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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

**Be Prepared: 2016 Membership Dues Renewal Process Starting Soon**

The motto of the Boy Scouts of America “Be Prepared” comes to mind as the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter prepares to begin processing membership renewals for 2016. Membership dues are paid annually on a calendar year basis. Chapter leadership is taking steps to prepare for this critical activity and asks you to do the same.

Here is what the chapter is doing:

- We are investigating ways to modernize and streamline this process so it can be done faster and easier with less paper and expense.
- We will send as many renewal notices as possible via email to reduce postage costs and consume less paper.
- We will send paper-based renewal forms in the mid-September timeframe for those that do not receive an email-based notice.

Here is what you are asked to do:

- Notify us right away with your current email address, phone number(s) and street address if this information has changed within the past 12 months.
- Add the email address [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org) to your list of safe (or approved) senders so related messages do not get filtered out as spam mail.
- Send a check or money order right away (payable to IWLA) for the full amount due to the address listed on the renewal. Partial payments will not be accepted and returned.
- Complete the terms of your probation by performing any remaining work requirements before the end year of your second membership year is finished. Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay.

If you unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com). If you have any other questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity as shown below.

I thank the many members who expressed their appreciation to me for our wonderful chapter and all the hard work performed by our leadership that makes it an enjoyable place for us to share. I hope you will renew your membership and invite your family and friends to join us.

### **Probationary Work Requirements for Members with Limited Abilities**

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership in order to fulfill the terms of their probation. At least one of these projects, each year, must be conservation oriented. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to make a contribution during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor.

Each work project listed on the chapter's web site includes a point of contact and that person's name, email address and phone number. Members with limited abilities should contact this person ahead of the event to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform.

You are urged to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project. Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following month to ensure you receive credit for your service.

### **2016 IWLA WAC Range Access Cards and Membership Cards**

In order to get 2016 Range Access Cards to members sooner than later, they are being issued as soon as possible after receiving renewal payments. Members no longer have to wait the approximately 4-6 weeks after receipt of payment while IWLA National completes processing of your renewal and creates your membership card. This change in process also means you will not receive your 2016 membership card in the mail as this would incur substantial additional processing delays and postage costs.

Members will be able to get their 2016 membership cards at the chapter house after January 1st. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let me know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card.

Tim Garrity  
Membership Chairman  
[membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org)

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

#### **News for August 2015**

#### **IWLA Tent at the County Fair August 14-22**

The IWLA local chapters had a tent once again at the Montgomery County fair this year. This is a tradition started by the Rockville Chapter many years ago. This year's fair had among the highest attendance in recent years. Based on number of giveaways, there were over 4,000 people at the IWLA tent. Many folks who stopped by said they were not aware of the IWLA and many asked about conservation activities for kids.

The tent featured information from the local Montgomery County chapters, the MD Division, and from National. Kids had fun at the 'fishing pond' and left with a prize. Fairgoers thanked us for providing chilled drinking water available to all. There were about 53 Ikes who worked at the fair, coming from Rockville, Bethesda Chevy-Chase and Wildlife Achievement, with some also members at Lois Green-Sligo. Thanks to Don and Mary Hunt for coordinating the workers from our chapter and a really big thank you to Bill Leaman for everything he did in making the IWLA tent such a success.



**Gardens Maintenance Thursday September 24.** Meet at 9 a.m. at the green maintenance shed Contact Meo Curtis at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net) if interested. Chapter provides gloves, tools, and water.

### **Saturday September 26.**

#### WSSC Campfire and Watershed Fair

This year, the Conservation Committee will be taking our IWLA message to WSSC's 15th annual Family Campfire and Watershed Fair. This will be held at Brighton Dam in Montgomery County from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be fun and educational activities for all ages. It will be a great opportunity to spread the word about the need to defend 'air, soil, woods, water, and wildlife'. More about the event is available at: <https://www.wsscwater.com/campfire>

#### National Hunting and Fishing Day

The fourth Saturday in September is National Hunting and Fishing Day. Congress established this day in 1972 to honor hunters and anglers for their leadership in conserving America's wildlife and wild places. Check the [nhfd.org](http://nhfd.org) web site for a great powerpoint presentation and other very useful outreach about the history and importance of these outdoor activities in protecting and managing our natural resources.

### Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

This is the 9th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice ([www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)) At this site, you can find a link by zip code to find the closest disposal site.

The goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. A number of recent research studies have shown the presence of prescription drugs or their by-products in our local streams and rivers. This is the result of disposal by flushing them down the toilet but they're not being eliminated through our wastewater treatment systems. Keep in mind that these compounds will come back to us in public water supplies since they do not have regulated standards for drinking water. So, participate and encourage your neighbors to participate.

### Adopt-A-Road (Judy Riley)



We had a great turn-out for the Friday morning, August 28, 2015 Adopt-A-Road! It was a glorious, sunny day that netted 13-bags of partially-filled, heavy duty black garbage bags containing remnants of discarded waste that included the usual cigarettes and their wrappers, alcohol containers and the piece-de-resistance...brassiere and a thong!



Our **10-volunteers** were Tony Loratto, Donald Waldschmidt, Brian Mastro, Steve Smet, Dave Anderson, Cameron Ray, Eric Jensen, David Clemmer, Eric Wood and Tom Kennedy. Everyone on this team was eligible to earn a green, probationary credit if one was needed to be earned in this period year. Tom Kennedy is a long time Wildlife Achievement Member who joined us – just for the fun of it!

Coffee and donuts were provided by Judy ☺

**Thank you EVERYONE – you were ALL GREAT!**

**Upcoming conservation project**

September 12 at Rachel Carson Conservation Park

We'll meet at Rachel Carson Conservation Park off of Sundown Road outside Laytonsville no later than 9:00 AM

We'll be planting trees and maintaining previously planted trees doing cage repair and weeding as needed.

Official address is 5610 Sundown Road, Gaithersburg MD for the GPS. Heading east out of Laytonsville the location will be on the right about 1/4 mile before Zion Road. If you hit Zion Road you have gone to far and need to turn around. If you are coming in from route 650, Damascus Road, then we will be just past Zion Road on the left hand side. Look for the huge American Flag on the flagpole about 100 yards off of the main road, Turn off of Sundown onto the gravel road here and we will be parking in the field to the left once our Parks Department contact arrives to open the gate into this field around 8:45 AM.

This is a rain or shine event so be prepared. Dress in clothes that can get dirty: long pants and tee shirt are fine. Bug spray is always an option for tick concerns.

There will be gloves and tools as well as drinking water but if you have a favorite pair of work gloves, bring them.

We hope to have 3 dozen new trees to plant along the Hawlings River. IWLA will supply pruners, loppers, rakes, shovels. Again, if you have a favorite pair of pruners, feel free to bring them along.

**You need to register for this event** as we will limit our number to 25 so first come first served. Please email Barry Fleming at [barryjflem@verizon.net](mailto:barryjflem@verizon.net) or Rodger Moran at [rodger.j.moran@gmail.com](mailto:rodger.j.moran@gmail.com) in order to sign up. Don't put it off as this event filled up quick last Spring.

If you want to see what we did last Spring check out the video at this link that was professionally done by one of our own members. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdyHHmvp07Y>

**Rifle/pistol Report**(Wendy Smith)

**Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules!**

The rules are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354 or

email [alphashooter@usa.com](mailto:alphashooter@usa.com) .

If at any time observed or you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

### **IWLA WAC NRA Basic Pistol Training Class Update – Wendy Smith**

The next offering of the NRA Basic Pistol training class will be September 19 and October, 11, 2015. This is a two day class, students must attend the first class as a pre-requisite to the October 11<sup>th</sup> class.

A special WAC email announcement will be sent announcing the registration on/about September 8<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registrations cannot be accommodated at this time. Registration is for WAC members (and their family members per WAC membership rules). Minors (age 12 and up) must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian the entire time. The cost of the course is \$50.00 per student payable the first day of class via check payable to IWLA WAC and includes the Maryland HQL Training portion for qualified recipients.

Our final NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens dinner and class on October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. More information will be coming in the September newsletter. Registration requirements are the same as above and will be announced in early October.

**WALK-INS TO THE NRA CLASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME,** due to NRA registration requirements.

Students must register in advance once registration is opened, as materials are ordered specifically for the class size and for student-to-instructor ratios. Classes fill up fast, don't delay registration if you are committed to taking the class. As well, we do ask that registrants kindly honor their commitment to both days of the class, as often times we have to turn away people on the wait-list and cannot fill their spots on short notice.

### **August 2015 New Cowboy Shooter Clinic – by Chuckaroo**

On August 6<sup>th</sup> we held the second new Cowboy Shooter Clinic of the year. We had a great turnout of 26 enthusiastic students and great weather to top it off!

The class covers the history of Cowboy Action Shooting, the clothing, firearms, ammunition, rules, safety, what to expect at a match, how a match is run and then students shot an actual cowboy scenario. Firearms and ammunition were provided if students did not have their own gear, as well as thanks to Atlantic Guns for their generous donation of firearms and ammunition. Instructors helping on the range were: Annie Jean Oakley, Catocin, J.R. Gomez, Mt. Airy Undertaker, Old Baldy, Red Eye Kid, Sagebrush Kid (lead), Short Toe Steve, Snapshot Sandy and Tom Toben.

The next new shooter clinic will likely be in Spring 2016. Please stay tuned to WAC newsletters and calendar postings for more information.

# Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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**Sunday  
October 11, 2015**

*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**

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

### **October, 2015**

Sat 10/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 10/4 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 10/7 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 10/10 Greg Myers, Mike Webb

Sun 10/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 10/14 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 10/17 Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen

Sun 10/18 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 10/21 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon

Sat 10/24 Hank Williams, Arden Young

Sun 10/25 Ed Gilpin, Jay DeVan

Wed 10/28 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 10/31 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

### Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Ed Gilpin, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Joel Gross, Brian, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Debbi Perry, Steve Myers, Steve Rowcroft, Bob Reynolds

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before August 2013 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 need a work status update, email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)**

Due to health reasons the 'Thanks To Our Volunteers' column could not be done in time.

However, work sheets will be picked up and all records will be kept up to date.

If you have emailed me for a Status, please be patient all requests will be responded to in time.

Nick

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto: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, Judy Riley, Tim Garrity, Chuckaroo 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 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.

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

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