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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.

STOP THE BLEED

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar again this year. Please come out on **Saturday, March 11, 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](#).

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

Conservation

New water initiative at IWLA

Anyone who reads the League magazine *Outdoor America* should have noticed numerous mentions of our Salt Watch program. This program was started by the national office when one of the staff noticed a large pile of road salt on Muddy Branch Road near the entrance to national headquarters. It has grown exponentially over the last several years and brings to light the overuse of road salt on highways and parking areas. All this excess winds up in our waterways and is detrimental to aquatic life.

The League is expanding with another program , nitrate watch. Nitrates are naturally occurring ,but can be harmful in excessive quantities , especially in babies. The excess can come from the over application of fertilizers or contamination from failing septic . you can Google nitrates and get a more complete list of potential issues arising from and excess on nitrates. Public water supplies are tested for these, but well water in homes is not unless the homeowner retains a testing company . Many of our members are on private wells . I have purchased the test strips and will test your water if you bring me a sample to a general membership meeting. This free test only takes about a minute and will give you a reasonable assessment of how your well measures up. All I need is a small amount . A teaspoon would be sufficient. Collect in a clean container. A baggie would be fine. Rinse it with your tap water three times before collecting your sample. This ensures no other residue is present in your sample.

This test is not as accurate as a lab test, but will give you a rough idea as to the nitrate content of your water and may help you determine whether to get a lab test..

Upcoming conservation project March 25th at Rachel Carson Conservation Park

We'll meet at a section of the Rachel Carson Conservation Park off of Sundown Road outside Laytonsville no later than 9 AM. We will be done no later than noon.

(Please note we ARE NOT meeting at the Park's visitor parking lot off of Zion Road!!)

We will be planting trees, maintaining previously planted trees, doing cage repair and weeding as needed. We plan on having 24 native tree's to plant in 5 to 10 gallon containers. We will install protective cages around each tree and secure with rebar. Be prepared to dig holes and get dirty.

Official address is 5610 Sundown Road outside of Laytonsville MD. Heading east out of Laytonsville we will be on the right side about a 1/4 mile BEFORE Zion Road. If you are coming in the opposite direction from Route 650 (Damascus Road) we will be on the left 1/4 mile past Zion Road. Just over the bridge turn left onto a private gravel driveway. Look for the huge flagpole. The driveway serves a huge private residence and a small tree nursery. We will be working in the large field to the left where you can pull in off the gravel road and park.

Unless significant rains are forecast this is a rain or shine event so come prepared. Dress in clothing that can get dirty. Wear comfortable footwear. Bug spray is always an option for tick concerns.

We will bring work gloves, shovels, tools and water although feel free to bring your own water, gloves, bug spray, etc.

If you are a new member please watch the Rachel Carson video on our chapter's home page *or click here:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdyHHmvp07Y>

Spring is right around the corner. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming conservation events

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.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

April, 2023

Sat	4/1	Arden Young, Tim Mulreany
Sun	4/2	Dan Cimbora, Mark Gay
Wed	4/5	Frank Bis
Sat	4/8	John DuChaj
Sun	4/9	Easter Sunday – <u>Ranges Closed to all</u>
Wed	4/12	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	4/15	Roman Drews, Ron Haggard
Sun	4/16	Gary Giambalvo, Eric Huber
Wed	4/19	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	4/22	Kevin Wolf
Sun	4/23	Madj Tavakoli, Jim Shay
Wed	4/26	Craig Leopard
Sat	4/29	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	4/30	Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu

Please note:

The volunteer hours records are finally getting back to current status. This month we are playing “Catch Up” with our volunteer hours report. There may be a few activities that had previously been reported but we want to make sure everyone is recognized.

The following members have completed their required work hours and have also completed their 2 year probationary period. CONGRATULATIONS!

John Baugher
Gerald Benedick
Robert Breiner
Fred Bunke
Ginny Bunke
Jacob Coughlin
Robert Curley
Daren Daniel
Jim Daniel
William Davenport
Todd Davis
Walter Hargis
Michael Hicok
Cathy Hyman
Robert Hyman
Stephen Jeu
David Kepner
Kimberly Kepner
Brian Lesniewicz
Li Li
George Martinis
Robert Morell
Dwight Mumper
Edward Myers II
Jonathan Pollack
Kevin Pugh
Richard Rawlings
Randy Sabett
Peter Tarpinain
William Tjokroaminata
Brian Varine
Jonathan Wolf
Joel Martin

The following members have completed the required volunteer projects and will become full member after their two year anniversary date.

Zachary Miller in April 2023
Ronnie Hoggard in May 2023
Kevin Limparis in May 2023

Phillip Raum in May 2023
Patrick Orzel in June 2023

Thanks to our volunteers
11/27/2022 Maintenance Day

Al Goldschmidts
John Porter
Kevin Wolf
Chuck Crooks
Guy Wright
Glen Miller
Zachery Miller Probationary Regular Credit
Paul Turska

12/04/2022 Rachel Carson Park

Pat Orzel Probationary Conservation Credit
Meo Curtis
Jeff Deschamps
Joshua Vayer Probationary Conservation Credit
Brian Varine Probationary Conservation Credit
Barry Fleming
Laura Benson Probationary Conservation Credit
Richard Rawlings Probationary Conservation Credit

12/18/2022 Maintenance Day

Kevin Wolf
John Porter
Al Goldschmidts
Robert Curley
Dean Elliott
Tom Ouellette
Pat Orzel Probationary Conservation Credit
Guy Wright
Chuck Crooks

1/20/2023 Oak Ridge Conservation Park

Nick Bobay Probationary Conservation Credit
Bob Breiner Probationary Conservation Credit
Geoff Rutherford Probationary Conservation Credit
Joshua Vayer Probationary Conservation Credit
Meo Curtis
Jeff Deschamps
Barry Fleming

2/26/2023 Maintenance Day

Al Goldschmidts

John Porter
Joe Pauley
Kevin Wolf
Robert Curley
John Hartwell
Guy Wright

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY RECORDING (NEW CHAIRPERSON)

Forrest Neal has accepted the task of keeping track of all volunteer hours. If you have a question on your status, you can email him at fpnthree@gmail.com.

When volunteering for work projects, always locate the sign in sheet. The event chairperson will have the sheet. This is the only way to assure that probationary members get their credit.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Jim Piateski for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and Chuck Crooks for tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Chuck Crooks, 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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