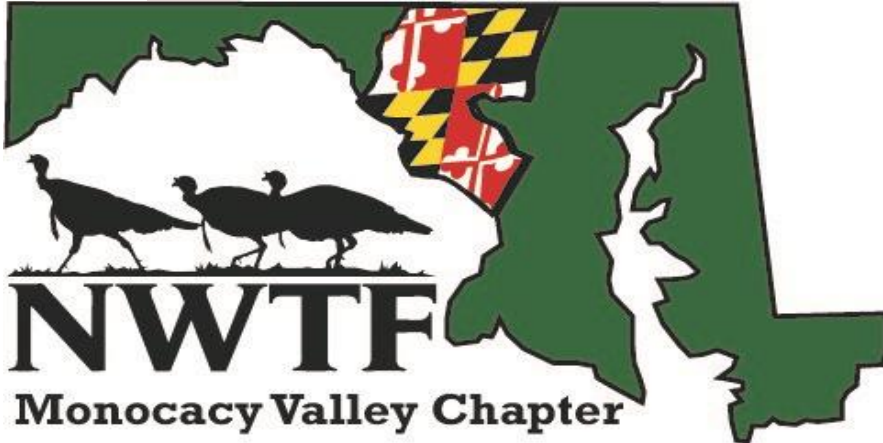


Talkin' Turkey!



A Message from President Russ.....

The excitement and anticipation is building. Why? Our Chapter's 26th annual Hunting Heritage banquet is now just a few weeks away. The committee has done a great job procuring donations and lining up sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite everyone to attend. Your support is vital to all that Monocacy Valley Chapter does. From our JAKES (youth) and Women in the Outdoors outreach events, to our support for the National Archery in the Schools and scholarship programs. Believe me, there will be something for everyone to either win or purchase at the banquet. Hope to see you all there!

There will be no rest for the weary as our Women in the Outdoors event is scheduled for October 14th at the Mayberry Game Protective outside Westminster. The day's program is not yet complete but we know we will have handgun training, archery and shotgun stations. If you would like to attend or have any suggestions, please let us know, new ideas are ALWAYS welcome.

Volunteers are the backbone of the National Wild Turkey Federation. If you like what we are doing please consider joining us, together we can "Save the habitat, Save the hunt".

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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- **Hunting Heritage Banquet**
- **Yeti Cooler Raffle**
- **WITO Event**



**PLEASE JOIN US
2017 Hunting Heritage
BANQUET
September 9, 2017
Lewistown Fire Hall
4:30 p.m.**

It's BANQUET Time- Please JOIN US!

When – Saturday, September 9 – Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Where – Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, 11101 Hessong Bridge Road (Midway between Thurmont and Frederick)

What Can I Expect?

- Great FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP – renew old friendships and make new ones
- Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
 - Pre-Dinner Snacks/Beverages (Beer, Wine, Soda, Water)
 - Preview Live/Silent Auction Items
 - Participate in Games/Raffles
 - Test Drive Dodge RAMs
- Dinner – All-You-Can-Eat Buffet – Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Country Ham, side dishes, coffee/tea/water and pie
- Silent Auction Closes & Live Auction Begins

What Can I Win or Purchase?

- MORE GUNS THAN EVER (Including Beretta A300 Outlander Turkey MOOB w/Truglo Choke 12 gauge/24", Henry Goldenboy 44 mag/20", and MANY MORE)
 - Note: An EXTRA gun will be given away for every TEN Sponsor Members
- 2-Day Snowshoe Hare/Coyote HUNT
- Turkey Calls (by LJW-Bruce Chaney/David Hohman, The Preacher Man/Jody Harrison, Dale Rohm/Set of 4, etc.)
- Home Décor (Mission Rocker, Porch Swing, Prints, Sculptures, Luggage, etc.)
- Special Items by famous artist Melissa Ball
- Bushel of Hard Shell Crabs
- Sporting Goods, Blinds, Coolers, Knives, Shooters' Chest, YETIs, etc.
- Especially for the Women (Jewelry, Beauty Baskets, Mossberg SA-20 Turkey gun)
- Especially for the Youth (MINI BIKE, Pellet Gun, etc.)
- Gift Cards

How Can I Place My Reservation? (by August 28, please)

- See attached flyer
- Register on-line NOW at events.nwff.org/200070-2017

One young person will take this
80cc 2.5 HP MINI BIKE home



Custom Made Turkey Calls by
Dale Rohm



We Pay Taxes on Our Hunting Licenses & Equipment

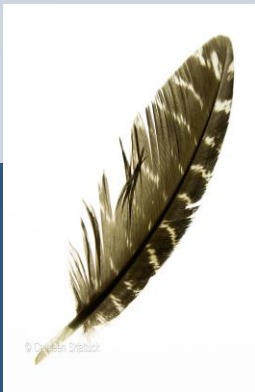
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In 1938 the Pittman-Robertson Act (named for the NV and VA Congressmen) took control of a pre-existing 11% tax on firearms and ammunition. Rather than going into the U.S. Treasury as before, the Act required that the funds be distributed via grants to the states – this is done by the Secretary of the Interior and is based on the area of the state and its number of licensed hunters. Since 1938 tax revenues via Pittman-Robertson have provided \$9.9 billion for purposes such as research, surveys, wildlife management/habitat and acquisition of land. In addition, states have matched those funds with more than \$2.4 billion.

In the 1970's amendments created a 10% tax on handguns and their ammunition and accessories and an 11% tax on archery equipment. It was mandated that half of the funds from each of these new taxes be used to educate/train hunters through hunter safety classes and shooting/target ranges. Hunter education classes have trained more than 39 million hunters.

As of 2010 more than two billion dollars of federal aid has been generated through this program. They have paid for efforts resulting in the restoration of many species that had become almost extinct and the purchase/lease of 68 million acres for conservation.

MD Black Bear Season

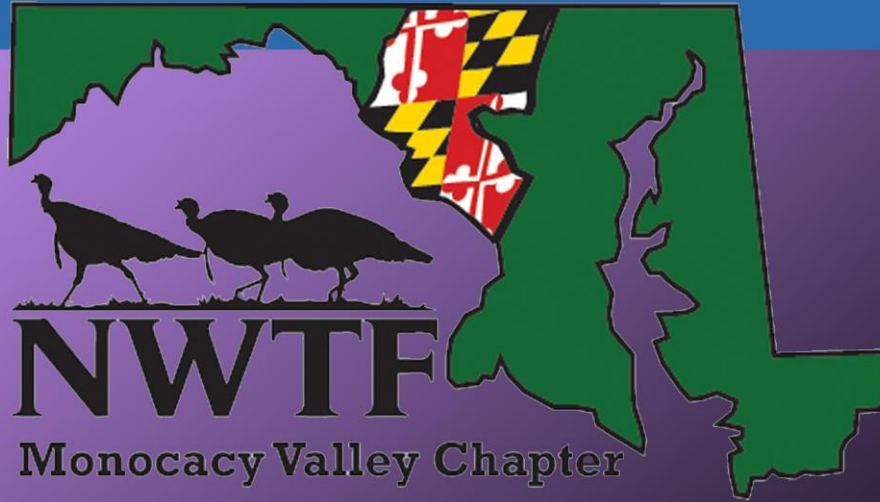
Applications are being accepted through August 31 for the MD Black Bear Hunting Permit Lottery. Even if you cannot hunt this year, you can still purchase a 'preference point only' so that you retain any preference points accumulated from prior years. Drawings will occur on September 5 – a total of 750 permits will be issued for the 2017 season of October 23-26. A bit of advice from one of our elderly hunters: "If you go hunting for bear, be sure to take a fellow hunter along – someone you can out run!!!"

Spring Turkey Harvest

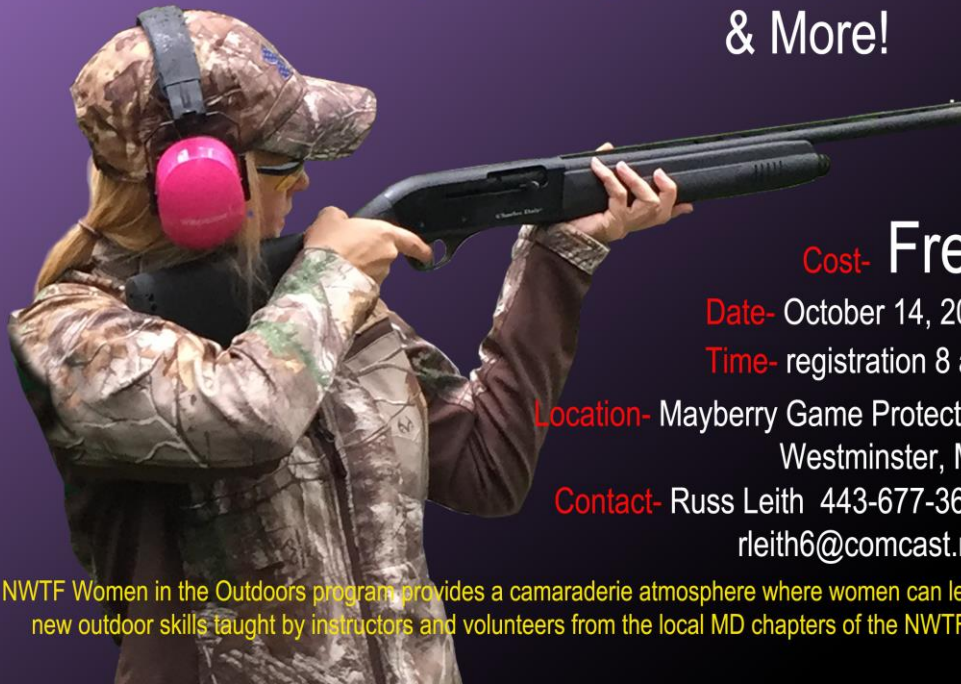
According to the MD Department of Natural Resources, MD hunters harvested over 4,000 wild turkeys during the 2017 Spring hunt. This was the 3rd consecutive record harvest and was 8% higher than 2016. Garrett County reported the highest harvest at 429 (up from 368 in 2012); Washington County was close behind with 426 (up from 292 in 2012) and Frederick County reported 332 (a whopping 137% increase over 2012 harvest of 140)!



WOMEN^{IN}THE OUTDOORS



Activities: Archery - Handgun - Shotgun
& More!



Cost- Free

Date- October 14, 2017

Time- registration 8 am

Location- Mayberry Game Protective
Westminster, MD

Contact- Russ Leith 443-677-3669
rleith6@comcast.net

NWTF Women in the Outdoors program provides a camaraderie atmosphere where women can learn new outdoor skills taught by instructors and volunteers from the local MD chapters of the NWTF.

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