



Wildlife Gazette  
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## CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

IWLA WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar this year. Please come out on **Saturday, July 23, 2022**, from 9 am to noon and be some of the first in the Club to take advantage of this training.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED**<sup>®</sup> course, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. The person next to a bleeding victim may be the one who's most likely to save him or her. Take the course and become empowered to make a life or death difference when a bleeding emergency occurs. **STOP THE BLEED**<sup>®</sup>. Save a Life! To Learn more, go to [Home | Stop The Bleed](#).

(\$) Must Pre-register by email: [wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com](mailto:wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com) Attendance is limited. -  
Contact [Dean Elliott](#)

### Chapter elections for the Board of Directors

Per the Bylaws, the nominating committee presented their slate for the 2023 Board of Directors. This includes four Director positions. There are seven Director seats. Directors are the only board members that have two years terms. All other positions are one year only. The directors are split into pairs of four and three. They have offset terms so there are carryovers. This is for continuity between boards.

Their Nominating Committee's slate consists of the following,

**President** John Porter  
**1st Vice President** Jesse Lim  
**2nd Vice President** Joe Pauley  
**3rd Vice President** Roger Moran  
**Recording Secretary** Johnny Hartwell  
**Corresponding Secretary** Jim Piatieski  
**Membership Secretary** Chuck Crooks  
**Treasurer** Paul Turska

**Sgt At Arms** Richard Fried

**Parliamentarian** Steve Lefebvre

**Chaplain** Adol Owen-Williams II

**Directors 2023 and 2024** Dave Lane, Kevin Wolf, Cherie Aker and Ken Lefebvre

**Not up for election Directors 2022 and 2023** Jean Aker, Dave Goldberg and Hans Varmer

The next step in the election process will be at the July Membership meeting. At the July membership meeting nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Any member in good standing can run for any office with the exception of the in process directors for 2022 and 2023.

After nominations are made, the nominations will be closed at the membership meeting on July 27, 2022.

The election will be held at the August 24th membership meeting.

## **Conservation**

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is coming up! We again are asking for volunteers to help staff the booth that the Rockville Chapter provides. The dates are August 12 through August 20, 2022. Don and Mary Hunt are the contact people at Wildlife Achievement . Contact them at ButterflyMary46@msn.com or 301-946-4795 to check on available times. You will get conservation credit for this effort and an entry ticket will be provided.

RainScapes Rewards is accepting applications!

The RainScapes Rewards application portal is open so now's the time to apply if you have a project in mind.

It's fast and easy, so apply today!

Questions about the process? Check out the FAQ page to get your questions answered.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/>

## **Conservation Committee Update**

After an absence of over two years due to COVID, volunteers were recently welcomed back to our Montgomery County Parks. On April 22nd a group of eight from the WAC returned to Rachel Carson Conservation Park outside Laytonsville, MD to pick up where we left off with our conservation project there.

Wildlife Achievement has been planting trees at Rachel Carson over the years and providing care afterwards to keep them healthy. Our group cleared weeds and invasives from in and around

the cages, repaired damaged cages, and tagged a number of dead trees that will need to be removed. Having not been there the past several years, there is much more to be done. It is very satisfying to see trees we planted years ago doing so well and are ready to have their protective cages removed. We plan on continuing to plant trees here and provide the necessary maintenance to keep them healthy for the years to come.

In addition, the Conservation Committee is working with Parks to add new project sites in the coming months. Our long term project at Brookeville is complete and our other project at Pigtail on Brighton Dam in conjunction with WSSC is winding down and not requiring as much attention. Along with the Rachel Carson site we are looking to add Oak Ridge Conservation Park in Damascus. This 179 acre park is located off of Bethesda Church Road and close to our chapter. Parks acquired the initial 64 acres in 1976 and an additional 115 acres were added in 2010. Initially we are planning to assist with deer cage removal on trees that Parks has planted in the past. In addition we are planning another deer cage removal project at Hoyle's Mill Conservation Park near Boyds.

Keep an eye out for future conservation projects! After all, we are a conservation organization and it would be great to see more members come out to these events other than those that need work credit.

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 Piatieski

### **Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

August, 2022

Wed	8/3	Frank Bis
Sat	8/6	Roman Drews, Tim Mulrean
Sun	8/7	Dan Cimborra, Michael Levendusky
Wed	8/10	Jay Jeffrey, Craig Leopard
Sat	8/13	Arden Young
Sun	8/14	Brooke Jeu
Wed	8/17	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	8/20	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	8/21	Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	8/24	Larry Buck
Sat	8/27	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	8/28	Dave Stevenson
Wed	8/31	Debbi Perry

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

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.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **July 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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com), and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS**

**No Probationary Member has made the transition to full member.**

We have 325 probationary members that need one or two credits for full membership.

I Just Thought you'd like to know that there is no shortage of members to do the work.

### **TVD Setup**

**6/8/2022**

Chuck Limparis (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Neil Benson, Kevin Wolf

**Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)**

Jim Daniel

**TVD Teardown**

**6/13/2022**

Chuck Limparis (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Robert Vendemmia, Lamont Green, Rich Clement,  
Gregory Joliet

**Gardens Maintenance**

**6/24/2022**

Meo Curtis (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Jeff Deschamps, Karl Krchma,

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Jim Daniel, Mario Mendoza, Peter Tarpinain

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

**6/26/2022**

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, John Porter,

Kevin Wolf, John Hartwell, Chuck Crooks, Guy Wright, Dean Elliott, Stephen Meyers, Brooke  
Jeu,

Ed Mondonedo, Beth Mondonedo

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Jonathan Pollack, Walter Hargis, Jacob Hafkin

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](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, Dean Elliott, 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](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:

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