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## CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

### President's Corner

May 2019

The first day of May started out spectacularly for our Wildlife Achievement Chapter. During our Wednesday Board of Directors' meeting – we had the pleasure of a visit from the BSA Troop 945 Scoutmasters. The reason for their visit was to present a beautiful plaque to WAC to show their appreciation for WAC's sponsorship and support. Several small plates with the names of their Eagle Scouts are proudly displayed– 94 names of youth that have demonstrated leadership skills and performed community services through their program. The troop's motto "Where the Eagles Soar" says it all. The plaque is beautiful and will be displayed in our chapter's upstairs hall.



Many of us – when the weather warms – are motivated to start our Spring Cleaning. We roll up our sleeves and find a renewed determination to spruce up the home and our yards to look their best. WAC definitely needs your help with "spring cleaning". The club house and grounds need your help. Please consider volunteering your time and energy for our monthly maintenance day.

The next WAC maintenance day is scheduled for Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please sign-in at the Green Shed. We desperately need your help with the ranges – but especially with the grounds. Make it a family project – your school age children can earn community services hours by volunteering. Your help is needed!

June 1<sup>st</sup> WAC will be celebrating their 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. We will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs and roast beef. A band has agreed to perform at our Anniversary cook-out. Mark your calendar and join us in celebrating our long history at WAC. Hope to see you there!

For the Ladies – the Girls and Guns Having Fun range event is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Covered Pistol Range. A safety orientation will be provided to ensure all the ladies are familiar with the safety rules of the WAC ranges. I will have on-hand safety glasses and ear protection. Rain or Shine – join us for two hours of fun.

Just a Reminder – the Youth/Adult Archery classes are now available on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Archery equipment is available – and archery experience is not required. This is definitely a good way to spend a Saturday morning with your family.

For all the WAC Moms – I wish you a wonderful Mother’s Day!

Cherie Aker

**Conservation** ( Meo Curtis)



**Saturday May 18 from 9 to Noon.**  
**Reforestation site maintenance at**  
**WSSC Pigtail Recreation area.** Gloves, tools, and water provided. Offsite project. For more information and directions, contact Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net).

**Sunday May 19. Christmas Tree Maintenance.** 9:00 AM at the green maintenance shed. Contact Lee Cascio at [lccascio@gmail.com](mailto:lccascio@gmail.com)



**Rain Barrel Workshop**

*Please note change of date from last months newsletter*

On June 3, 2019 in conjunction with the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter, we will be hosting a rain barrel workshop on their chapter grounds at 8721 Snouffer School Road in Gaithersburg.

For those who don’t already know, The Sligo Chapter, as it was originally known, was formed by the wives of Wildlife Achievement Chapter members when WAC was located in Silver Spring and excluded women from its membership. After receiving a grant of 63 acres from Mrs.

Lois Green, The Sligo Chapter was renamed the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter. LGS, though established as a “women’s auxiliary”, became coed in 1980. I am unclear about when WAC went coed. This established a bond between our chapters. As a result of this partnership, anyone from WAC who assists in setup of equipment, knock down, marketing and generally helps out can receive conservation credit at WAC. We could use 2 or 3 people maximum. To get credit, you must commit to three hours for the event, assisting, answering questions, and serving the attendees as needed. Link to registration form below. I feel I have to mention this. This chapter has a totally different feel than WAC. Some years back, we put out a plea for WAC members to join LGS because they were struggling to maintain. Today they are a vibrant , engaging chapter with different types of activities to attract members; fishing for example. I would encourage all WAC members to consider adding another chapter to their biography.

It’s not expensive and if you live down county, it’s a goldmine! Check it out!

Sign up for the workshop below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtwGTxVUKtWV-DrhEzifjeS8U-zW3gTnldULCSei867eCSA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtwGTxVUKtWV-DrhEzifjeS8U-zW3gTnldULCSei867eCSA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If interested please contact Jim Piatetski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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

#### **June, 2019**

Sat 6/1	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 6/2	Mark Gay, Dan Cimborra
Wed 6/5	Ed Shifflett, Alfred Cross
Sat 6/8	Arden Young,
Sun 6/9	<b>North-South Skeet Tournament</b>
Wed 6/12	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 6/15	Jeff Tokar
Sun 6/16	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 6/19	Jay Jeffrey
Sat 6/22	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 6/23	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed 6/26	Charlie Mello, Joel Gross
Sat 6/29	Larry Buck
Sun 6/30	Dave Stevenson

### **WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol May Update – ( John Porter)**

UPCOMING CLASSES;

SATURDAY MAY 25:

## Utah CCW (Concealed Carry) Permit Class

**THIS IS NOT A SHOOTING CLASS!**  
**THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID IN MARYLAND!!!!!!**

The Utah CCW Class is open to Members, Family and Friends.  
The cost is \$60.00 for members and \$85.00 for all others. Payment may be made by check or cash on the day of class. All checks should be made out to WAC/IWLA

The class will cover all necessary legal and safety information to apply. Currently the Utah permit is valid in 28 states. We can provide information on other state requirements.

To apply you will need:

1. The class certification: Provided on 5/25
2. Inked fingerprints: Available on the day of class for a cash \$10.00 fee.
3. Passport Photo
4. Application fee to Utah for your background check.

Please contact John Porter at [porter253@aol.com](mailto:porter253@aol.com) to register.  
Due to room restrictions we will need to limit registration to the first 100 respondents.

### Upcoming Events:

Saturday May 11. Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 8:30-2:00 Rifle Range  
Sunday May 19. Rifle/Pistol Range Cleanup 9:00-12:00  
Saturday May 25 Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00-2:00 Uncovered Pistol Range  
Sunday June 2 Mandatory RSO Meeting 8:00-10:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall  
Saturday June 8 Practical Defense Match 9:00-2:00 Uncovered Pistol Range

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before May **2017** 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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS**

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

Steve Zobel  
Anthony C. Teems

## **Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up**

**4/6/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Ellen Finnel, Mike Gotard, Sam Gotard, James Hyman, Mike Smith, Jeff Boeckl, Dale Buschling, Kung-Li Charlie Chang, Judy Shappand, Doug Goodin, Bruce Moran, Barbara Moran, Lee Canby, John Harrington, Valerie Harrington, Joe Robinson, Gregory Sholly, Traudl Robinson, Rich Fried, Jim Piateski, Jeff Deschamps, John Hartwell, Judy Riley and Meo Curtis.

**Probation Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Robin Axtell, Barb Bally, Ralph Bally, Jason Bieber, Kyle Boyd, John Coughlin, Drew Granger, Bob Finnell, Rob Hyman, Len Rizzi, Debby Wisner, George Stecklein and Joseph Payne.

**Gardens Maintenance**

**4/12/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Travis Earles, Karl Krchma, Linda Stanly, Marc O'Connor and Meo Curtis.

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Bard Bally, Ralph Bally, Scott Payne and Andrew Seested.

**Rachel Carson Park, Tree Planting**

**4/13/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Barry Fleming, Rodger Moran, Katherine Nelson (Parks Dept), Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps.

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Phil Butler, Steve Hyde, Jennifer Smith, Alan George and Cindy Engle.

**Cowboy Clinic**

**4/14/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Sandy Snapp, Dean Snapp, Neil Felsner, Bob Vendemmia, Wendy Smith and Joe Smith.

**Cowboy Set Up**

**4/26/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparis,  
George Hughes, Jim Piateski and Charlie Mello.  
**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)  
Randy V. Sabett, Samuel Jones and Robin Axtell.

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)  
**4/28/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Tom Ouellette, Al Goldschmidts,  
Joe Pauley, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer  
Ivy Huang, Guy Wright and John Leaman.

**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Peter Wagner and Al Cross.

**Cypress Tree Maintenance**

**Member:** Rob McLaren

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Kevin McLaren

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto: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](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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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