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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Wild Game Dinner (Rich Fried and Chuck Limparis)

The Wild Dinner is rapidly approaching (Jan. 24) and We still need donations of food and items for the auction. If you have any game to donate, Please contact Ed McNally (edward_mcnally@comcast.net or Jorge Silva (jgs1949@gmail.com). The auction is one of the biggest fundraisers for the chapter. We need useable high-quality items, except for exercise equipment. Please contact Rich Fried (301-253-2789 or TanRicFried@aol.com) to donate items.

Tickets are \$20.00 and are available for sale at the Shotgun Range house during open hours and at the membership meetings until we sell out. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Auction items can be viewed starting at 3:00pm with silent auctions and a few early bird items starting at 5:00pm.

Tickets are on sale now at the Dinner Meetings. Don't delay as this event always sells out!

Once again the auction will include the several weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, www.PortLargoVillas.Org. The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am.

These weeks have been very popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeats from prior years.

In addition, the second week listed below coincides with Montgomery County Public Schools Spring Break! The dates for the weeks that will be auctioned this year are as follows;

Friday, 27 March 2009 - Friday, 3 April 2009

Friday, 3 April 2009 - Friday, 10 April 2009 MCPS SPRING BREAK

Friday, 10 April 2009 - Friday, 17 April 2009

Friday, 17 April 2009 - Friday, 24 April 2009

Friday, 31 July 2009 - Friday, 7 August 2009

Friday, 21 August 2009 - Friday, 28 August 2009

The spring is an awesome time to be in the Florida Keys and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is just incredible with water temperatures around 86 degrees, not to mention that lobster season starts August 6th!

CALENDAR EVENTS OF NOTE

Boy Scout Winter Campout Jan. 16,17,18.- Watch for frozen Boy Scouts!

Wild Game Dinner and Auction Jan 24.- Auction at 5:00pm Dinner At 7:30 pm

American Legion Postal Match Jan. 27and 28 - 5:00pm to 11:00 pm Rathskeller

NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC

The first of two New Cowboy Shooter Clinics in 2009, at our IWLA-WAC Chapter, will be on March 7, 2009. The second class will be October 31, 2009. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

Applications and a class description are available on the IWLA-WAC web site www.DamascusIWLA.org or our Cowboy web site www.WildlifeRangers.com.

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the Clinic Outline on the web sites to see what's covered. Atlantic Guns and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Red Skillings)

SICK REPORT

Third Vice President Paul Turska anticipates back surgery in the near future.

Tony Evans, Chairman Rifle & Pistol, is undergoing treatment from NIH, for cancer. The extent is such he can no longer retain Chair of Rifle & Pistol

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE: January-2009 (Tom Malarkey)

Thanks to all that made our second fund raising dinner a success! Mom's Home Comfort Dinner, prepared by Dolores Gick, was another great evening of good food and classic movies. Those who attended got their fill of Meatloaf, Parsley Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls and Salad, while enjoying "A Christmas Story" and "Polar Express." We had about 65 people show up, with the Junior Air Rifle team serving dinner and taking care of KP duty. Thanks to our servers: Kimy, Kris, Kelly, Hunter and Matt, as well as our dish washers: Anne, Brad, Tommy and an unidentified friend of the club.



Our next dinner will be in April, we will be doing a cookout in the Gick Pit, with a Bonfire (pending approval of the Board and local Fire Dept) to include the usual burgers and dogs with S'mores for dessert. Look for an email in late Feb. for the official announcement.

Our season is progressing well. Some of our Precision shooters just returned from the JORC match at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. They all shot well, with exceptional scores from David Carr in International Air, and Kelly James in 3P Smallbore and International Air. We are awaiting final scores, but we may have one or two shooters that will qualify to attend the Junior Olympic National match in Colorado Springs. We will know by the next newsletter.

Our busy season is rapidly approaching, with our hosting of the USA Shooting State Championship match on March 14th at Linganore High School and the NRA State Championship and NRA Sectional match on March 28th at Seneca Valley High School. Our shooters are preparing for these matches as well as a few Postal matches.

Our thanks go out to all of our club members and friends that continue to support the Junior Air Rifle Club through donations and volunteering. Without the support of the club, this would not be possible.

P.S. I have spoken recently with my predecessor, Bob Inness. He is doing well in the hills of North Carolina. He tells me of how nice it was to have the support of a club like the Izaak Walton League. He is currently helping out two High School ROTC shooting programs that lack the funding and volunteers that make our club a success. He is planning on starting a Club team in North Carolina with the support of the local PD.

I have invited Bob up for the next dinner night in April, and I hope that he will be able to make the trip. It will be an opportunity for all to visit with an old friend.

MEMBER VOLUNTEER FOUND!

Nick Giuliano has stepped up and taken on the task of compiling volunteer hours and work details. Nick presently picks up and delivers the hard copy newsletters from the printer and delivers them to the post office. Thank you Nick !

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

DUES RENEWAL

Over 300 members have regrettably not renewed their membership for 2009. A 2nd and final billing was sent out on January 8th. Any payment not received by March 1, 2009 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. Remember that it still takes several weeks to process your renewal and send you your new membership and range cards. Your membership officially expired on December 31, 2009. Please do not delay any longer in sending it to us.

RANGE ACCESS IN 2009

As of February 1, 2009, you must be wearing the new 2009 Range Access card which shows an eagle in front of an American flag. You must be wearing this card visibly in order to shoot on any range. No other card will be valid after February 1st. Please adhere strictly to these rules, and challenge anyone who does not.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2009

February 2009

Sun 2/1 Mark Gay, Martin Cherry, Jake Turska, Paul Turska
Sat 2/7 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Jay Jeffrey
Sun 2/8 Seamus Webb, Nunzio Litterio
Sat 2/14 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter
Sun 2/15 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross
Sat 2/21 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Sun 2/22 Bob Poth, Bill Wright
Sat 2/28 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Gary Green

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

'Environmentally Friendly Landscaping' workshop

On Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Jean Schwab, EPA's GreenScapes Program Manager, speaks on "Environmentally Beneficial Landscaping for Small and Large Property Owners". Topics covered include gardening with native plants; limiting pesticide, fertilizer, and water use; controlling storm water runoff; reducing waste through composting; and success stories. Bethesda Regional Services Center, Room A, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD. More info at maryland.sierraclub.org/montgomery/sections/events.asp. Free. RSVP Steve Lonker at steven.lonker@maryland.sierraclub.org or 301-438-3453.

Rainscapes Rewards

Come learn about the Montgomery County rebate program for installing environmentally friendly practices in your own yards, businesses, and places of worship. Wednesday January 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM prior to the general membership meeting. Meo Curtis, Program Manager, will be providing an informal presentation on the County's Rainscapes Rewards Program. This program provides rebates for six types of 'best management practices' to reduce stormwater runoff impacts. These include rain barrels, rain gardens, conservation landscaping, pervious pavers, native tree planting, and green roofs. The program requires application, pre-installation and post-installation inspections, and a letter agreement to maintain the practice. The application can be downloaded at rainscapes.org. The WQPC funds this program. For more information about the program or this workshop, contact Meo Curtis at 301-604-3736 or meosotis58@verizon.net

RIFLE & PISTOL

Effective immediately Guy Wright is temporarily assuming Chairman, Rifle & Pistol.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As the new volunteer manager of the members who have donated their time to the chapter, I have completed the September, October and November volunteer listing. The following list of names and projects may have some duplicates and omissions. If you worked on a project in those months that had a sign up sheet and your name is not listed, please send a note to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com including your name, date of the project and your membership status (probation or not).

Thanks.

Nick Giuliano

SEPTEMBER:

Cowboy Setup September 26, 2008:

Paul Bluteau, Richard Lee Rankin, Nick Peters, Guy Wright and Spotted Horse (Whom ever that is).

Cowboy Cleanup September 27, 2008:

Stephen Adams, Nicholas Peters, Paul Bluteau, John Leaman, Doug Hutchison Ming Chow; the next four names are a total mystery to me and as best that I can read from the Sign-In-Sheet: Two Gun Toco, Most Wanted, Spotted Horse and Homphrey Heok.

Skeet and Trap September 28, 2008:

Martin Cherry, Perter Sittner, Paul and Jake Turska, Conley Phipps, Steve Adams and Paul Shutta who worked Skeet and Tree cutting.

The following members worked, but no Activity was noted.

Tony Evans, Guy Wright, Al Goldschmidts and Troy Agnew.

Non-Native Invasive Plants Workshop September 28, 2008

Thomas Bragg, Michelle Chesnut, Jeff Deschamps, Bill Gazdik, Mike King, Jim Murphy, Mr. And Mrs. Alf Shupe, Scott Springer and Son, Georgia Townsend, and Mladen Udbinac. Workshop organizer: Meo Curtis.

OCTOBER:

Chapter Membership Meeting October 22:

Thanks for the delicious meal provided by Jorge Silva and Ed McNally Steve Lefebvre assisted them in serving. Thanks to the bar staff, Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre. Our two new members Philip Link and Jose Tassara did the cleanup.

Chapter Maintenance Day October 26:

Many of the following members worked in one or more of the activities that encompass the Chapter Maintenance Days.

General Maintenance (No Activity noted): Jefferey Deschamps, Troy Agnew, Thomas King, and Patrick Dibella.

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Pistol / Rifle: Al Golschmidts, Dennis Crossen

Skeet: Paul Turska

Shed / Wood Splitting: John Leaman

Christmas Trees: Dennis Crossen.

NOVEMBER:

Chapter Membership Meeting November 19:

Thanks to the following members for tonight's Great Dinner (Deep Fried Turkey):

We start with Lead Chef Rich Fried who was closely assisted by Eddie Harren with the turkey cooking. Food preparations were handled by Ed McNally, Greg Talamini and Chuck Crooks also Billy Carbone assisted; he stood by the Fire Extinguisher (just kidding).

KP duties were in the hands of Tommy Howe he was assisted by Steve Adams.

Bar Staff: Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre and Dolores Gick.

November 22: Cowboy Action Shoot Clean Up:

Nicholas Peters, Paul Bluteau, Spotted Horse, John Leaman, Doug Hutchison and Ming Chow.

November 23:

Chapter Maintenance Day November 23:

General Maintenance (No Active noted): Troy Agnew, John Leaman.

Trap / Skeet: Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Peter Sittner and Paul Turska.

Shed / Wood splitting: Ming Chow, Benjamin Tedesco,

Range Clean Up: Al Goldschmidts, Bill Gazdik, Bret Hadfield, Steve Wass, and Paul Turska.

Christmas Tree: Benjamin Tedesco, Chuck Limparis, Terence Smith, Ken Karanovich, Jake Karanovich, Alan Fischer, John Fischer, Demetri Giakoumatos, Terence P Smith, Bill and Matt Pritchard, Wendy Smith, and Wade Dayberry.

Last by not least, Kitchen Duties: Tom Ouellette.

Thanks.

Nick Giuliano

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For January 2009, starting time is 10:00AM daily and ending time is 4:30PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

REMINDERS

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100-yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25-yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwa.org) and in MS Word format from Guy Wright, via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chair.

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Guy Wright, by email at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

Junior Rifle Practice. Covered pistol range closed from 9am -12:00pm Jan.17,24,31 and Feb. 7,14, 2009.

Practical Defense Match. Open pistol range closed 9:00am -2:00pm Jan 17, 2009.

Bowling pin Match .Open pistol range closed 9:00am -2:00pm Feb.14,2009.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Joe Gick, Nick Giuliano, Tom Malarkey, Red Skilling sand Bob Cooley and for their contributions to this newsletter.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them 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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