



**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**  
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## CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Chapter elections will be held at the August membership meeting 8/26/2015.

You must be a member in good standing to vote. We do have a bit of competition for the incoming group of directors. Candidates for these director positions will have an opportunity to speak prior to the election. Serving on the Board of Directors is something members should consider if they are interested in really contributing to the chapter. You must have completed your probationary period to be considered.

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

### Adopt-A-Road – (Judy Riley)

Sufficient volunteers have enlisted. No further help required at this time.

### Conservation (Meo Curtis)

The summer doldrums have kicked in. There really isn't anything in the very near future. There will be gardens maintenance on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

There will be an event at Rachel Carson in Brookville on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Barry Fleming ([barryjflem@verizon.net](mailto:barryjflem@verizon.net)) or Rodger Moran ([rodger.j.moran@gmail.com](mailto:rodger.j.moran@gmail.com)) for info and directions.

Probably the most labor intensive upcoming project is the cull of the chestnut orchard. All the trees have been inoculated with the blight to determine which trees are most resistant. The trees selected as breeding stock will remain and all others will be cut down. This will be done under the supervision of personnel from the American Chestnut Foundation and may take several days to complete. As further information becomes available you will find info in the newsletter and /or direct email.

**RIFLE AND PISTOL / RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) UPDATE** (Jesse-Thomas Lim)  
**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.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

*“Important Reminder! If you are in doubt, ask a question. That whole thing about better to beg for forgiveness than ask permission doesn't apply with guns. If there is doubt in use of our rifle and pistol ranges, if there is a misunderstanding, PLEASE ask the Rifle and pistol chairman or designated WAC Range Safety Office with an orange RSO badge”. Jesse-Thomas Lim*

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

The WAC RSO Committee would like to highlight the following safety rule:

**Safety rule 17.** Firearms which are not in use shall be stored appropriately behind the shooting position. Firearms stored in the range racks shall be unloaded with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available.

This means the shooter may only have one firearm on the shooting line at a time. All others are to appropriately store behind the shooting position.

Additional safe gun handling rules that should ALWAYS be practiced every time one is shooting:

**Watch where you point the muzzle of the FIREARM (muzzle control).** Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle **at all times** by pointing it in a safe direction. This means:

- Always keep the firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A “safe direction” means that the gun is pointed so that even if an accidental discharge occurred, it would NOT result in injury. Pointed downrange at all time and muzzle-up when removing from bench for proper storage.
- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot. When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don't touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.**
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use. Whenever you pick up a gun, such as when removing it from or returning it to storage, remember to point it in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded.
- **Be sure you know how your firearm operates: read the manual on your firearm, know how to safely open and close the action of the firearm and know how to safely remove any ammunition from the firearm and its magazine.**
- Know your target and what's beyond it.

**CONDUCT Rule# 18 . We will conduct a strict audit and observe any member using the rifle and pistol ranges for prohibited training and certification activity outside of the WAC sanctioned training programs.**

- **Rule# 18.** No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

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.

**Range's Tipper Corner:** REMINDER: NO RIFLE CARTRIDGES ALLOWED at all time on our pistol ranges (covered or uncovered) Firearm's rules highlight:

**Firearms Rule #6.** Handguns in traditional center fire rifle calibers must be shot on the rifle range. Other handguns are prohibited on the rifle range, except when firing at targets beyond 50 yards.

**Firearms Rule #8.** All handguns with handgun caliber ammunition are permitted on the covered and uncovered pistol ranges.

A: Pistol-caliber carbines (long guns firing handgun ammunition) are permitted on the covered pistol range, uncovered pistol range and rifle range.

B: Acceptable ammunition calibers include: all rim fire, 30 M1 Carbine, .32 ACP, .327, 357 Magnum, 38 Special, .380, 9mm Luger, 40 S&W, 10mm, 44 Special, 44 Magnum, 44-40 Winchester, 45 ACP, 45 Colt, 5.7, and .460/ .500 (S&W). If you do not see the caliber listed, please contact the Rifle and Pistol Chairperson.

C: All rifles and rifle carbines are allowed on the rifle range as well as shotguns firing solid slugs.

D: Handguns may only be fired at the 75 and 100 yard targets on the rifle range.

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

The next offering of the NRA Basic Pistol training class will be September 19 and October, 11, 2015. This is a two day class, students must attend the first class as a pre-requisite to the October 11<sup>th</sup> class.

A special WAC email announcement will be sent announcing the registration on/about September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 on October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. More information will be coming in the September newsletter. Registration requirements are the same as above and will be announced in early October.

**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.

## **Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)**

### **September, 2015**

Wed 9/2 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet  
Sat 9/5 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green  
Sun 9/6 Stephen Meyers Jeremy Dvorak  
Wed 9/9 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson  
Sat 9/12 Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian  
Sun 9/13 Hank Williams, Mike Webb  
Wed 9/16 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon  
Sat 9/19 Bill Murphy, Roman Drews  
Sun 9/20 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch  
Wed 9/23 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward  
Sat 9/26 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert  
Sun 9/27 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson  
Wed 9/29 Debbi Perry, Gerhard Bartsch

#### **Substitues:**

Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin, Paul Fisher, Greg Myers, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before August **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.

Steven Tiner	Audrey Duley
Judah Organic	Karen L. Engling
John Poole	Marty Svrcek

Joe Winters

**Board of Directors Meeting** (Kitchen Duties)

July 1

Probationary Member: (Regular credit)

John Porter

**Archery Class Assistant**

July 11

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

John Porter and David Lane

**Archery Class Assistant**

July 18

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

John Porter and David Lane

**Membership Dinner**

July 22

Member: Adrian Jackman

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Brian Mastro, Erik Havens and Neil Balfour

**Gardens Maintenance**

July 23

Members:

Karl Krchma and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

John Ahrens, Matthew Newcomer, Melissa Dilla, T.J. Atkinson and Megan Newcomer

**Cowboy Set-Up**

July 24

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Jim Bourdon and

Ray Cameron

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Judah Organic, Donald Koss, Brian Mastro, Jerry Schmidt, Jeffrey T. Adcock, Philip Knowles, William Leaman and Denis Armbruster

**Conservation Project**

July 24

Probationary Member (Conservation credit)

Steve Tines

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

July 26

Range Maintenance (Shot Gun/Rifle/Pistol)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John Leaman, Bud Gates, Nick Hewitt, James Nail, Byron Susinno, Joe Forsha, Billy Ramos, Dale Buschling, Carl Newcomer, Jay DeVan, Ryan Washington, Mark McKeivitt and Bill Murphy

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

Mark Lattner, James Lattner, Anthony Loretta, David Stout, Erin Stout, Jeremy Dvorak, Donald Waldschmidt, Megan Newcomer, Charlie Dorian, John Porter and Neil Balfour

General area clean-up

Chuck Crooks, Adrian Jackman, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Joe Pauley, Carl Coakley,

Probationary Members: (Regular credit)

David Clemmer, Philip Knowles and John Kavanagh

**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 Steve Olsen, Judy Riley, Jesse Lim 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.

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