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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES



For those who couldn't make it.....



(photos by Jean Aker)



Game Dinner coming up (Chuck Limparis)

Due to the rescheduling of this event, there may be limited tickets available.

New date is February 20th

(rerun)

SOLD OUT

It's Almost Wild Game Dinner Time! Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 23 January 2016 and it will be here before you know it. Tickets are \$20.00 each and went on sale starting at the October Dinner meeting, this Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015. Some tickets will also be available at the Shotgun Range House, the BOD Meetings, and at future Membership Dinner Meetings. We are limited by the capacity of the building to 150 tickets so don't wait till the last minute to get yours as we usually sell out early. In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning alternate dining choices for those who prefer their game Domesticated.

Auction items have begun to appear but we are always looking for additional items so check your basements, your garages, your gun safes (Hint, Hint!), for any items that you wish to donate. Items can be left downstairs behind the bar and tagged with the donation stickers hanging on the wall by the door to the office. Please make arrangements with the committee chair, Chuck Limparis, for larger items or items you do not want to leave in the open. We ask

that you refrain from donating exercise equipment or old computer hardware as we usually end up having it hauled away.

We are trying a new system this year for those who wish a donation receipt as the last system was a dismal failure. If you want a donation receipt, please email a list of the donated items to the committee chairman, Chuck Limparis at CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com and you will be sent a donation receipt as soon as the items are logged into the system.

If you have Wild Game you would like to donate, it can be left in the downstairs freezer, or brought to the kitchen on meeting nights, but please inform either Chuck Limparis or the kitchen staff of the donation so that it can be properly stored in the kitchen freezers. Game must be marked as to what it is, when it was taken, where it was taken and who donated it. If it is not properly marked, we cannot use it.

While we never know what will be donated until the last minute, once again there will be six weeks available at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. 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 popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to escape the winter weather and relax in the Florida Keys, and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is awesome with water temps around 86 degrees.

Friday, 25 Mar 2016 - Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - MCPS Spring Break
Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - Friday, 08 Apr 2016
Friday, 08 Apr 2016 - Friday, 15 Apr 2016
Friday, 15 Apr 2016 - Friday, 22 Apr 2016

Friday, 12 Aug 2016 - Friday, 19 Aug 2016
Friday, 19 Aug 2016 - Friday, 26 Aug 2016

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

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

I have been notified by one member who has an extra ticket for the dinner, which is now sold out. If you're interested, please email him at palowe@aol.com

New Shooter Clinic

The first of two New Cowboy Shooter Clinics at Damascus is on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Application is available here. <http://www.damascusiwa.org/dwr/clinic2016.pdf>

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for February 2016.

Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow so spring should come early this year. And with spring on the way, it's time to start thinking about more than clearing snow outdoors. Make sure to check the 2016 calendar for conservation activities scheduled to take place at the Chapter as well as off-site work at Rachel Carson Park, Reddy Branch, and Pigtail Recreation Area. We have work events planned on Saturday, Sunday, and even some on weekdays. There will be at least one more announcement for work on the former Chestnut Tree nursery.

Come out to the Conservation Committee meetings (1st Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.) to share your ideas for expanding our conservation activities or to propose alternate conservation credit work. The Committee has a good budget for activities so we have the financial capital but we need more human capital!

Conservation Credit Events coming up:

Pigtail Area Reforestation Maintenance Saturday March 12. 9 am to noon. No rain date. This is an off-site project. For directions to the site - Contact Jeff Deschamps by e-mail at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

Patuxent Watershed Clean-Up Saturday April 2. 9:30 am to noon. Rain date: Sunday April 3. Help keep litter from getting into our local waterways by cleaning up our roadsides, river crossings, and DNR parking areas. Lunch provided at noon for all participants. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Rachel Carson Park Tree Planting and Maintenance. Sunday April 17. 9 am to noon. No rain date. This is an off-site project. For more info and directions contact Contact Barry Fleming barryjflem@verizon.net or Rodger Moran rodger.j.moran@gmail.com

Chapter Gardens maintenance. Sunday April 24 from 10 to noon on the Chapter monthly work day. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Other Conservation Activities:

Make and take Rain Barrel Workshop Tuesday March 8. 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Chapter upstairs meeting room. Build a 55-gallon rain barrel to store water for landscaping use and to potentially reduce runoff impacts from your yard. Limit of one barrel per household. Cost \$10 and pre-registration required. - Contact jeff.deschamps@verizon.net

FrogWatch USA Workshop. Wednesday. February 10. 6:30-8 pm. Snow Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 same time and same place. Montgomery County Department of

Environmental Protection. Rockville, MD. Learn about frogs and toads and their calls and become a citizen scientist collecting long-term data on our local frogs and toads. FrogWatch volunteers help by adopting and monitoring a site during the breeding season. This typically runs from late February through August. Register at: <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/frogwatch>
Stream Waders Training. Saturday February 20th, 2016 (Register by February 12th). 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Lathrop Smith Environmental Education Center. Rockville MD. Stream Waders volunteers help to fill the gaps in areas being sampled by the Maryland Biological Stream Survey crews. Volunteers are trained and outfitted to collect benthic macroinvertebrate samples which are turned in to DNR biologists who subsample, identify, and rate the sites according to our Index of Biotic Integrity. More information and registration at: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/streams/Pages/swTraining.aspx>

Frederick County Green Homes Challenge! For Frederick County residents, take the Challenge to save energy, adopt environmentally-friendly practices, and use renewable energy at: <https://www.frederickgreenchallenge.org/>. Your household could qualify for prizes at the 5th annual **Green Homes Challenge Recognition** event on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. Event sponsors have donated prizes such as gift certificates for local businesses, discounts off of home energy improvement projects, tickets to local theater events and more! Households will receive an entry for every challenge they are certified in. Households must be certified by February 22, 2016.

Family Friendly Learn about Nature workshops. Howard County Robinson Nature Center. Columbia MD. <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCprograms.htm> All require registration and most have a separate activity fee. Ongoing activities include:

NatureSphere Planetarium. Full-dome movies preceded by a fun, family-friendly planetarium presentation about educational topics such as current happenings in our night sky and Earth's history going back to the dinosaurs.

- * Winter Wednesday Movies. For ages 3 and up with an adult.
- * Family Fridays for ages 5 and up with an adult.
- * Stellar Saturday Mornings for ages 5 and up with an adult.

First Saturday Discovery Days for ages 3-10 with adult. 11:30-Noon. Games, stories and crafts about Nature.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

March, 2016

Sat	3/5	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	3/6	Stephen Meyers, Steve Rowcroft
Sat	3/12	Jim Arnold (sub– Murray Welsh), Keith Kosian
Sun	3/13	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Wed	3/16	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 3/19 Bill Murphy, Roman Drews
Sun 3/20 Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed 3/23 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 3/26 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 3/27 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Wed 3/30 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin,
Greg Myers, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King,
Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan

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.damascusiwla.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.

The WAC Board of Director has approved the request to implement and add in our conduct rules for “Guest Identification Badges” to be included in the 2017 membership renewals and for new members. More information will be published later this year and will result in a revision to the WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Rules.

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.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times

RSO Tippers: Proper firearm shooter's guide on using the shooting bench's wood block-rest with sand bag or without sand bag.

When using a wood block-rest with or without sandbags using a rifle, pistol, or newly added scope or are trying to determine the best bullet for your rifle, what is one of the most important factors in this equation? For those of you that are thinking, holding the gun perfectly still while shooting, is correct and **IMPORTANT**. Extending the muzzle approximately 6-8 inches away pointing down range from the wood block-rest

When shooting a rifle, load, or zeroing a new scope, always place the long gun on a rest while performing the test. The reason for this is to be sure you are holding the gun as still as you can. Improper use of our wood block-rest will have a costly damage.





WAC NRA Training Update – Wendy Smith

The first class of the year will be NRA Basic Rifle on March 5th and 12th. The cost is \$50.00 payable on the first day of class. Registration will open via special WAC announcement the week of Feb 8th. Any questions about the class can be referred to Jesse Lim.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

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

Megan Newcomer Marcel Moone
Scott LeVora C David Kile
John E. Arness, II Donald A. Koss Jr.
Alan Tiu Matthew Konas
Steve Emerick Chuck Dilla
Paul Quattrociocchi

Cowboy Action Dinner

11/28/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Cooking for the evening:

Mash and Mary Esfanaji

Assisting in the kitchen and Dining Room:

Adrian Jackman and Keith Mangolas

Probationary Members (Regular Credit)

Assisting in the kitchen and Dining Room:

John Porter and Neil Balfour

Board of Directors Meeting

12/2/2015

Kitchen Assistant (Regular Credit)

Neil Balfour

Membership Dinner Set-Up

12/15/2015

Members:

Mash and Mary Esfanaji

Membership Dinner

12/16/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash and Mary Esfanaji, Adrian Jackman and Vernon Vogel

At the Bar: K Goldberg, Paulishck (?) and Tracey

Probationary Members (Regular Credit)

John Porter and Neil Balfour

Range Maintenance

12/20/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Jennifer Sim, Benjamin Sim, Pat Riley, Martin Begosh, Billy Ramos, Bill Leaman and John Leaman

Probationary Members (Regular Credit)

Sunny Sim, John Porter, Robert Mongelluzzo and Neil Balfour

A SPECIAL REMINDER:

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.

If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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 Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Chuck Limparis, Jean Aker, 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 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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