



Wildlife Achievement Chapter

Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

The Club maintains a large E-mail list of the IWLA-WAC members (that have provided and address)

The list is used for informing members about club activities and is not used for any other purpose.

Through a great deal of effort, we have been approved by most providers to accept our E-mails without sending them to Spam folders.

Some members use their work E-mail address. Many times companies and especially government accounts, will not forward E-mails because they see bulk mailings as Spam.

We had a good relationship with Verizon and are approved to send bulk E-mails to Verizon addresses. Recently, we began getting bounce backs of E-mails sent to Verizon accounts where the user had requested that the E-mail be forwarded to another E-mail address. If you have a Verizon E-mail account, and you have that account forwarded to another E-mail address you may stop getting IWLA-WAC E-mails. If you are not getting regular E-mails from us (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) you need to provide [Chuck Crooks](#) with an updated E-mail address. Please include the old address Verizon and the new address.

**Wildlife Achievement Chapter is a 100% Voluntary Organization
Important Reminder to Probationary Members***

*this describes any member who has not completed all work requirements within the allocated 2-year period. Probation Status remains in effect until work requirements are met and release is requested; these are the terms of all New Membership Agreements.

A friendly reminder:

An additional \$60.00 Fee is charged - at Dues Renewal - to every member who has elected to maintain Probationary Status; this, for as long as Member's status does not change.

It's time to remedy your status now; 2015-Statements will be readied in September.

Note: Although Dues MUST be received by December 31, 2014, consider paying them when you are invoiced; there is less chance the Statement will be lost or misplaced. (No partial payments will be processed.)

● Light duties are available to those with disabilities - please discuss this need with a project's team leader **or** make mention of your physical limitations on Maintenance Day when you also request the type of activity needed to complete work requirements.

- If any Member has a **Temporary** Medical Necessity for delayed activities (e.g.: surgery) please report these effective dates to Nick along with the expected date of work completion for the record in order to receive a Temporary Waiver.

- Student fees are waived until no longer in school (and, an upgrade to a Regular Membership will be required.) Although students may choose to complete their work now, if they'd like to do so.

- If a Family Membership was elected, both Members (husband & wife) must have met their work requirements.

- Probationary Status is not considered a membership in "good standing" and it, therefore, behooves one to fix this issue prior to the upcoming elections, if possible.

For Work/Probationary Status Questions, please contact:

Nick Giuliano nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and, type "work status" in the Subject Line.

- **Suggestion:** Research past Newsletters for your name or, misspellings thereof, prior to contacting event team leaders to check their sign-in sheets, if you know you worked an event.

Thank you to all of those who have contributed so much to making our chapter a great place for everyone to enjoy. Many have gone above and beyond their normal call of duty; and, to them, we are ever grateful. The comradeship and support received from our chapter members has been wonderful; **I am personally and ever grateful to so many, I thank you all.**

Respectfully,
Judy Riley, MDR
IWLA-WAC

Public Meeting for Patuxent River State Park Trails (Tom Newton)

On Thursday, June 12th, from 7-8:30pm, there will be a public information meeting at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the IWLA to discuss the upcoming trail assessment project at Patuxent River State Park. The initial project will only be for the upstream area between Route 94 and Route 27, but in the future, an additional assessment may be conducted downstream to Route 97.

The project will be led by Jeremy Wimpey, PhD, and his company, Applied Trails Research. ATR will be mapping all the trails on state park land, taking pictures, and documenting environmental concerns such as muddy areas (in the flood plain) or unsustainable trail alignments (which have become washed-out gullies over time). Jeremy will be on hand for the public meeting as well as a park walk-through planned for Saturday, June 14th in the morning.

The public meeting will be hosted by Captain Dave Powell, the park ranger for Patuxent River State Park, and Dan Hudson, the manager for natural surface trails in Maryland State Parks.

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

CONSERVATION EVENTS

Your Woods and Your Wallet Workshop

Having woods on your property not only benefits wildlife, the air you breathe and your local streams but your pocket as well. Forests for the Bay in partnership with Howard County Conservancy will introduce private woodland owners to the many economic incentive programs available to you for having wooded property. The workshop will take place on Tuesday June 10th from 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at the Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD. To RSVP for this Free workshop, go to www.forestsforthebay.org/events.cfm (scroll to find the event) or contact forests@allianceforthebay.org

General Assembly 2014 Session Issues

Rona Kobell of the Bay Journal published an article on April 30th which reflected on several controversial pieces of environmental legislation considered during the 2014 Session, including: (1) stormwater fees; (2) requiring an economic impact study before implementing a new agricultural phosphorus management tool, (3) delaying an Eastern Shore wind farm project over concerns about its effect on radar at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station; (4) Program Open Space (POS) funding; (5) the designation of new State wildlands; (6) allowing farmers to place renewable energy facilities on lands subject to an agricultural easement and (7) removing “black liquor” from the State’s renewable standards energy portfolio.

The article noted that keeping stormwater fees in place was considered one of the biggest successes within the environmental community. The environmental community battled 20 bills that sought to gut the landmark law requiring the state’s 10 largest jurisdictions to set up funding from property owners to pay for stormwater management. These jurisdictions represent the largest sources of urban stormwater to our local and regional waterways. Urban stormwater is the only source of pollution to the Bay that continues to increase--technological upgrades are reducing wastewater and septic system pollution, more farmers are adding agricultural best management practices, and atmospheric deposition is less polluting because of regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act. As more farmland is converted to non-farm uses, the percent of nutrients and sediment entering our streams, rivers, and the Bay from those non-farm uses increases.

The agricultural community in Maryland was able to delay the implementation of 2013 legislation requiring the use of the controversial Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT). The PMT provides more 'precise' information on how phosphorus moves from the soils to nearby waterways where excess phosphorus can lead to serious water quality problems. The Maryland Department of Agriculture must now conduct an economic impact study before farmers will be required to follow this more restrictive phosphorus application law.

The article also noted the challenges faced for Program Open Space (POS). Open space acquisition in Maryland is funded through a half percent tax on the transfer of real property, called the transfer tax, which is to be dedicated to the POS fund. For the last several years, the state government has taken the POS cash to use for other programs and replaced it with bond funds, which have more restrictions on how the funds can be used. POS managed to get back the

\$57 million owed to it from previous years, but not the \$100 million the state took more recently. Advocates fought back a bill to cap the fund at \$100 million.

The entire article can be found on-line at:

www.bayjournal.com/article/md_general_assembly_withstands_attacks_on_stormwater_fee

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

July 2014

Wed	7/2	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	7/5	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	7/6	Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers
Wed	7/9	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	7/12	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	7/13	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Wed	7/16	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	7/19	Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun	7/20	Joel Gross, John Davis
Wed	7/23	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	7/26	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	7/27	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Wed	5/28	Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Myers, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young

A fellow shooter informed me he sent an email to Chris Hodgdon of Hodgdon Powder Co. Mr. Hodgdon's reply is as follows:

Dear Sir,

Yes, shotgun powders are difficult to find as well as all powders. For 18 consecutive months we've not been able to keep up with demand, we continue to work overtime, some weekends shipping at capacity every week with no end in sight. Unfortunately Clays powder will not be available for the foreseeable future. We had a massive fire last year at our Australian plant and it took out the Clays, International and Universal powder operation. We suggest that you look for alternatives such as Hi-Skor700X, Winchester Super Handicap, Titewad, Tightgroup, Longshot, Hi-Skor 800X, HS-6 or Winchester Super Target.

Thank you for your business, feel free to get back to me if I can answer any other questions.

Regards, Chris Hodgdon
Hodgdon Powders
(from the desk of Greg Talamini)

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

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

<http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

On May 18th, a WD40 aerosol can with residue still in it was found on the uncovered pistol range. Shooting at aerosol cans is prohibited. Please familiarize yourself with the following definitions in the Rifle and Pistol Rules -SAFETY SECTION:

10. Permissible targets include paper, balloons, and frangible, biodegradable items such as candy, crackers and clay pigeons. Such targets must be attached to the target backboard and mounted so they do not obscure the steel target stand frame.

11. Permissible free standing targets include, commercially made steel or "self-sealing" plastic targets which swing, spin, or fall when hit by a bullet.

A. Explosive targets (e.g., Tannerite) are strictly prohibited.



If at any time you have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim at alphashooter@usa.com or cell 240-832-0354.

NRA Training – Wendy Smith:

Our first 2014 NRA Basic Pistol Class was held May 3rd and 18th. The weather was picture perfect! We had a fantastic group of students that enjoyed themselves and provided very positive feedback on the class survey. A special thank you to Jesse Lim, Joseph Smith, Judy Riley, Peter Gracyalny, Jean Aker, Al Goldschmidts and Suzy Floyd for their support with the classes.





Our next class will be NRA Basic Pistol on the afternoon of September 20th and all Day October 12th. Please watch for a special WAC email announcement on/about August 15th announcing registration at that time. Do not delay in registering once it is open, **classes fill up very fast** and class size is limited to no more than 18-20 students on a first-come, first-served basis. **WALK-INS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR EITHER CLASS.** The last NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be our 6th Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens dinner and class. The dinner and class has consistently received rave-reviews from all of the attendees! More information will be sent in early October announcing registration details.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteer team of WAC RSO / NRA certified instructors who provide these training opportunities to the WAC membership. A lot goes in to hosting these classes, and most all of the instructors have full time jobs and significant family obligations. Your sacrifice, dedication and time instructing is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

WORK ACTIVITY RECORDING

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.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Harold Dean Elliott, II
Jack T. Kneifl

Brookeville Work Day

May 10

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Fred Teal, Jeffrey Kordenbrock Jr., Jim Piatetski, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC

Probationary Members: **(conservation credit)**

Kenny Montgomery, A.J. Janks, Mark North, Vince Sempronio, Nicholas Hrabak, Barry Fleming, Jeff Kordenbrock, David Escalante, Dan Femiano, Denis Armbruster, Robert Johnson and Kevin Grasson

Cowboy Set Up

May 23

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Joe Wolf, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparis, Mary Esfanaji and Mike Sage

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Scott Kenny, Kenneth Montgomery, Bob Dietsch, Joe Deffenbaugh, Chris Regnier, John Kinzer, Michael Skinsacos, Paul Kinzer, Steve Tiner, Jerry Klinger and Chris Nespor

Chapter Maintenance Day

May 25 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/Conservation)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John Leaman, Gunner Leaman, Joe Smith, Guy Wright, Meo Curtis, Arden Young, Rudy Werner and Steve Olsen

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Philip Goldberg, Nick Hewitt, Bud Gates, Kirk Lattner, Billy Ramos, Bruce Burgess, Mark Anderson, Tom Peters, David Kile, Jan Paper, James Nail, Mark North, John Ahrens, Steve Tiner, John Porter, Pamela Porter and Stephen Esfanaji

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Jim Scott, Paul Kinzer, Adam Gaab, John Kinzer and Grant Brumpton

Membership Dinner

May 28 (kitchen work)

Probationary Member: (regular credit)

Will Corbin

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

A reminder to our probationary members:

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Nick Giuliano

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 Piatieski 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, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim, Tom Newton 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.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piatieski 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 Piatiski 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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