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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

No submission this month.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Changes to existing are in bold type

To be voted on at March Membership Meeting

Article X – Suspension and Expulsion of Members

At any duly called meeting of the membership of the Chapter, any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present. **Any member of the Chapter may present to the Board of Directors written charges against any other member provided that there is probable cause to believe that the accused member engaged in conduct that was a violation of the Chapter Constitution, By-Laws or any Range Rules & Regulations or any other unsafe or disreputable activity or otherwise endangered the good order and welfare of the Chapter.** Such charges shall be presented to the Corresponding Secretary **who shall notify the member of the substance of the written charges by regular mail** to the accused member at his last known address **but such notification shall not include the identity of the member presenting the written charges.** The Board of Directors shall grant a hearing to the accused member, which shall be held not later than the second meeting of the Board of Directors following the mailing of the charges to the member. If a **two-thirds majority** of the Directors present refer the matter to the membership for consideration of expulsion, it shall suspend the accused member from all privileges of membership until the charges have been acted upon by the membership. **If a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors present determines that the accused member has engaged in severe misconduct which includes, but is not limited to, verbal or physical assault, battery, theft, or any other conduct which is criminal in nature, the Board of Directors may expel or suspend a member without having to present it to the general membership.** All expulsions are subject to appeal to the State Division and any member expelled shall be advised of his or her rights to appeal this action.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Sunday March 24. Brookeville Reforestation Maintenance on Montgomery County Parkland in Brookeville. 9 a.m. to Noon. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Pre-registration required. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net

Sunday March 31. Christmas Tree Maintenance. On the Chapter regular member monthly workday. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.

Saturday April 6. Patuxent Watershed Spring Clean Up from 9:30 to Noon. Meet at the Chapter's green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Student Service Learning hours available if forms are brought for signature on the day of the event. Gloves, bags, water, and then lunch provided at noon for all participants. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Save Our Streams Project (SOS) (Stephen Meyer)

Our Wildlife Achievement Chapter has an active stream monitoring group which currently collects chemical, biological and physical data from a location on the nearby Upper Patuxent River. The Upper Patuxent drains to the Triadelphia Reservoir, an important drinking water source. Ideally the data can be used to advance local and regional environmental policy. Meaningful data collection requires trained individuals to commit a few hours of their time every couple of months. Right now we have enough volunteers to cover one stream, but with a few more volunteers we could expand our monitoring to one or two additional sites. Typically one weekend each year IWLA staff conduct basic SOS training at a local county IWLA chapter if at least 15 persons commit to attending. Those who receive an IWLA SOS training attendance certificate can ask for tuition reimbursement through the WAC SOS project. If we have enough interest, our Chapter can sponsor a training and the Chapter will cover the tuition costs for all members.

For extensive information about IWLA Save our Streams projects see the website. <https://www.iwla.org/conservation/water/save-our-streams>. SOS volunteers receive Conservation volunteer credit at the chapter.

If you are interested in completing training and participating in local stream monitoring activities, please contact Stephen Meyer at Stephen.meyer7@gmail.com.



Does Your Gun Fit? (Charlie Mello)

Gun fit...is it worth my time and efforts?

Let me start this discussion by asking these questions. Would you pick up a rifle, especially one you don't own, and expect it to shoot where you aimed...say at a target 100 yards away? Would you get into a rental car where the driver's seat was out of adjustment and drive it without adjusting the seat?

The above analogies give examples of how important it is to fit a shotgun to the shooter.

A shotgun is, as many of you well know, pointed, not aim. To get the shotgun to shoot where a person is pointing requires a gun that a) fits well and b) a good and consistent gun mount with that gun.

The rear sight of a shotgun is the shooter's eye, and therefore it is critical for the person shooting a shotgun to get their eye in the same position on the gun each and every time the shotgun is brought to bear. A gun coming to a different position on the face, and shoulder, each time the gun is mounted is analogues to moving the rear sight adjustment screw of a rifle just before attempting to shoot a target, or driving a rental car without adjusting the seat and mirrors.

Ergonomically, shotguns are generally manufactured for a male in the 5-foot 10-inch height range, with an average build (some say a body build of a size 40 suit) and about 170 pounds. Does that sound like you?

The shooter that is outside of the above ergonomic parameters will generally adapt their gun mount to accommodate any deficiencies in gun fit. Those adaptations can be anything from looking down the side of the rib, to a stance that is uncomfortable and out of balance, with all manor of gyrations in between.

There is also the quandary of which comes first with respect to gun fit verse gun mount, similarly to the question of which came first the chicken or the egg? In gun fitting, the gun mount, as an establish practice by the shooter, is very important. Don't be surprised if your gun fitter asks you to perform a gun mount and then tries to get that routine consistent. A consistent gun mount, in my opinion, is the key to getting a good gun fit.

Gun mount and gun fit are both improvements in the process of pointing a shotgun for optimal results. A reasonably well fitted gun naturally points where the shooter is looking and is a comfortable extension the shooters body.

Notice that I said a reasonable gun fit. Since most shooter purchase a gun before they know the rudimentary element of gun fit, and either can't afford or do not want to spend the money for a post purchase custom stock, gun fitters try to get their clients gun to fit as best as is possible.

The last step in the gun fitting process is the patterning board (a target of either metal or paper, usually set at 16 yards for the purpose of verifying gun fitting). The patterning board is a very good indicator of seeing where the gun, and hence the shooter, is shooting.

A good gun mount coupled with a reasonably well-fitting gun will result in a shooter having confidence in their gun, and in turn makes for better performance on the field whether the field be a clay target game field or wing shooting for game birds.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

April, 2019

Wed 4/3	Ed Shifflett, Joel Gross
Sat 4/6	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 4/7	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 4/10	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 4/13	Arden Young, Rodger Moran
Sun 4/14	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed 4/17	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat 4/20	Jeff Tokar, Mike Aaby
Sun 4/21	CLOSED, Easter Sunday
Wed 4/24	Charlie Mello, Bob Cumberland
Sat 4/27	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 4/28	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

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

Upcoming events:

Saturday March 16 . Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match
8:30 - 2:00 Rifle Range

Saturday March 30 Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot
10:00 - 2:00 Rifle Range

Bowling Pin Shoot
1:00 - 5:00 Open Pistol Range

Saturday April 20 NRA Basic Pistol Class Day One
8:00 - 12:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall
This class will qualify for Maryland HQL license

Saturday April 27

NRA Basic Pistol Class Day Two

12:00 - 4:00 Open Pistol Range

Please contact John Porter porter253@aol.com for registration information.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 2017**

and you have not seen your name listed in an

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 probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Chris Crider
Robert A. Shelley
Robert J. McLaren

Chapter Maintenance Day

2/24/2019

Today Twenty hearty souls, that's how Chuck Crooks referred to them, showed up to start working on the severe tree damage from the ice and wind storm.

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Al Goldschmidts, Rob McLaren
Joe Pauley, Kirk Lattner, Joe Smith, Guy Wright,
Bill Gazdik, Jeremy Dvorak, Kelly Dvorak and
Rob Kamensky

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Matt Packard, Paul Weise, Adam Eshleman,
Robert K. Johnson, Scott Payne, Richard Worch,
Andrew Vekeman, William Broom and Kevin
McLaren

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Stephen Meyer Meo Curtis, Steve Olsen, Chuck Crooks, Charlie Mello and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. 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 Piatieski 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 Piatetski 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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