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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER to ALL Members**

It does not matter what you do for a living, you are required to follow the Wildlife Achievement Chapter/WAC Rules and Regulations—without exception—while you are on our property. It is your responsibility to learn these rules. They are posted both at our website\* and on the Rifle/Pistol Range in multiple areas.

**RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER/WAC**  
The Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.

These rules apply to ALL Chapter members and their guests in a general shooting environment. Some may be waived by range safety officials at organized Chapter functions where shooting is strictly supervised. Assume all rules are in effect unless specifically informed otherwise by a safety official at the time of an event.

The SAFETY and CONDUCT rules for the rifle/pistol ranges also apply to the WAC air gun ranges, except where specifically in conflict with the written rules for those ranges, in which case the air gun range rules take precedence.

\*WAC RULES MAY BE FOUND AT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE: <http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

**POLICY ON HANDLING VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Violations of the above rules and regulations may result in the loss of range privileges, and in some cases may lead to expulsion from membership in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Constitution and by-laws.

Approved by Board of Directors, December 7, 2011

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Conservation** (Meo Curtis)

**Conservation Landscaping Techniques:** Learn How conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, help improve the environment and save you time and money. Explore ways to replace traditional lawns with native landscapes to benefit our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Turf removal techniques will be explained, and a site design exercise tailored to each participant's yard will be developed, along with a shopping list. Fee: \$10

- Friday, May 18, 2012, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (#18801) OR
- Saturday, May 19, 2012, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (#18802)

**Brookeville Tree Maintenance** Saturday May 12th, 2012, 9:00 am to Noon. We will be doing maintenance on trees previously planted on Reddy Branch parkland. Gloves, hand tools , and water will be provided. For more information, contact Jeff Deschamps ([jeff.deschamps@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.deschamps@verizon.net)) or Jim Piateski ([jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net)).

Happy Spring!

**Christmas Tree Committee Update:** ( Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith )

A sincere thank you to Gerhard Bartsch for graciously donating his sawz-all, drill, utility light and extra batteries to the Christmas Tree Committee.

We are still seeking crafters for the first annual WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 4PM at the Chapter House, Upper Hall. Table space rental is \$50 for two days and space is limited. Please pass this along to any of your friends or family crafters and register early! Proceeds from the table space rental will be applied to the Christmas Tree Committee. For more information, contact Wendy Smith at [iwlvactrees@live.com](mailto:iwlvactrees@live.com).

We are still in need of donations of gently used garden hose as well as gently used battery-operated or manual grass clippers. Donations are tax deductible. Contact Wendy Smith at [iwlvactrees@live.com](mailto:iwlvactrees@live.com).

Please come out on May 27<sup>th</sup> chapter maintenance day to help us maintain the new plantings and assess the existing tree stock. This counts as conservation work credit and students can earn SSL hours for this (or any chapter work at WAC). Please bring your SSL forms on the day of the event for signature.

**Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

June 2012

Sat 6/2 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 6/3 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 6/6 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 6/9 Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer

Sun 6/10 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 6/13 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 6/16 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 6/17 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 6/20 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon

Sat 6/23 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 6/24 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 6/27 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney

Sun 6/30 Steve Rowcroft, Maj Tavakoli

Substitutes:

Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Dick Smith, Debbi Perry, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, John Davis, Joel Gross, John Davis, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Bob Cooley, Ron Roberson, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

**Folks:**

**Please remind shooters that they should be displaying their ID cards indicating that they are range approved.**

**Thanks for what you do.**

**Bob**

**Rifle and Pistol** ( Judy Riley)

**Tom Riley (Memorial) .22 Fun Shoot  
April 14, 2012**

**As, always, much fun was had by all at the Tom Riley (Memorial) .22 Fun Shoot. Tommy started this event many years ago and he'd be very happy to know that its popularity has grown over the years!**

**We'd like to acknowledge Mash and Mary Esfanaji for their help in repairing the falling plate targets that had seen better days—until now! Jean Aker and Judy Riley have donated some fun targets for this event, as well. The “spinners” are so cool, Jean!!!**

**We'd also like to acknowledge Greg Meyers and Ken Lefebvre for coordinating the Boy Scout's attendance (Troup 945) at today's event. We are grateful to this troop for having cleared out the Sea Containers that store our event targets...they look GREAT!**

**Thanks also, for the following Fun Shoot Photos that were provided as a Courtesy by Jean Aker:**

**Jean Aker, RSO, Photographer**



**Cherie Aker, RSO with pink M4-22**



**Jesse Lim, CRSO**



**Check out these Scopes!!!**

**Terry Popkin and his Granddaughter  
(Scouts in the back ground)**



**José Scoseria brings fun "toys"...  
Cherie & amp**





**Another guy, secure in his manhood!**



**Mother and Son: Chrystal & Mitchell    Jesse Lim shares some insights with the RSO's**

**Reminder: Please check chapter calendar of events for range closings due to special events.**

**Airgun** (Phil Dean)

#### CHAPTER AIR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The annual WAC - IWLA air pistol championship match was fired during April. This is a 600 point match fired on the indoor 10 meter airgun range. The winners were:

- 1st - Heim Trang - 524
- 2nd - Paolo Amedeo - 515
- 3rd - Jim Piatieski - 513

The most improved shooter during the year was Rory Walley who fired a score of 506. Others participating were: Phillip Dean, Jim Pachulski, and Don Hunt.

The scheduled Monday evening adult air pistol shooting will continue through May and will not be held during summer. The outdoor airgun range is open daily during the summer and there is generally enough light to permit evening shooting.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

April 4

The evening snack was provided by Cherie Aker and Randy McKenzie. Assisting in the kitchen: Jon Wardrick and Dakota Wardrick.

### **Membership Dinner and Meeting**

April 26

Dinner was prepared by Cherie Aker and Linda Sampson. Kitchen and Serving support: Mary Hunt, Don Hunt, Susan Frye and Tom Nicewarner.

Dining Room set-up: Will Carbon.

BAR staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and David Goldberg.

### **Cowboy Action Shoot**

April 28

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Paul Bluteau, Ray Dorn, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Ryan Romig, Ron Romig, Don Morris, Paul Turska Sr. and Paul Turska Jr.

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

April 29

Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Ian Augustine, Arden Young, Sam Young, Mike Young, Fred Dodson, Herbert Sutcliffe Jr., Gerhard Bartsch, Paul Tardif and Charlie Weaver.

### **Air gun Range:**

Bill Gazdik and Phil Dean.

### **General Site Clean-Up:**

Anton Steuer, Joe Adams, John Hallman, Thomas Keller and Bob Stanek.

### **Conservation Activities (Trees):**

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Miles Benson, William Summers Jr., Laurie Balagurchik, Steve Via, Wendy Smith, John O'Malley, Matthew Woody, Reginald Kidd, Aleksandr Shtirberg, Maria Belousova, Tom Kress and Wade Dayberry.

### **Green Shed (Mission Control):**

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

## **Congratulations**

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

John H. Davis Jr.

Douglas C. Kay Sr.

John J. Mullaney  
Jim Crowson  
William Jones  
Roger A. Romack

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If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to:

[nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

**A note to our Probationary Members**

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.

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at [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, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Jean Aker ,Phil Dean ,Judy Riley and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting 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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