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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Fellow Ikes,

Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 24 January 2015 and it will be here before you know it. Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each and went on sale at the October Dinner meeting. They are available at the Shotgun Range House, the BOD Meetings, and at the Membership Dinner Meetings. There may be a few for sale at the door, but the event usually sell out so do not count on that. We are limited but the capacity of the building to 150 and we are already about half way sold out. This event does tend to sell out every year so don't wait till the last minute to get your tickets. In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning alternate dining choices for those who prefer Domesticated Game.

Auction items are slowly starting to come in and once again we will have the six weeks at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact the Committee Chair Chuck Limparis, or the items can be left downstairs behind the bar. We ask that you refrain from donating exercise equipment or old computer hardware as we usually end up having it hauled away. Donation receipts will be available for those who desire them. A schedule of the events is still being finalized, but dinner will be served at 7:00pm and there will be early bird items auctioned starting at 5:30pm. As usual, there will be good food and a whole lot of laughter.

The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, [www.PortLargoVillas.Org](http://www.PortLargoVillas.Org). The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am. These weeks have been very popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to be in the Florida Keys and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is just incredible with water temperatures around 86 degrees.

Friday, 27 March 2015 - Friday, 3 April 2015  
Friday, 3 April 2015 - Friday, 10 April 2015 MCPS Spring Break  
Friday, 10 April 2015 - Friday, 17 April 2015  
Friday, 17 April 2015 - Friday, 24 April 2015

Friday, 14 August 2015 - Friday, 21 August 2015  
Friday, 21 August 2015 - Friday, 28 August 2015

So, come on out, buy your ticket, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!! (Chuck Limparis)

## Conservation (Barry Fleming, Rodger Moran, Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps)

On Sunday October 19 we had an enthusiastic crew of 22 doing a tree maintenance project at a new site for IWLA-WAC in the Rachael Carson Park along Sundown Road outside of Laytonsville. This project was coordinated with Katherine Nelson from the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) who was also in attendance. Our crew worked to replace or repair many tree cages that needed attention for trees that had been planted in this buffer zone along the Hawlings River by the Parks Department and likely have had little attention ever since. The Hawlings River is a 13 mile tributary of the Patuxent River and pretty much starts it's journey just north of Laytonsville and flows through Rachael Carson Conservation Park. We hope to make this an annual project and even want to go back next spring and do some additional tree plantings to replace those that have succumbed to the elements and even a number damaged as a result of a non-native invasive spraying in the area. IWLA provided the materials and the manpower to make this project a success and we look forward to more productive efforts in this area in the future.

### Upper Patuxent Watershed Fall Clean Up

The rain held off and there was a tremendous turn out of new members for the fall watershed clean up on Saturday 11/1. We had 47 workers divided among 9 teams who picked up trash and debris from Mullinix Mill Rd (our adopt a road segment), Gue Rd to Long Corner Rd, from Long Corner Rd, from Annapolis Rock Rd, and from areas near Georgia Avenue. Total bags were 35 (32 at pick up site and 3 that were brought back to the Chapter), a sofa, a toilet, six tires, a cooler (with beer), and miscellaneous wood and renovation debris. There were so many workers that there weren't enough required orange safety vests to go around for those on the roadsides. Thanks to new member Rick Yount, a group was able to work at an unexpected site—one on DNR parkland near Georgia Avenue--not on the roadside and therefore did not require orange safety vests. Special thanks to Jeff Deschamps and Buzz Mooney who roved around the many sites to supply more trash bags and pick up the collected materials; to Bill Kelly who led a group down at Annapolis Rock Road; and to Rich Fried for worker transport and roving--no job too small in order to help out. About 24 members contacted me ahead of the event. For future clean ups, I'll be asking for pre-registration to assure that we have enough safety vests for those wanting to participate. I don't need to set a cap, just need to know how many.

### Save Money, Create Less Pollution, and Lessen Oil Dependence: New 2015 Fuel Economy Guide for Car Buyers

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) recently released the 2015 Fuel Economy Guide, a valuable resource in choosing fuel-efficient and less polluting vehicles to meet your needs.

The new automobile fuel economy and emissions standards are projected to save families more than \$1.7 trillion in fuel costs, reduce America's dependence on oil by more than 2 million barrels per day, and reduce carbon pollution by 6 billion metric tons over the lifetimes of the vehicles sold. So far, automakers' overall fuel economy performance has been, on average, ahead of what the standards require. As always, American ingenuity has responded to the need for engineering innovation to save money for both businesses and individuals in the long run and protect the environment for those who will be on the Earth long after we're all gone.

In comparison to previous years, the 2015 models include a greater number of fuel efficient and low-emission vehicles in a broader variety of classes and sizes. The guide provides "best-in-class" lists to help consumers find the most fuel-efficient advanced-technology vehicles as well as the most efficient gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles. The best-in-class lists include multiple market segments, from two-seaters to large pickup trucks.

You get a broad range of information to use while shopping for a new vehicle — including an estimated annual fuel cost for each vehicle. The estimate is based on the vehicle's miles per gallon (mpg) rating and national

estimates for fuel prices. The online version of the guide, available through [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov), gives consumers a personalized fuel cost estimate based on local gasoline prices and their personal driving habits.

I am waiting to buy a new vehicle until there is a full-size pick up that achieves 30 miles per gallon highway. Many automotive experts say that's just around the corner. I can hardly wait!

### **Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

#### **December 2014**

Sat	12/6	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	12/7	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Sat	12/13	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	12/14	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat	12/20	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	12/21	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Sat	12/27	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	12/28	Dave Stevenson, Bob Cooley

#### Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers,, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahan, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Hank Williams, Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan, Bob Poth, Roman Drews, Bill Murphy, Mike Bowen

### **SAFETY THOUGHTS**

Are you tuned in to what you are doing at all times? Are you just going through the motions? Make sure you are mentally focused on what you are doing. It just might prevent an avoidable accident.

### **WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim and Wendy Smith)**

Important! It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

## REMINDER!

All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing.

**IMPORTANT:** When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times.

DO NOT loan or share your WAC membership gate cards to anyone – without exception. These are issued for your own use only.

**CONDUCT Rule# 18** . We will conduct a strict audit and observe any member using the rifle and pistol ranges for prohibited training and certification activity outside of the WAC sanctioned training programs.

Rule# 18. No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

### **October Maintenance Day Project:**

Under the stewardship of Al Goldschmidts and team, a new rifle range roof was constructed. Thank you for the donation from our member Jim Lessig, Sr. of Mule Hide and to Fisher Lumber, Rockville for donation of materials. Thanks to Al Goldschmidts for coordinating and leading all of the efforts and to those who came out to assist and did an excellent job!



Day 1 - NEW rifle roof structure build-up in 6 hours.  
Day 2.-Sound proofing installation.  
Day 3- clean-up and Rifle range is back in service !



**State of Maryland, Montgomery County DNR Managed Hunt shooter qualifications day** was held in September and November. We would like to extend our thank you to the WAC RSO and members who supported the shooter's qualification assisting Jesse Lim. This is our WAC public service assistance to Montgomery County. Thanks to: Billy Ramos, Carolea Logun, James Fort, Jean Aker, John Logun, John Randall, Jose Tassara, Mike Canter and Phil Lowe.

**NRA TRAINING UPDATE – by Wendy Smith**

We held our late summer NRA Basic Pistol class in September and October to an enthusiastic class. This included the integration of the Maryland Handgun Qualification License (MD HQL) into our curriculum, free of charge, to eligible WAC members taking the class.



Thank you to our instructors: Buzz Vogel, Candy Varmer, Danny Smith, Hans Varmer, Jean Aker, Jesse Lim, Joseph Smith, John Mullaney, Judy Riley, Pete Ott and Wendy Smith.

Our last class of the year is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ladies/Daughters and Teens class finishing up on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have pictures from that event in the December newsletter.

### **Changes to the 2015 NRA Basic Pistol course delivery are coming!**

The NRA Headquarter Instructor office has pre-announced their plans to change their delivery method of the NRA Basic Pistol Course in 2015. While all the details are still being communicated out to the trainers, we are advised it will include a “blended learning” environment whereby the students will be required to take the **classroom portion ONLINE** prior to taking the field/live fire portion of the curriculum.

More information will be communicated out when it becomes available to our WAC NRA Training team and how we will adapt our training delivery in alignment with this new requirement. This will likely include revisions to the course dates in 2015, such as **possibly** eliminating the first ½ day of class previously required. Please stay tuned in 2015 for more information!

The 2015 WAC calendar is now posted and our next class will be the NRA Basic Rifle class in March, 2015. Please watch for a special announcement in February indicating registration being open at that time.

We are unable to accommodate pre-registration due to the popularity of the classes and slots being held for make ups (students that paid for the class but could not attend).

**When registration is announced, please do not delay signing up, as they do fill up fast!**

On behalf of the Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee and WAC Training team, we extend a sincere and humble thank you in appreciation to all of our Veterans, former and active, this Veterans Day and always.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

#### **Congratulations**

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

Rick Yount	David Wrona
Billy Ramos	Jan Stuart Paper
Ryan Cooley	Allan Snyder
Stephen Olsen	Dmitriy Beloslyudtsev
Will Corbin	David Hiner
Steven Pearre	Tom C. Kennedy
John F. Scheck	Aleksandr Shtirberg
Martin Stout	Jose Tassara
Stephen Esfanaji	

#### **Hunter Safety Class Support** (conservation credit)

October 11

Probationary Member:

Erik Hill

#### **Rachel Carson Tree Maintenance** (conservation)

October 19

Probationary Members:

David Morrow, Katherine Morrow, Steve Olsen, John Poole, Brian P. Reilly, Jan Paper, Michael Bennett, Joe Dennie, Ken Brenner, David Pitman, Mark Anderson, John Porter, Pam Porter, Joe Byrd, Steve Sweeney, Dale Hrabak, Pat Riley, Varria Braxton, Gary Cooper, Matthew Lewis, Rodger Moran, Ken Reichard and Barry Fleming

**Clays to Save the Bay** (Conservation)

October 19

**Probationary Members:**

Scott Canova and Paula Canova

**Membership Dinner** (Regular credit)

October 22

**Probationary Member:**

Adrian Jackman

**Cowboy Set Up**

October 24

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Donald Jackson, and Paul Bluteau

**Probationary Members:** (regular credit)

Larry Ritzmann, David Hiner, John Porter, Darwin Ebeling, Ken Reichard, Dave Clemmer, Jerry Klinger, Ken Brenner, T.J Atkinson and Gary Cooper.

**Rifle Range Roof Maintenance**

October 25

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Tom Kosciesza and Don Morris

**Probationary Members:** (regular credit)

Andy Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, Marty Svrcek, Nick Hewitt, Adrian Jackman, Billy Ramos, Andrew Huo and Bob Dietsch

**Rifle Range Roof Maintenance**

October 26

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Marc Hinthier, Dan Tockman, Peter Gracyalny, David Tung, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Marty Svrcek

**Probationary Members:** (regular credit)

Bud Gates, Nick Hewitt, Adrian Jackman, Andy Goldschmidts, Andy Huo, Kevin Grasson, Patrick Gracyalny, Tom Peters, Stephen Esfanaji, John Pool, Billy Ramos, Glenn Anderson, Steve Pearre, Gene Mongelluzzo

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

October 26

(Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun)

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

David Tung, Greg Dilla, Frank Saenz, Arden Young, Sam Young and Rob Van Tassell

**Probationary Members:** (regular credit)

Frank Hyatt, Dave Wrona, Dmitriy Beloslyudtsev, John Porter, Steve Kordell, Charles Dilla, Chris Toscano, Patrick Gracyalny, Matthew Konas, Jim Horton, Philip Goldberg, Iftikhar Shah

(General Maintenance)

**Probationary Members:** (regular credit)

Barry Fleming, Tony Carts, William Guglielmini, Christine Guglielmini, Pat Riley and Alan E. Tiu  
(Green Shed)

Member:

Joe Smith

Probationary Member:

Robert Queen (regular credit)

(Christmas Trees)

Family or Nonmember:

Linda Stanley

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Alexander Flavin, Kevin Grasson, James De Moss, Donna Largent, Paul Largent, Jeff Tokar, David Hiner, Steve Emerick, Hans Varmer, Jim Strachan, Tom Kennedy, Stephen Gilpin, Tim Whipp and Brian Coakley

**Rifle Range Roof Maintenance**

October 27

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Eric Reichard, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Stephen Esfanaji and Adol Williams

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Ken Reichard and Jim Lessig Sr.

**Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up**

November 1

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Brian White, James Togas, Bill Kelly, Roger Dahlin, Rich Fried, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (**conservation credit**)

Dale Hrabak, Dave Wrona, Arthur, Mark Adkins, Jerry Klinger, Marty Burke, David Pitman, Erik Hill, Aleksandr Shtirberg, Peggy Reed, Robert Reed, Garry Brown, Gail Merkle, Tom Merkle, Judith Schneider, Duc H. Lam, James Lattner, Mark Lattner, Kirk Lattner, Liam Kelly, Darwin Ebeling, Greg Stearns, Allan Snyder, Mitch Milstein, Ryan Cooley, Lance Kennedy, Rick Garbett, David Selman, Jerry Schmidt, Rob Dahlin, Rick Yount, John M. Smith, James De Moss Jr., Steve Pearre, Arnie Carlson, T.J. Atkinson, John Arness, Larry Hill, Robert Radu and Buzz Mooney

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If you volunteered for an activity in the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed or you need a reminder as to your work history please email me at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com).

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS!

IF YOU JOINED IN 2012 OR BEFORE

CHECK YOUR WORK STATUS

RENEWAL TIME **IS HERE** AVOID THE

\$60 PENALTY

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year (you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are

required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

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 Times New Roman font and in Word format.*

*I thank you for your consideration.*

#### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cooley, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith, Rodger Moran, Barry Fleming, Chuck Limparis and Wendy Smith for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to 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](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 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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