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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

We still have seats available for the April class. (May class has been cancelled).

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar this year. Please come out on **Sunday, April 16, 2023**, 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**[®] 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

Fri 14, Conservation Work Event, we will be working on Chapter gardens maintenance for weed removal and planting 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM -

Contact Meo Curtis (meosotis58@verizon.net)

Sun 23, Save Our Streams Committee, Chemical and biological testing at Mullinix Mill monitoring site Noon to 3:00 PM. Observers welcome on a limited basis with prior notice.

Contact John Hartwell 240-543-0156

Sat 29, Conservation Work Day / Tree Maintenance (Pigtail site) 9:00 AM -

Contact Jim Piateski Please note: There may be a change to this event due to sediment control work at the site. If this happens there is another project we will work on. (jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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..

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)

May, 2023

Wed	5/3	Frank Bis
Sat	5/6	Doug Chapman, Michael Levendusky
Sun	5/7	Al Cross
Wed	5/10	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	5/13	Paul Turska, Lee Becknell
Sun	5/14	Joel Gross, Eric Huber
Wed	5/17	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	5/20	George King, Bob Shelley
Sun	5/21	Madj Tavakoli,

Wed	5/24	Craig Leopard
Sat	5/27	Phil Butler, Ryan Turner
Sun	5/28	Dave Stevenson, Jay Devan
Wed	5/31	Debbi Perry

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before March 2021 and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation**.

If you are not sure as to your status, email Forrest at **fpnthree@gmail.com** and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

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

Laura Benson in May 2024

Camille Park & Kwon Park in July 2023

Congratulations to our new Full Members

The following probationary members have successfully completed their probationary period and have now graduated to Full Member status.

Alfred Minichiello, Gary Neubaum, Paul Foster, Paul Weise

Stream Monitoring

3/12/2023 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Gilbert Castillo, Mark Phillips

Garden Maintenance

3/17/2023 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandrowski, Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Christopher Donati, Alfred Minichiello, Laura Benson, Robert Kemp

Rachel Carson Tree Maintenance

3/25/2023 (Chair) Barry Fleming

Members and Nonmembers:

Rodger Moran, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ryan Dymek, Chris Anderla, Darrel Hylia, Marc Sauro, Paul Foster, Tori Bortniak, Pete Godwin, Jose Lopez, Paul Weise

Chapter Maintenance Day- Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Range Clean Up

3/26/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska, Al Goldschmidts, Mark Gay

Members and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Kevin Wolf, Joe Pauley, John Porter, Dave Lang, Dean Elliott, Gerhard Bartsch, Robert Shelley, Daniel Wines, Al Cross, Arden Young

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Eric Huber, Ronnie Hoggard

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Thanks to Jim Piateski for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and Forrest Neal 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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