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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Fellow Ike's,

There are only 22 more days until the dues deadline of 12/31/2023. Several hundred members have yet to renew as of today's mail delivery.

On 1/1/2024 all white electronic access cards, for non-paid members, will be deactivated. This includes range gates and the chapter house. Those that wait until after the 1st of the year to renew, will have their electronic cards reactivated, however there can be a delay of up to 1 week before I can get to the club to program your card. Unpaid members cannot use the ranges or the chapter facilities or sponsor a new member. Eventually, unpaid members will be dropped from the membership list.

TOMORROW 12/10/23 - I will be in the club office, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, accepting membership payments. The office is located downstairs, in the far right corner of the wall, that has the refrigerator on it.

Make all checks out to IWLA-WAC.

You can mail them to me at;

Chuck Crooks

3147 Pheasant Run

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If you have lost your dues invoice, contact me and I will give you instructions.

IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com

Fellow Ike's,

We installed an emergency 911 phone at the sign in box in November of 1992. Back then, there were no cell phones to speak of and we did not have electronic access to the clubhouse.

Times have changed a great deal since then. Fortunately, we never needed to use the emergency phone. The current phone's auto dialer would not work on our digital telephone line so after 31 years of service, we have retired the 911 call box. There is a land line based telephone located on the upstairs bar counter top.

On the back of every range card and visitor pass is the club's street address. It is also posted on the sign in box and in various places on the property. You will notice that our postal address is in Mt Airy, MD. Although we are in Montgomery County and closer to Damascus, in an emergency, report our location as 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd., Mt Airy, Maryland.

Our property is over 120 acres. An emergency can happen anywhere and reporting the exact location is necessary. If there are other people with you, have one go to the main entrance driveway to direct emergency responders to the location of the incident. If sending someone is not possible, stay on the line with 911 until they arrive and you can direct them to where you are.

Emergency responders have access to a white electronic access card that will open any electronic building door and the range gate via a key box (KNOX BOX) provided by the county.

There are **first aid kits** in the main clubhouse, green shed, the covered pistol range, skeet house and the rifle range.

We also have **trauma kits** to stop heavy bleeding. They are located on the Covered Pistol Range, Rifle Range, Inside Green Maintenance Shed, First and Second floors of the Main Building, Shotgun House, Air Gun Range and Archery Range (on Inside of Shed door). As you visit the chapter, take note of where the kits are located.

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

Conservation (Calendar)

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 Meyer)

Jan 2023 RO Schedule

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
6-Jan	Bob Shelley	rshelley7995@gmail.com
6-Jan	George King	gkroofing@comcast.net
13-Jan	Paul Turska	pturska5155@gmail.com
13-Jan	Lee Becknell	lee@firstbaptistrockville.org
20-Jan	Phil Butler	chzcakphil@aol.com
20-Jan	Ryan Turner	rturner@brayandscarff.com
27-Jan	Doug Chapman	dchapman888@hotmail.com

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
7-Jan	Stephen Meyers	smeyers147@gmail.com
14-Jan	Al Cross	alfred.cross2@yahoo.com
14-Jan	Eric Huber	ehuber98@gmail.com
21-Jan	Jim Shay	jes233@verizon.net
28-Jan	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
28-Jan	Jay DeVan	jdevan@devanlowery.com

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

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If you joined the chapter on or before November 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.

Marc Sauro, Edward Trybus, Pedro Sola

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Mike Delaney, Griffin Duffy, Clayton Dukes, Robert Lalley, Tyric Sims

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

11/10/23 (Chair) Chuck Crooks

Members and Nonmembers:

George Hughes, Robert Vendemmin

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Bob Lalley, George Brooks, Mike Silverstone, Dale Yeilding

Cowboy Action Shoot Tear Down

11/11/23 (Chair) Chuck Crooks

Members and Nonmembers:

None

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Jose Lopez

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 Meyer 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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