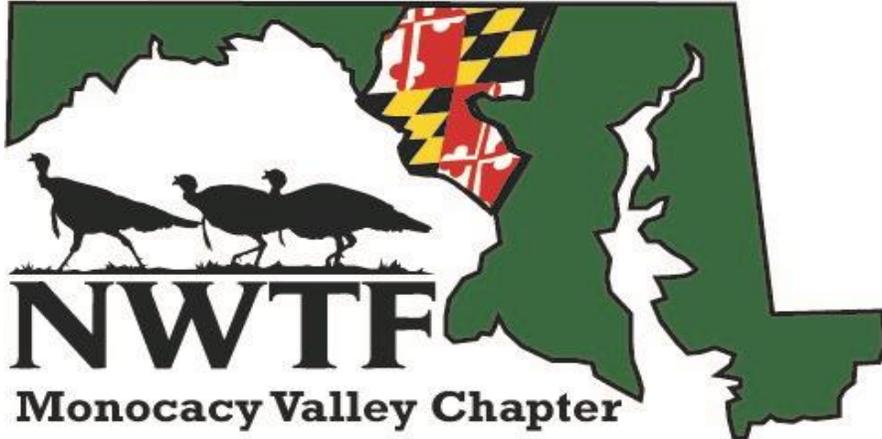


Talkin' Turkey!



[A Message from President Russ.....](#)Already well into 2018, the new year is shaping up to be a very exciting one for Monocacy Valley. At this time the chapter is on strong financial footing and we have developed a budget so that we can continue to support programs and our outreach events that are critical to our mission, "Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt". Currently we have the funds necessary to sponsor two more schools in the National Archery in the Schools program. If you have friends, children or grandchildren that are attending schools in the Frederick County area that might be interested in the program please let us know. It is hard to believe but our annual Jakes event is just over a month away. This year's event is scheduled for March 24th at the Mayberry Game Protective Association. We have a great day planned for the kids (and their parents), so please consider joining us. It is a day that the committee and all our volunteers always look forward to and is a lot of fun for everyone. The committee has been discussing some ideas for a new outreach event planned for July. We are trying to figure out a way to get more people involved and give something back to all of you that support our chapter. Details about this event will be forthcoming. Our 27th annual Hunting Heritage Banquet is scheduled for September 8th this year. We already have some new and exciting items that will be available that night. We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend this year for what has always been an outstanding evening.

Please remember that, as I've said before, this is your chapter. We couldn't do anything without your support, be it as a sponsor or attendee at our banquet and outreach events. We welcome your thoughts, ideas or concerns so don't hesitate to contact us anytime.

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Upcoming Events:
3/17 Scholarship applications due

3/17 MD NASP Tournament

3/24 JAKES Event

7/29 Family Fun Day

9/8 Annual Banquet



PLEASE JOIN US
2018 Hunting Heritage BANQUET
September 8, 2018
Lewistown Fire Hall
4:30 p.m.

JUNIORS ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE, ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP (JAKES) FIELD DAY

We are often unaware of seeds that are planted.... or seeds that sprout.... during, or because of, our efforts – our 2017 JAKES Day was a perfect example. After the event, we heard from a parent that their child's interest was instantly captured by his experience with the archery station. More recently we learned that another young man who attended the event had never hunted but something sparked his interest that day and he and several friends took their Hunter Safety Class and have become very excited about hunting.

Again this year, we are pleased to conduct our JAKES Day – Saturday, March 24 (rain or shine – dress appropriately) – 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Mayberry Game Protective Association, 2555 Mayberry Road, Westminster, MD (note that some GPS's have been known to give strange directions for this address – be aware that access to Mayberry Road is directly from Route 140 between Taneytown and Westminster; proceed 1-1/4 miles on Mayberry Road to entrance on right). There is NO admission fee and lunch will be provided. The event is open to boys and girls ages 6 through 17 and parents are also encouraged to attend. Details for our 2018 event are still evolving but stations that have been popular with the youth in the past include: archery, falconry, woods walk, shotgun patterning, turkey calling, dog demos, etc.. We will also have a special guest this year – sure to be a real hit with the kids! Bucket raffles will be available and door prizes will be given. Pre-Registration is strongly requested (to insure an appropriate amount of food, staffing, etc.) but walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. FIVE extra door prize tickets will be given to each youth for whom all necessary forms (*registration, photo release, etc.*) are RECEIVED by March 17. Raffle tickets will be available – prize is a muzzleloader. Also, a drawing for our Mentored Junior Turkey Hunt! Contact Russ Leith at rleith6@comcast.net for more info and reservation forms.

Updates on Former JAKES

- Nathaniel Neuland is studying at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. He made the Dean's List his first semester with a 4.0 GPA. He will be in San Antonio, TX for a week in March for the ACIU Collegiate Clay Target Championships. He is the only freshman on the top squad on the WAC varsity team.
- Cameron Moneypenny is in his second semester at University of MD and liking it. He has been shooting for UMD Trap & Skeet Club and he may also travel with his team to San Antonio.
- Sarah Moneypenny is doing fine at Nazareth College in NY. Lots of snow, she has learned to carry a shovel in her car.
- Jack Stohlman finished his first semester at Frostburg State University but has dropped out temporarily to join the National Guard. He goes to FT Benning in Georgia next month and should return to Frostburg in the fall.
- Spencer Becker is taking a "gap year" from any college plans. He spent 2 months in the fall in Wyoming on an elk hunting ranch. His options are wide open.

National Archery in Schools Program (NASP)

We continue to hear the heart-warming stories about the positive impact the NASP is having on many students and we are proud to play a part in those experiences. We hope you will join us for the 2018 MD NASP 3D Challenge and the MD NASP Bullseye Tournament to be held on March 17, 2018 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD. Students will be participating from several of the schools where we have sponsored NASP – come show your support and experience the excitement. Awards will be given to the top three finishing teams in each division as well as the top three finishing male and female individuals from each division. Winning teams and the top 10 individuals, male and female, from each division will be eligible for participation in the 2018 NASP® Nationals in Louisville, KY in May.

Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications are now being accepted. Students must be graduating high school seniors or students enrolled full-time in college or an accredited trade school, must hold a current NWTF membership and must reside in Carroll, Frederick or Montgomery County, MD. To receive an application package, please contact Shirley Long at slong95@comcast.net or Russ Leith at rleith6@comcast.net. Completed applications are due no later than March 17.

SAVE THE DATE – FAMILY, FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP – and it's FREE!

Plans are underway for an afternoon of family, food, fun, fellowship and more. There will be no cost and ALL are invited – we simply ask that you let us know you are coming so that an appropriate amount of food can be prepared. The event will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 29 at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club near Thurmont, MD. More info will be available in the next newsletter – please MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO ATTEND.

SHOOTERS WANTED

The Rappahannock River Retriever Club is looking for duck shooters for their Fall AKC-licensed Retriever Hunt Test in Remington, VA (south of Warrenton) on Friday, April 13, Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15. The club is looking for gunners to shoot live flyers. They provide the ducks, the ammo, lunch, snacks, drinks, etc. All you have to do is bring your favorite duck shotgun and eye and ear protection. For more info – www.rrrclub.com or thanold@yahoo.com.

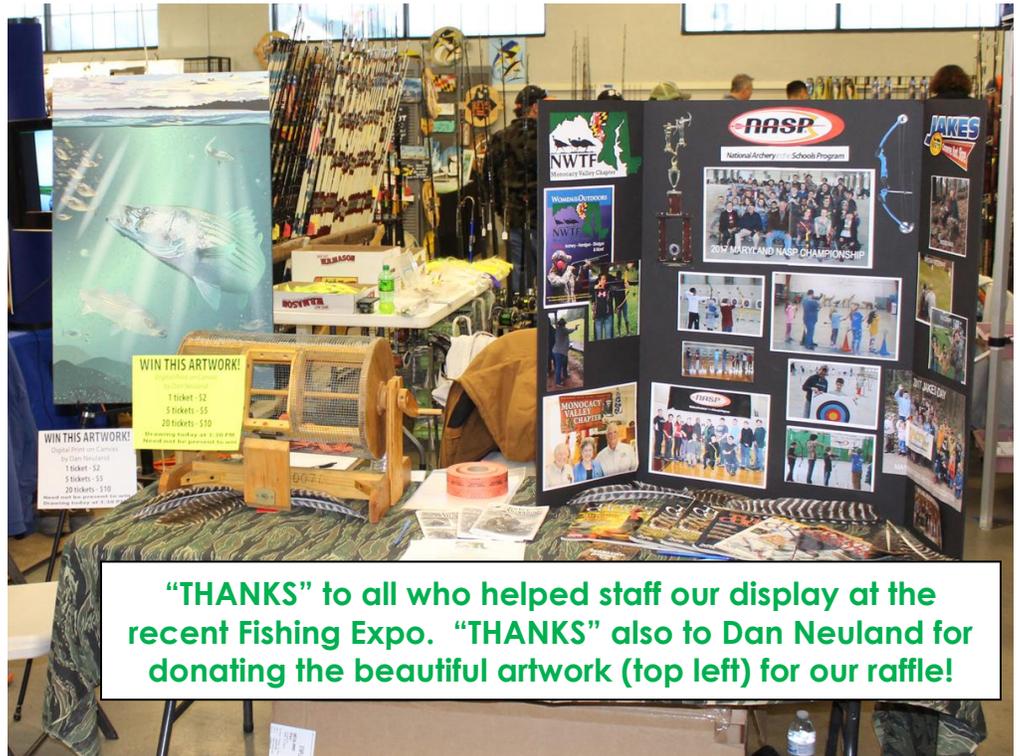
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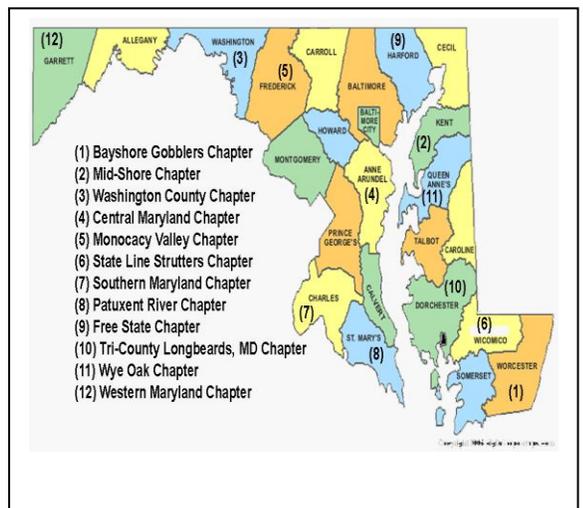
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“THANKS” to all who helped staff our display at the recent Fishing Expo. “THANKS” also to Dan Neuland for donating the beautiful artwork (top left) for our raffle!



CONGRATULATIONS!



CONGRATULATIONS to President Russ who received the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award AND the 2017 New Leader's Award at the MD State Banquet on January 13! Our Chapter received 2nd place in JAKES memberships and 1st place for Banquet Net Under 40% - which also equates to 4th highest Banquet Net within the 13 NWTF Chapters in MD).

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