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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLE

Pursuant to our constitution and bylaws, the following two changes are put before you for your consideration. The required thirty day notice means that these will be voted on at our February membership meeting.

(Bylaw Change)

Purpose: To adjust the threshold at which Membership approval is required for appropriations and obligations not in the Membership approved budget. The affected section in the Constitution is **Article IV – Board of Directors, Section 4**. The present threshold of \$500.00 was set long in the past and no longer reflects the reality of the needs of the Chapter. The proposed change would raise that threshold to \$1,000.00.

Existing Language:

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 4. No debts shall be incurred, or money disbursed, without approval of the Board of Directors, provided, however, that such approval may be given by the adoption by the Directors of a budget to cover all ordinary, and necessary or regular recurring expenses. In such event, approval of each expenditure within the budget appropriation will not be required. The annual budget and all other appropriations shall be approved by the membership of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting. All appropriations or obligations not approved in the budget involving the expenditure of **Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars or more** in total shall be approved in advance by the membership of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting, in advance of the payment of funds.

Proposed Language:

Article IV - Board of Directors

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Article III Section 5 Membership (Constitution)

In the event that unusual circumstances prevent a probationary member from successfully fulfilling any probationary requirements during the probationary period and suitable accommodations are unsuccessful or are unavailable, the Board of Directors, by a two thirds majority, may suspend, excuse, modify, reduce or extend any such probationary requirements and/or probationary period. Such unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical, mental or emotion conditions, deployment in the military, employment in an unusual occupation or such other unusual circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors

2016 Range Access Cards Valid Through January 31st

This year's membership renewal process has been behind schedule. We are now catching up and appreciate your patience! A second round of renewal invoices went out to members via email on January 4th to those whose payments had not yet been received and processed. Paper-based renewal forms will be sent to those that do not have email accounts. Ensure your payment is for the amount indicated on the invoice as dues increased for most members. Make your check payable to IWLA and include your membership number on it to ensure timely processing. Send payment in full right away to the following address:

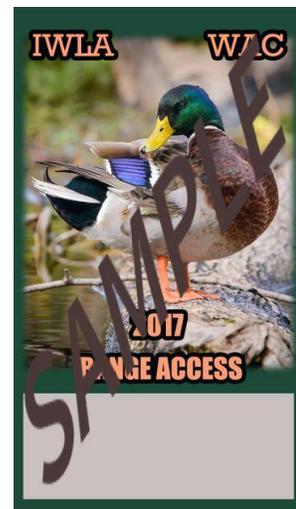
Tim Garrity, Membership Vice Chairman
IWLA WAC
PO Box 1630
Olney, MD 20830-1630

Payments sent to either the above address or the PO Box in Potomac, MD will be processed. Members who recently sent payment do not need to worry about sending it again. Likewise, an email message was sent on January 4th to all members whose payment has been processed. Note that not all payments received have been fully processed. If you are unsure regarding the status of your payment, send an email to Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please contact him immediately to reduce additional processing time and expenses. Likewise, contact him if you have any related membership questions.

Due to the delays, members can continue using their 2016 Range Access and Gate Cards through January 31st.

2017 IWLA WAC Range Access Cards, Visitor Cards and Membership Cards:

To get 2017 range access cards to members sooner than later, they are being issued as soon as possible after processing renewal payments. Members no longer have to wait the approximately 4-6 weeks after receipt of payment while IWLA National completes



processing of your renewal and creates your membership card. This change in process also means you will not receive your 2017 membership card in the mail as this would incur substantial additional processing delays and postage costs.

Members will be able to get their 2017 membership cards at the chapter house after February 1st. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let me know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card. Disregard this message if you already arranged to get it.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Starting on February 1, 2017 WAC members who bring their family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC visitor's badge. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that **must be visibly worn at all times by family and other guests.**

Visitor badges will be distributed with members' 2017 range access cards after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

Visitor badges will be printed with the member's name and ID number. The member must be present with the guests that are using their visitor cards. Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent will not change each year. Members should retain their visitor badges for as long as they remain members. Lost visitor badges will be replaced for a cost of \$10.

Shotgun Range Badge Designation

Range Access cards and Visitor Badges that have the member number in parenthesis indicate the successful completion of shotgun range certification. The "shotgun" sticker is only intended for use during the year the test was passed.

Updated Contact Information Requested

I continue updating our membership information, so you are asked to provide the data below if you have not done so within the past 12 months or if any of it has changed:

Street address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Preferred phone number(s):

Preferred email address(es):

Date of birth:

If you have any other questions or concerns about your membership contact Membership Vice Chairman Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible

Probationary Work Requirements for Members with Limited Abilities

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership to fulfill the terms of their probation. At least one of these projects, each year, must be conservation oriented. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to contribute during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor.

Each work project listed on the chapter's web site includes a point of contact and that person's name, email address and phone number. Members with limited abilities should contact this person ahead of the event to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform. Members are invited to propose ideas they might have for contributing. Be sure to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project. Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following month to ensure you receive credit for your service.

If you unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

Addressing Gate Card Issues

Members whose gate cards are malfunctioning or lost should contact Guy Wright by sending a message to him at guywright@verizon.net. Be sure to specify the nature of your problem and include the number printed on the reverse of the card along with your membership number, full name and mailing address. He will ask for a \$5 lost card replacement fee and all lost cards will be removed from the system. Malfunctioning cards, which are not apparently damaged by their owners, will be replaced at the chapter's cost. To get a free replacement, the card must be presented for testing by a WAC official and will be retained by the chapter.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Environmental Film Screening: Saturday, January 14, 2017. 1 p.m. IWLA Rockville Chapter, 18301 Waring Station Rd., Germantown MD 20874. **Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time (2011).** There is no admission charge. Please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided

The film provocatively examines Leopold's thinking, renewing his idea of a land ethic for a population facing 21st century ecological challenges. Green Fire describes the formation of Leopold's idea, exploring how it changed one man and later permeated through all arenas of conservation. The film draws on Leopold's life and experiences to provide context and validity, then explores the deep impact of his thinking on conservation projects around the world today. Through these examples, the film challenges viewers to contemplate their own relationship with the land community.

See the trailer for this film at <https://youtu.be/IGIK24N7apQ>. . Questions? Contact Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org, 301-906-0069.

What goes down your drain?

During 2016, the Howard County Office of Sustainability sponsored an electronic survey about residential use of garbage disposals. 93% surveyed responded that they had a garbage disposal and 3/4 of those said they used it daily or at least 2-3 times per week, primarily for plate scrapings at the end of a meal.

If you are on a public wastewater treatment system, food sent down the drain is very costly to process (removing excess nutrients) at the treatment facility. Also, the oils and grease from your food builds up and may cause blockages in the pipes at your home. If your house is on a septic system, using a garbage disposal increases the solids loads and possible contamination that can adversely affect how your system functions (and consequently increase maintenance costs).

There's a better way to handle those food scraps - through composting! Residents within three pilot areas in the County are being encouraged to sign up and participate in the curbside [FeedThe Green Bin.org](http://FeedTheGreenBin.org) food scrap program. It's a user-friendly program—including a series of how to videos to see how EASY IT IS! Residents in the collection areas can now set out all of their food scraps for collection; including meat, fat and dairy.

Not in the collection area? You can still participate by dropping off food scraps at The [Alpha Ridge Landfill](#) or by following the steps in the video Backyard Composting found at feedthegreenbin.org.

In Montgomery County, residents can get a Free! compost bin at multiple locations throughout the County. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/composting/bins.html>

Reducing Visual Pollution: Illegal Signs

On November 10, 2016, the Montgomery County Departments of Permitting Services (DPS), Transportation, Environmental Protection and Housing and Community Affairs formed a task force of inspection teams to remove signs installed in the public right-of-way. These signs are not only a visual blight on the landscape but are public safety hazards. When drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are distracted by the information advertised on these signs the probability of someone getting injured increases. There were 12 inspection teams and by 2 p.m., the teams returned to the Montgomery County Transfer Station located in Shady Grove and dropped off over 1,000 signs.

Throughout Montgomery County, individuals and predatory organizations illegally use the public right-of-way by installing thousands of signs as a means to advertise goods and services to the general public. 'Limited Duration Signs' are allowed under County law, but requires a permit (one for each sign), are limited in size, are limited to 4 per applicant, and must be removed within 30 days. Non-compliance can result in the issuance of a \$500 civil citation for each sign in violation and removal of illegal signs in the public right-of-way. Use

Montgomery County 311 (240-777-0311) or on-line at MC311.com to report what you think may be illegal signs.



It is illegal to post signs in the State right-of-way. A state road is

identified by a route number such as Route 355 or Route 198. Yes, that does include all those annoying Homes for Sale and Open House signs that pop up like invasive weeds every weekend along some of our major State roads. If really annoying and really persistent, you can report to the State Highway Administration at www.roads.maryland.gov/index.aspx?pageid=519.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

February 2017

- Sat 2/4 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
- Sun 2/5 Mark Gay, Dan Cimborra
- Sat 2/11 Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick
- Sun 2/12 George King, Gary Giambalvo
- Sat 2/18 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
- Sun 2/19 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
- Sat 2/25 Adam Buynak, Kim Buynak, Rodger Moran
- Sun 2/26 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Dan Cimbor
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,
Robin Dixon, Frank Bis, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett, Murray Welsh
Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update –(Jesse Lim / Cheri Aker)

Greetings! Happy New Year 2017 from the Chairman and WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol. –Jesse Lim, Chairman, Wendy Smith / John Porter, WAC RSO Education program.

January, 2017 Update – 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 the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, 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. Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest not signing in will be asked to immediately leave the club grounds and considered as trespassing. 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. NEW RANGE POLICY Effective February 1, 2017 -- visitor badges will be required for any guest or family using our ranges. These badges must be worn visibly at all times by the guest. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that will be distributed with members 2017 range access cards, after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class. This class is open to WAC members and their family (as per WAC membership rules), ages 12 and up only. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor-to-student ratio purposes. Minors must be accompanied by their parent/guardian the entire time.

Open Registration Now! The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable to WAC by check.

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Certification class. This class is open to WAC

members. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor-to-student ratio purposes.

The class will be held **Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 AM to 5:00PM** in the upper level chapter hall.

NRA Rifle class. The first class is an Introduction to Firearms (Rifle) session. The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable to WAC by check. This will be held **Saturday, March 4th from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM** in the upper level chapter hall.

The second class is the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class and will be held **Sunday, March 11th from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM** at the upper level of the chapter hall. This class will include classroom and hands-on instruction at the range during the afternoon using instructor provided .22 caliber rifles and ammunition. The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable by check and in full the first day of class, March 4th.

You MUST attend the March 4th class in order to participate in the March 11th class. DUE TO STRICT NRA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, WALK-INS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

If you are interested in attending the class or have any questions, please email John Porter to receive more information and to reserve your spot porter253@aol.com as soon as possible, but no later than **February 18th**. CLASSES FILL UP VERY FAST! A limited number of spots may be available on the wait-list and will be filled on short notice after **February 25th**.

NEW RANGE POLICY Effective January 1, 2017 -- Visitor Badges

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **January 2015** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation**. If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Chintan Bhavsar Glen Weston

Melissa A. Dilla Michael Guthrie Veirs
Jeremy S. Dvorak Michael Guthrie Veirs Jr.

Cowboy Action Dinner (Prep Kitchen)

11/25/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Cowboy Action Dinner (Kitchen/dining room)

11/26/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

John Porter, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Work)

12/7/2016

Member: Neil Balfour

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

12/13/2016

Members: John Porter and Pam Porter

Membership Dinner (Kitchen and dining room)

12/14/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

John Porter, Pam Porter, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Neil Balfour, Adrian Jackman, Tim Kelly, Bryce Kelly and Jim Kelly

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly range work)

12/18/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, RD Buschling, Frank D. Early, Guy Wright, John Porter, Bill Blinkhorn, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Tom Ouellette, Marty Svrcek, Bill Leaman, John Leaman, Chuck and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members:

Glen Weston and Keith Stroud (Regular Credit)

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Work)

1/4/2017

Member: John Porter

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Chuck Crooks, Chuck Limparis, Tim Garrity, Cheri Aker and Jesse Lim for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and 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 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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