



Wildlife Gazette
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Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

In accordance with our bylaws (Article III, Sec 3) the slate of nominees is presented below.

The Board of Directors Slate

President – Paul Turska
First Vice President – John Porter
Second Vice President – Jesse Lim
Third Vice President – Joe Pauley
Membership Secretary – Chuck Crooks
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Recording Secretary – John Hartwell
Corresponding Secretary – Jim Piateski
Treasurer – Steve Lefebvre
Sergeant at Arms – Rich Fried
Chaplain – Adol Owen-Williams II

2022-2023 Directors – 3 positions available – nominees are:

- Jean Aker
- Dave Goldberg
- John Walter
- Kevin Wolfe
- Hans Varmer

Elections will be held at the August Membership meeting, 8/25/2021.

Junior Airgun Program

Fellow Ike's,

The next Damascus Junior Air Rifle season is coming up soon! New shooters are welcome to join!

Registration meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM in the upstairs hall.

This is a great shooting program for kids from ages 10 - 17 years old.

Practices are once a week for beginners on Thursday nights from 6 -8 PM.

The shooting season runs from September through May. First practice is Thursday, September 2.

The fee is \$130.00 for IWLA members and \$150 for non-members.

8 spots are available for beginners on Thursday evenings.

For additional information and to pre-register for the meeting, please contact Ed Mondoñedo at (301) 437-6285 or by email at eddark2016@gmail.com

Ed Mondoñedo

Montgomery County Ag Fair

August is right around the corner and the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is rapidly approaching.

Each year county Chapters help man the booth at the fair. Don and Mary hunt have again agreed to collect names to pass on the organizers. This year the fair is being held from August 13 through August 21. If you are interested in helping out please contact Don and Mary Hunt . butterflymary46@msn.com

Participation gets you free admission to the fair.

Conservation

There are some upcoming activities on the calendar.

The pandemic has curtailed most of our activities . Chapter grounds maintenance is *not* included in this lot.

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.

Stream monitoring is still taking place. Next one is on August 22nd. Check the club calendar for other dates.

Conservation picnic on August 28th. More details will be posted later on that. Tree maintenance will be held on September 18th at the Pigtail Recreation site on the Howard County side of Tridelphia Reservoir. It will be necessary to preregister for this event as we may need to limit numbers of participants.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)
September, 2021

Wed	9/1	Frank Bis, Bob Wolf
Sat	9/4	Bob Shelley, George King
Sun	9/5	Steve Myers
Wed	9/8	Dan Walker
Sat	9/11	Ryan Turner
Sun	9/12	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed	9/15	Jay Jeffrey, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	9/18	Murray Welsh, Dave Anderson
Sun	9/19	Paul Turska, Al Cross
Wed	9/22	Larry Buck
Sat	9/25	Phil Butler, Doug Chapman
Sun	9/26	Dave Stevenson, Jim Shay
Wed	9/29	Debbi Perry

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

DNR Hunter Qualification to be held on Sept.5th. Contact Jesse Lim . Links on the web site.

Chairman, Range Orientation Committee

July Club and Range Orientation report

The class was held on 25 July 2011.

Instruction was conducted by Hans Warmer, Buzz Vogel and me, with support from Jesse Lim.

This month, 11 members signed up for the class, all showed up, and one brought a teen.

The teen was not interested, and spent most of the class in the foyer.

All passed.

Jean F. Aker

Girls and Guns Event (Cherie Aker)



WAC's Girls and Guns event was created to provide a safe and comfortable environment for ladies to learn firearm skills and safety protocol. If you are interested in learning safe gun-handling, improve shooting skills, and meeting other women that share a common interest in recreational shooting – please join us on our next scheduled Girls and Guns Having Fun event:

Saturday, August 21st

10 am – Noon

Covered Pistol Range

This event is open to members and friends (over the age of 12) of WAC – beginners to experience shooters are welcomed.

If you do not have your own eye and ear protection – we can provide the required safety gear. Bring your own firearms – or use ours!

Space is limited – please RSVP to Kathy Gugulis by July 24th at kgugulis@mindspring.com

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.damascusiwla.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 **August 2019** and 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 MEMBERS

I made my last run to the Chapter House on Thursday at 9:30 Pm. to check for Sign-Up Sheets but, my cupboard was bare.

We Had No Probationary Members with sufficient work credits to be Graduated to Full Status this month.

Patuxent River Trail Maintenance

4/25/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Tom Newton and Roger Moran

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Paul Davidson

Gardens Maintenance

7/16//2021

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Ralph Bally, Barbara Bally, Jeff Deschamps,

Sue Gan, Curt Coughlin

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Jim Daniel, George Martins, Gary Neubaum,

Jacob Coughlin, Bill Tjokroaminata, and Amraj Singh

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

7/25/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, Al Goldschmidt, Dean Elliott,
Candy Varmer, Glen Miller, Tom Ouellette,
Paul Turska, Phil Butter, and Guy Wright

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

George Martinis, Ty Sims, Stephen Mlynarski,
David Kepner and Brooke Pennington

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 Chuck Crooks ,Cherie Aker, Jean Aker, Hans Varmer 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 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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