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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

PENALTY INCREASE FOR INCOMPLETE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Starting with the 2024 dues renewal process, all members that have not completed the required 4 volunteer work projects within their probationary period will be charged a \$100 penalty instead of the current \$60 penalty.

Two of the four projects must be a conservation project. All four can be conservation but a minimum of two is required. The club calendar has all conservation projects listed in Bold Green letters. Regular credit projects are written in Bold Brown letters.

The Board of Directors approved the increase in an effort to encourage members to volunteer for chapter conservation and regular work projects. We are a volunteer organization and of late, the number of volunteers has not been sufficient to complete all of the needed work activities.

As long as members have not completed their requirements, they will remain on probationary status. If you complete your projects in year one, you are still on probation until your two years are up.

Wild Game Dinner and Auction

Tickets are still available for this event scheduled for January 21st. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available at the range house or by arrangement with Paul Turska at 301 252-7011. The snow date is January 28th.

We still need auction items ! Any usable sporting equipment or household items are welcome .

NO EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR COMPUTERS!

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar again this year. Please come out on **Saturday, January 14, 2023**, from **9 am to 1pm** and take advantage of this training.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED**[®] 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**[®]. Save a Life! To Learn more, go to [Home | Stop The Bleed](#).

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Must Pre-register by email: wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com Attendance is limited

Conservation

Hunter Education Instructors Needed

Do you enjoy hunting? Have you considered giving something back to your sport? Do you enjoy teaching others about hunting? If so, consider becoming a certified Hunter Education Instructor. The Hunter Ed teaching team here at WAC is in critical need of additional instructors to keep the program viable.

Being a Hunter Ed instructor is a fun and rewarding experience.

Hunter Ed instructors are certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To become an instructor, you should have a minimum of 3 years hunting experience, undergo a background check, and take a one-day instructor course conducted by DNR. To maintain your certification, you must teach a minimum of 2 courses per year, and attend one instructor update meeting at least once every 2 years. The time commitment for all this consists of about 6 to 8 hours per course and a couple hours for the update meeting. All courses are team taught and lead by the chief instructor. There is plenty of support from the team members.

Here at WAC we try to offer 3 classes per year, typically, one course during September, one during October and one during early November. The courses are usually a mix of two types: traditional in-class courses, and, an Internet based course field day. The traditional course meets on two successive Friday evenings and also a Saturday. Instructors may teach for an hour or two on one of the Friday

classes and then again during the Saturday class which runs from 9AM to 2PM. Not everybody on the teaching team teaches both a Friday session and a Saturday session. Teaching assignments are made by the Chief Instructor, based on your schedule and preferences. The field day class is conducted on a Saturday only, from 9AM to 2PM and is similar in structure to the Saturday session of the traditional course. Activities for the Saturday classes consists of live fire shooting at the rifle range, tree stand safety demo/presentation, simulated hunts and field walks covering shoot/don't shoot situations, zones of fire, safe handling of firearms, crossing a fence, and other relevant activities related to safety afield.

To become an instructor contact Dan Neuland, Hunter Education Coordinator, at DNR at: daniel.neuland@maryland.gov

We would love to have you on our teaching team.

Geoff Hornseth, Co-Chief Instructor, Hunter Ed program, WAC-IWLA

Rifle/Pistol (Hans Varmer)

The 2023 Calendar is now posted on the website. For your convenience, we are including the Rifle & Pistol Committee events in one convenient place, with the online class pre-registration link for you to plan. The cost of all classes, such as NRA Basic Pistol and Wear & Carry Day 2, is \$150, Utah non-residence carry permits is \$150. Stop the Bleed classes will be \$50 and, the NEW Practical Defense Holster will be \$30.

Date	Day	2023 Rifle/Pistol Events	Time
01/14/23	Sat	STOP the Bleed	9-12
01/28/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	1-4
02/05/23	Sun	UTAH	10-1
02/18/23	Sat	RSO Training	8-3
02/19/23	Sun	STOP the Bleed	9-12
03/04/23	Sat	Basic Pistol/W&C Day 1	8-4
03/11/23	Sat	STOP the Bleed	9-12
03/18/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	1-4
03/19/23	Sun	W&C Day 2	8-4
03/25/23	Sat	22 Fun Shoot	10-2
04/15/23	Sat	NEW Practical Defense Holster	11:30-1
04/15/23	Sat	Practical Defense Match	1-4
04/16/23	Sun	STOP the Bleed	9-12
04/22/23	Sat	UTAH	10-1
05/13/23	Sat	Intermediate Defense	8-4

05/20/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	10-1
05/27/23	Sat	STOP the Bleed	9-12
06/03/23	Sat	Basic Pistol/W&C Day 1	8-4
06/04/23	Sun	22 Fun Shoot	10-2
06/10/23	Sat	W&C Day 2	8-4
06/17/23	Sat	NEW Practical Defense Holster	8:30 - 10
06/17/23	Sat	Practical Defense Match	10-1
07/08/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	10-1
07/08/23	Sat	UTAH	10-1
08/05/23	Sat	NEW Practical Defense Holster	8:30 - 10
08/05/23	Sat	Practical Defense Match	10-1
08/13/23	Sun	Intermediate Defense	8-4
08/20/23	Sun	22 Fun Shoot	10-2
09/03/23	Sun	DNR Hunter Qualification	9-12
09/16/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	9-2
09/17/23	Sun	STOP the Bleed	9-12
09/23/23	Sat	Basic Pistol/W&C Day 1	8-4
10/08/23	Sun	Girls & Guns	12-2
10/14/23	Sat	STOP the Bleed	9-12
10/15/23	Sun	W&C Day 2	8-4
10/21/23	Sat	Mandatory RSO Meeting	8-10
11/04/23	Sat	Bowling Pin	1-4
11/12/23	Sun	STOP the Bleed	9-12
11/18/23	Sat	NEW Practical Defense Holster	11:30-1
11/18/23	Sat	Practical Defense Match	1-4
11/19/23	Sun	NRA Basic Rifle	8-4
12/03/23	Sun	STOP the Bleed	9-12
12/16/23	Sat	NEW Practical Defense Holster	11:30-1
12/16/23	Sat	Practical Defense Match	1-4

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

February, 2023

Sat 2/4 Arden Young, Tim Mulreany
Sun 2/5 Dan Cimborra, Mark Gay
Sat 2/11 John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun 2/12 Gary Giambalvo
Sat 2/18 Roman Drews, Ron Haggard

Sun	2/19	Maj Tavakoli, Jim Shay
Sat	2/25	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	2/26	Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu

New Years Day 5 Stand Fun Shoot. (Bob Cumberland)

It was a perfect way to ring in the new year, great weather, nice people, and fun targets. What more could you ask for? When planning the shoot there was concern of how many might attend, but everyone was quite pleased when it quickly filled to capacity. The participants included new and seasoned shooters, and everyone had a good time. More fun shoots will be planned in the future, so keep an eye on your Chapter email so you don't miss out!



Thanks to those that spent the day enjoying the chapter benefits, and a big thanks to Jay for coordinating the event.

There was no submission for work parties this month. We will catch up with the next issue, I hope. We are undergoing a transition phase in the volunteer hours tracking system. The information has been collected but not in a format suitable for publication in the newsletter. It will be published eventually. Rest assured your hours have not been lost in the ether or wherever lost information goes.

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, Jesse Lim , Geoff Hornseth ,Hans Varmer, Bob Cumberland 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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