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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.

Fellow Ike's,

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar again this year. Please come out on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, from 9 am to 1 pm and take advantage of this life saving training.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED**<sup>®</sup> 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**<sup>®</sup>. Save a Life! To Learn more, go to [Home | Stop The Bleed](#).

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Must Pre-register by email: [wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com](mailto:wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com) Attendance is limited. -  
Contact [Dean Elliott](#)

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## **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 March 16<sup>th</sup> at the BCC Chapter in Poolesville. The address is 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville, Maryland 20837. The meeting begins about 9:30am – the portion of the meeting to discuss the convention is scheduled to begin around 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be another Practical Defense Match on February 24th - the challenges change for each match so mark your calendars and improve your skills!

## **2024 GIRLS AND GUNS HAVING FUN**

The WAC 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

Since then, the Girls and Guns event has been successful. Attendance is an important 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. Thank you to all who attend and range volunteers.



August 19, 2023

Girls and Guns events are held three times a year:

1. Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2 pm
2. Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am – Noon
3. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2 pm

Space is limited – please RSVP to [Cherie.Aker@gmail.com](mailto:Cherie.Aker@gmail.com)

## Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyer)

### Mar-23

#### Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
2-Mar	Bob Shelley	rshelley7995@gmail.com
2-Mar	George King	gkroofing@comcast.net
9-Mar	Paul Turska	pturska5155@gmail.com
9-Mar	Lee Becknell	lee@firstbaptistrockville.org
16-Mar	Ryan Turner	<a href="mailto:rturner@brayandscarff.com">rturner@brayandscarff.com</a>
23-Mar	Doug Chapman	dchapman888@hotmail.com
30-Mar	Phil Butler	chzcakphil@aol.com

#### Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
3-Mar	Gerhard Bartsch	gerhardbartsch@hotmail.com
3-Mar	Joel Gross	chanteyjoel@comcast.net
10-Mar	Al Cross	alfred.cross2@yahoo.com
10-Mar	Eric Huber	ehuber98@gmail.com
17-Mar	Jim Shay	jes233@verizon.net
24-Mar	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
24-Mar	Jay DeVan	jaydevan0510@gmail.com
30-Mar	Stephen Meyers	smeyers147@gmail.com

#### Wednesdays - during DST (Sun, Mar 10, 2024 – Sun, Nov 3, 2024)

Week	Name	email Address
13-Mar	Jay Jeffrey	appraisalsplus@aol.com
20-Mar	Jeremy Dvorak	mountainman820@hotmail.com
27-Mar	Craig Leopard	vcleopard@icloud.com

### Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before January 2022 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](mailto: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 this month

### Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Rich Clement, Brian Brennan

## **Welcome Aboard**

The following individuals were sworn in at the January Membership meeting and are now considered probationary members until they have passed their 2 year anniversary and have completed the required 4 work credits.

Nathan Cummings, Kendall Cummings, Janitzio Guzman, Michael Hancock, Sebastian Hofmeister, Joseph Hofmeister, Eric Hoggard

### **Stream Monitoring**

1/14/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

None

### **Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

None

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

1/28/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidts, Kevin Wolf, Joe Pauley, John Porter, Ronnie Hoggard, Dean Elliott, Tom Onellette, John Hartwell

### **Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Brian Brennan

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](mailto: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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