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April Highlights

Nineteen members registered for our membership luncheon on April 14. An additional seven members registered to attend virtually via Zoom. We will continue the virtual option for as long as Covid restrictions remain in place.

WAP welcomes two new members: McCutcheon Enterprises and Borghese Lane.

David Podurgiel reports the Wellsburg Bridge work will begin April 20 and the USACE is scheduling two days to complete work to limit river closure.

There are many upcoming infrastructure projects. With projects schedule out two years and beyond, the immediate 9-month schedule provide by the USACE, beginning July 2021 and running into 2022 allows only 82 non-restricted days. WAP would very much like to work with the USACE to potentially reduce restrictions as this current schedule has major impact on industry. We are looking for opportunities to combine phases of scheduled work to reduce impact on closures. Please contact David Podurgiel if you require the current 24-month project schedule.

Richard Ehringer, past WAP President is working on a 3-year analysis of business lost during scheduled closures. This would be followed up with a prediction of years 4, 5 and 6.

Navigation Committee Report

Dave Podurgiel, Vice President provided the following report:

- Montgomery Lock: Below is the information we submitted to Bill Chapman of USACE, the planned outages in the next year really cripple the Pittsburgh District and we are working to get a few changes to the schedule made.
 1. 7/26/21-8/27/21 (33 Days)
 2. 10/18/21-12/17/21 (60 Days)
 - Braddock falls between the above two outages leaving a shipment window between the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers of 16 days at the end of the 3rd Q, start of 4Q. After Montgomery opens on 12/17/21 we only have 66 operating days before the Emsworth/Dashiels outage (53 Days).
 - In 9 months from 7/16/21 through 4/15/22 we will only have 82 days to operate with no outages. We are aware that Montgomery/Braddock are already scheduled but we would like for you to consider the following changes.
 - Heavy Fleet
 - Swap the Dashiels and Greenup dates in FY22
 - Medium Fleet
 - Swap the Emsworth and Belleville dates in FY22
 - This keeps Emsworth/Dashiels concurrent but gives industry in the Pittsburgh market a bigger window to operate rather than just 82 days in 9 months.

- Allegheny River Locks 2 and 3.
 - USACE is changing operating schedule to 0400 to Midnight; Locks will be down 0001 to 0400 daily as they had to trim hours. Navigation Committee agreed to this change as it won't affect Industry losing those 4 hours. We do not want to see further cuts though. Doubles will not be permitted after 2230 as time would run out to complete them by midnight. This will start May 9th.

Coast Guard News

LTJG William Russell, USCG, provided the **attached** report.

National Weather Service

Alicia Miller of NOAA Federal provided the **attached** report for the newsletter.

Legislative Report

Dean Marlin, Legislative Chair has resigned. The Assistant Chair, Patrick Kelly has stepped up to fill his position and Shane Checkan has agreed to be the Assistant Chair. Both Kelly and Checkan are involved in the Virtual DC Fly-In. Over the next few days, they will meet with:

- Congressman Mike Doyle
- Senator Joe Manchin
- Congressman Conor Lamb
- Senator Bob Casey
- Congressman Mike Kelly
- Senator Shelley Moore Capito
- Congressman Guy Reschenthaler

Additionally, Michael Graham discussed keeping locks in use in waterways that have become "low-use". He reports the Port of Pittsburgh continues to fight for funding to keep locks open. Michael will reach out to POP to determine if there is an existing study regarding the low use rivers in our area.

Army Corp of Engineers

John P. Dilla of the USACE provided the attached report for the newsletter.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham, President and Education Committee Chair, provided the following report:

- **Breakaway Barge Seminar** held on April 8 was well attended with 83 attendees registered for in-person attendance and 10 registered for virtual attendance.
 - 75% of those in attendance were first-time attendees
- **WAP will hold a second BAB Seminar** that is tentatively scheduled for October 21.
- **Man Overboard Seminar** is scheduled for July 22, details to follow.
- **Who Works the Rivers** was held virtually, April 14. A second 2021 date will be announced.

Networking Committee

WAP's first networking event of 2021 will be the Sporting Clays Tournament at Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve in Dilliner, PA, on Friday, May 7. This event will include course shooting and a steak fry at the outdoor pavilion. A registration form is attached. **Please respond by Thursday April 29!**

Our next event will be our Golf outing on Friday September 17. Save the date!!

May Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at Chartiers Country Club.

Please email the attached response form, or you may call or text your response (724-991-0136) by Thursday, May 6, 2021 to reserve your space.



Member Luncheon Meeting Response Form

Chartiers Country Club

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Check in 11:30 until Noon

Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

Menu

Breadbasket

Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

Penne Bolognese with Stuffed Hot Banana Pepper

Tiramisu

Please note any Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Cost: \$30 per member

_____ Yes, I will attend

_____ ***I cannot attend but could attend a virtual meeting***

Name

Company

Please respond to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director - by Thursday, March 4

ckrelow@wapgh.org OR Call, Leave Message or Text at 724-991-0136

Cash, Checks or Master Card or Visa Accepted

For Credit Card charges, please fill out attached form and return with response

A 10% convenience fee will be added to all credit card payments (\$3.00)



**Credit Card Authorization
Membership Luncheon May 12, 2021**

Name: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card Type: VISA Mastercard Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Expiration: _____

Credit Card Security Code: _____

Amount to be Charged: _____

10% Convenience Fee will be added

Authorized Signature: _____



Sporting Clays Tournament Friday, May 7, 2021

LOCATION: Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve

181 Hunting Hill Rd
Dilliner, PA 15327

Hunting Hills is a beautiful facility owned and operated by Roy Sisler. The program will start at 1 p.m. with a 100-target sporting clay rounds on one of the three courses **including an electric carts to move around the course**, followed by prizes, a steak dinner and beverages all for a **cost of \$85.00 per shooter**. This also includes a tip for the trapper.

The five-stand target range and the Wobble stand will be open for those that want to warm up before the sporting clays shoot. ***Payment for the use of the five-stand facility should be made directly to Hunting Hills. Please do not forget to tip the trapper that runs the stand.***

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ SHOOTING REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of REQUIRED equipment:

- A double barrel, auto loader shotgun and pump shotgun
*If you wish to participate but do not have a shotgun, we can make provisions to provide you with a gun. **Early Notification REQUIRED!***
- Minimum 100 target load shells with carriers for live ammunition & spent shells
- Safety Glasses, Ear Protection and shooting gloves (if desired)
Recommended equipment includes:
- Sun screen and insect repellent (as required)
- Appropriate outdoor wear - Rain gear in the event of inclement weather
- Comfortable footwear for walking in the woods

Safety Rules:

- Follow all Hunting Hill's posted safety rules and procedures
- Treat every gun as if it were loaded - always point the muzzle in a safe direction
- Be sure of your target before shooting
- Actions must be left open except when actually firing
- Do not load your gun until you are in the shooting stand
- Unload non-discharged and spent shells before leaving the shooting stand
- A shooter that causes an accidental discharge will be dismissed from the squad and returned to the lodge

Note: Please collect and dispose of spent shells and boxes properly

Don't delay – Register Now!

Registration Deadline is Thursday, April 29, 2021

Member Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Check/Cash Fees: Clay Shoot - \$85 per person
Includes electric carts for moving around the course

Credit Card Fees: Clay Shoot - \$93.50 per person
(10% convenience fee charged for Credit Card processing,
form attached)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ (**Payable to: Waterways Association of
Pittsburgh**
PO Box 178, Valencia, PA 15069-0178)

Print guest names:

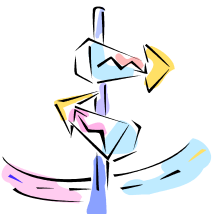
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Please confirm the number attending Dinner: _____

RSVP by April 29th Deadline to:

Phone: 724-991-0136

Email: ckrelow@wapgh.org



Detailed directions will be provided upon request.



Sporting Clays Tournament
Friday, May 7, 2021
Credit Card Authorization

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Mailing Address: _____

Phone # Associated with Credit Card: _____

Your Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card Type: VISA Mastercard Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Expiration: _____

Credit Card Security Code: _____

Amount to be Charged: _____

\$93.50 per person – price include 10% credit card processing fee

Authorized Signature: _____