longest membership: 62 years (late Charlie Wiles)

Members since 1970s = 20 (1%)

Since 1980s = 71 (4%)

1990s = 233 (13%)

2000s = 452 (25%)

Since 2010 = 1,060 (58%)

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

[TOTAL AT CNDL LEVEL = 25]

[TOTAL AT CL = 20]

[TOTAL AT NL = 51]

[TOTAL AT DL = 3]

[TOTAL WITH SOME LIFE MEMBERSHIP = 99]

FM = 106

RG = 1,187

ST = 12

C-Chapter, N –National, D-Division, L-Life, FM-family, RG-Regular, ST-Student

## Beginner Skeet League (Bob Cumberland)

Anyone that regularly enjoys the Chapter Shotgun range has noticed a decline in the number of shooters over the last few years. Thanks to a few dedicated members, we hosted a Beginner Skeet league to introduce people to the game, safety and shooting techniques, and to other Chapter members with similar interests. As a new or inexperienced shooter, approaching the Skeet field can be intimidating. By nature a squad of shooters seems unapproachable, especially when those shooters rarely miss a target. The goal of the league was to alleviate those concerns, reiterating that while learning the game, we all missed more targets than we hit.

The League quickly filled with 15 participants that attended four sessions of instruction and 8 rounds of Skeet. With each session the comfort level and number of broken birds went up, success!

Details are being worked out for another Beginner League in the near future. Keep an eye (actually both eyes) on chapter emails for more information and sign up right away. If the first league was any indication, it will fill up very quickly.





*The editor apologizes profusely for omitting this article twice.*

## **Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

### **January 2019**

Sat 1/5 Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill  
Sun 1/6 Steve Meyers, Rodger Moran  
Sat 1/12 Paul Fisher, Phil Butler  
Sun 1/13 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak  
Sat 1/19 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay  
Sun 1/20 Paul Turska, Jake Turska  
Sat 1/26 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman  
Sun 1/27 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

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

Saturday January 5 - Practical Defense Match  
Break in that new pistol you received for Christmas  
Expert coaching is available to help you get started in Practical Defense.

Saturday January 19.  
Mandatory RSO meeting - 8:00-10:00 in the upstairs chapter hall.

Holster clinic 10:30 - 12:00 in the Rathskeller. This clinic will demonstrate the various holster types available and qualify you to use holsters during Defense Practical matches.

Saturday February 2  
Bowling Pin Match 1:00 - 4:00 on the uncovered pistol range.

Saturday February 23.  
NRA RSO Training Class 8:00- 2:00 in the upstairs chapter hall.

Polar Bear Rifle Match 9:00 - 1:00 on the rifle range.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **December 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](mailto: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 probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Ivy H. Huang  
Mark L. Mayer  
Jeffery A. Boeckl  
Delson A. Taracena  
Philip Jerome Yuengling

**Save Our Streams** (Committee)

**11/04/2018**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Rodger Moran,  
Doug Chapman, John Hartwell, Robbie Hartwell  
and Philip Hartwell

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Stephen Meyer

**Upper Patuxent River Chemical Monitoring**

**No Date given**

**Member:** Meo Curtis

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

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**No Date given**

**Member:** Meo Curtis

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Stephen Meyer

**Membership Renewal Support**

**11/10/2018**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Tim Garrity, Shannon Garrity, Timmy Garrity,  
Billy Ramos, Ivy Huang, Cherie Aker, Jean Aker,  
Joe Pauley, Chuck Crooks and Gavin Wheeler

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Alfred Cross, James McInerney and Al Srebnick

**Rachael Carson Conservation Park**

**11/17/2018**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Barry Fleming, Rodger Moran, Meo Curtis,  
Jeff Deschamps, Richard Fulton, Gerrett Fulton  
and Catherine Fulton

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Dave Gaffny, Cindy Jansen, Armando Martinez,  
Ralph Bally, Barb Bally, Bob Finnell, Steve Meyer,

Mike Shaffer, Carole Shaffer, Philip Yuengling,  
Damon Sui, Alex Zeppos, Delson Taracena,  
Delbert Blair and Robin Axtell

**Cowboy Set-Up**

**11/23/2018**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Limparis, George Hughes, Jan Paper,  
Deanne Mayer, Dante Mayer and Drake Mayer

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Bill Blinkhorn, Phil Butler, Devin Mayer  
Justin Kaufman, Steve Zobel, Steve Smith and Li Li

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)

**11/25/2018**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Al Goldschmidt, Pat Hasting,  
Cathy H. Rawlings, Joe Pauly and Joe Smith

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Jason Bieber, Chris Buynak and Rodney Waddell

**Christmas Tree Maintenance**

**Member:** Lee Cassio

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Devin Mayer, Scott Broom and Bill Blinkhorn

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

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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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