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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Special dinner

June 1st marked the 80th Anniversary of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

To celebrate this milestone, our June Membership Meeting will be a special one.

To start off, due to fire code capacities, we have a limit on the number that can attend (125). If you wish to attend you must reserve your seat by contacting Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org. Currently, there are no plans to have any walk ins. **RSVP BY JUNE 21st.**

For this meeting, the dinner fee will be \$15 per person, payable at the door. You will receive a special 80th Anniversary IWLA-WAC ball cap (1st 100 to arrive).

Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served between 7:30 and 8:00 PM.

The dinner is special as well. Our kitchen staff will be preparing:

Appetizer: Bacon Wrapped Barbeque Shrimp

Dinner: Homemade Baked Rolls
Garden Fresh Salad
Garlic Parmesan Roasted Asparagus
Seasoned Hasselback Potatoes
Beef Tenderloin with Béarnaise Sauce
Crab Cakes
Dessert: Fresh Fruit Crumble with Lemon Curd

We will be having a special guest speaker too!

Paul Schimke from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics (<https://lnt.org/>) will be our featured speaker after dinner. The Leave No Trace program protects the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly. A perfect message for our Chapter's 80th Anniversary!

Our forefathers left us a terrific facility. Please join us in honoring them and the future of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

Your Board of Directors.

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.**

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Activities

Friday June 16th. Chapter Gardens maintenance and Adopt A Road for conservation work credit. Two opportunities with six to eight workers needed for each. We will provide gloves, tools, trash bags, and water. If you sign up and can't make it to the work day, please let us know because we frequently have a waiting list for workers. We hold these events in rain or shine unless there are heavy downpours or lightning.

Gardens Maintenance. Weeding and mulching. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Green Maintenance Shed. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Adopt-A-Road. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Green Maintenance Shed TEXT*or CALL: **Judy Riley 301-980-4057.** *When you contact Judy, kindly provide your **full Name (spell it please), phone number** and your **WAC-Member ID#**

Sunday June 25. Christmas Tree Farm maintenance on the regular monthly work day. We'll add another layer of mulch, weed, water, and run hose through culvert and install hose reel. Contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.

Conservation News

Maryland Free Fishing Day July 4 Free fishing days are a great way for any Marylander to learn or rediscover the sport. Anglers must adhere to size and catch limits (<http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/seasons-minimum-sizes-daily-creel-possession-limits/>). Convenient fishing spots can be located on the department's free mobile app (<http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/dnrapp.aspx>) and the Angler's Access map (<http://gisapps.dnr.state.md.us/PublicFishingAccess/index.html>).

There are nearly two dozen License-Free Fishing Areas (<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/license-free.aspx>) located throughout the state, where anglers can access prime fishing areas with a free angler registration. Any angler under the age of 16 is not required to have a fishing license.

Leave No Trace Program. *Our Chapter turned 80 years old on June 1st. The June 28th member meeting will include a special dinner and commemorative cap along with a featured speaker. Paul Schimke of the Leave No Trace program (<https://lnt.org/>) will talk about the Leave No Trace Seven Principles that provide guidance to enjoy our natural world in a sustainable way that avoids human-created impacts. The principles have been adapted so they can be applied in your backyard or in the backcountry.*

1. [Plan Ahead and Prepare](#)
2. [Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces](#)
3. [Dispose of Waste Properly](#)
4. [Leave What You Find](#)
5. [Minimize Campfire Impacts](#)
6. [Respect Wildlife](#)
7. [Be Considerate of Other Visitors](#)

These principles align perfectly with the IWLA pledge 'To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it.'

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. We have a new page about honeybees and other pollinators--
<https://wacconservation.wordpress.com/will-honeybees-have-a-sweet-future/>

The direct link to copy into (and bookmark on) your browser is:
wacconservation.wordpress.com. You can also go to the Chapter web page (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/)

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://frontiersinthe field.com/woodmont-lodge-a-fun-day-with-clients-in-the-field/> If you are interested, contact Meo Curtis, Recording Secretary, at 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, June 21st 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>.

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).

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

July, 2017

Sat	7/1	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	7/2	Stephen Meyers
Wed	7/5	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat	7/8	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	7/9	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Wed	7/12	Ron Roberson, Sean McTernan
Sat	7/15	Roman Drews, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	7/16	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch,
Wed	7/19	Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat	7/22	Chris Hamrick, Bob Shelley
Sun	7/23	Paul and Jake Turska
Wed	7/26	Charlie Mello, Larry Buck
Sat	7/29	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun	7/30	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Substitutes:

Dan Ciambora, Jim Crowell, Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Paul

Fisher, Mark Gay, Gary Giambalvo, George King, Rodger Moran, Steve Olsen, Debbi Perry, Bob Poth, Jim Shay, Maj Tavakoli, Jeff Tokar, Arden Young,

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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**Sunday
August 27, 2017**

Proceeds to

Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited



**No Pre-Registration
Open to the Public**

Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**2 rounds
Skeet or Trap**

\$30

**Lunch and Event
Hat or Towel**

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

The Rifle and Pistol Committee will be sponsoring a Practical Defense Match on Saturday July 8 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM on the uncovered pistol range.

On Saturday July 15, The Tom Riley 22 Fun Shoot will be held on the rifle range from 10:00 AM- 2:00PM.

Both these events are a great way to meet other members and improve your skill set. Come on out and you will certainly enjoy yourself.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **June 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 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.

Philip J. Walsky
John J. Kavanagh
Kelly B. Dvorak

Brookeville Tree Work

5/6/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Phil Rafferty, Riley Rafferty, Larry Camper, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piatetski, Katherine Nelson and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Walter Matthews, Jeremy Matthews, Robert McLaren, Stephen Mason and Nate Goonasekeram

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

5/21/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Carl Coakley, David Bergtold, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Frank D. Early, Ivy Huang, John Cross and Phil Yuengling

Shotgun Range Maintenance Day

5/21/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jeremy Dvorak, A. Young, Donald Koss

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Doug Chapman, Kelly Dvorak and Larry Buck

Cowboy Set Up

5/21/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Vernon R. King and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Ken Darnall, Steve Zobel and Dan Cimborra

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski 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, Jeff Deschamps and John Porter 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 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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