



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

Be Prepared: 2018 Membership Renewal Process Starting Soon

The motto of the Boy Scouts of America “Be Prepared” comes to mind as the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter begins the annual membership renewals process for calendar year 2018.

Invoices were sent via email on Friday, September 1st at 9am. Check your inbox for a message received at that time from IWLA WAC Membership (membership@iwlawac.org) and your spam filter if you do not see one there. If you still do not see one, notify Tim Garrity right away at the above email address.

We use email to the greatest extent possible to reduce postage costs, and minimize the consumption of fossil fuels and paper. Paper-based renewal invoices will be sent only to those that do not have email accounts.

Here is what you are asked to do to facilitate the renewals process:

- It is vital your contact information is current, especially your preferred email address(es). Please notify Tim Garrity right away at membership@iwlawac.org if your email address(es), phone number(s) or street address have changed within the past 12 months
- Add the email addresses membership@iwlawac.org and IzaakWaltonWAC@iwlwac.org to your list of safe (or approved) senders so related messages do not get filtered out as spam mail.
- When you receive your invoice, send a check or money order (payable to IWLA) for the full amount by the preferred November 1 due date to the address listed on the invoice. Partial payments will not be accepted and returned.

Thanks to the many members who expressed their appreciation for our wonderful chapter and all the hard work performed by our leadership to make it an enjoyable place for us to share. It is hoped you will renew your membership and invite family and friends to join us.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

2018 IWLA WAC Range Credentials and Membership Cards

The central design element of 2018 range access cards commemorates the centennial of the end of World War I, and was created by the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission. If you have an individual membership and your spouse is authorized to use the ranges, their range credential will have the same design, but on a red-colored background.

Members who want their 2018 membership card have two options to get it. They can either pick it up at the chapter house after January 1st or use the following link to navigate to the IWLA National Members' Sign In Web Page <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn> and follow the on-screen instructions. 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 Tim Garrity know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card.



Visitor Badges

WAC members who bring their family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC visitor's badge. Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent will not change each year. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2018 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and asked to leave the property.

Probationary Work Requirements

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end of their second membership year is finished. Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay. You are urged to check the chapter web site <http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2017.html> for a list of upcoming projects and related points of contact (POC). Reach out to the listed POC to ensure they still need assistance as some work projects can only accommodate a limited number of members. If you unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

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.

In the event that unusual circumstances prevent a probationary member from successfully fulfilling any probationary requirements during the probationary period and suitable accommodations are unsuccessful or are unavailable, the Board of Directors, by a two thirds majority, may suspend, excuse, modify, reduce or extend any such probationary requirements and/or probationary period. Such unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical, mental or emotion conditions, deployment in the military, employment in an unusual occupation or such other unusual circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors.

You need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project in order to get credit for the work you perform, Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following months to ensure your name is listed for the associated work project(s).

Lifetime Membership Costs

Your annual membership renewal payment covers your financial obligations to the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, the Maryland State Division and the IWLA National organization. Members are welcome to become life members at either of these three organizations or any combination of them. Becoming a life member of all three eliminates the future need to pay annual membership dues if you are only a member in our chapter.

If you belong to multiple chapters, a lifetime membership in the IWLA National organization and the MD Division can help you save significant amounts of money as you must pay those renewal dues annually for EACH chapter in which you have a membership. A lump sum payment is required as payment plans are not available. The costs for lifetime membership are as follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter lifetime membership

- \$900 for individual membership
- \$1,375 for family membership

National lifetime membership:

- \$1,250 for individual membership
- \$1,875 for family membership

Maryland State Division lifetime membership:

- \$100 for individual membership
- \$150 for family membership

Lifetime membership in all three organizations:

- \$2,250 for individual membership
- \$3,400 for family membership

Please contact Tim Garrity if you are interested in considering a lifetime membership.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Recent and Upcoming Chapter Conservation Events

Sunday September 17. Reforestation project maintenance. Rachel Carson Conservation Park. 9 a.m.-noon. We will be planting some native trees and shrubs and maintaining cages and previously planted areas. Contact Barry Fleming barryjflm@verizon.net or Rodger Moran rodger.j.moran@gmail.com for more info and directions.

Friday September 22. Gardens Maintenance. Weeding and Mulching. 9 a.m.-Noon. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

Sunday September 24. Christmas Tree Maintenance. 9:00 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.

Conservation News

Rain Barrel Sales. 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. This 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. First come, first served. To find out about availability, contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

Success at the Montgomery County Fair! Bill Leaman

Theme for this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair (August 11-19) was 'Party with the Animals'. At the Izaak Walton League tent, there were plenty of smiling young faces after shark/frog fishing 'catch and release' and receiving one of over 2,100 squirt frogs as their reward. Information about National, State, and Local Chapters was available as well as introduction to National's Clean Water Challenge. Current issues of Outdoor America were also available, as well as a raffle for rain barrels and parts kits provided by the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

Over 55 members helped at the tent during the Fair, along with numerous other individuals in preparation and coordination. Thanks to Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Lois Green-Sligo, Rockville, Wildlife Achievement, the State Division, and National!

Save Our Streams (SOS) Training Workshop

On Saturday October 7 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., the Izaak Walton League National Office and the Sportsman's Chapter are holding a workshop for those who wish to become a certified SOS Monitor. The Sportsman's Chapter is located at 5018 Onion Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. Register at <https://marylandiwlwla.eventbrite.com>. For questions regarding the course please contact Samantha Roth at sroth@iwla.org or (301) 548-0150 x222.

Learn how to assess water quality by collecting and identifying the organisms (called benthic macroinvertebrates) that live in streams. More about the SOS program can be found at www.iwla.org/sos. Dress for the weather, as we will be doing the field component in rain or

shine in the afternoon. Please bring a water bottle, and bring waterproof boots, waders, or shoes you are willing to get wet.. IWLA will cover materials, coffee and lunch for attendees.

The Conservation Committee has several 20” gas powered lawn mowers that we would like to give away to anyone willing to take one or all (maybe 6 units). They have not been run in a few years and may need some TLC. If you’re interested, please contact Jim Piateski by email.

jimpiateski@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

October, 2017

Sun 10/1 Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora

Wed 10/4 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 10/7 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 10/ George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 10/11 Ron Roberson, Frank Bis

Sat 10/14 Mike Webb

Sun 10/15 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 10/18 Jay Jeffrey

Sat 10/21 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar

Sun 10/22 Steve Olsen

Wed 10/25 Charlie Mello

Sat 10/28 Adam & Kim Buynak

Sun 10/29 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Jim Arnold, Gerhard Bartsch, Larry Buck, Roman Drews, Jay DeVan, Jeremy Dvorak,

Gary Green, Joel Gross, Keith Kosian, Rodger Moran, Tim Mulreany, Steve Myers, Jim

Shay, Bob Shelley, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Murray Welsh, Hank Williams,

Adult Airgun (Jim Pachulski)

Just a quick reminder that the Wildlife Achievement Chapter's Monday Night Airgun Program resumes on September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm.. I'm looking forward to another great season of shooting. If it's been a while since you last pulled the trigger on your airgun, please stop by and shoot a few strings with us.

Best regards,
Jim Pachulski

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

Shotgun,Muzzleloader, CrossBow, Compound Bow, Rifle Range & Field Archery Range
9/23 Practical Defense Match 9:00AM – 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range
9/24 Rifle/Pistol Range Cleanup (Work Credit Day)
9/30 NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class Day One. 8:00AM – 12:00PM Chapter Hall
10/8 NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class Day Two 8:00AM – 12:00PM Chapter Hall
1:00PM – 4:00PM Pistol Range

NRA BASIC RIFLE CERTIFICATION CLASS

September 30, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

October 8, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

1:00PM-4:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

Contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com for registration information.

NRA BASIC PISTOL CERTIFICATION CLASS

October 14, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

October 15, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

1:00PM-4:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

Contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com for registration information

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

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

Mark R. Shanks	Rodger Byrd
Ronald Baklarz	Aaron Romain Tweedy
Rodger Bird	Shon Paul Barr
Dakota Merson	Adam Paul Vitelli

Montgomery County Fair

8/17/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barbara Crooks,
Judy Riley, Gene Lew, Meo Curtis
and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation)

Paul Hudes, Al Goldsborough,
Mindy Goldsborough, Adam Dube
and Steven Meyer

YHEC Open House

8/6/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis and Blake Seonarin

Probationary Members: (Conservation)

Larry Emswiler, Ron Roff, Damon Sui
and Charlie Mello

Cowboy Set Up

8/25/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Paul Bluteau, Erik Hill,
and Chuck Limparis

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mark Shanks, Ed Maloney and Jon Hoffman

Gardens Maintenance

8/25/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis and Karl Krchma

Probationary Members: (Conservation)

Graig Hanson and Mark Shanks

Adopt-A-Road

8/25/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Judy Riley and Anthony Loratto

Probationary Members: (Conservation)

Joshua Delaney and Ron Baklarz

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

8/27/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Joe Pauley,
Frank D. Early, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer,
Paul Largent, Billy Ramos, Ivy Huang, John
Leaman and Chuck Crooks

Christmas Tree Maintenance

8/27/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Lee Cascio, Valerie Harrington and John
Harrington

Probationary Member: (Conservation)

Anthony Atkins

Range Maintenance

8/29/2017

Member: Rodger Moran

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Jeff Boeckl and Charlie Mello

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, Tim Garrity , Jim Pachulski 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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