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**Izaak Walton League of America**  
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## **CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Special dinner**

June 1, 2017 will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. At the June membership meeting we will be serving a more elaborate meal. We will be charging \$15.00 which will include a beverage. The menu has not been announced as yet, but you can be sure it will be delicious.

### **Proposed Bylaw change**

In accordance with our bylaws, this notice appears for your information. Voting will occur at the June membership meeting.

### **Proposed Changes to Section 1 of By-Law Article IV - Board of Directors**

These proposed By-Law Changes are: 1) to change the "Corresponding Secretary" to the "Recording Secretary" where indicated; and 2) to allow the Board of Directors to conduct special meetings and voting by electronic means on issues that do not include elections and other important and/or sensitive matters. The proposed changes are in bold letters.

#### *Old Section 1*

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as it shall determine. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President, and shall also be called by the Corresponding Secretary at the written request of three Directors, providing such requests specify the subject to be considered. The Corresponding Secretary shall fix the time and place of such meeting, which shall be not more than ten days after the receipt of such request.

#### *New Section 1*

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as it shall determine. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President, and shall also be called by the **Recording** Secretary at the written request of three Directors, providing such requests specify the subject to be considered. The **Recording** Secretary shall fix the time and place of such meeting, which shall be not more than ten days after the receipt of such request. **A special electronic meeting may be held for any purpose except elections and other important and/or sensitive matters upon notice to all Board members by either email or telephone. All emails and voting must specify the matter in the subject line and must be directed to the Recording Secretary. The response time to vote will be three full days unless a different response time is indicated. A motion made in an electronic meeting will pass only by a two thirds vote of all Board members. The Recording Secretary will record the motion and voting results in the minutes and send same to the Board members.**

## **New Opportunity**

Would you like to learn more about the IWLA and our over 230 local chapters across the Nation? Would you like to participate in opportunities to change national policies for protecting and managing our natural resources, our public lands, and our access for hunting and recreation? Would you like your child to learn about protecting the great outdoors while having a blast?

This year, the Board of Directors has approved funding to support a member and child/children at the National Convention. The National Convention will be held from Tuesday July 25 through Friday July 28 in Sandusky Ohio, within reasonable drive time from central Maryland. <http://www.iwla.org/news-events/events/2017-iwla-national-convention>

To be considered, you must be a Chapter member in good standing and a parent whose child or children will participate in the Youth Convention that goes on at the same time. <http://www.iwla.org/news-events/events/2017-iwla-national-convention/2017-iwla-youth-convention>. The Chapter will assist with travel and lodging costs for the parent(s) as long as at least one parent participates at the National Convention as a Delegate representing the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. Duties will include attending all scheduled meetings for Delegates during the Convention and at least one of the workshops scheduled on Thursday July 27.

If you are interested, contact Meo Curtis, Recording Secretary, at [recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org](mailto:recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org). The final selection will be made by random lottery. Deadline for indicating interest is Monday May 15.

## **Membership news**

### IWLA National Online Account Management

The IWLA National organization modernized its website, making it easy for members to perform several account management functions on a self-service basis. Members can access the site in order to:

- Create an online account or sign into an existing one
- Update your profile (address, email, phone number)
- Change your password
- Manage your electronic subscriptions (emails from National)
- Request a membership card
- Request a replacement of an issue of Outdoor America magazine

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Changing your address, email or phone number on this site does NOT change your information in the chapter's membership database. You are asked to also send updated contact information to the chapter via email to [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org).

Following are a few simple bullet points and a pair of screen images to help members access the web site and

1. Use the following link <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn> to navigate to the IWLA National Members' Sign In Web Page
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to sign in or create an account.

### Please login to Manage your Membership

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a web interface for managing membership. The left screenshot is titled "Sign in!" and contains fields for "Username:" and "Password:", a "Remember me on this computer" checkbox, a "Forgot your password?" link, and a "Login" button. The right screenshot is titled "Create Your Account" and contains fields for "Prefix", "First Name", "Last Name", "Suffix", "Email", "Country" (set to "United States"), "Street", "Street 2", "City", "State" (with a dropdown menu), "Zip", "Phone", "Username", "Password", and "Confirm Pwd". Both forms have a "Sign Up!" button at the bottom.

### Conservation (Meo Curtis )

#### Conservation News

##### *Conservation Committee Web Site*

We're using a free site so this is not structured as a be-all and end-all site, but rather a concise presentation of Conservation Committee goals, partnerships, and upcoming events and activities. Under the 'About Us' tab, we have background on our ongoing conservation work projects including Christmas trees, chapter gardens, and the three off-site reforestation projects—Pigtail Recreation Area in Howard County and Rachel Carson and Reddy Branch Parks in Montgomery County.

The direct link to copy into (and bookmark on) your browser is: [wacconservation.wordpress.com](http://wacconservation.wordpress.com). You can also go to the Chapter web page ([damascusiwla.org](http://damascusiwla.org)) and click on the link from the home page.

**Facebook** Our Chapter and the Maryland Division both have facebook pages to highlight events and news related to our Chapter and to the State activities. You must have a facebook account in order to view these pages. Each page has one or more moderators who review and approve pending posts before these can appear to the general public.

Direct links:

Chapter: [facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/](https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/)

Division: [facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/)

### **Conservation Activities**

**Maryland Division Meeting** Would you like to learn more about our local IWLA chapters in Maryland? If you are a member in good standing, consider being a Delegate to the State Convention, this year at the Woodmont Chapter in Hancock, MD on Saturday June 17. Wildlife Achievement is entitled to 7 delegates for the State Convention based on our number of members.

At the State Convention, we have:

- o-presentations of the Division Awards to Chapters and individual members
- o-reports from each Chapter on activities during the previous quarter
- o-final plans for the National Convention in July
- o-elections and installation of next year's Officers
- o-consideration of any proposed resolutions for the National Convention

The Woodmont Chapter is located on 1,400 acres that includes a beautiful lodge, Camp Cleveland, lakes, and game farm. From October 1 to March 31 each year, the chapter has exclusive use of the 1,400 acres and for the remainder of the year the facility is used by DNR and other groups for conservation education and outreach. <http://frontiersinthefield.com/woodmont-lodge-a-fun-day-with-clients-in-the-field/> If you are interested, contact Meo Curtis, Recording Secretary, at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net).

**Chapter Gardens maintenance for conservation work credit.** Friday May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net).

### **Montgomery County Weed Warriors**

Do you know folks who are interested in becoming Weed Warriors and help keep invasive plants from taking over our natural areas in Montgomery County? The training program is back up and running for the Spring and the registration system is now open. Here are the upcoming May and June dates:

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm in Silver Spring

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm in Rockville

More summer dates will be posted soon. Current Weed Warriors looking for a refresher course are welcome too! Spread the word about these trainings, and, if you know folks who are interested in attending, please direct them to sign up at:

<https://mcp.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=1491&class=OppDetails&oppGuid={96D47C03-F5A0-E9D2-0EF9-26D4CFBE86A9}&t=Weed-Warrior-Certification-Training>.

### **Brookeville Tree Work**

On Saturday, May 6, eleven chapter members came out to do some maintenance on the site near Brookeville. Katherine Nelson, from MNCPPC, was on hand to offer some guidance and a brief history of work at this site. The forecast for the day wasn't promising which may have persuaded a few other members that it was better to stay home. The rains held off until after we finished work and were leaving the site. Below is a picture of the stalwart group, minus the photographer Meo Curtis, who wasn't afraid of the possibility of getting wet to continue our work at this site. For additional images see the Chapter's Facebook page.



One of the primary targets for the day's work was removing some Bradford pear trees. In the past these were planted by home owners and developers but are now recognized as an invasive species. We are trying to re-create a forest stream buffer at the Brookeville site with native trees so these invasives that originally came from China are not wanted. To get rid of trees like thee they need to be cut down and the stump or remaining stems painted with a strong herbicide to kill the root.

### **Rain Barrels**

If you would like a Rain Barrel to capture and store rooftop runoff, we have a limited number of barrels left available at our cost, \$60, which includes all parts needed for connection to your downspout. The remaining barrels will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE** for pick up at General Membership or Board of Directors meetings, beginning with the April 26th membership meeting. First come, first served. To find out about availability, contact Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net).

## **Chapter Air Pistol Tournament Results**

There is only one word that can describe this year's Chapter Air Pistol Tournament: INTENSE. After training hard all year long, our participants showed up ready to compete. Once the line was set up and the targets hung, our competitors got down to business. Each string was composed of five shots at two targets for a total of ten shots per string. After completing each string, the competitors changed their targets and continued shooting until all six strings were complete.

The gallery area was filled with spectators eager to see a good tournament. They were fascinated by the level of skill each competitor displayed throughout the match. They were also kept on the edge of their seats because the tournament was not decided until the last target was shot.

Following official scoring NRA scoring protocol, we are pleased to announce this year's results:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Paolo Amedeo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jim Pachulski

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Pete Ott

If you see any of these sharpshooters lurking around the clubhouse or air gun ranges, be sure to congratulate them on their success. Because we didn't award trophies or medals, your hearty handshake is all the recognition they'll receive.

Because of the limited size of the gallery area for our shooting venue, we were not able to accommodate as many spectators as we would have liked. Next year, we're hoping to ink a deal with ESPN to live stream the tournament. Stay tuned for more details.

If you're wondering how you can get in on the fun of air gun shooting, please contact Jim Pachulski at [jim.pachulski@verizon.net](mailto:jim.pachulski@verizon.net) or (202) 487-6237. He will be happy to help you get involved in this exciting and dynamic sport.

Field target season is starting. The next match is May 27. Come and see the fun.



Located in the woods next door to the air gun range, IWLA-WAC is lucky to have a 12-lane field target course, with matches run by the Damascus Ike's Field Target Association (DIFTA). The match schedule for 2017 is on the Wildlife Achievement Chapter's monthly calendar, with matches held once a month on weekends May through December.

Field target shooting places an emphasis on accuracy and range finding. Specialized reactive targets, like that shown here, are set up at ranges of 10 to 55 yards, with kill zones sized from 3/8" to 2". Hit the kill zone, and the target falls down; the targets can be reset when the range is hot by pulling on a cord, ready for the next shot. Hits outside the kill zone lock the target in place and are scored as misses. As you can guess, hitting a 3/8" kill zone at say 20 yards is pretty challenging.



The targets are shot using air rifles (either spring piston or pre charged pneumatic), set at powers of 20 ft/lbs and below for shooters in most classes, and 12 ft/lbs and below for World Field Target Federation (WFTF) class shooters. Range finding is done using an adjustable focus rifle scope, for which the focus wheel has been calibrated before the match, enabling the shooter to read the target distance off the focus ring. To compensate for bullet drop, shooters can use either adjustable elevation turrets in combination with a table of clicks (typically 1/4 MOA) versus distance; alternatively; many people print range tapes and paste these on their elevation turrets like the

shooter in this picture; holdover is also a possibility for reticles with multiple aim points and mandatory for shooters shooting Hunter Class. And then there is wind: skills at compensating for drift often determine who wins the match.

Field target shooting is a great sport for shooters of all ages and abilities. People travel from out of state to shoot at the DIFTA course, and for those who get the bug there are National and International competitions where highly skilled shooters compete. For the rest of us, it's a fun way to get together with enthusiasts, share tips, see new gear, have fun, and afterwards DIFTA usually has a BBQ even when its 20° outside! The club welcomes people interested in learning about the sport to drop by when matches are scheduled. Field Target shooting at WAC is a long tradition, with pioneers of the caliber of Tom Gaylord, past president (and current Newsletter Secretary) Jim Piateski, notable members like Phil Dean (who spearheaded the creation of the airgun range), Bill Kelly, Bill Gazdik, and many others.

A former match director, Joe McDaniel, wrote a great introduction to FT, still available through the website of AAFTA (American Airgun Field Target Association, the national organization) available at this link:

<http://www.aafta.org/Assets/resources/documents/Introduction%20to%20Field%20Target.pdf>

## **Shotgun Range Roster** (Steve Olsen)

### **June, 2017**

Sun 6/4 Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora  
Sat 6/3 Mash & Mary Esfanaji  
Wed 6/7 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett  
Sat 6/10 Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick  
Sun 6/11 North South Skeet Tourney - No Range Officers  
Wed 6/14 Larry Buck, Ron Roberson  
Sat 6/17 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar  
Sun 6/18 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli  
Wed 6/21 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson  
Sat 6/24 Thunder Valley Days - No Range Officers  
Sun 6/25 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan  
Wed 6/28 Bob Woodward, Charlie Mello

### Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak,  
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,  
Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Jeff Tokar, Sean McTernan,  
Debbi Perry

## **Shotgun News**

On Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, Jay Jeffries put on our first FITASC event. FITASC stands for Federation Internationale de Tir Aux Sportives de Chasse.

Contestants stood at three different locations inside a 1 meter plastic hoop. These locations are called “pegs”. This is a squaded event so each squad went to each of the three pegs to shoot together. The traps were located in and around Skeet Field #1 and were shot from Field #1 and #2. The presentations were a combination of incomers, chandells, battues, crossers, quartering and outgoers.

As if Jay’s targets weren’t challenging enough, this game was shot from low gun and only 1 ounce loads were allowed. Jay (as well as some others) are responsible party for our 5 Stand being resurrected so we knew we wouldn’t be disappointed in his presentations.

The weather cooperated and it was great to see old members as well as new and shooters from at least two other clubs.

### Upcoming events:

The 81<sup>st</sup> Annual North South Skeet Shoot is coming June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a registered event; flyers can be picked up at the Shotgun Range House.

Breaking Clays to Save the Bay is Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>

## **WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update** – ( John Porter)

Nine members successfully completed the NRA Basic Pistol Phase Two on April 23 ( see photo)

Our first offering of the Utah Concealed Carry Course was completed by 54 excited members on May6. Due to the high demand, we will be offering this course again later this year. Watch your email for the announcement.



The Board of Directors has been challenged by the RSO/Instructors to a Bullseye/BBQ Pistol Match on Saturday May 13 at 1:00PM. Bullseye target matched will be introduced to our event rotation in the near future. Come on out and check out this exciting competition. We will have food!!

The next Bowling Pin Shoot will take place Saturday May27 from 9:00AM- 2:00PM. This a stress free fun way to get involved in the pistol shooting sports. Lots of coaching and help are always available.



NRA Basic Rifle.pdf

Follow this link to the NRA course



**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**  
**A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **May 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 are not sure as to your status, Email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS**

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

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| Barbara Flook   | Carlos A. Pana      |
| Marilyn M. Pena | Erik Mettler        |
| Ted A. Boone    | Rick Ebrey          |
| Lloyd J. Ballou | Manuel Adolfo Perez |

Scott E. Henderson    Carroll Frank Holl  
Nancy N. Holl         Joseph Mark Songer  
Riley Rafferty        Philip Patrick Rafferty  
Adam L. Buynak

**Participated in Telethon to benefit AWLA**

**3/11/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Jeff Deschamps, Phil Lowe, Rodger Moran, John Randall, Judy Danish, Miles Greenbaum, Doug Smith and Jim Piatieski

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Carlos Pena, Marilyn Pena and Dan Cimbora

**Shotgun Range Maintenance Day**

**3/26/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Donald Koss, Ed Shifflett, Doug Chapman, Arden Young, and Jeremy Dvorak

**Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)**

Larry Buck

**Rachel Carson Reforestation**

**4/9/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Rodger Moran, Anton Parker, Vanya Parker, James Hudgins, Barry Fleming, Pamela Porter, Sid Everhart and Wandelene Everhart

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Mark Mayer, John Anzalone, David Hurley, Kyle Parker, Francisco Javier Reyes, Shon Barr, Sam Miller, Ed Warburton, Roger Byrd and Ed Maloney

**Chapter Gardens Maintenance Day**

**4/21/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Wandelene Smith Everhart, Sid Everhart, and Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Larry Buck, William Hermach, Adrienne Kane, Phil Rafferty, Dan Lewis and Charlie Mello

**Cowboy Setup**

**4/21/2017**

**Member:** George Hughes,

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

David Rockabrand, Erik Mettler and Phil Rafferty

**Shotgun Range Maintenance Day**

**4/30/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Donald Koss, Megan Newcomer and Matthew Newcomer

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

James Holl, Nancy Holl, Larry Buck, Kim Buynak and Adam Buynak

**Range and Tree Maintenance Day**

**4/30/2017**

**Members, Family and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidts, Nick Hewitt, Guy Wright, Tom Ouellette, Billy Ramos, John Leaman, Bill Leaman and Chuck Crooks

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Frank Early, Ivy Huang and Nancy Holl

**Christmas Tree Maintenance**

**Member:** Lee Cascio

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Jeremy Matthews and Walter Matthews

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

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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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