



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

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

In accordance with guidance provided in Constitution Article 6 - "Amendments," I am proposing an amendment to Constitution Article 3 - "Membership," Section 5, Paragraph 1 - which currently reads,

“All newly elected members, shall undergo a probationary period, no more than three years in length. The probationary period is determined by the Board of Directors, and will be provided in writing to new members prior to their being presented to the BOD for consideration.”

My proposed amendment would to be inserted as the last sentence of the paragraph and says:

“When it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Chapter, the Board may vote, with a two third majority, to waive up to 12 months of the remainder of a probationary period for a member otherwise in good standing.”

This proposed amendment will be discussed and a vote taken at the October membership meeting.

Guy Wright

A Note to New Members (Greg Talamini)

Each month we on the board of directors listen to new prospective members introduce themselves mentioning why they want to join our Chapter. Many of those applying are parents. Most are looking forward to having their children join them in taking advantage of what our chapter has to offer.

It's important for you to know that our world has become less green over the last thirty-five years. Our youth are not being exposed to or having experience with nature. Most don't get the chance to see and learn about natural resources, wildlife and the habitats that support them. For those of you not into scouting or going camping or visiting local or national parks, take a trip to our chapter. Check our web site pick an activity and bring your children with you. Don't wait for them to reach their teens when social and academic demands may preclude their taking an interest in all that's available to them here at IWLA. Ask them to give it a try and give the PC, I-pods and games a rest.

The stewardship of this land and its resources is in the hands of our children. The more we offer them to learn and experience, the more secure our natural resources will be. It's our responsibility, and a lot of fun, to share with our young people. Make the time, take the time, and make a difference.

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay

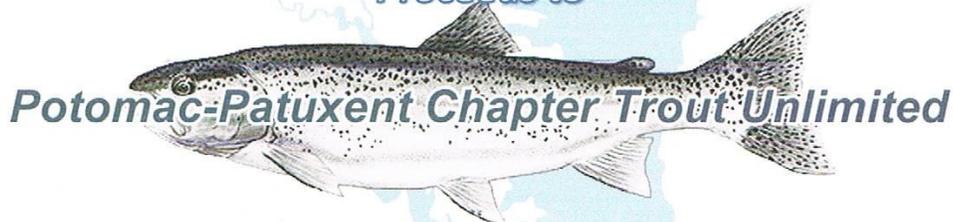


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The Izaak Walton
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**Sunday
October 19, 2014**

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
Trap or Skeet**

\$30

**Lunch and
Event Hat**

Maryland Hunting Licenses (Greg Talamini)

For those of you who have held a MD hunting license, it's time to renew. Even if you don't think you can hunt this year, please buy a basic license. The money generated is needed by D N R for many funds, which help provide and protect our natural resources. If you are new to hunting, you can take the Hunter Safety Class here at WAC. Days and times are published on the web site. This course is required in order to apply for a license. It is time well spent along with access to our ranges, which provide a place to practice your shooting skills. If you have been hunting for years, be aware there are quite a few changes in the requirements and laws this year. For upland game and waterfowl hunters, you can practice your skill on the Skeet and Trap range. For deer hunters there are the rifle, pistol and archery ranges. Nationwide the number of hunters has fallen significantly in the past 40 years or so, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That means the natural resource officials must find new ways to control animal populations, especially deer. The office, which oversees all wildlife conservation programs, supervises animal population management and addresses nuisance complaints from residents, receives almost all it's funding from hunting and fishing license sales and federal matches. We need the support of hunters and all outdoors people. Officials blame the downturn in hunting on what some have called a "nature-deficit disorder." The average American lives farther from a forest than in the past and is often overburdened with work, school and organized activities for children. Children are not given the exposure to nature, the great outdoors, and all it can provide. We as Ike's should take on that responsibility by bringing our own children to our club, teach them how to enjoy nature and its benefits.

Buying a basic hunting license is the most passive way you can make a contribution if time is an issue.

Montgomery County Fair Report (Judy Riley)

We had the best weather and most fun working the IWLA Booth at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in August, this year.

Our education programs are top notch and captured much interest.

Our IWLA Booth won a **Blue Ribbon!**



Kudos to Bill Leaman who managed to keep the volunteers - from various Chapters - manning their positions on a very regular basis.

Also, thank you to Don and Mary Hunt for their due diligence and coordination efforts.

The people we met were wonderful, visitors, co-workers plus some who were working other booths at the fair.

The best part was the fact we had "the most kissable turkey in the county " in our display of a Maryland natural habitat.

The children had fun fishing, as well.

I learned, too, about the wonderful Wood Duck project at the Rockille Chapter.

This was a very worthwhile event!

Conservation (Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps)

UPCOMING CHAPTER CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

Sunday October 19. 9 to Noon. Rachel Carson Park Tree Maintenance in Montgomery County. We will be doing maintenance on trees previously planted on parkland. Gloves, some hand tools, and water will be provided. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get a bit dirty. If you have a pair of hand pruners please bring them. Students will receive Student Service credits (IF you bring the necessary forms to the planting). This is a rain or shine event so please dress appropriately. Meet at the planting site. Contact Rodger Moran rodger.j.moran@gmail.com to register and for more details.

Saturday November 1. Upper Patuxent Watershed Fall Clean Up. 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. We will be cleaning up the roadsides and river crossings so wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can stand a little dirt. The Chapter will provide gloves, bags, water, and lunch at noon for all participants. Student Service Learning Credits if the necessary forms are brought to the Clean Up. RAIN DATE: Sunday November 2. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net for other details.

OTHER CONSERVATION NEWS

Native Trees on the Chapter Property

We have many interesting and beautiful trees planted on the Chapter Grounds. The Maples around the shotgun range in particular deserve special mention this month because of their blazing color. The American Chestnut trees have also taken off, even if lacking the fall brilliance of many other native trees. We have some tall and graceful Valley Forge American Elms too, which like the American Chestnut, have been bred to resist disease introduced from afar.

Later this fall, more native trees will be planted as a memorial for Chapter members and family that we've recently lost. Much thanks to Rick Sommer (who is moving to South Carolina!) for a generous donation to support this planting.

These native trees will provide food for our honeybees, shade for the summer months, and beautiful leaf color during the fall. These will include a red maple, black gum, and American yellowwood. American Yellowwood is an incredibly beautiful native flowering tree. Fragrant white blossoms hang down like wisteria in late May to June. The tree has bright green leaves that turn yellow in the fall and dark, sleek bark. It takes a few years before this tree will flower but eventually we'll be noticing its four-season appeal on our Chapter Grounds.

More about native trees can be found at www.stadlergardencenters.com/gardening_and_plants/native_plants/

Adult Airgun (Jim Pachulski)

Well folks, summer is officially over. Your spray-on tan has faded, your white pants have been packed away, and the team we're afraid to call the Redskins has settled into what promises to be a very long season. Don't waste your Monday nights channel surfing this year's crop of reality shows. Come on out and shoot with the Adult Airgun Program. The fall season starts on Monday, September 8, 2014. We begin shooting around 7:00pm. Ask anyone who's shot with the program and they'll tell you it's a heck of a lot of fun.

It's also a great way to hone your shooting skills. You can develop your trigger control, breathing, hold and sight picture without spending a fortune on ammunition. Many of the participants in our program are

competitive shooters who often provide valuable coaching tips on Monday nights. In fact, we guarantee that your shooting scores will improve or your money back.

Jim Pachulski
(202) 487-6237

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

November 2014

Sat 11/1 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun 11/2 Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers
Sat 11/8 Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun 11/9 Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Sat 11/15 Roman Drews, Mike Bowen , Bill Murphy
Sun 11/16 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat 11/22 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun 11/23 Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan
Sat 11/29 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Olsen
Sun 11/30 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Murray Welsh, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli , Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon, Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian

SAFETY THOUGHTS

Be aware of yourself, those around you, and your surroundings. ANTICIPATION: a critical component to safety.

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim) (rerun from September)

Important! Read and know ALL WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules!

<http://www.damascusiwa.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. If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER!

All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must **strictly sign in** on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing.

IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and **signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.**

Conduct

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.

Important note: DO NOT loan or share your WAC membership gate cards to anyone – without exception. These are issued for your own use only.

Sunday - October 26, 2014: Maintenance Day Project:

Under the wise stewardship of Al Goldschmidts and team, a new rifle range roof is planned and we need assistance in tear-down and re-build. Please come out on maintenance day (Al is usually there by 8:30 AM – or earlier). Thank you to Al for all of his support leading all of the projects for safety and improvement on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. <http://www.damascusiwa.org/Calendar2014.html#october>

Special Thank You to Mr. Jeff Wright for his donation:

1. Falling plate targets for use in our pistol match events
2. A Knaack Classic storage chest – planned for a rifle and pistol lost and found drop-off storage (coming soon)

NRA Training – Wendy Smith:

Our next class will be NRA Basic Pistol on September 20th and October 12th. The class roster and wait list are full.

The last NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be the Ladies/Daughters and Teens dinner and class. The first day of class is the afternoon of Saturday, October 18th and will include a spectacular dinner by our resident WAC Chefs. The second day of class is Sunday, November 9th, all day. Registration will be announced

October 1st. Please watch for a special WAC announcement at that time. CLASSES FILL UP FAST – USUALLY WITHIN 1 DAY – DO NOT DELAY REGISTERING ONCE IT IS ANNOUNCED!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Mark E. Warner
Gene Lew
Adrian Jackman
Aleks Goldschmidts
Bruce L. Burgess
John Link
Jay Hannam

Brookeville Tree Work

September 6

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Kyle Shapiro, Cole Shapiro, Lois Byrd, Jim Piatetski, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Katherine Nelson (MNCPPC)

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

John Link, Tom Shapiro, Dawn Shapiro, Peggy Reed, Robert Reed, Matt Morehouse, Rick Yount, Robert Radu, Alan E. Tiu, Roger Moran, Arthur Paholski, Lenny Byrd, Tony Carts, Mark Morgan, Joe Freeman, Barry Fleming and Jerry Klinger

Cowboy Set Up

September 26

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Bukasa Tshidan, Paul Bluteau, Jack K. Boysen, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Allan Snyder, Larry Carpenter, Paul Quattrociocchi, Erik Hill, Ginger Dietsch, Bob Dietsch, Paul Kinzer, Scott Ruete, Ryan Cooley, Michael Skinsacos and Frank Early

Membership Dinner

September 26

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Lois Byrd, Linda Gilpin and Stephen Lefebvre

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

T.J. Atkinson, Lenny Byrd, Stephen Gilpin, Tom Merkle

Chapter Maintenance Day (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun)

September 28

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, John Cianflone, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Brooks Zarchin, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Hans Varmer, Andy Edwards, Joe Smith, Steve Myers, Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Carl Newcomer, Shah Lftikhar, Mark McKeivitt and Mary Esfanaji

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Will Corbin, Matthew Konas, Ed Lisee, Jan Lisee, James Nail, Dick Chiapparoli, Joe Donoghue, John Poole, Bud Gates, Billy Ramos, Paul Largent and Donna Largent

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Andy Goldschmidts, Joseph Deffenbaugh, Michael Howerton, Marty Svrcek, Dave Kile, Mike Zarchin, Henry Flanner, Kay Mangan (and boys), Dan Leaman, Jay Hannam, Chris Varmer, Thomas A. Downing and Stephen Esfanaji

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed or you need a reminder as to your work history please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS!

IF YOU JOINED IN 2012 OR BEFORE

CHECK YOUR WORK STATUS

RENEWAL TIME IS COMING UP

AVOID THE \$60 PENALTY

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.

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 Piateski 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, Jesse Lim, Greg Talamini, Judy Riley, Guy Wright, Jim Pachulski 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 and the Thunder Valley Days update.

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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