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**Izaak Walton League of America**

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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Izaak Walton League of America Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Greg Talamini)

In 1922, fifty-four visionary sportsmen met in Chicago to discuss an issue of common concern: the deterioration of America's top fishing streams. Uncontrolled industrial discharge, raw sewage and soil erosion threatened many of the nation's most productive waterways. At the same time, critical wildlife habitat was being destroyed across the country and the nation's forests and wilderness areas were quickly disappearing.

Moving forward fifteen years some of our local area citizens began what has become one of our country's leading IWLA chapters, The Wildlife Achievement Chapter. Yes, our chapter is celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The WAC was founded in 1937. It had no real property at that time. Where they met up to 1942 is unknown. In 1942 WAC leased land on Briggs Chaney road near Colesville, MD. In 1969-1971 WAC moved to the Damascus area. In 1971 the chapter house, skeet and trap fields were built on the Damascus property.

In 1971 Mr. Malcolm King from Maryland Fish and Wildlife began a program to clean local streams. This eventually became the Save Our Streams Program. Mr. King was member of both WAC and the Rockville chapter. He worked with both chapters organizing regular cleanups of the Patuxent River and water courses in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick counties. Eventually the Save Our Streams Program was adopted throughout MD and then across the U. S. WAC support of the Save Our Streams Program in its infancy, especially for the Patuxent River water shed, was a contributing factor to that program becoming a national conservation effort. Our chapter continues to support our community by offering water shed cleanup programs, hunter safety education classes, invasive plant information and rain barrel classes and more. We members of WAC continue to work in these areas providing our children and future Ikes a legacy to be proud of.

**HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL? (Phil Dean)**

If you have firearms and other shooting supplies and equipment you would like to sell, let the WAC membership know about it by listing the items on the "TRADING POST" bulletin board on the wall in the downstairs area. List the items with a description, price, and your name and contact information on a card or sheet of paper. Put the date you post the listing and it will remain on the board for a month.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **Learn more about protecting local resources**

#### **Howard County—Wednesdays February 15 and 22**

Learn how to manage small lots with woods to improve wildlife habitat and water quality. Come to the ‘Woods in Your Backyard workshop ‘ at the Howard County Conservancy. This is a two-session course on Wednesdays, February 15 and 22 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, taught at The Gudelsky Center, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD. Workshop cost is \$20.00 per individual; \$30 per couple from same household. The Workshop is sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Forestry for the Bay; the Howard County Conservancy; and the Maryland DNR Forest Service.

Small lots, such as the one you may own, are a big deal. The vast majority of landowners in Maryland have less than 10 acres. By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and improved water quality. Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at this workshop.

The registration brochure is located at:

<http://www.forestryforthebay.org/files/WIBYhoward.pdf>. On-line registration is at:  
<https://www.signup82north.com/beventLive.aspx?EventID=NBI42262700>

#### **Montgomery County—Saturday March 3**

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection invites County residents to participate in the second annual Community Clean Water Summit on March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veteran’s Plaza, One Veteran’s Place, Great Hall, Room 1. Event partners include the City of Gaithersburg, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and Maryland Sea Grant. At the Summit, participants will learn about the challenges of improving water quality; how their habits may be affecting local waters; initiatives happening in their communities to improve stream health; and how they can become involved. Participants will have the opportunity to become a part of the growing Clean Streams Movement and meet local watershed groups, whose members who dedicated to improving their local waterways through myriad hands-on projects and advocacy. . The IWLA-National will be among a number of local and regional groups with displays on how you can get involved to help protect your local streams.

To register for the Summit, visit: <http://cleanwatersummit.eventbrite.com>. Donated door prizes include an **REI tent and a sponsored rain barrel raffle from a local vendor.**

**Attendees must be registered and present to win.**

### **My Green Montgomery**

Did you make some ‘green’ resolutions for the New Year to protect our natural resources for the next generation? Montgomery County has launched a new web site to provide tips and share stories for reducing our environmental impacts and promoting local businesses and other ‘green’ services.

At [www.mygreenmontgomery.org](http://www.mygreenmontgomery.org) you can create a personalized Green Plan, choosing from actions in five categories: Daily Choices, Energy, Lawn and Garden, Transportation, and Water. You can filter possible actions so you can pursue the low hanging and no or low-cost options first!

You can also ask questions, share experiences, or add an event to the Calendar. Submit your success story through the [Contribute Content page](#) and inspire others to green their lives. Finally, please let people in your network know about the website and “Like” MyGreenMontgomery.org on [Facebook](#)!

**Christmas Tree Committee Update: ( Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry )**

The following was accidentally omitted from the January 2012 newsletter: Pictures of the Mulitz group and their big tree:



Thanks to all of our volunteers for December tree and wreath sales: Allie Young, Bill Agnostak, Bill Beecher, Bill Damaska, Bob McDermott, Brendan DeRiso, Brian Van Winkle, Chip Schwartz, Clark Mueller, David Tung, Don Veals, Gregg McDonald, (Guy Wright for tractor duty), Herb Sutcliffe, Hiem Trang, James Denaro, John O'Malley, John Scheck, Joseph Nightingale, Joseph Smith, Kevin Wu, Maria Nightingale, Martin Rosedale, Marty Stout (and for big tree picture credits), Mike LaRoi, Mr. Wheat, Patrick Gracyalny, Preston Hall and wife, Richard DeRiso, Rita Muller, Russell Lahti (for sales AND conservation help), Sasha Shtirberg and wife Maria Belousova, Star Mitchell, Steve McKaskill, Ted Lee, Terry Roach, Tommy Thompson, Tony Santini, Wade Dayberry, Wendy Smith and William Seestead. If you don't see

your name listed in this list or the newsletter, please email Wendy Smith at [smitty446@hotmail.com](mailto:smitty446@hotmail.com) and copy Nick Guiliano at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) for corrections ASAP.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Greg Myers and Boy Scout Troop 945 for helping us out by providing us about 10 of their pre-cut trees to help supplement our supply of saleable trees. We greatly appreciate your partnership and a sincere Thank You, again! We will also be trying something different this year in having a craft bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the upper level chapter hall. We will be soliciting for crafters/vendors that wish to purchase table space for a reasonable fee for one or both of the days. Please stay tuned for a special WAC announcement about this event. Enjoy the rest of the winter and here's hoping for an early spring so we can hold our new tree planting on March maintenance day!

### **Skeet and Trap** (Bob Cooley)

#### **March 2012**

Sat 3/3 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 3/4 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Sat 3/10 Steve Rowcroft, Greg Meyer

Sun 3/11 (Daylight Saving Time Begins) George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 3/14 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 3/17 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein

Sun 3/18 Joel Gross, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 3/21 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon

Sat 3/24 Bob Cooley, Robin Dixon

Sun 3/25 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 3/28 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney

Sat 3/31 Glenn Hubert, Bob cooley

#### **Substitutes**

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Jim Arnold, Paul Fisher, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Brian Van Winkle, John Davis, Bob Woodward, Murray Welsh, Bill Rahn, Charlie

Weaver, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Wade Dayberry, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Frank Bis, Dick Smith, Debbi Perry

**Rifle and Pistol** (Jesse Lim)

NO REPORT

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Christmas Tree Sales**

December 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18

Thanks to all of the members and friends of IWLA who participated in the sale.

December 3: Bill Agnostak, Preston Hall and wife, Bill Damaska, John O'Malley, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith and Star Mitchell.

December 4: Brian Van Winkle, Martin Rosedale, Wheat Wheatley, Dave Tung, Patrick Gracyalny, Chip Schwartz, Rita Mueller, Clark Mueller, Russell Lahti, William Seestead, Wade Dayberry and Bob McDermott.

December 10: Gregg McDonald, Herb Sutcliffe, Bill Agnostak, Richard Deriso, Brendan Deriso and Terry Roach.

December 11: Hiem Trang, Brian Van Winkle, John O'Malley, Bob McDermott, Don Veals, Kevin Wu, Star Mitchell, Russell Lahti and Ted Lee.

December 17: Steve McKaskill, John Scheck, Marty Stout, Mike LaRoi, Allie Young, Tommy Thompson, Shasha Aleksandr Shtirberg and Maria Belousova.

December 18: James Denaro, Bill Beecher, Maria Nightingale, Joseph Nightingale and Tony Santini.

**Kitchen Restoration Work**

January (multiple dates)

Although many worked on this project the following list is of those who signed the activity sheet. Jim Bourdon, Mary Hunt, Don Hunt, Rick Sommer, Marshall Bell, Bill Gazdik, Dale Buschling, Pat Ramsey, Ian Butler, Ryan McGarity, Tom Kennedy, Tom Ouellette, Steve Lefebvre, Charly Culbertson, Jean Aker and of course Ed McNally.

**Membership Dinner**

January 25

Cooking for the evening: Ed McNally and Cherie Aker. Kitchen and Dining room staffing for the evening: Linda Sampson, Charly Culbertson and Randy McKenzie. Dining room set-up: Will Carbone and Steve Peck.

The BAR staffing for the evening: Ken Lefebvre assisted by Mash Esfanaji and Dolores Gick.

**Wild Game Dinner**

January 28

Cooking for the evening: Ed McNally and Cherie Aker with others who that did not sign the sheet.

Kitchen and or Serving Staff: Dan Failacci, Charly Culbertson, Mary Esfanaji, Steve Lefebvre, Tim Hutchison, Linda Sampson, Judy Lefebvre, Reginald Kidd, Matthew R. McGuire, Don Hunt and Mary Hunt. Dining Room setup: Will Carbone.

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

January 29

Range Maintenance

(Rifle, Pistol and/or Shotgun)

Al Goldschmidts, Rudy Werner, Arden Young, John Mullaney, Karl Krchma, Stephen Rowcroft, Chris Walker, Mark Coggeshall, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Kevin Dukes, Paul Turska Jr. and Paul Turska Sr..

### **Green Shed**

John Leaman, Vernon Vogel and J. Delauder.

### **General Maintenance**

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, John Davis and Chuckaroo, who was all over the place.

### **Congratulations**

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

Martin Rosendale

Michael Gutierrez

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If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to:

[nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

### **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, Greg Talamini, Phil Dean, Joe Gick, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry, Nick Giuliano, 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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