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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.

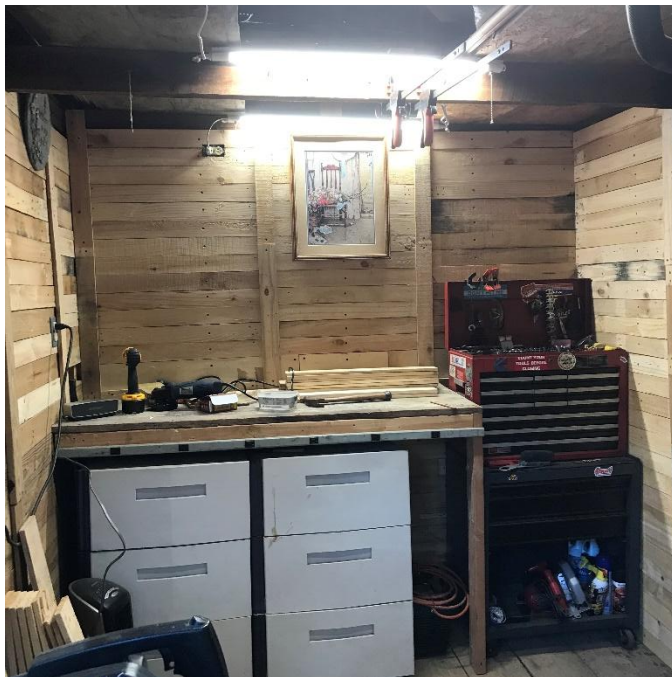
As long as members have not completed their requirements, they will remain on probationary status. If you complete your projects in year one, you are still on probation until your two years are up.

Conservation

Think BIG—Reuse/Repurpose/Recycle!—Anita Stonebraker

Recently a co-worker purchased a new (to him) home with some challenges. His discerning eye allowed him to use the resources at his disposal to create a dynamite workshop by re-purposing some materials destined for the dump. As you can see, the results are chic, functional and heavy duty!

John created the walls of this space using old pallets that were under products shipped to our company. He then rescued 9 copier paper drawers/stand to create functional and valuable drawer storage under this tidy workbench and on the other side of his workshop. This is still a work in progress, but you can also see the way the sturdy pallet wood allows him to use tool hangers to organize his space and make use of the vertical area for much-needed storage. In the second photo, John uses another set of copier stands for additional priceless drawer space. Although the space was small, John maximized it with his clever re-working of the space. Congratulations, John on a project well done! Your creativity and industriousness are to be commended!



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)

June, 2023

Sat	6/3	Arden Young, Ron Hoggard
Sun	6/4	Mark Gay, Madj Tavakoli

Wed	6/7	Frank Bis
Sat	6/10	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	6/11	Gary Giambalvo, George King
Wed	6/14	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	6/17	Roman Drews, Bob Shelley
Sun	6/18	Madj Tavakoli, Jim Shay
Wed	6/21	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	6/24	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	6/25	Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu
Wed	6/28	Craig Leopard

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before April 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 full members after their two year anniversary date.

Max Kuminov, Chris Donati, Juan Caceres

Congratulations to our new Full Member

The following probationary member has successfully completed their probationary period and has now graduated to Full Member status.

Robert Bird

Watershed Clean-up

4/1/2023 (Chair) Jim Piateski

Members and Nonmembers:

John Hartwell, Trish Campos, Tony Campos, Kieran Graham

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Christopher Donati, Tori Bortniak

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

4/7/2023 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jim Piateski

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Edward Trybus, Matthew Elmore, Chris Donati, Ryan Dymek, Pete Godwin, Chad Pollard, Richard Rekus

Tree Removal

4/7/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Rob Bird

Garden Maintenance

4/14/2023 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma, Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Chad Pollard, Juan Caceres, Chris Donati

Stream Monitoring

4/23/2023 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Mike Beltowski, Chris Anderia

Pigtail Site Tree Maintenance

4/29/2023 (Chair) Jim Piateski

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Mary Rekus, Addison Howard

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Jake Howard, Janine Howard, Marcel Moone, Will Burmeister, Richard Rekus, Steve Robinson, Max Kuinov

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

4/30/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Kevin Wolf, John Porter, Stephen Elko, Tom Ouellette, Dean Elliott

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Thomas Williams

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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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