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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

2022 National Convention Report

As most of you should know by now that this year is the 100th anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America. Additionally, it is the first time in two years that we have met in person. It was good to see old friends again and make attempts at getting back to some sense of normalcy.

Most of our membership really doesn't know what goes on within the League as a whole. Most are focused only on what they do at their individual chapters. While this is all well and good, the National convention is where policies are developed, rules are adopted, bylaws are changed, national officers, executive board and endowment board members are elected.

Another important function is the resolution process where the policies of the League are presented or modified. This year there were 5 presented, but one was pulled as the government had initiated the study prior to our convention. Four others were put forward for a vote by the delegates. Wetland and ephemeral stream protection, protection of non-native game fish and curbing the use of technologically enhanced natural radioactive waste were all passed and are now in the League policy book. The fourth resolution for funding rural electrical cooperatives failed. The complete listing of league policies can be found on the National website www.iwla.org

Another major change in the bylaws will allow the continued use of the 100th anniversary logo. The National bylaws have since its inception made the Walton bust the only official emblem of the League. With the adoption of the new logo it is hoped that more people will understand what the League stands for with this graphic depiction as opposed to Izaak's bust.

Numerous National Awards are presented at convention. These give recognition to those who have labored in the name of the League, chapters who have expanded their membership, published the best newsletters and other significant accomplishments. These awards are based on nominations from chapter membership.

The National Convention will be held in Cambridge, MD in 2024. This will be a perfect opportunity to attend since it's an easy drive. I urge you to give this opportunity serious thought. The Maryland Division is actively looking for people to step up and help with the organization of the convention and working the convention once it commences. Cherie Aker will be the point of contact at this point.

Fellow Ike's:

The fourth session of the **USAA Level 1 Archery Classes** of the **2022 WAC Youth and Adult Archery Program** are being offered in three classes to be held on the following Saturday mornings: **October 1, October 8 and October 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the club's Field Archery Range** (located on the right just after you enter the club driveway). All equipment will be provided for students to use during class sessions. This includes a traditional or compound bow, arrows, an arm guard and finger tab. Students are welcome to bring their own personal equipment but such equipment must be inspected and approved for use by an instructor. The fee is **\$25.00 per participant** for all three classes. **Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is only by email. Please note that a new policy change requires that WAC Chapter members be registered first and, thereafter, non-members will be registered according to availability.**

To register, please contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com as soon as possible. John will email you the Registration Form and the Waiver and Release Form for you to complete and email back to him. As forms are received, you will be notified by email to confirm that you are either registered in the session or are on a waiting list. Please make your check for the registration fee payable to "Wildlife Achievement Chapter" in the amount of \$25.00 per participant and bring it with you to the first class. **Please note that your registration is not fully confirmed until the required forms and check have been received, so do not delay as the class enrollment is very limited.**

In accordance with our Club's ever changing Covid-19 safety regulations, face masks are presently optional but PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND ANY ARCHERY CLASS IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: headaches, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Just contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com and you will be afforded an opportunity to make up any archery class that you miss.

Conservation

Be sure to check the calendar for new events in the upcoming months . Conservation credit is given if the event is printed in green. If you are worked the Montgomery County Fair last month, you will get conservation credit.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

October, 2022

Sat	10/1	Arden Young, Tim Mulreany
Sun	10/2	Dan Cimbora
Wed	10/5	Craig Leopard
Sat	10/8	Ron Haggard, Kevin Wolf
Sun	10/9	Michael Levendusky
Wed	10/12	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	10/15	John DuChaj
Sun	10/16	Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	10/19	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	10/22	Roman Drews
Sun	10/23	Brooke Jeu
Wed	10/26	Larry Buck
Sat	10/29	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	10/30	Dave Stevenson

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

My apologies to all . Hans sent these links as hyperlinks . Simply point ,click and you're there. For some reason, I couldn't make it happen. New rules are on the website damascusiwla.org. Or hold cursor over the link ,hit control ,right click and it'll load the page. Orientation can be copy /paste into your email program.

Sorry for my inability to make this easy!

Maryland Wear & Carry Classes

The demand for the Maryland Wear & Carry Permit has been overwhelming. For that reason, all our classes are full to the end of the 2022 year. We are working on the 2023 calendar and plan to provide adequate access for all members who are interested. If you need to apply earlier, there

are other network IWLA that Jesse Lim, Chairman can refer. Beware of those that only want your money and shortcut the process with inadequate instruction.

We also encourage those who have members for many years to attend the monthly Range Orientation Classes, use this opportunity to meet and greet our new members. The rules have been updated to reflect current realities and all members are required to follow the rules as posted on the website. You can register for Orientation Classes by sending an email to wac.orientation@gmail.com

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **September 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

Boyd T Schaff William L Davenport
Todd C Davis Walter Hargis
David I Kepner Michael W Hicok

Montgomery Co Ag Fair

8/12/2022 thru 8/20/2022

Mary and Don Hunt (Chair)

Each of the following Members worked a six hour over the nine days of the Fair.

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Cat Winkler, Terry Popkins

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Peggy Winkler, Bruce Walker, Douglas Wolf,
Walter Hargis, Rich Clement, Sidney Everhart,
Wandelene Everhart, Brooke Jeu, Bruce Walker

Thanks to the Members That Worked Behind

The Scene To Advance the Izaak Walton League

And Our Chapter for Work Being Done In Conservation, To The General Public.

Meosotis Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Rich Clements,
Jim Piatieski, Chuck Crooks, and Earl Hower from
(National)

Cowboy Set Up

8/12/2022

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Joseph Moran, Anthony Loratto, David Wright,

Robert Vendemmia, Brian Van Winkle,

George Hughes, Wellington Burton,

Gerry Benedick, M.F Sugrue,

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Gary Neubaum, Phil Raum, Edward Geldermann,

Dan Gross,

Gardens Maintenance

8/19/2022

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Jeff Deschamps,

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Bennet Lesniewicz

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Dirndorfer, Brian Lesniewicz, Rob Morell, Mario Mendoza, Richard Rawlings, Roger

Tarr

Lamont Green

Save Our Streams

8/21/2022

Jim Piatieski (Chair)

John Hartwell, Supervised Chemical Monitoring

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

David Kepner, Brian Brennan

Chapter Maintenance Day

8/28/2022

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Joe Pawley, Al Goldschmidts, John Porter,

Guy Wright, Kevin Wolf, Dean Elliott,

Roger Tarr, Stephen Elko, John Hartwell,

Paul Tursks, Tom Ouellette, Gerhard Bartsch,

Rob Bird

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

John Dirndorfer, Jose Lopes, Brooke Jeu,

Tracy Schaff

Adopt-A-Road

9/9/2022

James McInerney (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Judy Riley, Karl Krchma

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Rob Morell, David Wright, Geoffrey Rutherford,
Phil Raum

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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