



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

**Thank You!**

Fellow Ikes,

I cannot express enough, how appreciative I am that we had so many Ike's volunteer to help with Thunder Valley Days, at the end of June. Without the many hours of volunteerism, the event could not have taken place. This was a major undertaking and in the end, everything went flawlessly.

I will be preparing a larger article for the August newsletter. Again, thanks to all of the WAC volunteers!!

Chuck Crooks  
President IWLA-WAC  
Cowboy Chairman.

**Membership news**

Please update your information, ONLY if you have any changes...

- National must be in receipt of your correct address and contact information by August 15<sup>th</sup>, please.
- Information changes RECEIVED by the IWLA-WAC MDR after this date may result in a misdirected 2015 Billing Statement to you.
- Please update any changes to your information for our database IMMEDIATELY upon reading this note.

Mail it to: Judy Riley, MDR  
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Alternate delivery method, complete THIS form and email to: [j2\\_iwla-wac@verizon.net](mailto:j2_iwla-wac@verizon.net)

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member# \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Old email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Only record changes, Thank you.

-Judy Riley, MDR IWLA-WAC

#### WORK STATUS – FINES TO BE CHARGED

REMINDER: A \$60 fine will be billed with 2015 dues statement for every year work credits remain incomplete after the initial 2-year allowance has termed. (For a Family Membership, both husband and wife must have completed their tasks in order not to pay this fine.) No partial payments will be accepted with your dues; and, not including your stub will not eliminate the need to pay this fine, the information is logged in the database, as well. Statements will be mailed about the end of September, payment must be received no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

In addition, those who are incomplete also remain Probationary Members; as this is a condition of membership when selected to be a member of our Chapter. This is a 100% voluntary organization in need of all-hands-on-deck. We'd rather your assistance than your fees. Currently, this remains your personal choice not to become a full member. Please do not call the MDR when you receive these bills, everyone has had a very fair "heads-up" this year.

At last check, ~186 members remained incomplete beyond the 2-year limit; this is only three better than last year at dues time. If you require a Temporary Medical Waiver, please do apply. Students are exempt from fees until graduation. Jobs are available to those with disabilities - for the asking.

If you have questions regarding your work credits, FIRST peruse the newsletters for your name after the work event in question, to be certain you received your credit; and, only if you did not, should you check with the event chair. This is more appropriately checked immediately after an event. You are responsible for making

certain credit has been properly applied. Work status confirmation or requests for release may be directed to Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

Thank you to everyone who has pitched-in to keep our Wildlife Achievement Chapter operating safely. Without the continued support of those who pitch in time and time again, we would not have such wonderful facilities. Once again, it is the people who make the Izaak Walton League of America and each chapter what it is. Yes, we are each fond of our own chapter; just be aware, there are many other fine grass roots chapters all working towards the same end as “defenders of the air, soil, woods, water and wildlife.” It is a joint effort that is well worthwhile.

- Judy Riley, MDR IWLA-WAC

### **Conservation** ( Meo Curtis)

#### UPCOMING CHAPTER CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Sunday July 27. Garden Maintenance. This is the monthly member work day, and there will be conservation credit activities. Gloves, hand tools , and water, will be provided. Contact Meo Curtis ([meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net)) to let me know you plan to participate.

#### REPORT ON RECENT CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Sunday June 29 Adopt A Road and Gardens Maintenance: It was a hot day, and those who came out worked hard either along the roads or in the gardens by the Chapter House. Thanks to all who showed up and provided 'sweat equity' for our grounds and the nearby roadsides.

The clean up of the gardens is especially noticeable around the front of the Chapter House, over by the cub scout garden in the area well behind the Chapter House, and at the butterfly garden along the access road. The hardworking crews created some order out of the chaos of 'weeds' that continually threaten to overtake our grounds.

For the Adopt A Road, we had 8 workers along Mullinix Mill and Long Corner Roads. In addition, Jeff Deschamps and Dale Buschling roamed around with a truck to provide water, supply additional trash bags, and pick up collected bags and take them to the collection point along Mullinix Mill Road. One member reported that there was dumping at the Long Corner Rd parking lot over the river, so we picked up bags there too. At the parking lot, there were all sorts of materials in bags, including eight bags of grass clippings (which was taken out of the bags and redistributed so it could compost naturally) and another bag of used pool cleaning chemicals. The majority of the other litter collected for the Adopt A Road consisted of recyclable bottles and cans and fast food containers. There were 17 bags left to be picked up by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

#### Patuxent Trail Study Public Meeting Thursday June 12

About 25 people participated in this public meeting held at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. Bob Cooley, Jeff Deschamps, and Meo Curtis attended to find out more about what is being planned for trails in the State Park that adjoins our Chapter property along its eastern side.

The speakers included Daniel Hudson, Trail Manager from DNR and Dave Powell, Park Manager. Some of you may recognize Dave Powell as our contact for the watershed clean up and other activities that include State parkland.

Excellent introduction at the meeting by Tom Newton, Patuxent River State Park Liaison for Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE), the group providing the funding for the northern park study which covers down to Annapolis Rock Road. They deserve recognition as a volunteer group that wants not just to provide trails for their own use but for their willingness to bring other stakeholders into the planning discussion. More funding is

needed to conduct a use and trails study in the rest of the park down to Georgia Avenue. This is a wildlands area, where only low impact uses can be allowed to protect the high quality natural resources.

The two consultants on this study provided an overview on the approach, trail mapping, existing trail assessment for physical condition, and next steps for stakeholder input on how the trails are used. In addition to use by hunters and anglers, there is significant use by equestrians. The purpose of this study is to provide for sustainability of the trail system: physical (location, condition, and avoidance of sensitive resources), social (who uses the trail and why), and managerial (what resources are available in order to provide the social and assure protection of the physical conditions of the trails. Draft recommendations are expected later this year.

Tom Newton, has set up a Google Group to distribute future information regarding this project. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, or would like to join the group, send an e-mail to [patuxentrivestatepark@gmail.com](mailto:patuxentrivestatepark@gmail.com).



Meeting night

#### Conservation Events in the Region

Howard County Nature Walks: The Howard County Recreation and Parks are offering a number of nature walks this summer. Please check ahead for age appropriateness for youngsters. Contact Nick Brightwell, [nbrightwell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:nbrightwell@howardcountymd.gov), 410-313-0415 for more information.

Native Tree Hike-West Friendship. Learn about the benefits of native trees and how invasive species are adversely affecting our forest ecosystem.

Saturday July 19. 11 am –noon

Sunday August 17 1-2 p.m.

Reptiles and Amphibians—Warfield Pond. Learn about frogs, turtles, and their relatives.

Saturday July 19 1-2 p.m

Saturday August 16 11 am-noon

Watershed Walk—Savage Mill Trail. Learn how the rain that runs off your property and gets into our local streams affects the plants and animals that live there.

Saturday July 26 1-2 p.m.

Saturday August 2 11 am-noon

### **Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

#### IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

#### August

Sat	8/2	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	8/3	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed	8/6	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	8/9	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	8/10	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	8/13	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	8/16	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	8/17	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	8/20	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	8/23	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	8/24	Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan
Wed	8/27	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	8/30	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	8/31	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Charlie Weaver, Mike Bowen, Roman Drews, Joel Gross, John Davis, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Paul Turska, Jake Turska

**WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)**



From the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officers Committee and Chairman, Happy 4th of July and a special thanks and appreciation to those who serve and have served our country.

Please take the time to enjoy some photos from our Veteran's Appreciation Day. Thank you to Mark Anderson, photographer <http://photos.manderson.com/Other/Izaak-Walton-Veterans/n-6sWGv/>

***Important! Read and know ALL WAC RIP range's safety conduct and rules!***

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Please take the time to read and print the recently revised Rifle and Pistol Range Rules approved by the WAC Board of Directors June, 2014.

A summary of changes are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact [Jesse Lim](#) via SMS cell at 240-832-0354.

**Safety**

7. Before entering or leaving the range, all firearms must be unloaded, cleared, and cased or holstered.
23. Protective attire is required when on the ranges. Flip-flops and similar footwear are prohibited.

**Conduct**

7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times.
8. A non-member may use the ranges as a guest a maximum of two times per year, except when the individual comes from a distance greater than 75 miles.
11. Members are responsible for keeping the firing and target areas clean and safe, and for picking up and properly disposing of all trash and debris regardless of its origin. Used paper targets may be left on target stand after shooting.
19. Only range approved members/spouses can bring guests and members are personally responsible for the conduct of their guests. Members will be liable for damages attributed to their guests. If both member and spouse ARE range approved (have white access, WAC range approved, and an Izaak Walton League membership card), each can bring two guests per day. Anyone not range approved (including children) are guests. However, eligible children of members (18 or under) are not limited to the two visits rule.

**Firearms**

5. Shotguns and all firearms in traditional center fire rifle calibers are prohibited for use on the pistol ranges, however, pistols using .410 shot shells are permitted on our pistol ranges.

**Additional reminder to all members:**

Summer time is a busy range time. Therefore we would like to highlight certain sections under SAFETY and CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

- 1.** SAFETY Rule# 5. While personnel are in front of the shooting benches or down range, all firearms shall be placed on the shooting bench, unloaded, with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available. Firearms, ammunition magazines, ammunition, firearm scopes and accessories shall not be touched during this period.
- 2.** CONDUCT Rule# 16. All range-approved members are range officers, and as such, are expected to maintain an attitude of SAFETY, PATIENCE, and COURTESY at all times when using the ranges.
- 3.** CONDUCT Rule# 18. No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

Note: Empty chamber safety indicators have been placed at the ranges as a CONVENIENCE AND COURTESY to our chapter members. Please feel free to use them as you see fit, but please, only take what you actually need to use.

**June Maintenance Day Project:**

Under the stewardship of Al Goldschmidts and team, a new storage shed was constructed on the Rifle and Pistol Range. Thank you for the donation from Fisher Lumber, Rockville and Al Goldschmidts and those who came out to assist and did an excellent job!

Please come out on maintenance day to support all of the needed projects at the chapter and for safety and improvement on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. Special announcements will be published in advance for medium/large project needs on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges.



Old Shed ----

Building the new shed



Completed!

### **NRA Basic Pistol Training Update – Wendy Smith:**

Our next class will be NRA Basic Pistol on the afternoon of September 20th and all Day October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for a special WAC email announcement on/about August 15<sup>th</sup> announcing registration at that time. Do not delay in registering once it is open, **classes fill up very fast** and class size is limited to no more than 18-20 students on a first-come, first-served basis. **WALK-INS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR EITHER CLASS.** The last NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens dinner and class. The dinner and class has consistently received rave-reviews from all of the attendees! More information will be sent in early October announcing registration details.

### **Congratulations Corner:**

On behalf of the Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee, we would like to congratulate our own “Chuckaroo” on his upcoming induction into the SASS Hall of Fame. Please read the article in the SASS Chronicle starting on page 14. Congratulations, Chuck, an honor well-deserved.

<http://www.sassnet.com/Downloads/14eChron/14julychron.pdf>

## **WORK ACTIVITY RECORDING** **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Congratulations**

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

James F. Borum  
Nathan D. Pratt  
James E. Horton

### **THUNDER VALLEY DAYS**

June 24 (Set up)  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
John Porter, Billy Ramos, William Leaman and Art Padama

June 25 (Set Up)  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Denis Armbruster, John Porter and Billy Ramos

June 26 (Chuck Wagon duties)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci, and OS McCollum  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Ted Chittick and Stephen Elko

June 26 (Wrangler duties)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Will Carbone, Steve Peck, Martin Blake, Stephen McCaskill, Jim Arnold, Mary Elko and Rick Sommer  
Probationary Member: (regular credit)  
Stephen Elko

June 27 (Chuck Wagon duties)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Joe Carinci, Bill Gazdik, Joe Gick,  
Dolores Gick, Mary Elko, Georgia Townsend, John Walter, Jim Piatieski and OS McCollum  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
T.J. Monahan and Ted Chittick

June 27 (Wrangler duties)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Jim Arnold, Tom Nicewarner, Stephen McCaskill, Karl Krchma, Rick Sommer and Steve Peck  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
John Porter and Kevin Mook

June 28 (Wrangler duties)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Jim Arnold, Steve Peck, Steve McCaskill and Karl Krchma  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Rob Dahlin, Brian Reilly and Erik Hill

June 28 (Chuck Wagon duties)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci, Linda Stanley, Joe Furimara and OS McCollum  
Probationary Member: (regular credit)  
Stephen Gilpin

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

June 29 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/Conservation)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Al Goldschmidts, Tom Kosciesza, Joe Smith,  
D. Crossen, Guy Wright, Richard DeRiso, Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Carl Newcomer and Robert D.  
Buschling  
Probationary Members: (regular credit)  
Aleks Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Billy Ramos, Joe Byrd, Matthew Konas, Philip Knowles, Megan  
Newcomer, Robert Reynolds, Steve Tiner and Bob Dietsch  
Probationary Members: (conservation credit)  
Bud Gates and Ginger Dietsch

### **Conservation Work Day**

June 29 (Adopt-A-Road and Garden Maintenance)  
Members, Family and Nonmembers:  
Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Donna Vincenty

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Mark Warner, Ginger Dietsch, Chris Regnier, Mike Vincenty, Judy Schneider, Rob Zupnik, Helen Zupnik, Michael Wolfe, Gail Wolfe, James Nail, Brian Pack and Glenn Anderson

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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 reminder to our probationary members:

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year (you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### Congratulations

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Harold Dean Elliott, II  
Jack T. Kneifl

### **Brookeville Work Day**

May 10

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Fred Teal, Jeffrey Kordenbrock Jr., Jim Piateski, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Kenny Montgomery, A.J. Janks, Mark North, Vince Sempronio, Nicholas Hrabak, Barry Fleming, Jeff Kordenbrock, David Escalante, Dan Femiano, Denis Armbruster, Robert Johnson and Kevin Grasson

### **Cowboy Set Up**

May 23

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Joe Wolf, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparis, Mary Esfanaji and Mike Sage

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Scott Kenny, Kenneth Montgomery, Bob Dietsch, Joe Deffenbaugh, Chris Regnier, John Kinzer, Michael Skinsacos, Paul Kinzer, Steve Tiner, Jerry Klinger and Chris Nespor

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

May 25 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/Conservation)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Joe Smith, Guy Wright, Meo Curtis, Arden Young, Rudy Werner and Steve Olsen

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Philip Goldberg, Nick Hewitt, Bud Gates, Kirk Lattner, Billy Ramos, Bruce Burgess, Mark Anderson, Tom Peters, David Kile, Jan Paper, James Nail, Mark North, John Ahrens, Steve Tiner, John Porter, Pamela Porter and Stephen Esfanaji

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Jim Scott, Paul Kinzer, Adam Gaab, John Kinzer and Grant Brumpton

### **Membership Dinner**

May 28 (kitchen work)

Probationary Member: (regular credit)

Will Corbin

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Nick Giuliano

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.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point Times New Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piatieski [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, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cooley, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim, Tom Newton and Wendy Smith for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to 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 Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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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