



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

Mother's Day is a special day. We show our "moms" our appreciation for their love, guidance, and patience they bestowed on us – "their children." I am grateful to my mom – I carry many of the lessons learned to my adult years. At times – I hear my own mother's words through me as I teach my children life lessons.

For those who don't know – Mother's Day was officially recognized first in West Virginia in 1910. Many states were quick to follow to adopt Mother's Day as a recognized holiday.

Ann Jarvis was instrumental in reuniting families torn apart during the Civil War through her "Mother's Friendship Day" she created in 1868. Anna lived in Grafton, West Virginia. After Anna Jarvis died in 1905 –her daughter Anna continued her mother's work. In honor of her mother – Anna persevered in her pursuit to establish Mother's Day as a holiday. Congress passed law on May 8, 1914 declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. I would like to wish all the "moms" a joyful Mother's Day!

I am inviting the mothers, daughters, their friends and family to the Girls and Guns Having Fun shooting event Saturday May 19th at 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Covered Pistol Range. All are welcomed – no prior shooting experience required. For more information, please contact me at Cherie.Aker@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

As always I encourage our members to take advantage of the many conservation, educational, and shooting opportunities available to our members. All events are listed on the WAC 2018 Calendar.

Just a reminder – Chapter and Range Maintenance Day is scheduled for Sunday May 20th. We need your help to maintain our ranges and grounds. If you are interested in helping – please report at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers for Chapter Maintenance meet at the Equipment Shed.

Rifle/Pistol volunteers meet at the Ranges. Skeet/Trap Maintenance starts at 10:00 a.m.

Our next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday May 23rd. Social starts at 6:30 p.m. – Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Meeting starts approximately at 8:00 p.m.

Take care!

Cherie Aker

We have had two requests of membership.

- 1) Please do not put recyclable materials in the small shed next to the green maintenance shed. We no longer sell the aluminum cans. The county now picks them up.
- 2) Slow down on the gravel access road. Excessive speed tears the road up and costs us more to maintain.

Adult Airgun (Paolo Amedeo)

Field Target Clinic, Saturday, May 26 - Airgun Range 9:00-2:00

If you are curious about Field Target, you are looking for outdoors activities, you are interested in airguns in general, or whatever, join us for the Field Target Clinic Saturday May 26 at the Airgun Range.

Be dressed appropriately for being outdoors, bring eye protections and, if you have a scoped air rifle, bring that. If you don't have an air rifle we will arrange to let you try rifles supplied by the organizers.

The clinic consists of a theoretical part in which you will learn about Field Target, followed by a mini match, where you will be able to experiment with Field Target in all its shapes and forms. For logistic reasons, please, register for the event by sending an e-mail to: paolo@medeo.net no later than Saturday, May 19.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Work Projects for May 2018

Keep an eye on the Chapter calendar and the Conservation Committee website for more activities for this spring. For more conservation information go to: [bit.ly\WACconservation](http://bit.ly/WACconservation)



Friday, May 11. Gardens Maintenance.
9-11:30 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

Spring Watershed Clean Up April 14

We had great weather and a great crew for the Chapter's spring watershed clean up. There were 18 people, including two parent and child sets, doing the pick up work. We picked up along our Adopt A Road stretch of Mullinix Mill Road and also Long Corner Road in the Upper Patuxent.

We picked up about 30 contractor-size bags of litter, mattress and boxspring, headboard, 7 tires, and miscellaneous other items too large to fit into trash bags. Other photos are posted on the Chapter's facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/>



Christmas Tree Maintenance photos by Kevin Lee

Sung Han and Rich Fried look on as Jeff Deschamps carries away the cooler that is NOT filled with beer.

Reforestation at Brookeville-Reddy Branch May 5

We had another great day at our Brookeville-Reddy Branch site. The Reddy Branch is a tributary to the Hawlings River, which flows to the Rocky Gorge drinking water reservoir. The weather cooperated – the heatwave ended and the rain held off so it was a perfect time to be outdoors. We mended deer protection cages, installed cages around ‘volunteer’ native trees, and hacked backed or pulled out vines and other overgrowth on our trees.

Our Chapter has been working on this site for 10 years. For those members that have been with this project since it began, it is great to see the progress that has been made from what had been a pasture next to the stream towards restoring a forested buffer. The first timers were impressed with how tall the growth is along the Reddy Branch. If you have never been to this site, we will return in the fall and you can help out with this long term project and see first-hand what has been accomplished so far. Background on the project is at the Conservation Committee web page under ‘About Us’ at: [bit.ly\WACconservation](http://bit.ly/WACconservation).

We even found some interesting fauna while working at the site. More photos are posted on the Chapter facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/>



Small but mighty crew at Reddy Branch on May 5th.



More Conservation News

Patuxent River State Park Volunteer Opportunities. The DNR and the Maryland Offroad Road Enthusiasts (MORE) are working on building the first 8-10 miles of a 40+ mile trail system. In addition to building new trails, the park staff is setting up a nature center off Georgia Avenue where it crosses the Patuxent River. The Spring work series will be on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, June 10. All trail work days will be 9am-1pm, starting from the downstream parking lot on Route 97 at the Patuxent River. 23222 Georgia Ave, Brookeville, MD 20833 <https://goo.gl/maps/kaniQKjbC552>

There will be coffee/donuts before and lunch/beverages after each work day. Please invite friends and RSVP so we have some idea of headcount to: patuxentriverstatepark@gmail.com

Green Neighbor Festival 2018. Saturday May 12 from 10 am to 4 pm. Culler Lake in Baker Park, Frederick, MD. Help out on a stream clean up or blue gill release! **Take a bike ride** around the City of Frederick. **Learn ways** for environmental sustainability in your

everyday activities. FREE event.. For details, go to:
<http://ccws.hood.edu/education/outreach/green-neighbor-festival/>

RainScapes: Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for County residents

Make and Take a Rain Barrel. Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Brookside Gardens, 1800, Visitors Center, Glenallan Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902. Gather and store water from your rooftop to help control the stormwater impact to your yard. Each participant will receive a rain barrel with fittings and simple instructions. Remember, you'll need a vehicle large enough to fit a 55-gallon barrel! Also, please bring a photograph of where you'd like to rain barrel installed at home. Price: Brookside Gardens Members- \$13.00, Non-Members - \$15.00. You must pre-register on-line at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/make-and-take-rain-barrels/40555

Make and Take a Rain Barrel and Installation Demonstration. Saturday, April 28, 2018; 10am - 1pm, Dayspring Church Pavilion, 11301 Neelsville Church Road Germantown, MD 20876. Learn how to install your own rain barrel, connect it to a downspout by watching a demonstration and how to qualify for a RainScapes Rewards rebate. Each attendee will receive a rain barrel (55 gallon, 2'x3', one per household). Be sure to bring a vehicle large enough to carry your barrel home. Also, please bring a photograph of where you'd like to rain barrel installed at home. No cost but you must pre-register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rainscapes-make-and-take-a-rain-barrel-and-installation-demonstration-tickets-44112220840>

Stormwater Solutions - Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping. Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 4pm - 7pm, Course #4553 Friday, May 4, 2018, 10am - 1pm, Course #4554. Brookside Gardens, 1800, Visitors Center, Glenallan Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902. Learn how to create a landscape that not only absorbs stormwater and uses native plants, but is also beautiful! The DEP staff will show you how to evaluate your site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate. Price: Brookside Gardens Members- \$13.00, Non-Members - \$15.00.

Register for May 2nd at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens/40550

Register for May 4th at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens/40551

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

June, 2018

Sat	6/2	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	6/3	Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora
Wed	6/6	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat	6/9	Arden Young, Ian Rolfes
Sun	6/10	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	6/13	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat	6/16	Jeff Tokar, Erik Hill,
Sun	6/17	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb,
Wed	6/20	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat	6/23	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	6/24	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed	6/27	Charlie Mello
Sat	6/30	Sean McTernan, Jim Aaby

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

Warmer weather is finally arriving and we are starting to arrive at the ranges to knock off the rust.

Please remember:

A members current range approved membership card and the guest visitors cards must be visibly displayed on his/her person while on the ranges, associated areas and parking lot at all times whether shooting or not.

A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the ranges per day and must remain with his/her guests at all times.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS FOR THE UTAH CONCEALED CARRY CLASS MAY26.

CONTACT JOHN PORTER
PORTER253@AOL.COM

Saturday May 12 Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match
Saturday May 12 Bullseye BBQ Match BOD/RSO 1:00-5:00 Uncovered Pistol Range
Saturday May 19 Girls and Guns Having Fun 10:00-12:00 Covered Pistol Range
Saturday May 26 Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00-2:00 Uncovered Pistol Rang
Saturday May 26 Utah CCW Class 8:00-5:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall
Sunday June 3 Mandatory RSO Meeting Upstairs Chapter Hall



Basic Pistol Class May 5, 2018

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before May **2016** 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 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 probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

James E. Shay
Richard Alan Fulton

Mario Skiadopoulos

Kitchen Duties:

1/27/2018, 2/28 and 4/4

Member: Neil Balfour

Rachel Carson Tree Planting

4/8/2018

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Barry Fleming, Daniel Fleming, Rodger Moran, Dave Hurley, Jake Hurley, Keith Stroud and Deacon Stroud

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dave Hurley, Stephen E. Meyer, Mark Mayer, Nelson Torres, Phil Butler, Jon Hoffman, Jim Smith and Mike Snyder

Rachel Carson: Setting Monitoring SOS

4/13/2018

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Stephen Meyer

Upper Patuxent Watershed Cleanup

4/14/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Sung Hun, Stephen Garland, Thomas Garland, Gabe Jones-Lang, Nate Jones-Lang, Rich Fried, Cathy Rowling, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

James Hudgins, Robert Novas, Angela Novas, Stephen E. Meyer, Paul Dery, Laura Jones, William Doerrler, Marc O'Connor and Pat Hastings

Gardens Maintenance

4/20/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma, R. Dale Buschling and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dan Lewis, Robert Koffman, Albert A. Otter, Li Li, Tinh Nguyen, Charles Swinford and Jim Markham

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Duties)

4/25/2018

Member: Neil Balfour

Probationary Member:

Phil Butler (regular Credit)

Cowboy Setup

4/27/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Limparis, Paul Bluteau, George Hughes,
Jim Wtsthar

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly Range Work)

4/29/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Al Goldschmidt, Hans Varmer,
Candy Varmer, Joe Pauley, Lee Cascio, Joe Smith,
Will Leaman and John Leaman

Probationary Members: (Range Work)

James Smith and Marc O'Connor (Regular Credit)

Probationary Member: (Tree Maintenance)

Jeffrey Raines

Chapter Board Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

5/2/2018

Member: Neil Balfour

Probationary Member:

Phil Butler (Regular Credit)

Brookeville Tree Work

5/5/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski and
Katherine Nelson

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ralph Bally and Barbara Bally

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski 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 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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