



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

President's Corner November 2018

Hard to believe its November – time certainly passes quickly. I am sure everyone is thinking about Thanksgiving – what to cook, who to invite, and for most of us – a day off! While out and about this weekend I noticed several stores displaying Christmas decorations. Seems a little early – but better to be prepared sooner than later for the holidays.

With the approaching holidays and the bustle to make ready – I am pleased to announce the Holiday Pie & Cranberry Relish Kitchen event Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday 18 November. Men, Women, and Children are welcome to participate. I have ordered disposal Pie Pans and pastry boxes for those interested in stopping by; and, for a small donation taking home a pie for your Thanksgiving holiday. A note to the participating bakers - the Kitchen will provide the basics – for special recipes, please bring the ingredients. For me – I was thinking about making a different type of pie – a Butternut Squash Crumble Pie. The recipe says it is “Vegan and Super Creamy”. I also have recipe for Honey Cream Pumpkin Pie. Hope to see you there – and all donations will go to WAC's Junior Rifle Program.

Another holiday event on the WAC calendar is the Holiday Cookie Bake and Exchange scheduled for Sunday 16 December Noon to 4:00 p.m. For the kids attending – cookie decorating will be available. Last year's event was a lot of fun. This year's cookies will be available to our members at the December Membership Meeting & Holiday Party schedule for Wednesday 19 December. This year's donations will go towards the Junior Rifle Program.

NRA Refuse to be a Victim Class – scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday 17 November is open to WAC Members and Family for FREE. A great opportunity to education yourself and your family on how NOT to be a victim. Preregistration is required.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2018.html>

As always I am asking for your help on Range Clean Up and Chapter Maintenance Day – Sunday 25 November 9:00 a.m. to Noon. All Ranges are closed until Noon. Christmas Tree Maintenance is also scheduled for the same time. Please remember to sign-in to receive your work project credit.

Hope to see you at the General Membership Wednesday 28 November.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Cherie Aker

Conservation (Meo Curtis/Jeff Deschamps)

Pigtail Tree Maintenance—Sunday October 14

This was the second of our twice-yearly visits at the Pigtail Recreation Area reforestation site. Seven chapter members and worked to cut back the vines and other vegetation in and on the protective cages around trees in the reforestation area. In addition to all the weeds, we found a Dekay's brown snake, chokeberry fruit, and yet-to-be-identified buckeyes. Jim Piateski had the most interesting discovery—a pile of monarch butterfly wings at the base of a cage. The tree in the cage had passed on but a beautiful fall-blooming aster was taking its place. And on that plant- a large, very pregnant female praying mantis. Apparently, the monarchs came for nectar from the asters and never left. Photos posted on the Chapter's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/

Fall Watershed Clean Up—Sunday October 28

For the first time ever, we had to reschedule our Fall Watershed Clean Up due to weather. The rainy weekends continue into the fall! Thanks to all who came out to work, including Ranger Riley Schwengel and his volunteer crew from DNR and to Rich Fried and Jeff Deschamps for their help in driving around to drop work crews off and pick litter bags up. All participants got a water bottle with our Chapter logo and lunch at noon.

We picked up along our Adopt A Road stretch of Mullinix Mill Road and also Long Corner Road. We collected 23 contractor size bags of litter, along with 10 car tires, one hulking truck tire, and miscellaneous larger items. Ranger Schwengel took a half-truck load of dumped shingles back to DNR for disposal.

Most of the stuff in the bags was recyclable bottles and cans, but see below for a really gross find as reported by Scott Broom on Facebook.

TRULY DISGUSTING -- now lets shame this mystery DIP dumper!

The story: Sunday I was on an Izaak Walton League Wildlife Achievement Chapter volunteer crew in Montgomery County working on keeping junk out of local streams by clearing roadsides.

My partner Ron and I were mystified by these bottles filled with brown stuff we were finding in LARGE numbers. It was the number two item behind beer cans -- and if you've never been on the county jail crew picking up road trash -- that's saying something!

We had lots of gross theories, but finally Ron courageously opened a bottle and declared based on odor "root beer!? What??"

Well, no. It was spittle from a mouth tobacco "dip" user in HUGE volumes.

Now, Ron's an accomplished IT security guy and I'm a reporter -- and here's what we figured out:

There's a mystery "dipper" who lives on either Mullinix Mill Road or Long Corner Road (Damascus, Mt. Airy) who goes to work every day and fills his bottle during his travels with his day's worth of SPIT.

AND EVERY DAY on his way home from work the MYSTERY DIP DUMPER throws the used bottle out of his truck along side the road. (He also tosses lots of Skoal canisters). WE'RE TALKING AT LEAST 100 BOTTLES CLEANED UP IN A MILE OR SO! He must throw one-a-day. Guy probably tosses the stuff because he wife says NO DIP at home. Anyway, share this around and lets hope word gets to the mystery dip dumper to BE VERY ASHAMED and CUT IT OUT!



Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

December, 2018

Sat	12/1	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	12/2	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat	12/8	Arden Young, Phil Butler
Sun	12/9	Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora
Sat	12/15	Jeff Tokar, Mike Aaby,
Sun	12/16	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat	12/22	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	12/23	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb

Sat 12/29 **Rodger Moran, Phil Butler**

Sun 12/30 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

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

Saturday November 17. NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Class

This is a free class covering personal, banking, computer security issues
and how to best prepare.

Contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com to register

Saturday December 1. Last Rifle and Pistol shooting events of the year!

Tom Riley 22 Fun Shoot 10:00AM - 2:00PM on the Rifle Range.

Bowling Pin Match 1:00PM - 4:00PM on the Uncovered Pistol Range



Basic Rifle Qualification



Hunter Qualification (photo Jean Aker)

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **November 2016** 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 probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Kimberly Q. Buynak

Jeffrey T. Raines

Nelson E. Torres

Cowboy Dinner (Kitchen Duties)

6/23/2018

Member: Neil Balfour

Probationary Member:

Fonzie Taylor (Regular Credit)

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Duties)

9/26/2018

Probationary Member:

Steve Heintze (Regular Credit)

Christmas tree Maintenance

10/7/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Lee Cascina, Ellen Fineran and Larry Buck,

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Harrington, Valerie Harrington, John Fineran,

Robert Stojinski and Rodney Waddell

Pigtail Maintenance

10/14/2018

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski

and Giselle Taracena

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Delson Taracena, Morris Lindesey and Chris Crider

Cowboy Set-up

10/26/2018

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Limparis, David Hiner, Craig Hanson,

George Hughes, Ron Baklarz and Jon Hoffman
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Damon Sui and Bob Finnell

Watershed Clean-up

10/28/2018

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Rich Fried, Doug Goodin, Ron Baklarz, Brittney House, Mike Sears,

Sharon Sears, Nicholas D. Gray, Giselle Taracena, and Riley Schwengel-DNR

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

William Broom, Kevin Wittenberger, Jeff Boeckl, and Delson Taracena

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly Range Work)

10/28/2018

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, Marty Svrcek, Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak, John McCarraher and Dale Buschling, John Leaman, Paul DiMarzio and Jeff Opiekum

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Ken Steinbruckner, Ryan Mills, Melissa DiMarzio, John DiMarzio and Matthew Newton

Christmas Tree Maintenance:

Member: Lee Cascio

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Chris Crider

A Note to our probationary members:

When you come out to work a Chapter Maintenance day it means no matter how many Ranges you work on you get ONE regular credit for the day. A day usually means about three hours or so.

In the example above, we had only one Signup Sheet, which is normal, with the members designating the range or ranges they worked. No matter how many ranges the member works they get just one regular credit for the day.

The only exception to this is as, with the Signup Sheet Above, we had members that listed that they had worked on Christmas Trees, some worked on Ranges and Trees. When we have a Signup Sheet with mixed activities, if any activity is conservation, the member gets a conservation credit for the day.

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, Scott Broom (picture) and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. 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:

Tim Garrity

PO 1630

Olney, MD 20830

membership@iwlawac.org

Membership Renewal Reminder

Members that have not paid their 2019 renewal dues are urged to send payment right away as the November 1st preferred payment date has passed.

A second round of email invoices was sent the evening of Sunday, November 11th.

You are asked to check your inbox and spam filter to be sure you receive the message.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership contact

Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org.

If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

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 have been sent only to those that do not have email accounts.

Members who pay close to the December 31st calendar year deadline face a strong probability that they will NOT get their 2019 Range Access Card before January 1st, resulting in a temporary loss of range privileges. It can take several weeks to complete processing payments and restore access after payment is made.

Thanks to the many members who already paid their dues and to those that 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.

Members who paid their 2019 dues can expect to receive their range credentials in the mail in approximately the next 2 weeks. If you have not received them within that timeframe, contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org.

The design of 2019 range access cards features the sunset in Honolulu, Hawaii taken during a recent family vacation. The image is not color enhanced, but simply reflects the natural beauty of the islands. If you have an individual membership and a spouse authorized to use the ranges, their range credential has the same design, but on a blue-colored frame. Membership Contact is Tim Garrity, Membership Secretary PO Box 1630, Olney, MD 20830-1630
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