



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

The current range hours are now 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.  
Current hours are always listed in the weather box on the menu to the club's main website.  
The access gate will not operate before 09:30 AM.  
Range cards are required for all members and their guests while on the range.  
Ranges are closed all day on Easter and Christmas day.

### CHANGE IN WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR PROBATIONARY MEMBERS .

This message is for those that are in their probationary period and have not completed your required volunteer projects. The normal probationary period is two years, started in the month you join the chapter. It is not based on a calendar year. If you do not complete the required volunteer projects within the first two years, your probationary period will continue. You will be assessed and additional \$60 on your annual dues until all requirements have been met.

The Board of Directors has made a modification to way work requirements are counted for probationary members. Previously, you were required to volunteer for two projects in your first year and two projects in your second year. In each of the two years, at least one of the projects must have been a conservation event.

You must still complete the same 4 projects. However, you can now complete them anytime during the first two years. You can do all four in one year if you like.

When volunteering, it is important that you locate the sign in sheet at all work projects in order to receive your work credit. Otherwise we have no way of recording what you have completed. It is equally important to print clearly, so it can be logged in properly.

The chapter calendar lists all work projects and each one has contact information for the chairperson of that project. Conservation projects are listed on the calendar in bold green letters. Regular work credit projects are listed in bold brown letters.

In the monthly newsletter, all work credits are listed. It will show the project name and the names of those that volunteered. It will also state whether it was regular credit or conservation credit. When a member completes their probationary period, it too will be listed in the newsletter. The newsletter is available on the web site and editions are archived back to 2005.

We are a volunteer organization. We rely on our volunteers to keep the grounds clean and safe for our members, maintain the ranges and to complete the many conservation projects we work on each year. Our hope, with the required hours, is to encourage members to continue to assist beyond their probationary period.

Nick Giuliano [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) does an outstanding job of keeping track of the hundreds of Ike's that are in their probationary period. If you are uncertain of your status, please send him an email.

**Conservation** (Meo Curtis/Stephen Meyer)

Help keep trash from entering the Upper Patuxent River watershed. Watershed Clean-Up 9:30 AM to Noon. Meet at the green maintenance shed. For Student Service Learning credit please bring completed forms to the event Register to participate Contact Stephen Meyer at 240-604-7280. April 4, 2020. Rain date April 5, 2020.

Save Our Streams monitoring training is available in our area on March 28, 2020 at Parkville, MD and May 9, 2020 at Leesburg, VA.

To register online use the IWLA Save Our Streams website at

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/upcoming-water-monitoring-workshops>.

In 2020, we invite Wildlife Achievement Chapter observers to watch and learn how our chapter monitors the Upper Patuxent site. If you are interested, choose a date posted under Save Our Streams in the chapter calendar and notify Stephen Meyer at [stephen.meyer7@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com).

Please do not show up unannounced, as our site is only a couple of yards wide. Once training is completed, conservation credit can be awarded for any monitoring performed.

Stephen Meyer

Save Our Streams Committee

**Range Schedule** (Steve Olsen)

**April, 2020**

Wed 4/1	Jay Jeffrey, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 4/4	John Duchaj, Brian Oettinger
Sun 4/5	Mark Gay, Dan Cimbora
Wed 4/8	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 4/11	Rob Wolfe, Alfred Cross
Sun 4/12	EASTER SUNDAY – CLOSED TO ALL SHOOTERS
Wed 4/15	Joel Gross, Larry Buck
Sat 4/18	Dave Anderson, Glenn Wasik
Sun 4/19	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 4/22	Charlie Mello, Dan Walker
Sat 4/25	Adam & Kim Buynak

Sun 4/26 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth  
Wed 4/29 Debbi Perry

**Rifle/Pistol Committee** (Hans Varmer)

Are you familiar with Maryland's "**Child Access Prevention Law (CAP)**"? It states that a person "may not store or leave a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child would gain access to the firearm."

It's something we teach in every NRA Rifle and Pistol Class:

**IT IS THE GUN OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT  
UNAUTHORIZED OR UNTRAINED INDIVIDUALS CANNOT GAIN ACCESS  
TO HIS OR HER FIREARMS.**

If every gun owner in America followed the advice of the NRA and State law we would see a lot less gun violence reported by the media. So please take inventory of your situation. What steps have you taken to prevent unlawful access to your firearms? If you can afford a firearm, you can afford to make it inaccessible to unauthorized people. Please make this a part of your New Year's Resolutions.

**NRA Basic Shotgun – For Women Only**

**When:** 18 & 19 April – 9 AM to 3 PM (both days)

**Where:** Upper floor, main building, Izaak Walton League Wildlife Achievement chapter

**Cost:** \$75.00 per person. A \$25.00 deposit is required to hold a seat in the class as well as to pre-order student material. Deposit is part of the \$75.00 cost. Deposits must be received no later than 3 April 2020.

Deposits must be paid by **check made out to IWLA-WAC** and mailed to:

*Charlie Mello  
8919 Park South Dr  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061*

Balance of calls costs - \$50.00 – due on 1st day of class by **check made out to IWLA-WAC**

**What to bring:**

- a. A shotgun (no tactical shotguns allowed)
- b. 2 boxes of ammunition, number 8 shot, 1200 feet per second maximum load.
- c. Eye protection
- d. Hearing protection
- e. A shell pouch or shooting vest
- f. Hat
- g. Lunch and drinks for both days.

## **SEATING IS LIMITED**

Minors wishing to participate must be physically able to shoulder and hold a shotgun, as well as be mature enough to shoot. Minors must be accompanied by a parent for the duration of the class.

### **No Ammunition in the classroom**

CONTACT: Charlie Mello [charlie@pathfindershooting.com](mailto:charlie@pathfindershooting.com)  
or  
Cher Aker [Cherie.aker@umuc.edu](mailto:Cherie.aker@umuc.edu)

Girls and Guns Having Fun Event on the pistol range is scheduled for:

- Sunday May 17 Noon to 2 p.m. on the uncovered pistol range
- Saturday August 10 a.m. to Noon on the covered pistol range.

There is no fee for the pistol range events. Please remember to bring eye and ear protection. If you do not have eye and ear protection – no worries, I will have some on-hand. No experience required to participate in the shotgun or pistol Girls and Guns events.

Give yourself a chance Ladies to learn and developing your shooting skills in a comfortable no-stress environment. Hope to see you there!

Pictures of NRA Rifle Class, Saturday, April 4

All passed with flying colors!

And a big Thank You to the class instructors who also worked the range qualification:

Joe Pauley, Dean Elliott, Mindy Goldsboro, and Candy Varmer



Upcoming Events:

**NRA Refuse To Be A Victim**

Saturday, April 4, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Open to WAC Members, Family and Friends

To preregister send email to: [wac.instructor@gmail.com](mailto:wac.instructor@gmail.com)

Include "RTBAV" in the subject along with full Name, Address, Phone Number



Note: This event is **FREE** and provided as a public service.

### **NRA Basic Pistol**

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Open to WAC Members & Family ages 13+

To preregister send email to: [wac.instructor@gmail.com](mailto:wac.instructor@gmail.com)

Include “PISTOL” in the subject along with full Name, Address, Phone Number, and WAC #

Note: Cost of these events is \$50 for Members, \$80 for Family.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 2018** 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 MEMBER**

As of March 3rd, we had no members with the work credits needed to graduate to Full Member.

#### **February 23**

##### **Shotgun Range Maintenance**

(Chairperson, Kim Buynak)

##### **Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak and Dave Anderson

##### **Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

William Dempsey and Dan Walker

#### **February 23**

##### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

(Chairperson, Chuck Crooks)

##### **Range Maintenance:**

##### **Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Jay Pauley, Al Goldschmidts and Candy Varmer.

##### **Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)**

Kevin Wolf

##### **Range Orientation:**

Hans Varmer

##### **Green Shed:**

Chuck Crooks and Guy Wright

##### **General Grounds Clean-up:**

**Member:** Tom Ouellette

**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Jason Bieber, Luis N. Moran, Frank Corn,  
Matt Hendriksson and Eric Dankewicz

**Tree Maintenance:**

**Probationary Members:**(Conservation Credit)

Patana C. Wong, Rob Bird and Tony Bolling.

**March 1, 2020**

**Patuxent River Trail Cleaning**

(Chairperson, Jeff Deschamps)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Carolyn Rhores, Meo Curtis,

Jeff Deschamps, Tom Ouellette, Rodger Moran, Tidd Gillenwater, Joe Tlehn, Denis Hamer, Matt McNiesh, Marry Carvallr, Matthew Carvallr, Jacob Millis, Chris Feehely Rebecca Cerra and Enrione Garcia.

(Some of the names of the Nonmembers are  
Strictly Guesswork)

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Alfred Cross, Ryan Turner, John Harrington,  
Valerie Harrington, Cindy Hyde, Steve Hyde and  
Justin Yackoski

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Hans Varmer, Chuck Crooks, Meo Curtis, Stephen Meyer, and Steve Olsen 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](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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