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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

The renewal process for your 2024 membership dues will begin in early October. Your dues payment includes your chapter dues, the state IWLA dues and your national IWLA dues. You will receive an invoice in the mail with your dues amount. At some point I will send a group email notifying everyone that the invoices have been mailed. Due to issues with the post office, this is a double check to make sure you received your dues invoice.

The dues deadline is December 31st 2023. On January 1, 2024 all non-paid memberships will have their access cards disabled until the dues have been received.

If you have moved out of the area or you do not plan on renewing your membership, please let me know. It is very helpful and eliminates multiple reminder emails and billing invoices.

Chuck Crooks
Membership Secretary

A message from the IWLA Maryland Division President, Cherie Aker

We are asking our members to lend a helping hand in making the 2024 convention the best. If you have a talent in marketing, public relations, procurement, for example, have a connection with a potential sponsor, or an item for the auction, or ideas for the convention, please join our convention team.

Maryland IWLA Chapters are hosting the 2024 National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Resort in Cambridge, Maryland July 14-17, 2023. It's a great place for a convention and a family vacation. The Hyatt - located on the Eastern Shore - is a fully equipped resort providing numerous on-site activities. There is something there for everyone.

The convention kicks off with the Early Bird Auction on July 14th. I am challenging each IWLA Maryland Chapter and their members to donate an item(s) to be auctioned. New items are preferred for the convention. Handcrafted items, such as nesting boxes, hunting or fishing gear, theme baskets, etc., are great to donate.

If you are interested in lending a hand by joining a committee, please attend the next Maryland Division quarterly meeting scheduled for October 14th at the IWLA National Headquarters. The address is 707 Conversation Lane, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The meeting begins at 9:15am – the portion of the meeting to discuss the convention is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. Lunch is provided for attendees at 12:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please email me at Cherie.aker@gmail.com

STOP THE BLEED

Sun 17, STOP THE BLEED CLASS Upstairs hall, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Please arrive by 8:45 AM. (\$) Must pre-register via email to wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com, Contact - Dean Elliott

Conservation (Calendar)

Sat 16, Conservation Work Day / Tree Maintenance (Pigtail site) 9:00 AM – 12:00 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)

Sun 17, MOVED FROM 9/10/2023 Save Our Streams Committee, Chemical testing at Mullinix Mill monitoring site Noon to 1:00 PM. Observers welcome on a limited basis with prior notice. Contact John Hartwell 240-543-0156

Fri 22, MOVED FROM 9/15/2023 Garden Maintenance Meet at 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Green Maintenance Shed - Contact Meo Curtis

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.

Sat Oct. 7, Practical defense holster clinic 09:00 AM to 10:00 AM, meet in Upstairs Hall. **REGISTER HERE ON NRA WEBSITE.**
Contact Jesse Lim or sms text cell 240-832-0354 or Alphashooterusa1@gmail.com

Sun Oct. 8, Girls and Guns having fun! Noon to 2:00 PM, **(Both Pistol Ranges Closed During Event)** - RSVP Contact - Contact - Cherie Aker

GIRLS AND GUNS HAVING FUN (G&G)

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter realizing the steady growth in gun-ownership of women introduced their first Girls and Guns event May 2018. Eight attended our first event; and since then, we have had a steady increase in attendees. Some ladies attending had no previous experience with shooting – while others were there to sharpen their gun-handling skills.



May 2018 – First G&G event
Attendees and RSOs

The Vision for the G&G program was to create a safe and comfortable environment for ladies to gain confidence for safe gun-handling, improve shooting skills, learn a new sport for lifelong enjoyment, and provide an opportunity to meet

and develop friendships with other ladies that share a common interest in recreational shooting.

August 31, 2019, the G&G included a Basic Shotgun Clinic. The ladies had an enjoyable day learning shotgun basics – and an opportunity to shoot Clays, Skeet, and Trap.



Although COVID affected much of our society in 2020 – It did NOT stop the Ladies. Without missing a beat, and with safety precautions added – the G&G event continued.



Attendance is an important contributing factor to the success of this program, but what makes this program special is all the helping hands of our volunteers - WAC RSOs, Kathy Gugulis, and Mike Gugulis and Seneca Valley HP Rifle Team. Girls and Guns events are held three times a year: May, August, and October. The next scheduled event is Sunday October 8th Noon to 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Cherie.Aker@gmail.com. Space is limited!

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

October 2023

Sun	10/1	Mark Gay
Wed	10/4	Frank Bis
Sat	10/7	Arden Young
Sun	10/8	Gary Giambalvo
Wed	10/11	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	10/14	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	10/15	Madj Tavakoli
Wed	10/18	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	10/21	Roman Drews, Ron Hoggard
Sun	10/22	Jim Shay
Wed	10/25	Craig Leopard
Sat	10/28	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	10/29	Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before August 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.

Jose Lopez

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

None at this time

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

8/11/2023 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Robert Vedemmia

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Chad Pollard, Steve Robinson

IWLA Booth at Montgomery Cty Fair.

8/11-19/2023 (Chair) Bill Leaman

Members and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Terry Popkin, Don and Mary Hunt

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Jose Lopez, Rich Clement, Michael Cavaliere, Terri Cain, Patricia Brown

Patuxent Trail Clean Up

8/12/2023 (Chair) Rodger Moran

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Maureen Holland

Garden Maintenance

8/18/2023 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Maureen Holland, Chris Buynak, Chris Donati, Ed Trybus, Steve Welsh, Gabriel Mendez, Frank Sanders

Stream Monitoring

8/20/2023 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

None during this event

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

8/27/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Kevin Wolf, Joe Pauley, John Porter, Guy Wright, Dean Elliott

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mike Reed, Frank Sanders

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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, Cherie Aker 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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