



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Per chapter bylaws Article III ,Sec 2 the following information is published. This is the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee

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Vote for Four (4)

Wade Dayberry

Mark Gay

Jesse Lim

Rick Sommer

Greg Talamini

Directors 2010- 2012

Berle Cherney

Ken Lefebvre

John Walter

(Not up for reelection)

Floor nominations may be made at the Membership Meeting on July 27 ,2011

WHY JOIN THE IWLA? (Greg Talamini)

New members come to IWLA for many reasons, I joined over 30 years ago to have a local place to shoot and enjoy the outdoors with fellow hunters and fishermen. We at WAC are fortunate in that we offer many diverse opportunities for members and their families to enjoy and participate in.

As new members get acclimated to our chapter and the programs available to them and their families, I thought a little back ground on the history of conservation efforts here may be of value.

I was reading the spring 2009 issue of Outdoor Life, in particular an article concerning Save Our Streams. It mentions that in 1969 IWLA members, in Maryland, decided to model a stream adoption program after the state's adopt-a-highway program, and call it "Save Our Streams". It also mentions Mr. Malcolm King, an employee of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources who got the agency involved in this project. What it doesn't say is that Mr. King was a member of both WAC and the Rockville chapter. He worked with both chapters organizing regular cleanups of the Patuxent River and water courses in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties. Eventually the Save Our Streams Program was adopted throughout MD and then across the U.S. Along with others, our Chapter's support of the Save Our Streams Program in it's infancy, especially for the Patuxent River watershed, was a contributing factor to the Save Our streams Program becoming a national conservation effort.

AWARDS (Jeff Deschamps)

Although Maryland Division awards have already been distributed and the deadline for IWLA National awards was weeks ago there is still time to recognize chapter members for their contributions to our chapters programs. Traditionally chapter awards are presented at the September member meeting. This is also the member appreciation meeting (i.e. free dinner) and when we swear in new officers. There are several chapter awards described on the chapter web site (see <http://www.damascusiwla.org/#awards>). These range from the Bob Lilly Award, the Chapter's top award, which is presented by the Chapter president to members who have years, of service and dedication to Chapter committees, social activities, or special projects and who exemplify the goals and objectives of the Izaak Walton League. Other awards recognize members for shorter periods of service and one was even designed to recognize probationary members. If after reading the descriptions and criteria on the web you are still not sure just write why you think a particular individual should be recognized and send that by e-mail to the awards committee (i.e. the chapter vice-presidents). Please take a little time to think about members you have noticed around the chapter that you feel deserve recognition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

Adopt-A-Road

Sunday, June 26, 10 of our members worked from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. along Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Road and picked up 9 bags of trash, a tire, and one 1-gallon container of what looked like used motor oil. Unfortunately, we discovered three 5-gallon containers of what seemed to be used automotive fluid left over from the spring clean up. These plastic containers had been moved close to the edge of the trees and apparently left there when the other items were picked up in April. The June items and those remaining from the spring were reported to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation for pick up.

The next Adopt-A-Road will occur on Sunday August 21, not August 28 as originally scheduled. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m.

Gloves, water, and bags will be provided.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic pest of ash trees. It is native to Asia and thought to have arrived in the United States in solid wood packing material from its native Asia. It was first detected in the Detroit, Michigan/Windsor, Ontario area in July 2002. BECAUSE OF EAB, MILLIONS OF ASH TREES HAVE DIED IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. Nursery records and regulatory

investigations by Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and USDA indicated that a Maryland nursery in Southern Prince George's County received 121 ash trees with infestation from Michigan in two shipments in April of 2003. In 2011, MDA is continuing participation in the USDA Emerald Ash Borer Targeted Survey. Approximately 2,600 purple prism traps are deployed around the state to survey for emerald ash borer.

On June 8, 2011, EAB was confirmed from a site in Howard County. This is the first detection in that county and outside of the currently quarantined Prince George's and Charles counties. Additional expansion outside of the known Infested Area in southern Prince George's and northern Charles counties has also been detected on purple prism traps in Bowie, and Port Tobacco and Hughesville respectively.

Based on the 2011 detections, the MDA has made the decision to place all of Maryland's counties west of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay under quarantine to prohibit the movement of ash trees and wood out of the quarantined area, as well as movement of all hardwood firewood, effective July 8, 2011.

The Howard County detection was made by a licensed arborist who had completed the Invasive Species training offered by University of Maryland Extension. This serves as a reminder of how important it is for everyone to be on the lookout for EAB and also to work diligently to prevent the spread throughout Maryland. More information about emerald ash borer and the quarantine can be found at <http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/eab/>.

COUNTY FAIR

Volunteers are needed to staff the IWLA booth at the county fair. The fair runs from August 12 to 19. If you feel like you can talk to folks about the League in general and what our chapter has to offer contact Don & Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com or call 301-946-4795. If you have already contacted Don & Mary there is no need to respond again.

BRASS

The Conservation and Blacksmith committees have been working together on a project to reclaim spent brass from our ranges. It will take a team of at least three to manage the smelting and casting operation. If this sounds like something you would be interested in contact Dick Smith (dsmith@lofstrand.com). No dates have been set yet, at this time we are just trying to get a list of interested persons put together. We will also need plumbing brass to add to the casing when we begin smelting. If you have old fitting to dispose of you can give them to either Jeff Deschamps or Dick Smith.

Christmas Trees Update

No Report

Rifle and Pistol Report

No Report

Airgun (Phil Dean)

LONG TOM RETIRED

After a long and useful life on the air rifle field target range, Long Tom, the falling target, has been retired from active range duty. He served in this capacity since the inception of the Field Target program and was used both on the firing lane during the matches and as the 'tie breaker' if there were two shooters with the same score at the completion of a match. Long Tom has been replaced with Short Tom, a new metal target manufactured by the Yegua Target Co. in Somerville, TX. It is hoped that Short Tom can live up to the expectations of an air rifle field target that have been established by his predecessor



IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2011 (Bob Cooley)

August 2011

Wed 8/3 Brian Van Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 8/6 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 8/7 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 8/10 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 8/13 Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley

Sun 8/14 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 8/17 Carl McMahon, Jay Jeffrey

Sat 8/20 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 8/21 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 8/24 Richard Maple, Berle Cherney

Sat 8/27 Robin Dixon, Rodney Winstead

Sun 8/28 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 8/31 Debbi Perry, Dick Smith

Substitutes

Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Paul Fisher, John Davis, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch, Maj Tavakoli, Dick Smith, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Skeet Field work (Berle Cherney)

Boy Scout Troop 945, led by member Greg Myers, has been a great help in maintaining the shotgun fields. They've painted fences, steel stairs, and five stand stations. Parents help out as well with supervision and carpentry work.

Member Marc Hinthier, a professional roofer, donated time and materials for a much needed roof on 5-stand shed.

Hard working scout dads were

Jose Blanco

Dave Tabor

Chris Walker

Dave Wrona

John Hartwell

Dave Wilkerson

Chuck Rieger

Participating scouts were

Travis Rieger....project leader

Jake Karanovich

Daniel Junghans

Michael Wilkerson

Tim Scott

Ryan Love

Oliver Lock

James Frazer

Aaron Clemmons

Andrew Gibson
Kyle Myers
Joe Tabor
Sam Tabor
Matthew Hartwell
Duvan Blanco
Davis Wrona

Kudos to the scouts. The shotgun fields look terrific!



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Information not received prior to deadline. To be included in next issue.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Greg Talamini , Phil Dean ,Berle Cherney 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 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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