



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner – Cherie Aker

Summer is here in full force – very hot days. Although you would think it was April with the rainy weather or maybe even March with the strong gusting winds. The strong winds and rainy weather has caused problems for our Chapter. Many of our trees have been damaged. Chuck – our House and Grounds Committee Chair has had his hands full and would certainly appreciate your help on cutting the down tree branches to a more manageable size for hauling. If any of our members have Chain Saws or Wood Chipper – and strong backs – we could certainly use your help! Our next Chapter Maintenance Day is Sunday July 28th at 9:00 a.m.

I also wanted to thank Jesse Lim for hosting our quarterly social on June 14th. Our next quarterly social will be hosted by me in September. I will be celebrating my birthday and I hope you can join me. More information regarding day and time will be broadcast to our members via email. June 29th I had the pleasure of attending Lois Green-Sligo's 70th IWLA Chapter anniversary party. The food and the company were outstanding. Although small in size – this chapter's focus on conservation events and environmental education surpass many chapters twice their size. Lois Green-Sligo Chapter is located 8721 Snouffer School Road.

The Montgomery County Fair is starting Friday August 9th through Saturday August 17th. We are looking for volunteers to represent IWLA at the County Fair. Volunteers are asked to man the booth for four hour shifts. If you are interested – please contact Don & Mary Hunt to add your name to list of volunteers. Their contact information is listed in our WAC Calendar.

As always I encourage you to take a look at our WAC Calendar – there is something there for everyone. If you have an idea for an event – please let me know!

Our Range and Club Orientation is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday July 28th. If you are a new member who is interested in our ranges – you are required to attend the Range and Club Orientation for access. For our members who previously attended this orientation - but it has been a long time since – I would recommend attending to get reacquainted with our Safety and Conduct rules for WAC's Pistol and Rifle ranges.

Ladies – We have a NEW EVENT on Saturday August 31st – Shotgun Seminar BASIC.

Interested in Shot gun and how to shoot – this would be a GREAT event for the ladies. There is a \$25 per person fee and the class is held in the Shotgun Range House. Charlie Mello is the instructor – and I can tell you firsthand how knowledgeable and patient Charlie Mello is.

Contact Charlie Mello for seminar slot and more information charlie@pathfindershooting.com

I also have another Girls and Guns event scheduled on the uncovered pistol range on Saturday September 14th. I hope to see you at there!

Hope you are enjoying your summer – Hope to see you at the Membership Meeting July 24th
Until then – take care.

Conservation

Adopt A Road (Judy Riley)

Oddest trash of today is a brand new bag of clams. Otherwise, it was all the usual debris. We were complimented on the cleanliness by one team member, "Mullinix Mill Rd must be one of the cleanest roads in Montgomery County; this, as a result of our Watershed and Adopt-a-road work."



Gardens Maintenance (Meo Curtis)

Gardens maintenance in June focused on removing all those vines that had overgrown the azaleas by the Rathskellar. The worst offender was Oriental bittersweet which produces lots of seeds and can grow very densely. It matures into thick, heavy vines that are now overwhelming many of our natural areas. <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/topics/oriental-bittersweet>.



The group also removed quite a bit of Virginia creeper and the very toxic bittersweet nightshade. Thanks to Barb and Ralph Bally, Mark Brandsdorfer, Curt Coughlin, and Kevin Huck for their valiant efforts!



Upcoming Conservation events (Meo Curtis)

Friday July 12 and Thursday August 22 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Gardens maintenance at the Chapter. A few folks needed to help weed and maybe mulch. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.



Friday August 9 through Saturday August 17. Izaak Walton League tent at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in Gaithersburg.

Sign up for a shift with Don and Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com 301-946-4795.

Thanks to Bill Leaman for organizing the IWLA exhibit EVERY YEAR!



Thursday August 22 from 9 to Noon. Adopt-A-Road. Gloves, trash bags, and water provided. To sign up, contact Judy Riley at lollyj24t@gmail.com with your name, membership number, and phone.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

August, 2019

Sat 8/3 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 8/4 Mark Gay, Dan Cimbora
Wed 8/7 EdShifflett
Sat 8/10 Arden Young,
Sun 8/11 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 8/14 Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 8/17 Jeff Tokar
Sun 8/18 *Breaking Clays To Save the Bay* No RO's
Wed 8/21 Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat 8/24 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 8/25 Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed 8/28 Charlie Mello, Joel Gross
Sat 8/31 Alfred Cross, Dave Stevenson

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

No Submission

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **July 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 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.

Richard R. Worch
Mark M. Brandsdorfer

Garden Maintenance Day

6/14/2019

Member:

Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Barbara Bally, Ralph Bally, Kevin Huck, Curt Coughlin and Mark Brandsdorfer

Adopt A Road

6/14/2019

Members:

Karl Krchma and Judy Riley

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

William Doerrler, Jason Bieber, Luis Moran,
James McInerney and Richard Worch

Thunder Valley Days (Set Up)

6/18 and 6/19/2019

Members: Chuck Limparis and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Member: (Regular Credits)

Frank Corn

Thunder Valley Days (Take Down)

6/20 and 6/22/2019

Members: Chuck Limparis and Stephen Elko

Chapter Maintenance Day

6/30/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

(Range Work)

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Guy Wright,
Chuck Crooks, Hands Varmer, and Candy Varmer

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

James Proctor, Jeremy Matthews, Walter Matthews and William Doerrler

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

(Conservation Work)

Tom Ouellette, Robert Martin, Tony Bolling,
Joe Smith, Ruth Hornseth, Geoff Hornseth,
Len Rizzi and Jeremy Dvorak

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Michael Bruce, Shannon Bruce, Jason Hoffman,
Doug Dolan and Anthony Atkins,

Shotgun Maintenance

6/30/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak, Sean McTernan,
Jacob Nersma, Donald Koss and Nate

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 Cherie Aker, Meo Curtis, Steve Olsen, and Judy Riley for their contributions to this newsletter. 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.

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