



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

For the first time, I attended the IWLA 2018 National Convention in Fredericksburg, Virginia. I wasn't sure what to expect – but I quickly learned that IWLA convention was an opportunity to share new ideas and learn about the importance of conservation. I was impressed by the determination and dedication of the convention attendees for conservation. As IWLA members we pledge to strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources. We all need to be “defenders of soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife” so we can continue enjoying the beauty of nature.

Clean Water Challenge launched at the 2017 National Convention is to monitor water quality at 100,000 more stream sites by IWLA's 100th anniversary in 2022. There was progress – but not enough. We need more people to get involved by adopting a stream near your home. Conduct a stream clean-up and monitor the water quality. Take a “selfie” of your stream - document and share your success. Send your selfies to www.streamselfie.org

There are resources to learn how to monitor water quality.

Training Request Form: www.iwla.org/trainingrequest

Clean Water Challenge Toolkit: www.iwla.org/toolkit

Save Our Streams (SOS) is part of the Clean Water Challenge. Our own WAC IWLA Chapter – SOS committee chairperson Stephen Meyer could assist and train you. If you are interested in learning more about Save our Streams – please email Stephen Meyer at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com

I also wanted to mention upcoming events:

- Refuse to be a Victim. This event is FREE and all WAC members are invited to attend Saturday August 11th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Adopt a Road & WAC Garden Maintenance –Friday 24th Volunteers are asked to meet @ the Green Shed at 8:30 a.m. for Garden Maintenance and 9:00 a.m. for Adopt a Road
- WAC Club/Grounds, Xmas Trees, and Range Maintenance – Sunday 26th. Please meet at the Green Shed at 9:00 a.m. We really need your help to maintain our club and ranges.

The Montgomery County Fair starts Friday August 10th and continues until Saturday August 18th. I have volunteered to man the IWLA booth on Thursday 16th - stop by and say hello. If you too would like to volunteer for the IWLA booth – please contact Don or Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com

Take Care,
Cherie Aker

Be Prepared: 2019 Membership Renewal Process Starting Soon

The motto of the Boy Scouts of America “Be Prepared” comes to mind as the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter begins the annual membership renewals process for calendar year 2019. You are asked to contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org right away if your contact information has changed within the past 12 months.

- Street address:
- City, State, Zip Code:
- Preferred phone number(s):
- Preferred email address(es):

Membership renewal notices are expected to go out within a few weeks and it is vital your information is current. Email is the primary communications channel, so be sure to let Tim know if your address has changed or if you have additional addresses to include. To reduce postage costs, and minimize the use of paper and fossil fuels, invoices will be sent via email to the greatest extent possible. Paper-based renewal forms will be sent to those that do not have email accounts.

Here is what else you are asked to do to facilitate the renewals process:

- Add the email addresses membership@iwlawac.org and IzaakWaltonWAC@iwlwac.org to your list of safe (or approved) senders so related messages do not get filtered out as spam mail.
- When you receive your invoice, send a check or money order (payable to IWLA) for the full amount by the preferred November 1 due date to the address listed on the invoice. Partial payments will not be accepted and returned.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

Complete Probationary Work Requirements

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end year of each of the first two years of their membership. Two work projects must be performed each year and at least one of them each period must be of conservation nature. The chapter calendar includes a comprehensive list of activities along with a point of contact (POC) for each. You are urged to reach out to the POC to express your interest and be sure they still need support. Activities listed in green represent conservation work activities; those in brown are regular work projects.

Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay. If you are unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. If you have any other questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible to reduce the associated administrative workload.

Probationary Work Requirements for Members with Limited Abilities

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership in order to fulfill the terms of their probation. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to make a contribution during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor. Members with limited abilities should contact the POC for events they want to support to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform.

Members need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project. Be sure to check the chapter newsletter in the following month to ensure you receive credit for your service. Contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com if your name is not listed but you believe it should be.

Lifetime Membership Costs

Your annual membership renewal payment covers your financial obligations to the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, the Maryland State Division and the IWLA National organization. Members are welcome to become life members at either of these three organizations or any combination of them. Becoming a life member of all three eliminates the future need to pay annual membership dues if you are only a member in our chapter.

If you belong to multiple chapters, a lifetime membership in the IWLA National organization and the MD Division can help you save significant amounts of money as you must pay those renewal dues annually for EACH chapter in which you have a membership. A lump sum payment is required as payment plans are not available. The costs for lifetime membership are as follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter lifetime membership

- \$900 for individual membership
- \$1,375 for family membership

National lifetime membership:

- \$1,250 for individual membership
- \$1,875 for family membership

Maryland State Division lifetime membership:

- \$100 for individual membership
- \$150 for family membership

Lifetime membership in all three organizations:

- \$2,250 for individual membership
- \$3,400 for family membership

Please contact Tim Garrity if you are interested in considering a lifetime membership.

Sad news

The memorial service for Charlie Wiles will be on September 8th at 11:00 AM at National headquarters.

Conservation (Meo Curtis/Judy Riley)

UPCOMING CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

August 10-18 Friday afternoon through the next Saturday. Montgomery County Fair. Volunteers needed for shifts at the IWLA tent. Contact Don and Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com Or at 301-946-4795.

August 24 Friday. Gardens Maintenance Meet at 8:30 AM. to 11:00 AM at the Green Maintenance Shed. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact [Meo Curtis](mailto:MeoCurtis@iwlawac.org) at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

August 24 Friday. Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM to Noon 8 to 16 volunteers needed, Meet at Green Maintenance Shed – Gloves, trash bags, and water provided. Register with Contact [Judy Riley](mailto:JudyRiley@iwlawac.org) 301-980-4057 text preferred leave membership number and phone number.

August 26, Sunday. Christmas Tree Maintenance 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](mailto:LCCascio@gmail.com) at lccascio@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

Pollinators

At this year's National Convention in Fredericksburg, the general membership voted to advocate in support of managing transportation and utility ROWs for the benefit of native pollinators. Most folks know of the recent dramatic decreases in honeybees widely publicized because of the adverse impacts on the agricultural economy. There have also been declines in a number of native insect pollinators, such as Monarch butterflies, with the loss of food sources and habitat thought to be major contributing factors.

ROWs are typically managed to prevent woody (i.e. shrubs and trees) growth. These areas are ideal for planting native seed mixes. The adopted policy recommends the use of best management practices that promote native pollinator plants while keeping out invasive species with minimal herbicide use.

The League's Conservation Policies guide the work of League staff, chapters, and divisions in unified support for strategies and actions to assure 'the wise stewardship of the land and its resources.'

Learn more about invasives

Become a Montgomery County Weed Warrior. Registration for the fall trainings is now open! Check weedwarrior.org to sign up for Certified Weed Warrior Volunteer training.

Thursday, September 13th from 5:00-7:00pm (Bethesda)
Wednesday, October 17th from 3:30-5:30pm (Wheaton)

Attend this year's Maryland Native Plant Society Conference to learn more about how invasive species and climate change are affecting our state's biodiversity. The conference will be the weekend of September 15-16 at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in Catonsville.

Recycling News

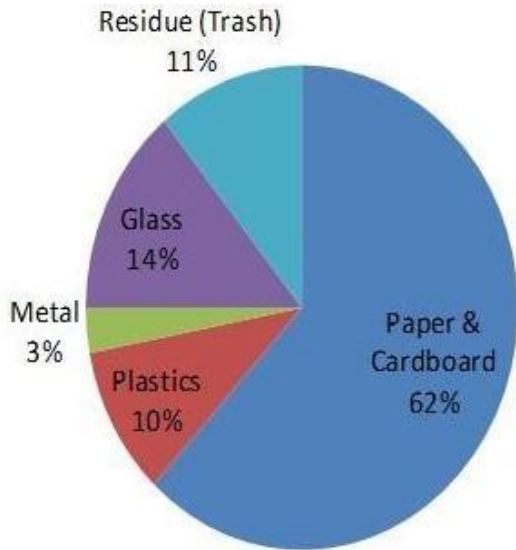
You may have heard about local jurisdictions having problems with recyclables such as paper, cans and bottles due to changes in the commodities markets. Recent import restrictions imposed by China resulted in a dramatic decrease of prices for commodities (especially paper). For example, paper decreased from \$73/ton last year to \$0 today.

China had been receiving over 90% of the paper collected in Howard County; today it accepts none. But wait! This does not mean you should stop recycling! After leaving your house in Howard County, recyclables go to Waste Management Recycle America in Elkridge to be sorted. From there:

- Paper is shipped to paper mills to be made into anything from office paper to shoe boxes to cardboard shipping boxes.
- Metal Cans are sold to steel plants and can become all sorts of products, including cars.
- Aluminum cans and bottles are sent to smelters to be made into new cans, bottles and other aluminum products.
- Plastic bottles and tubs are sorted by type. The plastic is then sold to manufacturers to be made into new plastic products including clothing and packaging.

Howard County diverts about 30,000 tons per year of recyclables from being sent out of County (and out of State) to a landfill. Paper, bottles and cans are easily recyclable when they are clean, dry and empty. For windowed envelopes, just rip those plastic windows off and recycle the paper. In Howard County, paper and cardboard make up about 62% by weight of the recyclables collected each week. 11% of the items are residue that is 'trash' that can't be recycled, including items that have been 'wishcycled' i.e. the resident 'wishes' they would be recycled. Remember, when in doubt, leave it out!

Visit KnowBeforeYouThrow.org for a great list of items beyond paper, glass, and plastic that can be recycled at the Alpha Ridge transfer station and through take-back programs that are available throughout the region.



Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

September 2018

- Sat 9/1 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green Here
- Sun 9/2 Steve Meyers, Mark Lawson
- Wed 9/5 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
- Sat 9/8 Roman Drews, Paul Fisher
- Sun 9/9 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
- Wed 9/12 Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
- Sat 9/15 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
- Sun 9/16 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
- Wed 9/19 Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
- Sat 9/22 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
- Sun 9/23 Paul Turska, Jake Turska
- Wed 9/26 Charlie Mello
- Sat 9/29 Mike Aaby, Erik Hill
- Sun 9/30 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Upcoming Elections

Article III, Section 2 of our bylaws stipulate the slate of officers and directors be distributed to members in advance of the July meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at the July membership meeting.

The elections will take place at the August membership meeting. The slate is presented below.

President - Cherie Aker
1st President - Roger Moran
2nd President - John Porter
3rd President - Susan Bortniak
Nomination for Recording Secretary - Judy Riley
Corresponding Secretary - Jim Piatiski
Membership Secretary - Tim Garrity
Nomination for Treasurer - NONE
Sergeant At Arms - Richard Fried
Parliamentarian - Steve Lefebvre
Chaplain - Chuck Crooks

2018-2019 Director = Jean Aker, David Goldberg, Jesse Lim, John Walter

Nomination Slate for 2019-2020 Director: Tom Ouellette, Billy Ramos, Daniel Cimborra, Joseph Pauley

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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The Izaak Walton
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Sunday
August 19, 2018
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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Aug. 11 NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Class- Open to Family and Friends. No charge class.

Upstairs Chapter Hall 8:00AM. Contact John Porter to register

Saturday Aug. 18 Practical Defense Match 9:00AM - 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range.

Saturday Sept. 1 Seneca Valley Rifle Match 8:30 AM - 2:00PM Rifle Range

Saturday Sept. 22 Practical Defense Match 9:00AM - 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

Saturday Sept 29 NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class Day 1. Upstairs Chapter Hall
8:30 AM - 12:00PM Contact John Porter to register porter253@aol.com

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before August **2016** 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 MEMBERS

At this time, we had no probationary member make the cut; although we have several needing only one more credit for full membership.

Adopt A Road

6/15/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Judy Riley, Anthony Loratto, Karl Krchma and

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

William Doerrler, Elia Akselrod and Matthew Newton

Gardens Maintenance

7/26/2018

Members: Meo Curtis and Karl Krchma

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Barbara Bally, Ralph Bally, Zack Parzow, Steve Zobel, Anthony Teems and Nelson Torres

Cowboy Set Up

7/27/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Limparis, Paul Bluteau and George Hughes

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Zack Parzow, Steve Zobel and Chris Buynak

Cowboy Tear Down

7/27/2018

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Felix Neculai and Phil Butler

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

7/29/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Tom Ouellette, Al Goldschmidts,
Frank Early, Joe Pauley, Hans Varmer, Candy
Varmer, Dean Elliott, John Hartwell, Ivy Huang,
Bill Leaman, Chuck and Barb Crooks

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Chris Buynak, Jeffrey Raines, Shannon Bruce,
Michael Bruce, Ralph Bally, Barbara Bally,
Craig Aronoff, Scott Aronoff and Larry Foxman

Christmas Tree Maintenance

7/29/2018

Member: 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, Cherie Aker, Judy Riley, John Porter and Tim Garrity 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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