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## **CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

### **CONDOLENCES** (John Walter)

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the loss of one of our members. Lawrence Dodson passed away on September 29, 2007. Although his health forced him to drop his membership, He and his family were very active with the chapter. Larry served the chapter as a trap and skeet officer and was an avid shot gunner and waterfowl hunter. It was a privilege to know Larry and share a goose blind with him. I will always remember the good times we had. Larry's friends at WAC will miss him and all of us at WAC extend our sympathy to his family.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Because of the holiday, the November membership meeting is not on the usual night. November's meeting is on 14 November at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy a holiday meal with your fellow Ikes.

### **THE SUBJECT OF GREEN** (Greg Talamini)

The world we live is becoming less green. For many reasons, from perceived safety issues to a lack of undeveloped spaces, our children don't have a first hand experience with nature. They don't get the chance to see and learn about natural resources, wildlife and the habitats that support them. If you're not into scouting, or going camping or visiting local and national parks, take a trip to IWLA.

Members should be taking advantage of our club and the facilities we offer. Bring your children out with you. Don't wait for them to reach their teens when social and academic demands may preclude their taking an interest in our natural resources, hunting, fishing, hiking and generally enjoying nature and wildlife.

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 is our responsibility, and a lot of fun, to share with our young people. Make the time, take the time, and make a difference.

### **CHAPTER MAINTENANCE THANK YOU** (Tom Riley)

Alan Pressman replaced the screen in the main meeting hall during the October maintenance day. Thanks for your hard work.

### **MAINTENANCE DAY WOOD CUTTING** (Chuck Limparis)

On Sunday, 28 November 2007, in addition to our regular Maintenance Day activities, we will complete our fall wood cutting project to provide wood to heat the Rathskellar during the winter months. We have cut all of the wood to length but we still need to split, haul, and stack the wood on the patio at the rear of the chapter

house. The club has a hydraulic wood splitter so all you need to bring is you! This will count as one of the Conservation Activity Requirements for New Members.

### **NEST BOX WORKSHOP** (Jeff Deschamps)

The first event for 2008 will be the Nest box Workshop. In the past, we have held the workshop on a weekday evening. In order to accommodate people that have been unable to attend during the week, the workshop will be held on Saturday, January 12, at 7:30 pm. This is a popular event for kids as after a short presentation each family gets to assemble their own nest box. To register or get more information on this event contact Bill Ladd (301-482-1128).

### **WILD GAME DINNER AUCTION** (Chuck Limparis)

Do you have your Tickets Yet! It's almost time once again for the annual Wild Game Dinner and Auction. This year we will be holding the event on Saturday, 26 January 2008. You may view auction items starting at 3:00pm with silent auctions and a few early bird items starting at 5:00pm. Tickets are on sale now at the Dinner Meetings. Don't delay as this event always sells out!

Once again, the auction will include the several weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida. You can view additional information about the facility online at their website, [www.PortLargoVillas.Org](http://www.PortLargoVillas.Org). The weeks run Friday-to-Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Checkout at 10:00am.

These weeks have been very popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeats from prior years. The dates for the weeks available at the auction this year are as follows.

Friday, 4 April 2008 - Friday, 11 April 2008

Friday, 11 April 2008 - Friday, 18 April 2008

Friday, 18 April 2008 - Friday, 25 April 2008

Friday, 1 August 2008 - Friday, 8 Aug 2008

Friday, 15 August 2008 - Friday, 22 Aug 2008

Friday, 22 August 2008 - Friday, 29 Aug 2008

The spring is an awesome time to be in the Florida Keys and for those of you who are scuba divers, lobster season starts August 6th, so the last two weeks are prime hunting season! Hope to See You There and Happy Bidding!!

#### **DIFTA NOVEMBER MATCH** (Joe McDaniel)

Our LMOTY (Last Match of the Year) was a bit different than our usual matches. The course included three lanes with British Rules (1 min/target, 1 shot/target) with one lane each being offhand, kneeling, and prone. One additional lane was "rapid fire" -- this lane had a silhouette-style practice target with five flippers and one (Long Tom) normal field target at a different distance. Each shooter had a total of 3 minutes for this lane. There was some trepidation when announcing this new format but, at the end of the match, all declared it a success.

The weather was excellent albeit a bit cool with temperatures in the 40s and low 50s and a good breeze blowing the entire match. The DIFTA lanes are usually very well shaded from both the sun and wind but the first and last matches of the year offer an opportunity for some serious wind "doping" when the leaves are mostly off the trees.

It is hard to estimate the course difficulty because of the wind as well as timing and format changes -- the nominal difficulty was 28T but this does not include wind or timing. The only change in the course design might be to increase the difficulty of the prone lane as several people chose to shoot it kneeling or standing with (too good?) success. Possibly, we might put the silhouette flipper target out a bit further or something more "chicken" size chosen. The total number of shots was 60.

We have set the schedule for 2008. The dates are April 12 (Fun Match), April 19, May 3, June 21, July 26 (Maryland State Championship), August 16, September 20, October 4 (Fun Shoot), October 18, and November 1.

Apologies for the results being limited to just names and scores -- the registration cards were left at the range.

#### **PCP Division Results:**

Name	Score
Joe McDaniel	59
Steve Schulz	58
JC Brown	52*
Werner Wicha	52
Dennis Verhagen	52
Ed Reinheimer	51

\* Tie decided by shootoff

#### **Hunter Division Results:**

Name	Score
Henry Canoles	53
Phil Dean	46
Ed Canoles	45
Tim Avera	34
Paolo Amedeo	30
Bill Gazdik	22

#### **Piston Division Results:**

Name	Score
Al Otter	50
Rex Gori	45
Karl Krchma	37
Dale Benson (offhand)	25
Singson Tiu	16
Jacobi Beck	13
Mark Couillard	9
Josh Christiani	7

#### **Junior Division Results:**

Scoring: 2 for a "kill", 1 for a face hit

Name	Score
Hanna Brown	59

#### **CHANGES IN RANGE ACCESS RULES** (Joe Gick)

As of April 1, 2007, every member who shoots on *any range*, including the rifle range, pistol ranges, outdoor air rifle range, the archery range, and the skeet/trap ranges, must be visibly wearing a Range Access card. If you do not have one, you must attend a Range Orientation class, held at 10:00 A.M. on the last Sunday of the month. (Check the online calendar at [www.damascusIWLA.org](http://www.damascusIWLA.org))

The only exception to wearing a Range Access card is if you are shooting in an event where non-members are invited that are not specific guests of members under current Chapter Rules. Such events include Cowboy Action Shoots, Seneca Valley Matches, Breaking Clay to Save the Bay, etc.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **CONSERVATION** (Jeff Deschamps)

During the last two meetings of the conservation committee, we have been making plans for next year. We are putting the final touches onto the conservation events for next year's calendar. We are continuing the elm and chestnut tree projects as well as workshops that have been popular in the past. There has been considerable discussion about several new events including bicycling on the property, Geo-caching, a campout, and events for youths. We may hold some of these events in conjunction with other events such as the bull roast. In order to expand the conservation activities we need your help. If you are interested in any of these events (new or ongoing),

please contact either Jim Piatiski or Jeff Deschamps for more information. Visit the chapter website for updates on conservation activities.

### **ADOPT-A-ROAD** (Meo Curtis)

Thanks to all who supported our Adopt-A-Road/Fall Watershed Clean up on Saturday October 20. There were about 25 members, new and renewed, so we covered not only Mullinix Mill Road from Rte. 108 to the Patuxent River, but also Long Corner Road from Rte. 108 to the River, Gue Rd. from Howard Chapel Rd. to Long Corner Rd., Annapolis Rock Rd., and Howard Chapel Rd. near Unity. We collected approximately 45 bags of trash, plus two tires and four 5-gallon buckets of used driveway sealer in about 2.5 hrs. Beverage containers (plastic, cans, glass) were by far the predominant type of trash (as much as 50% by volume). Fast food and other packaging was the second highest category of trash.

Special thanks to Jose Scoseria for the terrific lunch, to Michelle Chesnut and Tom Ouellette for ordering and retrieving the t-shirts, to Judy Riley as Rover #1 and Rich Fried as Rover #2, Bill Ladd and Jeff Deschamps for use of their vehicles, and certainly Paul Turska for letting us use his 5-ton dump bed truck. In addition, special thanks to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Division for delivering and picking up a waste container roll-off for our use.

### **Montgomery County: Know Your County on-line guide**

Montgomery County's Office of Community Partnerships in the Offices of the County Executive, in collaboration with Discovery Communications, Inc., Host Hotels and Resorts, and The League of Women Voters, has published a guide to Montgomery County's government called Know Your County. Included in the 72-page guide are clear and concise descriptions of Montgomery County government offices and departments, as well as contact information. Also included is an alphabetical listing of services; County department hotlines and election, schools and courts information.

Know Your County is available online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) and will be updated periodically. Links to English, Spanish and Chinese language versions of the guide are provided. A limited supply of printed copies in English may be picked up from the Office of Community Partnerships.

Comments or suggestions for changes to the guide can be sent to [KnowYourCounty.ResourceGuide@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:KnowYourCounty.ResourceGuide@montgomerycountymd.gov). For more information about the guide, or to find out where copies can be picked up, call 240-777-2500.

### **EPA's New Go Green! Newsletter Helps Consumers Make a Difference**

America is shifting to a "green culture" in which all 300 million citizens are embracing the fact that environmental responsibility is everyone's responsibility. As a step in that direction, citizen environmental partners can sign up to receive EPA's new consumer newsletter, Go Green! EPA is launching this monthly, email newsletter to provide "what you can do" information on activities and events that everyone can use to make a difference just about anywhere - in homes, workplaces, schools and communities. The newsletter will include information on such issues as how to calculate individual energy use, upcoming environmental activities and observances and recent news reports from EPA.

To subscribe to the Go Green!! newsletter by email, please register at

[http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USA-EPA\\_298](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USA-EPA_298)

General information about Go Green!:

<http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen>

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)** **Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership.**

At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me (Conley Phipps). Additionally, be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

### **GRADS to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

A few of the names listed herein may have already been reported, as Graduated but in the interest of not having reported two or more, will list them again. Sergey Gusev, Lisa Bard, Peter Mell, Alexei Zemskov, John Fitzgerald, Tom Crabill, Thomas Johncox, Ignacio Lulli, Jerry Spring, Marshall Bell, Brian Tallerico, Anne Rickert, Mark Couillard, II, Robert Permisohn, Michael Smith, Stephen Garland. Thanks to each of you for completing your requirements. We hope that you enjoyed the participation on the projects and interaction with fellow members and will continue to be involved. It is your Chapter, it can't be any better than the effort you put into belonging.

### **OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 General Membership Meeting Hospitality, Kitchen Staff and KP's:**

President Lefebvre recognized the Hospitality Crew, Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre. Robert Silva, Jim Pike, Dean Zuras and Chuck Crooks assisted Jorge Silva, chef of tonight's great dinner.

**FALL WATERSHED CLEAN-UP: OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** Michael Harold Smith, Jose Scoseria, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Brian Tallerico, Paul Turska, Steve Lefebvre, Michael Opiela, Jim Piatieski, Thomas Johncox, Rick Sommer, Michelle Chesnut, Dean Zuras, Robert Permisohn, Logan Weir, Carol Gilchrist, Ray Ladbury, Ed Mondonedo, Bill Ladd, Charles Minear, Karl Krchima, Neal London, Anne Rickert, Rich Fried and Joe Carinci.

**Chapter maintenance: OCTOBER 28th, 2007**

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Numerous activities took place on Sunday and several members didn't specify in which activity they participated. If I have identified you as working on a particular activity and didn't get it right my apology up front but you have received credit, maybe just not the correct project.

**RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE CLEAN-UP:** Guy Wright, Steve Peck, Anthony Hess

**CHESNUT TREES:** David Jacobson

**SKEET & TRAP RANGE CLEAN-UP:** Paul Turska, Paul Tardif, Heather Barber, Stephen Garland, Alan Palestine, David Jacobson and the usual who wish to remain un-named.

**PAINTING FENCES:** Gary Green and Nick Green

**WOOD CUTTING & SPLITTING:** Henry Anderson, Charles Limparis, John Leaman

**Cowboy Set-up and Tear-down: SEPTEMBER 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

Set-up: Chuck Crooks, Richard Rankin, Paul Bluteau, Guy Wright and Chuck Limparis.

Tear-down: Richard Rankin, Mary Pat Dowals, Paul Bluteau, Louis Novak, Ron Peddicord, Dennis Price, Nick Limparis, Chuck Limparis and Skinny.

**Cowboy Set-up and Tear-down: OCTOBER 26 & 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

Set-up: Richard Rankin, Neil Benson, Paul Bluteau, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Chuck Limparis and Jim Krantz.

Tear-down: Whistlin Whiplash, Dead Eye Deutermann, Spotted Horse, Macho Mike and Dogmeat Dad.

**CHAPTER RANGE ORIENTATION: OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007:**

A hearty thanks guys to instructors of the day Lou Ferguson and Ray G. Logan.

**If I have failed to credit anyone or a group for voluntarily working on an event or a required work project or misspelled a name please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com**

**RANGE ORIENTATION INSTRUCTORS**

The range orientation is on November 25. Bud Bell and Bruce Roth are this month's instructors.

**MEMBERSHIP** (Joe Gick)

**Membership Updates**

Please notify Joe Gick our Membership Secretary of all changes of address, phone number, or e-mail. If you move and don't tell us, your forwarding order will probably expire and you will not get a renewal bill. Please keep your record up to date. Send a message to [Joe.Gick@Verizon.net](mailto:Joe.Gick@Verizon.net) or Joe Gick, 16601 Cavalry Dr, Rockville MD 20853.

**Do we have your email?**

Because we do not distribute our newsletter via U.S. Mail unless requested, we send out a general notice when the latest one is available. We also send occasional messages of general interest that may include emergency range closings, road closings, etc. If you have never received any of these messages, we may not have your email address. In fact, we don't have this information for over 400 members. If we don't have yours, please send it today to [Joe.Gick@Verizon.net](mailto:Joe.Gick@Verizon.net). We promise to protect it and never sell or distribute it. We will only use it to inform you of what is happening that is of general interest. If you know of any other members that are not getting these notices, please let them know that they are missing important information about our chapter.

*Editor's note: This is especially important during the winter months when extreme weather causes not only range closure, but chapter grounds closure as well. Stay informed—send your email address to Joe.*

**ADULT AIR GUN** (Phil Dean)

There might be some WAC-IWLA members who are not yet aware of our Adult Airgun Program. On Monday nights, we have 10-meter air pistol shooting in the downstairs indoor range. We fire a 60 shot match following NRA rules. Scores are recorded so participants can see how they are improving during the year. A number of the 'Monday night shooters' are using some of the targets fired to participate in an air pistol postal match where their performance will be listed along with air pistol shooters in a number of different states and several foreign countries. If you want to come out, we can provide an air pistol for you to use if you don't currently have one. You may also fire air rifles during the Monday night session. Range set up begins at 6:30 PM and we start firing about 7:00 PM. We are generally finished by 8:30 PM.

There is an outdoor air gun range in the woods beyond the end of the trap and skeet range with a covered firing area with shooting benches where you can fire air rifles and air pistols at targets from 10 yards to 50 yards. Target frames for paper targets are on the range as well as metal spinner targets, hanging cans, and three sets of silhouette targets. We also try to keep at least one field target set up for your use. Relevant chapter range rules apply to the use of the airgun ranges.

In addition to practice, we occasionally have "competitions". On a recent Monday, we had a fun jack-o-lantern shoot. We made targets using jack-o-lantern stickers as the "bulls-eye". The two shooters who shot closest to the nose received a bag of candy. Phil Dean was the winner and Tim Avara a close second. Congratulations!

Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for additional information.

### **RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT** (Guy Wright)

**INFORMATION:** For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at [guywright@verizon.net](mailto:guywright@verizon.net) or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).  
**SHOOTING HOURS:** Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For November 2007, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

My thanks to Paul Tardif and Steve Garland for their help with range cleanup during our October Maintenance Day.

### **REMINDERS**

Replace Pistol Target Backers only when there is absolutely nothing on which to staple a new target. A good rule of thumb is if you can easily remove the wooden target backer and fold it in half, you should replace it.

**Plywood Donations:** Your donations of plywood for use as target backers on the rifle and pistol ranges are always welcome. For backers, the plywood should be 1/2 inch or thicker and either pre-cut or capable of being cut into pieces 2'x2' (pistol range) or 2'x4' (rifle range). Please help keep the WAC looking good by dropping off your donations by the sliding door on the back side of the green equipment shed; that is, at the side nearest the chapter house. Thanks

**Rifle and Pistol Range Rules:** The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site ([damascusiwla.org](http://damascusiwla.org)) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chair.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:**

Maryland Hunter Qualification Day on Sunday November 4, 2007 from 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon Rifle Range will be closed during this time.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday November 10, 2007 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at [jljm@phillips.com](mailto:jljm@phillips.com) or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday November 23, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday November 24, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday December 8, 2007 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at [jljm@phillips.com](mailto:jljm@phillips.com) or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

### **Christmas on Tuesday December 25, 2007. All Ranges Are Closed.**

If anyone has any pistol/rifle range topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to Guy Wright at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions.

### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Michelle Chesnut [smc\\_geek@msn.com](mailto:smc_geek@msn.com))

Thanks to John Walter, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Red Skillings, Ray Logan, Conley Phipps, Guy Wright, Joe Gick, Joe McDaniel, Phil Dean, Chuck Limparis, Tom Riley and Greg Talimini for their contributions to this newsletter. A special thanks to Chuck Crooks for his patience with the editor and his work on publishing the newsletter on-line

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send them in an attached Word document.

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