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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLE

Please read!

Despite repeated attempts to explain the probationary period, it seems that some members don't understand.

You must complete two events in each of the first two years of your membership. At least one of these events each year must be a conservation event. Please read the section at the end of the newsletter about determining your status if you are in doubt as to your situation.

Membership Approves Dues Increase for 2017

IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC) members approved a membership dues increase at the August 24th membership meeting. The proposed increase goes into effect for the 2017 membership year. IWLA WAC members will see the following changes in rates to renew their membership:

- Individual member dues would increase from \$135 to \$145.
- Family member dues would increase from \$205 to \$220.
- Student member dues would increase from \$40 to \$45.
- Youth member dues would increase from \$30 to \$32.

Your overall membership dues include support for our Chapter, the Maryland State Division, and the National organization. Those with a lifetime membership to the IWLA National organization will not see any dues increase.

The increase simply represents passing along a rate increase in the National portion of your dues that was approved by delegates attending the National Convention in July. It reflects challenges with IWLA National finances which have suffered from declining revenue for the past five years. National successfully reduced its expenses over the past few years, but needs additional revenue to strengthen the league for the future. It will use the revenue increase to:

- Enhance the visibility of the League at all levels (i.e., local, state, national),
- Add staff to support chapters and members; and,
- Increase advocacy on conservation and outdoor recreation policy.

If you have any related questions, contact Membership Secretary Adol Owen-Williams II at membership@iwlawac.org

NEW RANGE POLICY Effective January 1, 2017 -- Visitor Badges

Starting on January 1, 2017 WAC members who bring their family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC visitor badge. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that must be visibly worn at all times by family and other guests. Visitor badges will be distributed with members' 2017 range access cards after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.



Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent will not change each year. Members should retain their visitor badges as long as they remain members. Lost visitor badges will be replaced for a cost of \$10. Visitor badges will be printed with the member's name and ID number. The member must be present with the guests that are using their visitor cards.

Adult Airgun

The Adult Airgun Program is up and running for the 2016-17 season. Blow the dust off your springer or pump action gun and put a few rounds of lead down range. We're welcoming back our regulars and our old friends we haven't seen in a while. 7:00pm every Monday night in the Rathskeller. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Shoot straight,

Jim Pachulski [\(202\) 487-6237](tel:2024876237)

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

15 members plus Katherine Nelson from the MNCPPC came out on Sunday October 16 to do maintenance on trees in the Hawlings watershed just outside of Brookeville. This is one of our long term projects and it is gratifying to see how the site has evolved over time. Trees that we planted years ago are now large enough that they no longer need protection from the deer. I don't think anyone that was there that day will forget the number of hitchhikers we picked up while working.



Saturday October 29 was a beautiful autumn day for the Fall Watershed Clean Up. 29 members showed up to help remove over 25 bags of trash, 5 tires, and miscellaneous junk from roads near the Chapter. The Watershed Clean Up held in April is our largest clean up of the year. While the Fall Watershed Clean Up isn't as big we still serve lunch to everyone that participates. Once again Jose Scoseria provided a tasty hearty lunch for all those that stayed to the end.



Eight chapter members came out on Sunday October 23 to do maintenance on trees at the Pigtail Recreation Area on Triadelphia reservoir. In addition to removing invasive vines that could kill the trees we replace rebar stakes with ones made of oak. This was requested by WSSC. We also

removed some Bradford pears. Once planted as street trees these are now considered invasive and not desirable.





WSSC YOUTH AND WOMEN HUNT DAYS: The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is sponsoring hunt days on their property specifically for youth and women. Upcoming days are Saturday November 12 in the T. Howard Duckett (Rocky Gorge) watershed and on Saturday December 3 in the Triadelphia watershed. The hunters will be assigned tree stands. Allowed firearms include shotguns only (no muzzleloaders), rifled slug, or sabot ammunition. All managed hunts end at 11:00 a.m. and hunters must sign out at Brighton Dam regardless of success. *Applications for groups of four or less on the same day will be accepted.* The Deer Hunt application is available directly from Eddie Franceschi, Watershed Manager, at (301) 206-7488 or manageddeerhunts@wsscwater.com.

More information is available online at:

https://www.wsscwater.com/files/live/sites/wssc/files/Deer%20Hunts/Deer_Hunt_Information_2016.pdf.

To participate in the program, all hunters must have the following:

- Valid Maryland hunting license;
- Maryland or other State Hunter Safety Certification. The Certification does not need to be included with application if it was previously submitted to WSSC. *The Pre-1977 exemption is not acceptable for WSSC hunts.*
- Current Maryland or equivalent shooter qualification certificate.
- WSSC Watershed use permit if over 16 and under 65 years of age (\$6 per day or \$70 per year) and
- 2016 WSSC Deer Hunt Application.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

December 2016

Sat 12/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 12/ Mark Gay, Dan Cimbor
Sat 12/10 Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick
Sun 12/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat 12/17 Murray Welsh, Adam Buynak, Kim Buynak,
Sun 12/18 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Sat 12/24 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun 12/25 CLOSED
Sat 12/31 Rodger Moran

Substitutes:

Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green,
Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,
Robin Dixon, Frank Bis, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update –(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 the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, 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. Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest not signing in will be asked to immediately leave the club grounds and considered as trespassing.

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.

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Safety warning:

Any WAC shooter violating the any posted warning, safety and conduct rules AT A MINIMUM will receive a citation, have their range card suspended pending an investigation and required to re-attend the range orientation class.

All WAC Range-approved members are Range Officers and are responsible for being aware of and reporting any range conduct/safety violations to the Rifle and Pistol Chairman email to alphashooter@usa.com.

Please also utilize your self-awareness at any point in time relative to Maryland's gun possession laws and restrictions. Please report any suspicious activity to the Rifle and Pistol Chairman. Subject to some exceptions, possession of "assault weapons" is generally prohibited in Maryland. Additionally, Maryland's prohibited person categories for possession of firearms are more extensive than federal law.

Maryland's gun possession laws and restrictions of a firearm or ammunition is prohibited by any person who: Has been convicted of a disqualifying crime; Has been convicted of a violation classified as a common law crime and received a term of imprisonment of more than 2 years; Is a fugitive from justice; Is a habitual drunkard; Is addicted to a controlled substance or is a habitual user; Suffers from a mental disorder and has a history of violent behavior against himself or another person; Has been found incompetent to stand trial; Has been found not criminally responsible; Has been voluntarily admitted for more than 30 consecutive days to a facility for a mental disorder; Has been involuntarily committed to a facility for a mental disorder; Is under the protection of court appointed guardian, unless the guardian was appointed solely for a physical disability; Is a respondent against whom a current non ex parte protective order has been entered under; or is 30 years old or younger and has been adjudicated delinquent by a juvenile court for an act that would be a disqualifying crime if committed by an adult.

A person who moves into the state must have all handguns and "assault weapons" registered with the Secretary within 90 days after establishing residency. A person who is subject to a firearms disqualification as a result of an adjudication or commitment that occurred in the state MAY be authorized to possess a firearm if: the person is not subject to another firearms restriction, the Health Department (in accordance with this section) determines that the person MAY possess a firearm, a person who seeks relief from a firearms disqualification shall file an application with the Health Department in the form and manner set by the Health Department. Ref:

<https://www.nrila.org/gun-laws/state-gun-laws/maryland/>

And <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/pages/faqs.aspx>

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **November 2014** 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 TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Bill Nicholson	Neil K. Balfour
John P. Logun	Lawrence George Crowson
Carolea Logun	Leslie Ann Harrelson
Ronald E. Hilton	Philip L. Goldberg
Steve Sweeney	Cameron Ray
Peter Nowak	

Brookeville Tree Maintenance

11/16/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jim Piatetski, Vince Burakiewicz, Jeff Deschamps, Ted Boone, Regina Yuengling and Katherine Nelson

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Adrian Liebel, Glen Weston, Jim Funk, Jody Heming-Powell, Ken Benjamin, Philip Goldberg, Ron Hilton, Philip Yuengling and Steven Linberg

Cowboy Set-up

10/21/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, George Hughes, Philip Knowles, Tom Preston, Lee Trunnell and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Larry Emswiler, Mario Skiadopoulos and Carmen **Peluso**

Pigtail Tree Maintenance

10/23/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jim Piatetski, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and Pat Riley

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Victor Cascella, Graig Hanson, Cathy Rawlings, Mario Skiadopoulos, Steve Sweeney and Mike Wonsala

Cops and Cowboys Set-up

10/28/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Limparis, Bill Gazdik and Philp Knowles

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

William Richbourg, Tom Preston, Karl Plitt, Frank Early and Cameron Ray

Fall Clean Up

10/29/2016

Robert Buschling, Karl Krchma, Arthur Paholski, John Cianflone, Chris Ogene, Nora Ogene, Ken Lefebvre, Jose Scoseria, Nicole Felton, Jacob Hurley, Jim Piatieski and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Erik Mettler, Vincent Burakiewicz, Alan Burrows, Ronald Hilton, Doug Myers, Bill Blinkhorn, Joe Felton, Philip Goldberg, Alan Knowlton, David Hurley, Dan Lewis, Jim Linn, Steve Rabil, David Edwards and Brittany Lefebvre

Chapter Maintenance Day (mostly range work)

10/30/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, Tom Ouellette, Frank Early, Dean Elliott, Robert Buschling, Lee Cassio, Dakotah Merson, Rodger Moran and Billy Ramos

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

David Hurley, Ronald Hilton, Dan Radzykewycz, Nancy Holl, Frank Holl, John Logun and Carolea Logun

Peter Nowak (Conservation Credit)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski 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 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 Piatieski 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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