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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Fellow Ikes,

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter is pleased to announce a CPR/AED class to be held August 3 from 7:00PM – 9:30PM in the Chapter Upper Hall.

The cost for this class is \$65.00 payable on the evening of the class.

Please email porter253@aol.com to register. Registration is open to members and family but limited to 20 students per class.

We will be working on the tile floor so be sure to bring something to kneel on.



Recent CPR class

Proposed Bylaw change

In an effort to ease the transition of a BOD change following elections, The BOD has approved changing the annual meeting (when the new BOD is sworn in) from September to December. This would allow a three month period for the training on incoming members, especially in key positions like membership secretary and treasurer. All other dated in the election process and voting would remain the same.

Old verbiage;
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Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Upcoming Chapter Conservation Events

Rain Barrel Sales. If you would like a Rain Barrel to capture and store rooftop runoff, we have a limited number of barrels left available at our cost, \$60. This includes all parts needed for connection to your downspout. The remaining barrels will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE** for pick up at General Membership or Board of Directors meetings. First come, first served. To find out about availability, contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

Sunday July 30. Christmas Tree Maintenance. 9:00 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.

Friday August 11-Saturday August 19. Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg. Help out at the IWLA tent for conservation credit. Contact Don or Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com or at 301-946-4795 if interested in working a shift.

Adopt-A-Road Friday August 25

Up to 16 volunteers are needed 9:30-Noon. We meet at the green maintenance shed. We work unless there is pouring rain or lightning. We plan to cover Mullinix Mill and Long Corner from 108 to the River on both roads. Please pre-register with Judy Riley (301) 980-0457 (call or text) please provide your full name, contact numbers and member# or email the same to j2_iwla-wac@verizon.net

The June 16th Adopt-A-Road was manned by "Team Awesome" who collected eleven 30-gallon bags of litter from Mullinix Mill (108 to the river) and Long Corner from 108 to the red-gated farm (almost to the river.)

Both roads yielded the habits of our Americana and included empty cigarette packs, water and beer cans/bottles (many were used as spittoons for chewing tobacco.) Apparently Bud & Bud Light are quite popular amongst those who litter our highways. Another interesting find was cut-up-wire fencing with old ties.

My hat is off to this diligent team of awesome volunteers.
Thank you!



Conservation Committee Web Site

We're using a free site so this is not structured as a be-all and end-all site, but rather a concise presentation of Conservation Committee goals, partnerships, and upcoming events and activities. Under the 'About Us' tab, we have background on our ongoing conservation work projects including Christmas trees, chapter gardens, and the three off-site reforestation projects—Pigtail Recreation Area in Howard County and Rachel Carson and Reddy Branch Parks in Montgomery County. We have a new page about honeybees and other pollinators--
<https://wacconservation.wordpress.com/will-honeybees-have-a-sweet-future/>

The direct link to copy into (and bookmark on) your browser is:
wacconservation.wordpress.com. You can also go to the Chapter web page (damascusiwla.org) and click on the link from the home page.

Facebook Our Chapter and the Maryland Division both have Facebook pages to highlight events and news related to our Chapter and to the State activities. You must have a Facebook account in order to view these pages. Each page has one or more moderators who review and approve pending posts before these can appear to the general public.

Direct links:

Chapter: [facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/](https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/)

Division: [facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/)

Montgomery County Weed Warriors

Do you know folks who are interested in becoming Weed Warriors and help keep invasive plants from taking over our natural areas in Montgomery County? The training program is back up and running for the Spring and the registration system is now open. Here are the upcoming May and June dates:

Wednesday, June 21st from 3:30-5:30pm in Rockville

More summer dates will be posted soon. Current Weed Warriors looking for a refresher course are welcome too! Spread the word about these trainings, and, if you know folks who are interested in attending, please direct them to sign up at:

<https://mcp.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=1491&class=OppDetails&oppGuid={96D47C03-F5A0-E9D2-0EF9-26D4CFBE86A9}&t=Weed-Warrior-Certification-Training>.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

August, 2017

Wed 8/2 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 8/5 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 8/6 Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora

Wed 8/9 Ron Roberson
Sat 8/12 Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick
Sun 8/13 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 8/16 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat 8/19 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun 8/20 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 8/23 Charlie Mello
Sat 8/26 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 8/27 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed 8/30 Debbie Perry, Jim Shay

Substitutes:

Jim Arnold, Gerhard Bartsch, Larry Buck, Roman Drews, Jeremy Dvorak, Gary Green,
Joel Gross, Keith Kosian, Rodger Moran, Tim Mulreany, Steve Myers, Bob Poth, Jim
Shay, Bob Shelley, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Murray Welsh, Hank Williams,

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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**Sunday
August 27, 2017**

Proceeds to

Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited



No Pre-Registration

Open to the Public

Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**2 rounds
Skeet or Trap**

**Lunch and Event
Hat or Towel**

\$30

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update – (John Porter)

Rifle and Pistol Committee

Upcoming Events.

Saturday 7/15: Tom Riley 22 Fun Shoot 10:00 - 2:00 on the Rifle Range

Saturday 7/29: Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 8:30 – 2:00 on the Rifle Range

Sunday 7/30: Rifle/Pistol Range Cleanup 9:00AM

Saturday 8/5: Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00- 2:00 on the Uncovered Pistol Range.

Saturday 8/5: Practical Defense Holster Clinic 2:00-3:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall

Saturday 8/12: NRA Refuse To Be A Victim 8:00AM-3:00PM Upstairs Chapter Hall
Open to all IWLA/WAC members and family – Free-



Recent Bullseye Match

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol 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.damascusiwa.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.

Rifle and pistol "Guest Identification Badges". 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 and guest are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Safety warning:

Shooting steel targets is restricted at WAC to specialized events (cowboy shoots, bowling pin shoots or practical defense) and/or per the safety requirements listed below. Even then, shooting at steel targets carries the risk of ricochet or lead-splatter.

Please refer to the following sections of the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules:

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.

12. Homemade target frames and metal targets must be approved by the Rifle/Pistol Committee Chairman or a designated representative before use on the Chapter ranges.

13. The target being fired upon must be directly in front of the firing point. Shooters must ensure that only one target is in the line of fire. Each shot must be discharged in a controlled manner so as to ensure that it hits the target and no bullets leave the range area.

14. Steel targets must be placed at least 25 yards from the firing line and directly in front of the earth bank backstops.

15. Only unjacketed lead or frangible bullets in the correct caliber for the target are permitted for use on steel targets. 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.

Possession 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.

Happy Belated 4th of July - Independence day ! Cheers

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **JULY 2015** 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 are not sure as to your status, Email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

CONGRATULATIONS **TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER**

The following probationary member has Successfully completed his probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Martin Kane

Gardens Maintenance Day

6/16/2017

Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Troy Tippett, Adrienne Kane, Michael DeVillo, and Steve Zobel

Thunder Valley Days; (Wranglers for the day)

6/20/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

John Porter, Rick Clearwater, Paul Bluteau, Dale Buschling, John Merson, Tom Ogle, Don Birtch, and Chuck Crooks

Thunder Valley Days; (Wranglers for the day)

6/21/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Dan Leaman, Judy Leaman, and Chuck Crooks

Thunder Valley Days; (Wranglers for the day)

6/22/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

John Porter, Riley Rafferty, Phil Rafferty, Tom Preston, Joe Carinci, and Chuck Crooks

Thunder Valley Days; (Wranglers for the day)

6/23/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Riley Rafferty, Phil Rafferty, John Porter, Judy Riley, and Chuck Crooks

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Kat O'Connor

Thunder Valley Days; (Clean Up)

6/24/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Stephen Elko, Brian White
Darlene White along with Nick, Chuck, and
Paul

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Richard Fulton and Cerole Shaffer

Shotgun Range Maintenance Day

6/25/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Mike Wonsala, Donald Koss, A. Young,
Rodger Moran, and Stephen Meyers

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

6/25/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Dale Buschling, Jeremy Rutter,
Al Goldschmidts, Frank D. Early, Joe Smith,
Joe Pauley, and Carl Coakley

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mindy Goldsborough, Al Goldsborough, and
Ivy Huang

Christmas Tree Maintenance

6/25/2017

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Lee Cascio

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski 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, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting 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 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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