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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Maryland Division meeting

The Maryland Division meeting will be held on October 14th, 2023 at the Izaak Walton League of America National Headquarters located at 707 Conservation Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Coffee and refreshment served at 9:15 and the meeting convenes at 9:30. Lunch will be served

There will be a convention planning session immediately following the meeting.

IMPORTANT -- If you plan to attend this meeting RSVP

to executive.secretary@marylandiwla.org as soon as possible. If you are on the Maryland Division BOD and will not be attending please provide that message as well. We need this information to be sure we have enough food for everyone at lunch.

Thank you,

Jeff Deschamps, Maryland Division Executive Secretary

WAC CHAPTER ORIENTATION AND RANGE SAFETY CLASS IS NOW MANDATORY

There are some members that do not use the rifle, pistol or shotgun ranges. Many of these members have never attended the chapter "Orientation and Range Safety Class". Members that have not attended the Orientation and Range Safety class are not issued member range passes and cannot use these ranges on their own until they complete the class.

This causes the members using only the airgun or archery ranges to not have credentials indicating that they are members. This is a particular concern on the archery range due to its location at the main entrance to our property.

The board of directors has a long standing policy that you must display a range pass when using any of the chapter ranges. This includes Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery and Airgun ranges. Not covering the airgun and archery ranges was an oversight and needs to be corrected.

Effective January 1, 2024, all members must display a WAC range pass when using any of the above ranges. This will also limit guests to only two per qualified member. An archery and airgun component has been added to the orientation and range safety class.

A green member range pass and red Visitor pass must be displayed while on any chapter range with the exception of organized and supervised events.

The orientation and Range Safety classes are held on the last Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM. The class is approximately 3 hours long and is held in the main hall. You must pre-register by email. You can email [John Randall](mailto:John.Randall@wac.org) to let him know you are coming.

Members that have not taken the range Orientation and Range Safety class must complete the class by the end of this year. Any member that has not completed the class by January 1, 2024 cannot use any range on their own and can only use the ranges as a guest of a member that has completed the class. All members and their guests must display their range card while on any of our ranges.

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

Sat 21, Fall Watershed Clean Up 9:30 AM to Noon. Meet at green maintenance shed. Reserved Downstairs Rathskeller for lunch - Register to participate with - Contact James McInerney 240-426-7474 **RAIN DATE 10/22/2023**

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.

Field Target Clinic

Have you wondered what all the fuss is about airgun Field Target shooting? The Adult Airgun Program will sponsor two 3 hour work shops held at the Chapter's Outdoor Airgun range, on Saturday October 28 and November 4, from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm to get you going in this high precision shooting sport.

You will learn the basics of FT shooting, and if you like it you can shoot in a match on Sunday November 5, all at no cost to you. The equipment and training will be provided by The Adult Airgun Program of the Chapter. Prior experience with Airguns is not required, but familiarity with the safe handling of firearms or 10 meter high precision air rifles is.

We have two rifles available as loaners. These have been custom tuned for Field Target shooting by CCA, and are pre charged pneumatic (PCP) rifles made by Diana. They are equipped with Lothar Walther barrels, pressure regulators, and have Hawke Airmax 6-24x50 scopes with illuminated reticles. We guarantee that it is possible to be highly competitive with these loaner rifles, but it will be up to you to learn how to shoot them accurately. This is where the work shop comes in.

We will teach you how to safely load and discharge air rifles; how to estimate target range, which will vary from 10-55 yards; how to adjust your holdover, so that you can hit the target consistently, even though the trajectory of your rounds will vary substantially over this range; and how to adjust for the effects of wind. We will show you how the metal targets used for Field Target work, and how to reset them.

You will have the opportunity to shoot both paper targets to start, followed by a range of metal targets like those used in matches once you are confident in your accuracy. This would be an excellent opportunity for those in the Junior program to experience a different sport in which we shoot outdoors with targets placed at 10-55 yards.

Please email Mark Mayer to reserve a slot or to ask questions: mayer.mlmet@gmail.com.

October 28 and November 4 Field Target Clinic 10:00 am to 1 pm. Meet at outdoor airgun range, Contact Mark Mayer: mayer.mlmet@gmail.com

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

November 2023

Wed	11/1	Frank Bis, Jay Jeffrey
Sat	11/4	Gerhard Bartsch, Doug Chapman
Sun	11/5	Steve Meyers
Sat	11/11	George King, Bob Shelley
Sun	11/12	Joel Gross, Al Cross
Sat	11/18	Paul Turska, Lee Becknell
Sun	11/19	Eric Huber
Sat	11/25	Phil Butler, Jim Shay
Sun	11/26	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Stop the Bleed

Fellow Ike's,

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar this year. Please come out on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, from 9 am to noon and take advantage of this life saving 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](#)

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before September 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.

Franklin Sanders, Michael Reed, Richard Rekus, Paul Ris, Joshua Vayer

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Jose Lopez, David Wright, John Jiang

Adopt A Road

9//8/2023 (Chair) James McInerney

Members and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandowski, Bill Doerrler, Frank Corn, Ken Clore

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dave Wright, Joshua Vayer, John Moulden, Mike Silverstone, Ruodi Liu, John Jiang, Victoria Bortniak

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

9/8/2023 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

George Hughes, Sandra S.

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

John Jiang, Vadim Startsev

Pigtail Site Tree Maintenance

9/16/2023 (Chair) Jim Piateski

Members and Nonmembers:

Morgan

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Moulden, George Brooks, Matthew Burry, John Jiang, Mike Reed, Griffin Duffy, Thomas Ott

Stream Monitoring

9/17/2023 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Jiang, Pedro Sula, Mike Delaney, Mike Reed, Marc Sauro

Garden Maintenance

9/22/2023 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Steven Stanhope, Chris Donati, Mike Delaney, Edward Geldermann

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

9/24/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Kevin Wolf, Joe Pauley, Dean Elliott, Mike Delaney

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mike Reed

An addition to last months newsletter: Franklin Sanders also participated in the Patuxent Trail Clean up held on 8/12/2023.

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 , Anita Stonebraker, Ed Mondonedo 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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