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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Much of the information presented here is repeated from previous months newsletters. There are very few new submissions. The calendar can bring you up to date on what is going on at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

Wild Game Dinner

February 21, 2024

Donations may be left behind the bar in the Rathskeller. Contact Paul Turska for more information. 301 252-7011

Please no exercise equipment or old computer stuff. If you have firearms, please contact Chuck Crooks for proper handling of donation.

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)

Please check the calendar for upcoming events in 2024

The first meeting of the conservation committee will be held on Wednesday February 7th at 6:30 in the office in the Rathskeller

Rifle/Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough)

Fellow WAC members, I am taking over the responsibilities of Rifle/Pistol activities coordination and education from Hans Varmer who has done a wonderful job for many years. I can only hope to fill the shoes he has left behind and I thank Hans for his tireless efforts. I hope to meet old and new WAC members at meetings, events, and out on the ranges.

Coming up in January is a Bowling Pin Shoot (1:00 - 4:00), on the open pistol range on January 27th. This is a fun event open to members, family, and guests where you can test your skills at knocking down pins at 3 different distances. In December WAC held a Practical Defense Match where shooters honed skills on shooting around barricades and magazine changes. There will be another Practical Defense Match on February 24th - the challenges change for each match so mark your calendars and improve your skills!

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyer)

Feb 2023 RO Schedule

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
3-Feb	Tim Mulreany	tmulreany@yahoo.com
10-Feb	John DuChaj	johnd@cedarbrookinc.com
10-Feb	Jim Shay	jes233@verizon.net
17-Feb	Roman Drews	drewsr04@gmail.com
17-Feb	Kevin Wolf	kevinwolf3@hotmail.com
24-Feb	Adam Buynak /Kim	akbuynak@yahoo.com

Unavailable 2/1/23
travel
Jim switched with
month only

Buynak

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
4-Feb	Mark Gay	markdgay@gmail.com
11-Feb	Gary Giambalvo	garygandtinak@hotmail.com
18-Feb	Madj Tavakoli	madj.tavakoli@gmail.com
18-Feb	Ron Hoggard	rjhoggard@verizon.net
25-Feb	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
25-Feb	Brooke Jeu	brookejeu@gmail.com

Unavailable for a
starting Oct 2023
Ron switched with
month only

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before December 2023 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.

None at this time

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Brett Hadfield, Kimberly Feaga, Timothy Feaga, Mike Whalen, David Kildee

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

12/17/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Kevin Wolf, Joe Pauley, John Porter, Dean Elliott, Eric Huber

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Bret Hadfield, Brian Brennan

Salt Watch Program (Late Entry)

10/28/2023 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeanne Lehning, Mia DeNardi, Radul Gulbraa

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Mike Whalen, Alfredo Rivera, John Bartkowski, Andrea Bartkowski, Paul Jordan, Ruodi Liu, Rogers Chan

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, Mindy Goldsborough, 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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