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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Want to make a difference with you IWLA membership? **Vote On Resolutions!**

The 2022 National Convention will be held in East Peoria, Illinois this coming July. We have a unique opportunity this year as the rules were changed for submission of resolutions.

Historically the resolutions are presented at convention one day ahead of voting on them. This left the decision solely up to the discretion of the delegates who, at least in theory, knew how their chapters would like to vote. This year the resolutions are posted on the national site and can be viewed **well in advance** of the convention. This allows the membership to actually voice their opinion on each resolution.

For those not familiar with what purpose the resolutions serve, they are the guidebook for all of our national policies. If someone asks a question on what is the position of the Izaak Walton League on a specific topic, the policy book will have that answer. It is a position statement on a broad array of topics. The entire policy book is online for you to examine.

The resolutions up for adoption this year may be found by going to iwla.org. Then click *events, convention 2022*, scroll down to *convention business*. Click on **resolutions** and read the five being considered. After reviewing the resolutions, you can click on the link below and vote for or against each resolution.

Results will be tabulated May 31, 2022.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeD0IjyYsReHMfavn9coLLlmtBqtqdYKZFwHvkITpwVUTStgQ/viewform>

The Stop the Bleed course is approximately a 3 hour training class on the proper methods to stop bleeding in the event of a medical emergency. Bleeding out is the leading cause of death in the USA regarding *preventable death* medical emergencies. STB Instructors Dean Elliott and Pete Ott are career first responders with specialized emergency medical training and real life experiences. They are also IWLA WAC RSOs and firearms instructors. The STB course provides you with lifesaving skills and techniques required to stop bleeding. STB instructors demonstrate the proper use for the various emergency medical products available. The instruction includes explanations in the differences, pros, cons and expense associated with many different emergency medical products. Products are available for students to handle and compare. The course instruction is user friendly for all ages. Techniques for carrying necessary supplies or keeping close by are explained. Emergency Medical Training in the real world is pricey but not here at WAC. Being prepared is priceless. Add a lifesaving skillset in 2022!

For the April 9th class, we had a total of 25 registered with 5 withdrawing giving us 20 registered.

Of the 14 completing the class three were non-members one of them was the wife of a member who also attended the class leaving us with two who were outside the club family. One of the two found us through the Stop The Bleed website and the other is a friend of Pete's.

Below is our current numbers for 2022.

Class Date	Total # Registered	Total # Completing	# of Members Completing	# of Non-Members Completing
15-Jan-22	8	8	8	N/A RSOs
6-Feb-22	8	5	5	N/A BOD
13-Feb-22	25	22	20	2
9-Apr-22	20	14	11	3
25-Jun-22				
23-Jul-22				
3-Dec-22				
Totals:	61	49	44	5

See you at training.
Dean & Pete

Conservation

Upcoming events

Fri May 13, Adopt-A-Road 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, 8 to 16 volunteers needed, pre- register with Contact [James McInerney](#) 240-426-7474 Leave your name, membership number and phone number.

Qualifies for school SSL hours.

Sun May 15, Save Our Streams Noon until 1:00 PM Contact [John Hartwell](#) 240- 543-0156

Fri May 20, Garden Maintenance Meet at 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Green Maintenance Shed - Contact [Meo Curtis](#)

We are currently in search of someone to take over the Save our Streams activity at the Chapter. Our current chair has not been responsive. If interested please contact Jim Piatiski

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

June, 2022

Wed	6/1	Frank Bis, Jay Jeffrey
Sat	6/4	Roman Drews, Ron Haggard
Sun	6/5	Dan Cimbora, Brooke Jeu
Wed	6/8	Craig Leopard
Sat	6/11	Arden Young, Tim Mulreany
Sun	6/12	Gary Giambalvo
Wed	6/15	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	6/18	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	6/19	Mike Webb, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	6/22	Larry Buck
Sat	6/25	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	6/26	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed	6/29	Debbi Perry

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

New Shooter looking for that first gun to buy? Here are four guns that should NOT be your first:

- 1 **A Tiny Gun.** Why not? Generally speaking, the smaller the gun, the harder to shoot well. A small gun will magnify your mistakes. They will be hard to control and their accuracy, beyond a few yards, will suffer. Save this one after you have a lot of experience.
- 2 **A Super Lightweight Gun.** While this may be more comfortable to carry, it also will be harder to shoot accurately. And from personal experience, the felt recoil will be downright painful. Will you shoot hundreds of rounds in practice with such a gun? Probably not.
- 3 **Any Gun You Are Afraid of.** Don't buy a gun that intimidates you. Or is a larger heavy hitting caliber. You will get there one day, but don't make it your first.
- 4 **Someone Else's Gun.** Nothing wrong with trying out a friend's favorite gun. It's a great way to get started in your search. But keep searching. Find a range that has rentals and try out the ones that interest you.

So, what should you buy? Something that you can shoot comfortably and confidently. Whatever that looks like for you is your "best" first gun.

Ideas for this article came from an NRA Women's Email. I encourage everyone, men and women, to subscribe to this free service. To Subscribe, go to: <https://www.nrawomen.com/> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

NRA Basic Pistol Class held on Saturday, April 23



Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Events:

Saturday, May 14: NRA Personal Protection in the Home

Sunday, May 15: Girls & Guns Having Fun

Saturday, May 21: Bowling Pin

Sunday, May 22: Club & Range Orientation

Junior Air Rifle Team Performs Well at CMP Regional Championship.

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by Geoff Hornseth and Ed Mondonedo

In early April, the junior air rifle team (precision rifle team) competed at Camp Perry, Ohio in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) junior air rifle regional championship. This was a regional tournament, with our team previously qualifying to compete against the region's top 27 teams invited to compete. The tournament was simultaneously held at 3 regional locations in the US: Gary Anderson Competition Center in Camp Perry, OH, the CMP Competition Center in Anniston, AL., and at the Mountain America Center in Sandy, UT.

Our team subsequently placed 23rd out of the top 50 teams nationwide, thereby earning an invitation to compete in the CMP junior air rifle team national championships to be held in July at Camp Perry.



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **May 2020** and have not seen your name listed in any newsletter issue 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

Jennifer L. Smith

William A. Butler

Matthew L. Packard

Gardens Maintenance

4/15/2022

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Giovanni Miranlla,

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Mario R. Mendoza, Jonathan Wolf, Zachery Miller,

George Martinis, Robert Morell, Robert J. Morell

Rachel Carson Park (Tree cage repairs)

4/22/2022

Barry Fleming (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jan Lewandrowski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Will Burmeister, Phil Raum, Li Li, Paul Foster

Chapter Maintenance Day

4/24/2022

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, Kevin Wolf,

Guy Wright, Dean Elliott, Glenn Miller

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Tod Slater, Kenneth Koss

Pigtail Tree Maintenance

4/30/2022

Jim Piateski (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Perry Hughes,

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Brian Brennan, Joe White, Matthew Packard,
Todd Davis, Max Kuminow

It has come to the attention of the editor, that the sign-in sheets are often illegible. If you cannot write legibly, please include your member number on the sheet. It will save loads of time researching through the membership list to insure you get proper credit.

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, Dean Elliott, Geoff Hornseth, Ed Mondonede, 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.

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