



Wildlife Gazette
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

The election will be held at the August 24th membership meeting. At the July 27th membership meeting there were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.

When I say ,”The other day”, I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.(unknown)

Conservation

Be sure to check the calendar for new events in the upcoming months . Conservation credit is given is the event is printed in green. If you are working the fair this month, you will get conservation credit.

Conservation Committee Update (rerun)

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.

Save Our Streams Committee In Need Of A Chairperson

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 Piatetski

jimpiateski@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

September

Sat	9/3	George King, Bob Shelley
Sun	9/4	Steve Meyers
Wed	9/7	Frank Bis, Craig Leopard
Sat	9/10	Phil Butler
Sun	9/11	Joel Gross, Ryan Turner
Wed	9/14	Jay Jeffrey, Dan Walker
Sat	9/17	Gerhard Bartsch, Lee Becknell
Sun	9/18	Paul Turska
Wed	9/21	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	9/24	Michael Levendusky, Doug Chapman
Sun	9/25	Dave Stevenson
Wed	9/28	Larry Buck

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

Updated Range Rules

Just as your smartphone, tablet, or computer gets regular updates, the Rifle & Pistol Committee has **updated our Range Rules**. You can find the updated rules on our website:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

We urge all members to become thoroughly acquainted with the rules as you will be responsible to use them in order to keep our ranges safe. If you have not attended a Range Orientation recently, we encourage you to take a refresher course. You can pre-register by sending an email to wac.orientation@gmail.com

Maryland Wear & Carry Classes

All three of our remaining NRA Basic Pistol classes are totally full. The NRA Basic Pistol class satisfies the first eight hours of training as required by the state of Maryland. Those taking this class who intend to move forward to the final eight hours of training must demonstrate safety, proficiency and a good attitude on the range portion. No one will *automatically* be allowed to move forward. Again, you must demonstrate more than a basic knowledge of handguns.

Girls and Guns Having Fun

Ladies – coming soon – the next Girls and Guns event is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th 10 am to Noon. Space is limited – If you are interested in attending - please RSVP to Cherie.Aker@gmail.com.

The event is open to all ladies – from no experience to the very experienced!
Eye and Ear Protection is required for this event. If you do not have eye and ear protection – there will be a supply on hand for attendees. I also recommend bringing a portable chair – seating is limited.

The first 2022 Girls and Guns event was held Sunday, May 15th. The interest in this program is growing and to accommodate the number of ladies requesting to attend, the event was expanded to both pistol ranges. A very special Thank you to Wildlife Achievement Chapter's Range Safety Officers and the Seneca Valley HP Rifle members for providing their skill and knowledge in Shooting and Range Safety protocol.

Thank You to Katie Shapiro for providing her assistance to make the event successful
Kathy and Mike Gugulis support for this event is immeasurable – BIG THANK YOU to both!



The next Girls and Guns event is scheduled for August 20th. If you are interested in attending – please RSVP by contacting cherie.aker@gmail.com

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **August 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

Again, No Probationary Member has made the transition to full member this Month.

Next Month we will break the drought !

Gardens Maintenance

7/15/2022

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Karl Krchma, Amraj Singh,
Richard Fulton, Curt Coughlin, Jan Lewandowski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Jacob Coughlin, Matt Curley, Robert Curley, Tracy Schaff, Tahrmoures Dehesh, Allen Young,
Zachary Miller

Chapter Maintenance Day

6/26/2022

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, John Porter,
G Wright, Dean Elliott, S Meyers, Paul Turska

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Gary Neubaum, Jose Lopes

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, Cherie 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:

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