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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

A Note to New Members (Greg Talamini)

Each month we on the board of directors listen to new prospective members introduce themselves mentioning why they want to join our Chapter. Many of those applying are parents. Most are looking forward to having their children join them in taking advantage of what our chapter has to offer. It's important for you to know that our world has become less green over the last thirty-five years. Our youth are not being exposed to or having experience with nature. Most don't get the chance to see and learn about natural resources, wildlife and the habitats that support them. For those of you not into scouting or going camping or visiting local or national parks, take a trip to our chapter. Check our web site pick an activity and bring your children with you. Don't wait for them to reach their teens when social and academic demands may preclude their taking an interest in all that's available to them here at IWLA. Ask them to give it a try and give the PC, I-pods and games a rest.

The stewardship of this land and its resources is in the hands of our children. The more we offer them to learn and experience, the more secure our natural resources will be. It's our responsibility, and a lot of fun, to share with our young people. Make the time, take the time, and make a difference.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Weeds Away on the Maintenance Day

Hopefully, you've noticed that the gardens around the Chapter house are looking a little neater after the August work day. A big round of applause to the ferocious workers who attacked those weedy and thorny invasives among the azaleas around back. There were over four truckloads of unwanted vegetation hauled away. As with all gardens, routine weeding and periodic replacement of mulch is a must, unless you are a big fan of bindweed and thistle.

Upcoming Conservation Work Events

Gardens Maintenance and Plantings. Sunday September 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll continue to take out the weeds and woody plants that have invaded the gardens around the Chapter House, plant some plants donated by a chapter member, and add mulch. I've also have some information about native plants and the invasive plants that you DON'T want to have in your yard. The scope of the effort will be determined by how many participants we have. Gloves, tools, and water will be provided. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Native Tree Reforestation Project Maintenance. Saturday October 13. 9 a.m. to noon. Our Chapter is continuing on a long-term project to enhance and maintain forested buffers to the Reddy Branch, a tributary in the watershed of the WSSC Patuxent Reservoirs. Site is on Montgomery County parkland off of Brookeville Road. Flyer with directions will be posted by early October on the Conservation Committee web site <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index/>. Gloves, tools, and water will be provided. Contact Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net.

Adopt-A-Road (Meo Curtis)

August Adopt-A-Road

Thanks to the terrific 10 who participated in our Chapter Adopt-A-Road on Sunday August 26, 2012. They picked up trash along Mullnix Mill Road plus Long Corner Road from Rte. 108/Damascus Rd. to Mullnix Mill Road. They collected 17 Hefty large size bags of trash, most of which was recyclable beverage containers plastic and aluminum.

There were a few odds and ends including a hub cap and tire also. Our next clean up will be on Sunday November 4—the annual fall watershed clean up on roadsides and County parkland.

Christmas Tree Committee Update

No Report

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

October 2012

Wed 10/3	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat 10/6	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 10/7	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed 10/10	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 10/13	Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer
Sun 10/14	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 10/17	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat 10/20	Murray Welsh, Bob Cooley
Sun 10/21	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli (Save The Bay)
Wed 10/24	Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
Sat 10/27	Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 10/28 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 10/31 Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Mike Webb, Ira Wein, Ron Roberson, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch, Mike Bowen, Steve Rowcroft, Joel Gross, John Davis, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Hank Williams

Adult Airgun (Phil Dean)

The Monday night airgun program begins on September 10th. Set up starts at 6:30pm. Shooting begins at 7:00pm. We usually finish around 8:30. Rifles and pistols are available if you'd like to try before you buy.

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

No Report

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members

It's time to think about where you are on completing your required work. With summer almost half over conservation work will soon be minimal and conservation work is mandatory.

Reminders of the work requirements that must be completed are:

First year you must complete one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation.

Second year is the same as the first with one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation to be completed.

Each year is independent of each other: you cannot do four activities the first year and consider your obligation to be met.

If you have been keeping track of your progress ,great! Not sure of your work status or have questions? Email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Please reference IWLA in the Subject Line.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

James T. Barthol
Kathleen M. Barthol
Richard F. Jones
Jack T. Roach

Board of Director's Meeting

August 1

In the kitchen we had Cherie Aker and Randy McKenzie, supported by Richard Gautereaux, Matthew Phillips and Wyatt Selvyn.

At the Bar we had Ken Lefebvre, Mary Esfanaji and Mash Esfanaji.

Airgun Range Cleanup

August 22

Phillip Dean and Bill Gazdik.

Chapter Membership Dinner

August 22

In the kitchen we had Archie Cheng, Annette Cheng, Randy McKenzie, Rick Clearwater, Debbie Clearwater, Rich Fried, Barb Crooks and Chuck Crooks.

Dining room set-up by Will Carbone.

At the Bar we had Ken Lefebvre, Mary Esfanaji and Mash Esfanaji.

Cowboy Set-up

August 24

Jim Barthol, Kathy Barthol, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Paul Turska Jr., Paul Turska Sr., Roy Dorr, Guy Wright, Bob Hamner, Chuck Crooks and of course Dogmeat.

Chapter Maintenance Day

August 26

Range Maintenance (Pistol/Rifle) Jim Horton,

Al Goldschmidts, Alcks Goldschmidts, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, James Klinger, Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji,

Skeet Ranges Berle Cherney.

Conservation Activities (Christmas Trees)

Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Steve Houck, Wade Dayberry, Craig McLean, Bob Elliott and Howard Goldberg.

Conservation Activities (Adopt A Road)

Jeff Schilling, Ira Krowitz, Fred Dodson, Tom Nicewarner, Ian Augustine, Nina Augustine, Gary Young, Harry Chojev, Susan Lander, Tom Ondulich, Leslie McKinney, Jim Strachan, John Camino and Drew Camino.

Green Shed Guy Wright, John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

Grounds Maintenance Karl Krchma.

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

A note to our Probationary Members

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members; so, my guess could be wrong.

If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Phil Dean ,Greg Talamini 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 Piatieski at [**jimpiateski@verizon.net**](mailto: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 Piatieski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to

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