



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

#### National and Maryland State Awards

It is that time of the year again – time to nominate a deserving volunteer!

Our club depends on the generosity of your members who volunteer their time and energy. Usually volunteering without expectations, but would it not be nice to give recognition.

If you know a club member or an organization, who's continuing contribution has enriched our Wildlife Achievement Chapter – please take the time and submit a nomination for an IWLA National Award!

The nomination deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

For a list of the awards, please access the following Web link:

<https://www.iwla.org/chapter-resources/awards>

The following 2019 IWLA Awards were presented to the following WAC members or affiliations:

#### 2019 Honor Roll Award

- Atlantic Guns
- Joseph DiGiovanni

#### 2019 Conservation Award

- Karl Krchma

2019 Ted Turner Award

- Rodger Moran

Please consider taking the time to submit an award for someone you think should be recognized! Nominations can be submitted to Cherie Aker at Cherie.aker@gmail.com.

**Conservation**

There are some upcoming activities on the calendar.

The pandemic has curtailed most of our activities .

If there is an activity that you are interested in, it is suggested that you get a hold of the contact person to verify whether or not it will be held. Their contact info is on the web page listed with the event.

**Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

**April, 2021**

Sat	4/3	Arden Young
Sun	4/4	<b>Easter - Closed to all members</b>
Wed	4/7	Frank Bis, Glenn Wasik
Sat	4/10	Rodger Moran, John Duchaj
Sun	4/11	Mark Gay, Dan Cimborra
Wed	4/14	Larry Buck, Bob Wolfe
Sat	4/17	Bob Shelley, Kevin Wolf
Sun	4/18	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed	4/21	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	4/24	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	4/25	Dave Stevenson
Wed	4/28	Jay Jeffrey, Dan Walker

**Rifle/Pistol Committee**

Check Chapter calendar for upcoming events

## **RANGE SAFETY** (Chuck Crooks) (*This can't be posted enough*)

The club has had security cameras in place for about 6 years. The cameras became necessary after some property thefts and general safety concerns.

Range rules are established for a reason. They are designed to protect the safety of all members, their guests, our neighbors and our property. For these reasons, we take range violations very seriously. No matter how trivial you might think a rule is, there is a basis for safety that must be adhered to.

All range safety rules are accessible from our web site's main menu under the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules link or you can take this direct link <http://www.damascusiwl.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Recently there has been a series of range rule violations including; shooting from a holster at a non-sanctioned event, failure to display range cards for members and their guests, shooting from the hip, shooting beyond the posted hours, failure to wear safety glasses, failure to write a guests name on the sign in log, using rifle caliber firearms on the pistol ranges and having more than one firearm on the firing line at the same time.

Initial violations (handled by the rifle and pistol committee) can be a warning and/or suspension from the ranges until you retake the range safety course. Serious violations may be reviewed by the board of directors for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the club.

As you know, firearm ranges are always on the radar, especially in our area. Therefore we take our rules and the safety of our members and guests a priority.

As range officers, you are asked to report known violations to the rifle and pistol chairman.

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before March **2019** 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 about your member 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 members have completed their probation. And are graduated to Full Member status.

Peter A. Wagner  
Stephen M. Pullum  
Jan K. Lewandrowski  
Leonard F. Rizzi

A note to our Probationary Members:

We have many members that have completed several Chapter Maintenance Days or Range Maintenance but no Conservation work.

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**Pax River Trail Cleanup**

12/13/2020

Rodger Moran (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Robert Curley, Wellington Burton and  
Paul Foster

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Matt Johnson, Frederick Depp, Steve Johnson,  
Bob Breiner, Michael Hicok, Stephen M. Pullum,  
Emmanuel Dayao, Ed Myers, and Randy V. Sabett

**Chapter Range Maintenance Day**

2/28/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Joe Pauley, John Porter, Dean Elliott, and  
Tom Ouellette

**Probationary Member: ( Regular Credit)**

Josh Rockwell

**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 Chuck Crooks ,Cherie Aker 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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