



**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**  
**JULY 2015**

**President**  
**Chuck Crooks**  
301 831-9666

**First Vice President**  
**Ken Lefebvre**  
301 873-1282

**Second Vice President**  
**Bob Cooley**  
301 236-9550

**Third Vice President**  
**Cherie Aker**  
301 330-9468

**Wildlife Achievement Chapter 26430 Mullinix Mill Road Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771**  
Main House Phone: 301-253-2384 Web Site: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>  
Range House Phone: 301-253-4779

**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

Chapter elections are upon us.

The nominating committee consisted of Chuck Crooks (chairman), Nick Guiliano, Berle Cherney, Randy McKenzie and Gregg McDonald. We thank them for their service.

The slate that will be presented is as follows:

President - Ken Lefebvre  
1st Vice President - Cherie Aker  
2nd Vice President - Mark Gay  
3rd Vice President - Rodger Moran  
Parliamentarian - Mac McCollum  
Corresponding Secretary - Jim Piatieski  
Membership Secretary - Tim Garrity  
Recording Secretary - Meo Curtis  
Treasurer - Chuck Limparis  
Sgt. at Arms - Rich Fried  
Chaplain - John Leaman

Directors 2015 - 2017

Jean Aker, Billy Ramos, Judy Riley, Dave Goldberg

Carry over directors 2014 - 2016 (No election for these positions)

John Walter, Berle Cherney, Mark Gay

Nominations will be received from the floor at the July membership meeting. Prospective nominees must have completed their probationary period and have been a member in good standing for a period of at least two years.

**Adopt-A-Road** – (Judy Riley)

We had a great turn-out for the June 28<sup>th</sup> Adopt-A-Road. And, for all the stormy weather of the 27<sup>th</sup>, we were rewarded with a magnificent morning—weather wise! Sadly, it appeared, the torrential rains must have beat-us to the punch by already having washed away some of the debris; as, the roads appeared cleaner than usual. Despite that, the trash left behind reflected (to paraphrase one member's thoughts) signs of our Americana -- liquor, beer and tobacco -- as, the 9-bags of trash collected was in their various forms of miniature bottles, beer cans, cigarettes and empty packs. We do know our tax dollars are being collected, the evidence is on the side of our roads!

The Next Adopt-A-Road (Conservation/Green Credit) will be held on a weekday, Friday – August 28, 2015 – 9a-Noon .Meet at IWLA-WAC green shed. 8 to 16 volunteers needed. Please register with Judy Riley at 301. 980.4057.

This weekday activity has been scheduled in response to the many who have asked for an alternate to a weekend time slot.

Please contact Judy Riley via email [j2 iwla-wac@verizon.net](mailto:j2_iwla-wac@verizon.net)

Or, text your Name, Phone# and Member Number to my cell **301.980.4057** (there is an issue with my voicemail, so just call back, if I miss your call please.)

Only 8-16 volunteers will be needed.

If you do volunteer, I will be counting on you to attend. Thank you.

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

One of the chain saw crews at work.(Moran)



Chipping, making mulch. Joe Carinci, (red suspenders) member since 1971 and still working for the Chapter.(Moran)



Loading the truck . Moving branches from the second tree to the chipper.(Curtis)



Guy at the top (Curtis)



Many thanks to the crew who worked on the chapter house gardens. We are overrun with creepy-crawly invasives including ground ivy, bindweed, and varied clover. Nevertheless, we have a good crop of orange butterfly weed for the monarch caterpillars and numerous flowering plants for the bees and other pollinators.

### **Conservation Awards June 22**

At the member meeting on June 22, Jim Piateski and Jeff Deschamps announced that two new members had received the Izaak Walton League Gorman Fry Conservation Award in recognition of their conservation work in the name of the league. Barry Fleming and Rodger Moran both joined in 2013 and since then have become very active with the Conservation Committee. They have used their leadership talents to establish another partnership project with MNCPPC in the Rachel Conservation Park. They will continue to lead work events at this site to assure success in increasing forest cover and reducing runoff to our local streams.

### **Upcoming Conservation Events**

**Gardens Maintenance Thursday July 23.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. Contact Meo Curtis at [meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net) if interested. Chapter provides gloves, tools, and water.

**RIFLE AND PISTOL / RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) UPDATE** (Jesse-Thomas Lim)

*Happy 4th of July! We are so proud to be a part of the most wonderful country in the world. May our country always flourish and celebrate many more years of independence. Wishing everyone United States citizen celebrate a happy and blessed independence day.*

*Let each one of us make a promise, that as long as we live, we will be good citizens of our country in the best of our capabilities and we will help America grow into a better nation with each passing day.*

A presentation was given at the June membership meeting on the NRA Refuse To Be A Victim program, Click the link below for more information about the program. We will work to post the training materials on our WAC website in the near future:

<http://home.nra.org/home/video/refuse-to-be-a-victim>

Recent FBI statistics indicate that every 23.9 seconds, someone becomes the victim of a violent crime. That's 3,615 Americans who are murdered, raped, robbed or assaulted every single day. The single most important step you can take is to refuse to become one of those victims. NRA Refuse to be a Victim seminars teach men and women safety tips and techniques for maintaining home, phone, automobile, cyber and physical security.

**Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules!**

The rules are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354 or email [alphashooter@usa.com](mailto:alphashooter@usa.com).

If at any time observed or you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

**IWLA WAC NRA Basic Pistol Training Class Update – Wendy Smith**

The next offering of the NRA Basic Pistol training class will be in September/October, 2015. Please watch for WAC special email announcements and the August newsletter announcing the registration date. Pre-registrations cannot be accommodated at this time. Registration is for WAC members (and their family members per WAC membership rules). Minors (age 12 and up) must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian the entire time. The cost of the course is \$50.00 per student payable the first day of class and includes the Maryland HQL Training portion for qualified recipients.

Our final NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens dinner and class in October/November, 2015. More information will be coming in the September newsletter.

**WALK-INS TO THE NRA CLASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**, due to NRA registration requirements.

Students must register in advance once registration is opened, as materials are ordered specifically for the class size and for student-to-instructor ratios. Classes fill up fast, don't delay registration if you are committed to taking the class. As well, we do ask that registrants kindly honor their commitment to both days of the class, as often times we have to turn away people on the wait-list and cannot fill their spots on short notice.

### **New trap program**

Photos from Introduction to trap session conducted by Tony Hess.

Keep and eye out for future classes as openings in sessions are limited .(photos by Berle Cherney)





Pictures from the Seneca Valley High Power Shoot in June.







*Note brass in the air*



**Shotgun Range Roster (Bob Cooley)**  
**August 2015**

Sat	8/1	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	8/2	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed	8/5	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	8/8	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	8/9	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	8/12	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	8/15	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	8/16	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	8/19	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	8/22	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	8/23	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson
Wed	8/26	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	8/29	Bob Cumberland, Ed Gilpin
Sun	8/30	Jay DeVan, Jeremy Dvorak

**Substitutes:**

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch, Ed Gilpin, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Roman Drews, Bill Murphy, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Hank Williams, Mike Webb,, Paul Turska, Jake Turska

**SAFETY THOUGHT**

If you SEE something, SAY something!! If you SAY something DO something!! – Robert Morgan

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**A reminder to our members**

If you joined the chapter on or before **June 2013** 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 need a work status update, email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)**

**Congratulations**

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

Connor Walsleben     Ryan Washington  
Gail Wolfe             Michael J. Wolfe  
Jerry Klinger   David W. Pitman  
Peggy Reed             Robert L. Reed  
Nicholas Hewitt       Dick Chiapparoli  
Anthony Gates         Thomas A. Downing  
Sean Falk

**Board Meeting** (Kitchen Duties)

June 3

Probationary Members: **(Regular credit)**

**John Porter and Neil Balfour**

**Veterans Appreciation Day** (Kitchen Duties)

June 5/6

Probationary Member: **(Regular credit)**

**Neil Balfour**

**Archery Class Assistant**

June 13 and 20

Probationary Member: **(Regular credit)**

**John Porter**

**Membership Dinner** (Kitchen Duties)

June 24

Probationary Members: **(Regular credit)**

**Erik Havens, Karen Engling and John Porter**

**Cowboy Set-Up**

June 26

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Michael Bennett, Chuck Limparis, Chuck Crooks, Ken Richard and Sean Falk**

Probationary Members: **(Regular credit)**

**Eric Reichard, David Clemmer, Bill Leaman, Philip Knowles and Mike Skinsacos**

**Adopt-A-Road**

June 28

Members:

**Vernon R. King and Nick Hewitt**

Probationary Members: **(Conservation credit)**

**Rodger Moran, Lawrence G. Crowson, John Porter, Manuel Perez, Jack Foley, Karen Engling, Adrienne Kane, Martin Kane, Kim Hewitt and Varria Braxton**

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

Range Maintenance (**Shot Gun/Rifle/Pistol**)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Al Goldschmidts, Billy Ramos, James Nail, Rudy Werner and Tom Peters**

Probationary Members: **(Regular credit)**

**Charles L. Dorian, Donald Waldschmidt and Steven Hefferon**

### **Garden and Tree Maintenance**

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Donna Vincenty, Connor Walsleben, Jerry Klinger and Jan Paper**

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

**Chuck Dilla, Nancy Holl, Frank Holl, Mike Vincenty, Phil Rafferty, Riley Rafferty, Vincent Burakiewicz, T.J. Atkinson, Kay Mangan and son, Neil Balfour and Marty Svrcek**

### **Green Shed and other General Maintenance**

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

**Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, John Leaman, Ryan Washington, Bruce Burgess, Joseph Smith and Wendy Smith**

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS!

IF YOU JOINED IN 2012 OR BEFORE

CHECK YOUR WORK STATUS

RENEWAL TIME **IS HERE** 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](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cooley, Judy Riley, Rodger Moran, Jesse Lim, Berle Cherney 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 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

Tim Garrity  
PO Box 1630  
Olney, MD 20830-1630