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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

The Damascus Heritage Society event held on October 19th was deemed a success, although the attendance could have been better. The weather was perfect and there was a steady flow of people all day.

The Heritage Society is already planning their event for next year. We will again host the event and probably merge that event with one of our roasts.

The proposed date for 2009 will be September 20th.

The next membership dinner will be the Thanksgiving special. Rich Fried will be preparing his famous Fried's Fried Turkey (don't you just love the English language). Our crack food preparation staff will be preparing "all the trimmings".

Those who have attended this dinner in the past will tell you that it's not to be missed. Social hour starts at 6:30 PM. Dinner about 7:30 PM.

This meeting will also be an open forum for the Future Planning Committee. This is your chance to voice your opinions on what you feel would make the chapter better or any other issues you feel pertinent to the betterment of our chapter. The FPC will incorporate your ideas into its report.

This dinner will be held on November 19, which is a week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

MEMBER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The chapter needs your help! We need a volunteer to take over the management and collation of the list of members who have donated their time to maintaining the chapter. This is a very important role at WAC because this is how the probationary members "graduate" to full member status and this is how we know who to thank for making our chapter thrive.

Please contact Steve Lefebvre 301-482-1898 if you are willing to perform this task.

CALENDAR EVENTS OF NOTE

Christmas tree sales will commence on Saturday, Nov.29 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Please note: this is one hour earlier than in previous years.

The new Christmas tree chairs are looking for volunteers to help man the green shed during sale hours. Please contact Wendy Smith at (301)538-9100 to find out when help is needed. Please schedule dates and times for this detail. Don't show up unannounced. You may not be needed at that time. This counts as a regular event towards your work requirement. It does NOT count as a conservation event. That is reserved for tree maintenance and planting.

Our head blacksmith will be set up in conjunction with tree sales. He plans to make Christmas tree ornaments to sell along with the trees. Sounds interesting.

GETTING INVOLVED

Announcement: the Future Planning Committee will be holding an open meeting at the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. At this meeting, members will be able to provide their ideas to the committee before it prepares its report.

The chapter is many things to many people. The possibilities are only limited by imagination. Any member willing to start an activity or committee can come to the board of directors and pitch their idea. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS FOR PROJECTS AND PEOPLE TO RUN THEM.

TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD

There is a bulletin board on the wall of the downstairs Rathskeller for WAC-IWLA members to use to advertise **shooting related items** for sale to other members. Items should be listed on a 3 x 5 card if possible and need to have the seller's name and telephone number listed. The card needs to be dated with the date posted. Listings will be removed when the caretaker of the board is informed of the sale or after 30 days from the posting date. If you have an item to sell but cannot get to the chapter house to post the ad on the TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD, mail it to the address below and it will be posted within a few days.

For further information, contact Phil Dean at pd10x@comcast.net or 301-865-8202.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREES

Did you know?

The moisture in a fresh tree weighs more than the tree does when dry.

Christmas tree farms cover about one million acres in the United States. Those trees provide enough oxygen to supply the daily needs of eighteen million people. Plant a tree.

When you first put your tree in the stand, be sure to cut a small amount off the bottom (enough to give a fresh surface) and first fill the stand with water at about 180 degrees. Warm water will keep the tree base "open" longer so it will take up water better.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Red Skillings)

CONSERVATION AWARDS, PRESENTED BY CO-CHAIRS CONSERVATION COMMITTEE JIM PIATESKI & JEFF DESCHAMPS

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Conservation Award presented to Robert Cumberland for his outstanding contribution to "Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay", 2008.

Bob came to the front to receive the above from Jeff.

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Conservation Award presented to Kenneth Lefebvre for his years of service to our "Aluminum Recycling Program", 2008.

Ken came to the front to receive the above from Jim.

BOB LILLY AWARDS

The Bob Lilly Award, the Chapter's top award, is presented by the Wildlife Achievement Chapter president to those members who have years of service and dedication to Chapter committees, social activities, or special projects and who exemplify the goals and objectives of the Izaak Walton League. It is named after Bob Lilly, a very active member of Our Chapter from the 1950's until his death in 1992. Bob was a national champion archer, but he was also heavily involved in conservation, firearms, and youth activities.

Phraseology on tonight's award plaque follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Bob Lilly Award for continued extraordinary service and dedication to our Chapter. Presented to Thomas Riley 2008. Tommy was not present this night.

Phraseology on tonight's award plaque follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Bob Lilly Award for continued extraordinary service and dedication to our Chapter. Presented to Conley Phipps 2008. Conley was not present this night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

Fall Adopt-A-Road and Watershed Clean Up

The Chapter completed our Fall adopt-a-road/watershed clean up on Saturday October 18, 2008. There were about 20 volunteers, including a high school student who earned student service learning credits for his participation.

We picked up trash from our designated road (Mullinix Mill Rd. from Rte. 108 to the Patuxent River) and three other segments: Long Corner Road from Rte.

108 to Mullinix Mill Rd., Gue Rd from where it joins Howard Chapel Rd. to Long Corner Rd., and Annapolis Rock Rd. from the Patuxent River to Rte. 108.

Special thanks to Jim Piatetski and Judy Reilly who drove their own cars around to keep us organized.

We picked up about 30 bags of trash, 7 5-gallon plastic pails (full of something that remained a mystery because we were not about to take the lids off), 3 tires, and miscellaneous car parts. Once again, there were many beverage containers and fast food trash items. Since each bag of trash weighs approximately 20 pounds, there were about 600 pounds of trash sent to the transfer station along with the other 'junk'.

Your time in volunteering to help out your community through the Adopt-A-Road/Fall Clean Up is worth a lot of money! According to the Bureau of Statistics, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time in 2007 was \$17.42 per hour (SOURCE:

http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html.) The value of volunteer time is based on the average hourly earnings of all production and nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics with 12% added for estimated benefits. These figures can be used for 'in-kind' services required for certain grants.

Next clean up will be in April, in conjunction with the Patuxent and Potomac Watershed Spring Clean Ups.

Strengthening Stream Stewardship Workshop

Saturday Nov. 15 from 9 AM to noon at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center Auditorium.

Having effective stream stewards for all our streams is critical if we are going to see improvements in our stream water quality. See what stewardship opportunities exist and resources available to our volunteer stream stewards. Learn from experienced stream stewards will be attending. This is open and beneficial to anyone in Montgomery County, not just those who live in the Anacostia watershed.

See http://www.fosc.org/PDF/Stewardship_flyer111508.pdf for details.

Montgomery County's Federal Clean Water Act Stormwater Permit

And after learning about opportunities to improve County streams, you might want to check out the third-round Montgomery County Stormwater Permit. The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) has issued its formal "tentative determination" for Montgomery County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

(MS4) permit, which is required by the federal Clean Water Act. The draft five-year permit requires actions to eliminate the negative impacts of polluted stormwater runoff in Montgomery County and will be the template followed for all other Maryland jurisdictions to control pollutants entering local waterways and to restore the Chesapeake Bay. The exact requirements may differ based on locality population.

There are major new requirements in the Montgomery County MS4 permit which include the restoration of an additional 20 percent of the County's impervious surfaces (on top of 10 percent previously restored, for a total of 30 percent restored by 2013); the development and implementation of strategies to achieve a trash-free Anacostia River as part of the County's commitment to the goal of a trash-free Potomac River by 2013; and the establishment of pollution limits, also known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), necessary to meet water quality standards for federally listed impaired waters. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection has estimated that it may cost as much as \$200 million over the next six years to meet these watershed restoration and protection goals.

A public hearing will be held on the tentative determination on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the County Council Office Building Auditorium, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Persons who wish to present information regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments at the public hearing, or submit a written statement to MDE no later than November 24, 2008.

To view the draft permit go to:

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/SedimentandStormwater/index.asp> or contact Mr. Brian Clevenger of MDE at 410-537-3543 or 1-800-633-6101.

SKEET AND TRAP

2008 IWLA RANGE ROSTER

DECEMBER

Sat 12/6 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 12/7 Mark Gay, Martin Cherry, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Sat 12/13 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 12/14 Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Sat 12/20 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 12/21 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Bob Case

Sat 12/27 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 12/28 Bill Wright, Peter Sittner, Nunzio Litterio, Joel Gross

No assignment at this time, this month- Bob Poth, Gary Green

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Tony Evans, by email at tony.evans@verizon.net or telephone 301-706-9121.

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 2008, starting time is 10:00AM daily and ending time is 4:30PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see “UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY” below).

REMINDERS

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100-yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25-yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

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) and in MS Word format from Tony Evans, 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:

Hunter Safety –Rifle/Pistol closed (ex. Jr. Rifle practice) until 1:30 PM

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday November 21, 2008 – Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday November 22, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM – Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Range Cleanup- All ranges closed until 1:00 PM.

Bowling pin shoot Dec.6. Uncovered pistol rang closed until 2:00PM.

.22 Fun Shoot- Dec.13 10AM until 2:00 PM Rifle Range closed during event

Christmas Day 12/25 All Ranges closed all day.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski

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Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them 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 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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