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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

(Editors note: Some of this information is repeated from the December issue. It is included again because it is still timely)

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

NEW 2012 Range Cards

The new 2010 Range Access Cards feature a Liberty Bell. They are very distinctive, and cannot be confused with the 2011 card

Last year, an asterisk was added at the end of your membership ID number to signify that you had passed the Shotgun Course. There were several complaints that this did not “stand out” enough.

For the 2012 card, the ID number is enclosed in Parentheses to signify that you have passed the Shotgun Course. A few asterisks may have mistakenly slipped through the system. They will be honored also, and fixed on the next go round.

2012 Dues & Range Usage

There are still over 200 members who have not sent in their 2012 dues. For the many who waited until late December or later to send in your payment, it still takes several weeks to process the payment and get your cards back from the National Office before I attach your Range Card and send them to you.

As a courtesy, we will honor the 2011 cards on the range until January 15, 2012. After that date, you cannot use any range after January 15th without visibly wearing a 2012 card.

Any payment received on or after February 1st will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

If you do not have a 2012 Range Card in your possession (due to your late payment) by January 15th, your Electronic Gate Access Card will be temporarily deactivated until you receive your card.

Joe Gick, Membership Secretary

Fellow Ikes,

Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 28 January 2011 which is rapidly approaching. Tickets are a little late getting back from the printers but they will be on sale very soon. This event tends to sell out every year so don't wait till the last minute.

In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning a Steamship Round of Beef for those who prefer Domesticated Game. Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each and will be available at the Shotgun Range House and at the Membership Dinner Meetings on 11/16/11, 12/21/11, and 01/25/11. There may be a few for sale at the door, but there is no guarantee, as we are limited to 150 Tickets.

Auction items are slowly starting to come in and once again we will have six different weeks at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact the Committee Chair Berle Cherney, or the items can be left downstairs behind the bar.

Donation receipts will be available for those who desire them. Auction items can be viewed starting at 3:00pm with silent auctions and a few early bird items starting at 6:00pm. As usual, there will be good food and a whole lot of laughter.

The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. 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 repeat bidders from prior years. 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.

Friday, 30 March 2012 - Friday, 6 April 2012 MCPS Spring Break

Friday, 6 April 2012 - Friday, 13 April 2012

Friday, 13 April 2012 - Friday, 20 April 2012

Friday, 20 April 2012 - Friday, 27 April 2012

Friday, 17 August 2012 - Friday, 24 August 2012

Friday, 24 August 2012 - Friday, 31 August 2012

So, come on out, buy your ticket, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!!

HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?

If you have firearms and other shooting supplies and equipment you would like to sell, let the WAC membership know about it by listing the items on the "TRADING POST" bulletin board on the wall in the downstairs area. List the items with a description, price, and your name and

contact information on a card or sheet of paper. Put the date you post the listing and it will remain on the board for a month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Our Chapter has an ongoing partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Parks to enhance and maintain a reforestation buffer for Reddy Branch.

The Department of Parks recently announced the Forest Stewards program for 2012 which will provide training for even more volunteers to help protect our forest resources.

To join, one must first complete the Department of Parks Weed Warrior Training (www.weedwarrior.org) for controlling non-native invasive plants on County parkland. To become Certified Weed Warriors volunteers must complete a 2-part online course and participate in a 2-hour field training session with a forest ecologist.

Forest Stewards will receive additional training to carry out basic monitoring and maintenance tasks to protect forested areas, and then adopt a specific location for which they will be the primary caretakers. The three types of restoration sites to be adopted include 1) reforestation sites; 2) deer exclosures; and 3) previously-identified target areas for controlling non-native invasives. Forest Stewards will regularly inspect their specific site, collect data, do maintenance as needed, and report their activities and results back to the Parks Natural Resources Stewardship Section (NRS).

Forest Stewards will also assist in public relations and outreach for the NRS by informing interested citizens about the work they are doing for the Parks Department.

The first Group Training will be scheduled for early March. It will be held at a current restoration site in Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park. You can register by email to Norma Kawecki at Norma.Kawecki@montgomeryparks.org or if you need a bit more information, you can call Norma at 301-650-4365).

This will be a great opportunity to spend more time outdoors and to provide a great service to help protect our local natural resources.

County Launches New Website to Educate Consumers and Businesses About New Bag Law

Note: The Conservation Committee will continue to hand out multiple-use bags with the 'Earth Day Every Day' logo for all who participate in Conservation Work Events. Save a nickel a bag by using these AND advertise the Izaak Walton League!

Under the carryout bag law, effective January 1, 2012, all retail establishments in the County that sell goods and provide their customers a bag (either paper or plastic) to carry out purchases are required to charge 5-cents per bag. Internet, telephone, self-checkout counters, and fax sales also count as points of sale if the products are delivered in store-provided carryout bags. Retail establishments include all stores, permanent booths, service stations, grocery stores, department stores, and other sellers. Occasional retailers (defined as retail establishments engaging "in the retail sale of goods no more than six days in any calendar year") are exempt from the carryout bag law.

Montgomery County's carryout bag law is intended to encourage everyone to do their part to reduce litter in our waterways, on our streets and in our parks by providing shoppers with an incentive to bring their own reusable bags. Plastic bags are consistently one of the top items found in studies of litter in Montgomery County. It is also expensive to control and clean up litter. In 2009, Montgomery County spent over \$3 million on these efforts.

The website is part of a public education campaign, aimed at residents and businesses, to ensure everyone understands the law before it goes into effect. The education efforts will include distributing reusable bags and information to seniors and low-income residents. Currently the website includes Frequently Asked Questions and Basic Fact Sheets for residents and retailers, as well as a series of webinars for retailers. More information and materials will continue to be added.

Find out more about this new law by visiting www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BAG.

December Christmas Tree Sales Update: (Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry)

Mother Nature blessed with much less wintry weather this season compared to the past several. Considering we are in tree replenishment mode, we were satisfied with the amount of tree sales from existing trees on the property and wreath sales.

Our final December spotlight is once again on the Mulitz family who have made their annual trek to WAC in full force (all 15 of them) and arrive very much in the Christmas spirit to cut a very large tree from the property. Thank you to Guy Wright and the trees volunteers that came out early to help with the 'extraction' of the large tree. The Mulitz' also resolve themselves to replacing their door jamb every year in order to get the tree into their home. Thank you Tom and Shelly Mulitz and John Salmon's for helping coordinate the event with them.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

February 2012 Range Roster

Sat 2/4 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 2/5 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Sat 2/11 Jim Arnold, Paul Fisher

Sun 2/12 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Sat 2/18 Murray Welsh, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 2/19 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Sat 2/25 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 2/26 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes

Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Glenn Hubert, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Joel Gross, Maj Tavakoli, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Robin Dixon, Conley Phipps, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch, John Davis, Ron Roberson, Wade Dayberry, Carl McMahon, Greg Myers, Bob Cooley, Frank Bis, Dick Smith, Richard Maple, Debbi Perry, Berle Cherney

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

A Thank You Note from Troop 461 from Bethesda

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Christmas Tree Sales

December 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18

Thanks to all of the members and friends of IWLA who participated in the sale. Please look at Wendy Smith's posting in the newsletter for all the names.

Membership Dinner

December 14

Cooking for the evening: Ed McNally and Cherie Aker. Kitchen and Dining room staffing for the evening: Mary Esfanaji, Linda Sampson, Judy Lefebvre, Marilyn Pena, Carlos Pena, Joseph Bentz and Sean Bentz. Dining room set-up: Will Carbone.

The BAR staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre assisted by Mash Esfanaji and Dolores Gick.

Chapter Maintenance Day

December 18

Range Maintenance (Rifle, Pistol and/or Shotgun)

Al Goldschmidts, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Robert Day, Tony Santini, Rudy Werner, Mike Harmon, Russell Lahti, Stephen McCaskill, Peter Nowak, Lftikhar H. Shah, Mark Johnson, Arden Young, Mike Young and Sam young.

Green Shed

Guy Wright, John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

Christmas tree Maintenance

Russell Lahti

General Maintenance

David Stamper, Freddie Stamper, Journey Delauder and John Davis.

Congratulations

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

Howard Goldberg

James M. Denaro

William D. Seested

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at 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 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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