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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Last Call for IWLA WAC 2016 Membership Renewals – Please Send Payment Immediately

Several members still need to pay their 2016 membership dues and time is getting short to make payment in a timely manner and maintain your ability to use our ranges and other facilities. You must have a 2016 Range Access Card by January 1st to use our ranges and an electronic key card to gain access to the chapter house and range road. It takes substantial time and labor to process membership renewals and end of year payments compete with family, holiday and professional requirements for time and attention.

You are strongly urged to make payment to IWLA WAC immediately and send it to Tim Garrity as noted below so you get your range card in time. Members that have not paid by December 31 will have their membership expire and key cards deactivated. Please pay the amount listed below for your membership type.

- Individual members owe \$135
- Family members owe \$205
- Members in default of their probation add \$60 to the amount due to a failure to complete the required service projects. Contact Nick Giuliano (nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) if you are unsure if this applies to you.
- Amounts due are different for student members, youth members and life members. Contact me if your membership falls under one of these categories and you are uncertain of the amount you still owe.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Members will not receive their 2016 Range Access Card or membership card until we have their email address in our membership records. Email-based membership renewal processes implemented this year save time, postage and the environment. Sending out 1,500 paper bills is time intensive, expensive, kills trees and wastes energy by pushing a lot of paper around. Be sure you provide your preferred email address(es) to stay in touch with chapter activities, including future renewal membership notices.

2016 IWLA WAC Range Access Cards and Membership Cards

In order to get 2016 Range Access Cards to members sooner than later, they are being mailed as soon as possible after receiving renewal payments. Members no longer have to wait the approximately 4-6 weeks after receipt of payment while IWLA National completes processing of your renewal and creates your membership card. This change in process also means you will not receive your 2016 membership card in the mail as this would incur substantial additional processing delays and postage costs.

Members who pay their dues by November 15th will be able to get their 2016 membership cards at the chapter house on January 1st. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is

mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let me know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card. Disregard this message if you already made arrangements to get it.

If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please let Tim Garrity know by sending an E-mail to him at membership@iwlawac.org

2016 Range Access Card Design

The design for this year's range access card features a four-month-old, black lab mix posing with a wooden duck decoy. He was found abandoned at 12-weeks old in Southern VA and taken to a regional animal shelter. He received excellent care and was in great shape. However, he remained in the dog pound for six weeks without finding a home. Lucky Dog Animal Rescue (LDAR) found him and our family adopted him from LDAR this spring. We named him Buddy and gave him to our youngest son as a birthday gift. Buddy has grown from 40 pounds to 80 pounds and become an integral part of our family. I hope dog lovers, duck hunters and everybody will enjoy wearing their "Buddy Badge."

Shotgun Range Badge Designation

Range access badges that have the member number in parenthesis indicate the successful completion of shotgun range certification. The "shotgun" sticker is only intended for use during the year the test was passed.

I hope you are enjoying your membership and will contact me if you need anything related to it.

Tim Garrity
IWLA WAC Membership Chairman
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Game Dinner coming up (Chuck Limparis)

It's Almost Wild Game Dinner Time! Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 23 January 2016 and it will be here before you know it. Tickets are \$20.00 each and went on sale starting at the October Dinner meeting, this Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015. Some tickets will also be available at the Shotgun Range House, the BOD Meetings, and at future Membership Dinner Meetings. We are limited by the capacity of the building to 150 tickets so don't wait till the last minute to get yours as we usually sell out early. In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning alternate dining choices for those who prefer their game Domesticated.

Auction items have begun to appear but we are always looking for additional items so check your basements, your garages, your gun safes (Hint, Hint!), for any items that you wish to donate. Items can be left downstairs behind the bar and tagged with the donation stickers hanging on the wall by the door to the office. Please make arrangements with the committee chair, Chuck Limparis, for larger items or items you do not want to leave in the open. We ask that you refrain from donating exercise equipment or old computer hardware as we usually end up having it hauled away.

We are trying a new system this year for those who wish a donation receipt as the last system was a dismal failure. If you want a donation receipt, please email a list of the donated items to the committee chairman, Chuck Limparis at CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com and you will be sent a donation receipt as soon as the items are logged into the system.

If you have Wild Game you would like to donate, it can be left in the downstairs freezer, or brought to the kitchen on meeting nights, but please inform either Chuck Limparis or the kitchen staff of the donation so that it can be properly stored in the kitchen freezers. Game must be marked as to what it is, when it was taken, where it was taken and who donated it. If it is not properly marked, we cannot use it.

While we never know what will be donated until the last minute, once again there will be six weeks available at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, www.PortLargoVillas.Org. The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am. These weeks have been popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to escape the winter weather and relax in the Florida Keys, and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is awesome with water temps around 86 degrees.

Friday, 25 Mar 2016 - Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - MCPS Spring Break

Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - Friday, 08 Apr 2016

Friday, 08 Apr 2016 - Friday, 15 Apr 2016

Friday, 15 Apr 2016 - Friday, 22 Apr 2016

Friday, 12 Aug 2016 - Friday, 19 Aug 2016

Friday, 19 Aug 2016 - Friday, 26 Aug 2016

So, come on out, buy your tickets, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!!

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

PHOTOS FROM PIGTAIL. Group photo—note our logo on the truck! Repairing and collecting broken cages and cages from dead trees for possible reuse was on the agenda. Ron Baklarz is third from left, back row in the group photo and standing left in the second photo. See his comments below.





Conservation Year In Review (Meo Curtis)

Hello all,

Thanks to all those who helped organize and to the many who participated in the Chapter's Conservation work this year. I really enjoyed meeting so many hard workers, being able to discuss our conservation activity goals, and in turn hearing great suggestions and ideas for making some things easier.

Our on-site Chapter gardens maintenance continued to keep our pollinator gardens and other flowering areas from being overgrown by viny, thorny, and otherwise unwelcome invasive plants. Our Watershed Clean Ups and Adopt A Road work days prevented 117 bags of trash, 16 car tires, and loads of miscellaneous discarded items including furniture, toys, remodeling debris, and even a toilet and toilet tank from ending up in our local waterways.

Our off-site partnership reforestation projects, including MNCPPC Brookeville-Reddy Branch and Rachel Carson Park sites and the WSSC Pigtail Recreation area, continue to receive high praise from those agencies who rely on volunteer support to meet their long-term restoration goals. These are not 'one and done' kinds of projects—they require years of maintenance commitment to assure successful survivorship. At the Brookeville-Reddy Branch site, this year we began removing deer browse and deer rub protection from trees planted in 2009--they are now tall enough and large enough to no longer need it!

Make sure to check the 2016 calendar for the many conservation credit work available next year (including a number that are not on weekends) and plan ahead. Don't wait until you get the reminder from the Membership Secretary about renewal dues and then try to register for the last remaining event for that year. There is not a lot of sympathy here for an email that begins 'I must register for tomorrow's work event because I need a conservation credit before the end of this year.' In respect for your fellow probationary members, if you register for an event but then

realize you can't make it, please let the organizer know as soon as possible because we usually have a wait-list of people.

And, come to the Conservation Committee meetings (1st Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.) to share your ideas for expanding our conservation activities or to propose alternate conservation credit work. The Committee has a good budget for activities so we have the financial capital but we need more human capital!

Brookeville Tree Maintenance Evolves (2009-2015) (Jeff Deschamps)

On Saturday October 17 we had 14 chapter members, two children of a member, and Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC out at our Brookeville (Reddy Branch) site. We have been working on this site since 2009 – this is our seventh year! Many things have changed since we started. In the first year the chapter supplied trees and labor to plant them and MNCPPC provided tree protection (see photo in article Conservation Year In Review). We continued to visit this site twice a year to keep invasive plants from overtaking the trees we planted.

After MNCPPC worked out a land swap we began to work on the back of the property. When we visited the site with Katherine to plan how many trees we wanted for the first planting we found many nice seedlings coming up where we needed them. So rather than buy trees we used what was on site. Another thing that changed somewhere along the way was the kind of protection we put around the trees. For that first planting we used an open hard plastic mesh about 5 inches in diameter. MNCPPC discovered that deer could lift this up, damaging the lower branches, and rub against the tree so we switched to wire cages. We still use those cages today and have used them to 'save' many volunteer trees that came up on the site, usually 50 or more at each visit.

The way this project has evolved has been exciting... this October rather than adding cages to new trees, we began to remove cages from some of the trees planted early on. Although it might sound like we are done, there is still much to do at Brookeville. We will continue to do battle with the invasive plants, cage new trees, and now remove cages from trees that no longer need protection from deer. All this was only possible with the help of many chapter members and working with MNCPPC.

PHOTOS from Brookeville-Reddy Branch. 2009 Planting Day in the cold rain—that's me in orange. 10/17/2015 work day—Katherine Nelson from MNCPPC tells us this tree is big enough to do without cage protection.



WSSC Pigtail Tree Maintenance 11/14/2015 (Ron Baklarz)

This last weekend, I participated in the WSSC tree maintenance conservation project. As a new member, I appreciate the camaraderie of fellow Ikes and the opportunity in some small way to "make a difference" as the saying goes. I also appreciate the fact that projects such as this exposed me to areas of our beautiful Maryland countryside that I had never experienced. As I traveled only 30 minutes from my home to the "Pig Tail Recreation Area" (part of the Triadelphia Reservoir) on the crisp, beautiful autumn morning, I passed miles of sun-drenched woods, fields and farmland. For me, taking in these views erased the busyness and cares of the week that tend to consume our lives and minds. I am looking forward to the next conservation project to see where that path may lead.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

January, 2016

Sat	1/2	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	1/3	Stephen Meyers, Steve Rowcroft
Sat	1/9	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	1/10	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	1/16	Bill Murphy, Roman Drews
Sun	1/17	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	1/23	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	1/24	Paul Turska, Paul Turska
Sat	1/30	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	1/31	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin,

Greg Myers, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, George King,

Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli, Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan

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

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They 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. REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone.

Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times

RSO Tips: Guidelines for properly using the shooting bench's wood block-rest with sand bag or without sand bag:

When using a wood block-rest with or without sandbag for rifle or pistol, zeroing in a newly added scope or testing the best bullet for your rifle, what is one of the most important factors in this equation?

For those of you that are thinking, holding the gun perfectly still while shooting, are correct. It is IMPORTANT that you have the muzzle extended approximately 6-8 inches away pointing down range from the wood block-rest, ensuring the muzzle clears the sand bag and/or block-rest. It is equally beneficial to follow this when one is shooting a long gun. Failure to follow this will result in damage to the sandbag and/or block-rest.

Recent Shooting Events Recap:

The December Bowling Pin Fun Shoot and the “Tom Riley .22 fun shoot” events had an excellent turn out. Our member and their children setup the targets on the rifle range with lots of fun walking the 50 and 100 yards placing the clay birds and falling plates for the .22 Fun Shoot. It was a beautiful perfect day for family fun and shooting. The .22 Fun Shoot event also closed with grilled burgers and hotdogs by GRILL master - Jesse Lim, chairman of rifle and pistol. Jesse thanks each and every one whom attended our FY 2015 shooting events and appreciates everyone following our rifle and pistol range’s safety and conduct rules.



Watch the newsletters and club calendar in 2016 for special ladies-only shooting events and other ladies events, as our WAC First Vice President, Cherie Aker, has expressed a strong interest in developing and focusing more time on these kinds of events. Please stay tuned in early 2016 for more information.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **November** 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**

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Darwin D. Ebeling	Ed Shifflett
Jeff Kordenbrock	John S. Kinzer
Thomas L. Stevens	Mark Anderson
Michael K. Meyers	

Pigtail Recreation Center Tree Maintenance

11/14/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Riley Rafferty and Jim Piatetski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Tom Stevens, Mike Krieger Meyers, Ron Baklarz, Darwin Ebeling, Tim Andreadis, Kim Andreadis and Phil Rafferty

Board of Directors Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Neil Balfour

Chapter Maintenance Day

11/15/2015

(Ranges and General Maintenance)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Robert Mongelluzzo, Billy Ramos, John Cianflone, Paul Largent, John Leaman, Harold Dean Elliott and Richard DeRiso

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mark Anderson, Michael Meyers,

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Bobby Mongelluzzo, John Logun, Carolea Logun, Jeremy Dvorak and Kelly Dvorak

Membership Dinner (Kitchen/dining room duties)

11/18/2015

Members and Family:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks and Adrian Jackman
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Neil Balfour and John Porter

Cowboy Setup

11/27/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Paul Bluteau, Tom Ouellette and Ed DeSantis

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Steve Emerick, Dave Ruffner, Ron Colbert, Steve Chesler, John Kinzer and Alex Cummins

Cowboy Clean Up

11/28/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Dennis Price, Ron Kolber and Tom Ouellette

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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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 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:

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