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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

April Work Day

Some folks may notice a change around the outside of the Shotgun Range House. There was some sprucing up that took place on the April member work day. This included planting a sugar maple in place of an invasive tree and doing a nice trim job on a fair-size red maple. A group also worked on the planter boxes. Over the past five years, most of the desirable plants in the planter boxes had been outgrown and overgrown by a host of really bad invasive weeds. First round of improvements began at the April monthly work day with the hard work of removing all of the weeds and the old hard as concrete dirt. Debbi Perry, John Waters, Jeff Deschamps, and Georgia Townsend worked with a great crew of other members and high school students to get this done. Paul Turska then brought in a load of nice rich soil and mulch so that refilling the planters and planting could take place on Mothers' Day. We put weed block fabric over the soil to reduce our maintenance and added a thick coat of mulch for moisture retention and further weed control. We saved a clump of iris, two sedums, and some purple-flowered sage-type plant and Debbi filled a corner with Stella D'Oro daylilies from her garden. The other plants are also drought and neglect tolerant so will add a lot of color without a lot of work.

Thanks to Berle Cherney for his help in coordinating the workers and materials and of course to all the workers!

June Conservation Work Opportunities

On Sunday June 27, there will be a number of Conservation Credit work activities. In addition to Christmas Tree maintenance, there will be Adopt-A-Road and invasives management. We'll need a maximum of 8 people for the Adopt-A-Road, as many as we can get for invasives management. The Adopt-A-Road will start at 9 a.m. Gloves, bags, water provided. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at 301-604-3736 or via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net

The Brooks family at our Reddy Branch restoration project on May 15, 2010 is pictured on right.



(Photo by Sean Zaprianov)

Three Free Fishing Days in Maryland

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Service announces June 5, June 12 and July 4 as days during which anglers may fish without fishing licenses. DNR sets aside three days each year when a license is not required to encourage families and visitors to fish in Maryland waters.

Anglers can take advantage of Maryland "Free Fishing Day" (no license required), at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge's North Tract location (off of Rt. 198) from 8–4PM. State & Refuge regulations and fishing policies apply.

Complete info here:

<http://delmarvatowncrier.com/archives/three-free-fishing-days-in-maryland-first-is-june-5/>

As always, check the chapter calendar on the web site for upcoming events.

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE (Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith and Barry Ephraim)

Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee Update (Jesse Lim and Wendy Smith)

On Sunday May 23rd the following members became Range Officers.

Jim Crowson

Tom Franklin

Cathy Franklin

Susan K Frye

Earl Golden

William Jones

John Mullaney

Belinda P Mondonedo

Ed Mondonedo

Roger Phillips

Roger Romack

Margaret Romack

Raymond Smith

Richard Yound

In addition, two young family members Ryan Mondonedo, and Sam Young did very well in the written exam and are welcome to join us as family guests on the ranges.

The course was taught by guest instructor Ray Logan and Barry Ephraim.



In early April, we officially dedicated the Tom Riley Open Range with Judy Riley present to commemorate the memorial.

The Rifle and Pistol RSO committee has many members that are NRA Basic Pistol and Rifle certified instructors.

We will hold our next introductory classes June 13 and 27th and they will be open to all WAC members and their family (ages 9 and up, please). The standard curriculum consists of two classes, the Introduction to Firearms Class (L1 class – free of charge), and the Basic NRA Pistol Class (L2 class – cost is under \$50.00). At this time registration is closed and future plans are underway to expand the curriculum.

Be reminded that we will also be hosting a Ladies/Daughters and Teens Introduction to Firearms class the afternoon of September 11th, with a follow-on NRA Basic Pistol class on October 10th. Please see the chapter calendar for specifics.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited due to classroom and range logistics.

If you have any questions please contact Jesse-Thomas Lim via email at alphashooter@usa.com or Wendy Smith at smitty446@hotmail.com.

A Letter From Judy Riley:

It's with great appreciation to Jesse Lim, The Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee, –Chuckaroo” (Chuck Crooks) and all of our IWLA-WAC friends and family members who were involved in this special project that Tommy expresses a debt of gratitude—posthumously—in having honored him with the –Tom Riley Open Range” memorial and plaque.

As anyone who knew Tommy will tell you, he never did anything expecting acknowledgement or thanks for his work. If he saw a job that needed to be done, he did it; and, if he felt a project would benefit the greater good, he was passionate about his endeavors to see the job through—sometimes working alone and many times working in tandem with other dedicated WAC –brothers and sisters”—to completion. This is such a wonderful way to honor his life and the pure dedication he had to making our world—and our chapter—just a little bit better when he left it than when he came into it. His memory will live on in the hearts of others as we continue to –have fun and be safe!” With thanks to everyone!
-Judy

Rifle Range Improvement:

A sincere and special thank you to Al Goldschmidts and Tomasz Kosciesza, who both worked with Jesse Lim over 8 hours (all donated time and materials) to construct an improved walk-way with stair steps and railings on both sides.

Plans will be underway to make similar improvements to the covered pistol range.



Christmas Tree update: (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

On Sunday, April 25th, an enthusiastic crowd of over 20 people showed up early to help us plant 100 new Christmas tree seedlings. We planted 50 Douglas fir, 25 Blue Spruce and 25 Con-colors. With the blessing of Mother Nature, hopefully these trees will be ready to sell in 6 to 7 years.



A special Thank you to Phil Howard for his continued oversight and knowledge sharing he gives to the Christmas Tree Committee. Many, many thanks to Guy Wright and John Leaman for ordering and receiving the seedlings and spraying for a Drop-Needle Fungus identified by Phil. Please come out on June maintenance day to help us trim grass around the trees! This counts as conservation credit!

IWLA Range Roster (Bob Cooley)

July 2010

Sat 7/3 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Ron Trenti

Sun 7/4 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Mike Agnelli,

Wed 7/7 Berle Cherney, Carl McMahon, Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson

Sat 7/10 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 7/11 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb(out), Gerhard Bartsch, Robin Moore

Wed 7/14 Brian Van Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Jay Jeffrey

Sat 7/17 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 7/18 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Jay DeVan, John Davis

Wed 7/21 Richard Maple, Conley Phipps, Frank Bis

Sat 7/24 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Gary Green, Ed Grim

Sun 7/25 Peter Sittner, Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Wed 7/28 Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 7/31 , Jim Kelly, Murray Welsh, Bob Griffin,

Substitutes: Buddy Michael, Joel Gross ,Jim Arnold

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Nick Giuliano)

Board Meeting

May 5

Ed McNally and his kitchen crew provided the evening snack of roast beef sandwiches au jus.

Chapter Conservation Work Day

May 15

Chterion Zaprianov, Doug Barneski, Ronald Brooks, Roger Romack. Juliette Brooks, Tmothy Brooks, Jim Piateski, Katherine Nelson, Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps.

Chapter Bull Roast

May 16

Ed McNally, Cherie Aker, John Walter, Frank Lavorata, Mac McCollum, Greg Talamini, Delores Gick, Ken Lefebvre, Tom Ouellette and Andrew Hardin.

Cowboy Action Shoot

May 21

Paul Bluteau, Steve Peck, Ron Romig, Rich Rankin, Chuck Limparis and Alex Limparis.

Membership Meeting Dinner

May 26

Our "Heavy Balanced Meal" of John Leaman's BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Home-Made Biscuits, Garden Salad and Puff Pastry was provided by:

Chef Ed McNally assisted by Cherie Aker, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Steve Lefebvre and Mac McCollum.

The hospitality crew for the evening was, Wendy Smith and Ken Lefebvre.

Chapter Maintenance Day

May 30

Pistol and Rifle

Dale Buschling, Steve Peck and Roger Romack.

Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges

Peter Sittner, Gerhard Bartsch, Rudy Werner and Bill Wright.

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Richard Young, Sam Young, Russell Lahti, David Black, Guy Wright, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith.

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered and signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

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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, Nick Giuliano, Jesse Lim, Barry Ephraim and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to 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 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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