

**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**

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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Maryland State Field Target Championship - Saturday , July 17 , 9:00am until 4:00pm

Green Energy Committee meeting-Wednesday, July 21 , 6:30 to 8:30 in the social hall

Chapter Maintenance Day -Sunday July 25 10:00am until 1:00pm

Membership meeting- Wednesday, July 28 6:00 pm .Nominations for Board positions from the floor will be entertained.

Tommy Riley .22 Fun Shoot –July 31, 10:00AM until 2:00pm

Volunteers needed to man the Izaak Walton Booth at the Montgomery County Fair 8/13 through 8/21.  
Call Don Hunt 301 946-4795.

Tony Evans Memorial Shotgun Shoot- Saturday August 7 . Contact Debbi Perry 301 601-0048.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CONSERVATION** (Meo Curtis)

June Work Day

It was brutally hot, so special thanks to those who worked on the June member day. There were 10 volunteers who helped out with the Adopt-A-Road on the June member work day. They picked up along Mullinix Mill Road and parts of Long Corner and Gue Road. They collected 10 bags of trash, including some dry wall, and a truck tire.

Another half dozen did some vigorous and sweaty weed and invasives management in the butterfly garden and around the chapter house. We had some assistance with disposal of honeysuckle vines, thistles, and sundry other undesirables from Chuck Crooks and Nick Limparis despite their working at Thunder Valley Days in the preceding days. Thanks again to all who helped out!

Montgomery County Environmental Survey

Express your opinion by completing an on-line survey on environmental outreach through the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP is conducting the survey to help in developing the County's Watershed Restoration Implementation Strategy to meet regulatory and programmatic

requirements for water quality protection. The DEP will use the information from the survey to develop a Public Outreach and Stewardship Plan to educate residents about water quality problems and to teach actions that make measurable differences. Expanding the general public's active stewardship is necessary to help reduce stormwater runoff, pollutants, and trash and continue to protect the County's local stream resources.

The survey should take no more than five minutes and will be available until July 30 at [www.surveymonkey.com/WRIS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/WRIS).

Learn more about beneficial insects

Many of you know about the Chapter's honeybee hives and how honeybees and other beneficial insects are crucial to flowering trees and plants and for many types of agricultural production. Learn more about the importance of insects at the Jug Bay Wetland Park, located along the Patuxent River in Prince George's County. The two-session course will cover how to identify the common orders of insects and includes a field excursion to learn about distinguishing beneficial insects from pests, and ways to manage pests in your yard and garden. Entomologist Dr. Ben Hollister will teach the course--Thursday July 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday July 19 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. This course material is designed for adults. Advanced registration is required. Call 410-741-9330 or go to [www.jugbay.org/education](http://www.jugbay.org/education) for the registration form.

Honey from the chapter bee hives will be offered for sale at the July membership meeting. A pint mason jar (approximately 1.6 lbs by weight) will sell for \$7.00.

## **SKEET , TRAP AND**

### **IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010** ( Bob Cooley)

#### Range Officers Have a Blast As They Are Appreciated

Our first annual shotgun range officer appreciation day was held June 13. It was a day of family fun, shooting competitions, camaraderie, and great food. Debbi Perry, now known as the "Shotgun Pit Boss" put a wonderful spread together. Jay Jeffrey prepared the surf portion of the feast with pounds of outstanding shrimp. Double trap was the event of the day. Alan Palestine took the prize, walking away with a bag of shooting tokens. What a great way to appreciate those that serve monthly.

Starting June 15, those members who have taken the shotgun safety course prior to June 1 may get one free token. This offer will end Dec. 31st. There will be a list inside the coin box in the magazine. The member must ask for the free round, The range officer must check the list and have the member date and initial in the left margin of the list. A "y" in the shotgun training column indicates they have taken the course. At this point also have the member correct any misinformation if any. Record the token exchange on the tally sheet in the day's money box.

Thank you for your diligence.

## **August 2010**

Sun 8/1 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Mike Agnelli, Maj Tavakoli, Jake Turska

Wed 8/4 Berle Cherney, Carl McMahon, Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson

Sat 8/7 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Ron Trenti

Sun 8/8 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch, John Davis

Wed 8/11 Brian Van Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward, Jay Jeffrey

Sat 8/14 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 8/15 Buddy Michael, Joel Gross, Murray Welsh

Wed 8/18 Richard Maple, Conley Phipps, Frank Bis

Sat 8/21 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Robin Moore

Sun 8/22 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Jay DeVan,

Wed 8/25 Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 8/28 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Gary Green, Ed Grim

Sun 8/29 Peter Sittner, Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

### Substitutes

Jim Kelly, Bob Griffin, Jim Arnold

### **RIFLE/PISTOL** (Wendy Smith)

Rifle and Pistol RSO Committee Update: By Wendy Smith and Jesse Lim

Our third NRA Basic Pistol Class was held in June. We had an enthusiastic class of four women, seven men and three teenagers. A special thank you to our NRA certified Basic Pistol Instructors: Al Goldschmidts, Alan Palestine, Danny Smith, Gary Schneider, Gregg McDonald, Heather Barber, Nick Peters and Terry Popkin. Jesse Lim supervised the training course.



(Not pictured: Al Goldschmidts, Danny Smith and Gary Schneider.)

A special THANK YOU to Al Goldschmidts, Tomasz Kosciesza, and Sam De La Cruz for donating time and materials to replace the stairs to the covered pistol range on June maintenance day.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** (Nick Giuliano)

### Airgun Range Maintenance

June 12 and 18

General maintenance was done such as constructing new rifle racks, repairing and replacing targets. Also the area was cleared of undergrowth and some trees. All work done by Bill Gazdik and Phillip Dean.

### Membership Dinner Meeting

June 24

Head Chef Mac McCollum assisted by Marty Stout, Don Hunt and Mary Hunt provided the evening's Heavy Balanced Meal.

### Thunder Valley Days

June 23, 24, 25, 26

To all of the following members, Boy Scouts and non-members who worked many long hours made Thunder Valley Days a success.

June 23: Russell Lahti, Star Mitchell, Mary Hunt, Don Hunt, Tom Ouellette, Ed McNally. Mike Keyser, Steve Peck, Rich Rankin, John Leaman, Andy Kendle, Doug Huchison, D.Q. Dave, Paul Bluteau and Spotted Horse (no name because he's in the Witness Protection Program).

June 24: Steve Peck, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Tom Cauffiel, Merry Klinefelter, Greg Talamini, Russell Lahti and Rick Sommer.

June 25: Nick Terheyden, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Steve Peck, Tom Ouellette, Tom Cauffiel, Rick Sommer, Rich Fried, Greg Myers, Nick Giuliano and Russell Lahti.

June 26: Don Hunt, Tom Cauffier, Rich Fried, Rob Kamensky, Steve Peck, Nick Giuliano and Greg Myers.

#### Chapter Maintenance Day

June 27:

Pistol and Rifle

Al Goldschmidts, Samuel De La Cruz, Tomasz Kosciesza, Dennis Crossen and Jay DeVan,

Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges

Mark McKeivitt, Peter Sittner, Gerhard Bartsch and Jonathan Lui.

General Grounds Maintenance

Eric Speights, Kenneth Johnson, Alex Limparis and manning the green shed was John Leaman.

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Jonathon Lui, Jean Aker, Cherie Aker, John J. Mullaney, Wade A. Dayberry.

#### Road Clean Up

June 27

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Beth Mondonedo, Christen Mondonedo, Ryan Mondonedo, Robert Hammond, Mladen Udbinac, Herb Sutcliffe, Andrew Milkan and James Mooney.

Congratulations to the following probationary members who have graduated to Full Member.

Ralph Gerharz

James Mooney

Tomasz Kosciesza

Russell Lahti

Nick Van Terheyden

Robert Dale Buschling

Cherie Aker

#### Volunteers

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered and signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

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#### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at [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, Nick Giuliano, Wendy Smith, and Bob Cooley 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](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.

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