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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

The IWLA Maryland state division is hosting this year's National Convention. The convention will be at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Cambridge, Maryland. The convention is a two-day event (Monday July 15th & Tuesday 16th). For our early attendees arriving on Sunday, July 14th we will be hosting the Early Bird Dinner and Auction. Following the convention, for the attendees staying an extra day or two, we will be offering group activities. Convention registration is now available on the IWLA National Web site <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/convention2024>. If you want to be a Chapter delegate for the Convention, and eligible for at least partial reimbursement, you must coordinate with Jim Piateski and John Hartwell—see article later in this newsletter. The Hyatt Regency is accepting hotel reservations at the discounted rate of \$175 plus tax for a standard room. Upgrades are available. If you are interested in reserving a room, you can do it now at <https://www.2024iwlaconvention.org/hotel-reservations> or call (410) 901-1234 and provide our group code G-IZWL for the discount rate.

HELP IS NEEDED! The Early Bird Auction is our major source of fundraising for the convention. I am hoping this year's convention surpasses all previous conventions. I want Maryland to be the best! You can help by attending the convention, but also by donating items for the auction, placing an ad in our convention program, or by becoming a sponsor.

Please donate new items or handcrafted items that would appeal to our members. Handcrafted items could be duck nesting boxes, bat or bird houses,

honeybee hive, custom wood signs, themed baskets, hunting or fishing accessories, etc.

Another option is to place an ad in our convention program booklet. The ad could focus on your business or a personal note wishing the Maryland convention success.

Full-Page Ad 7.5h x 4.5w = \$200

Half-Page Ad 3.75h x 4.5w = \$100

All Ads are full color

Ad request can be sent to Jeff Deschamps, executive.secretary@marylandiwla.org , using a PDF or a high-resolution image (TIFF, JPG, etc), or even a Word file.

In regard to sponsoring the convention – there are several benefits. If you are interested, please contact me at president@marylandiwla.org with your request for a Sponsorship Package outlining sponsorship levels and the benefits received in advertisement in our local region and nationally.

Thank you

Cherie Aker

President, IWLA Maryland State Division

Convention 2024 July 14-16

Online convention registration is now open. Members wishing to attend the convention must inform our Recording Secretary , Johnny Hartwell, by the May membership meeting at the latest. I would prefer commitment by April 30th, just to have it off my plate. The chapter budgets for delegate members to attend. I spoke to our Treasurer, Paul Turska, and we came to the conclusion that we will submit payment for Convention registration for attendees as a group, rather than having to issue separate reimbursement checks to everyone who attends. You will still need to make your hotel reservation and rooms are filling up fast in our block.

Go to the Maryland Division convention website at

<https://www.2024iwlaconvention.org> to get all the information you'll need.

Conservation (Club Calendar)

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2024.html> All conservation activities are in **Bold Green Letters**

Rifle/Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator)

Spring is here, the weather is warming - time to increase your shooting skills and hit the ranges!

There will be a Practical Defense Shoot 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM on the open pistol range on Saturday, April 27th (weather permitting). This event is a great way to test your skills on movable targets and against the clock. It is also an event where you can practice your holster skills if you have previously taken the WAC Holster Clinic. For those of you who need to take a Holster Clinic - there will be one given just prior to the Practical Defense Shoot - check the calendar and register to get in on the fun!

Mark Your Calendars - in May the Rifle and Pistol Education Program will be offering two classes, a concealed carry class for new and renewal MD, DC, or UT concealed carry permits on Saturday, May 4th and Personal Protection in the Home (PPIH) on Saturday, May 11th. Prerequisites may apply. There are no prerequisites for a UT concealed carry permit or for renewal of an existing MD or DC permit. For new MD or DC permits you must have completed the WAC Basic Pistol class within the last year. For the PPIH class you must either have a concealed carry permit, or have completed the WAC Basic Pistol class within the last year.

See you in the classroom and on the ranges .

The current class schedule is below, but always be sure to check the WAC Calendar for the most up to date information.

April 14 - Stop The Bleed

April 27 - Practical Defense Holster Clinic

May 11 - Personal Protection In The Home

June 1 - Basic Pistol

August 11 - Personal Protection In The Home

September 15 - Stop The Bleed

September 21 - Basic Pistol

October 12 - Stop The Bleed

October 13 - Personal Protection Outside The Home

November 10 - Stop The Bleed

November 17 - Basic Rifle

December 1 - Stop The Bleed

The Rifle and Pistol Committee is also interested in hearing what other types of safety and instructional courses you would like to have offered. Please get in touch with Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator, at wacedu@iwlwac.org with your ideas!

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

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyer)

May 2024 RO Schedule

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
4-May	Bob Shelley	rshelley7995@gmail.com
4-May	George King	gkroofing@comcast.net
11-May	Paul Turska	pturska5155@gmail.com
11-May	Lee Becknell	lee@firstbaptistrockville.org
18-May	Phil Butler	chzcakphil@aol.com
18-May	Ryan Turner	rturner@brayandscarff.com
25-May	Doug Chapman	dchapman888@hotmail.com
25-May	Mike Webb	mwebb1234a@aol.com

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
5-May	Stephen Meyers	smeyers147@gmail.com
12-May	Eric Huber	ehuber98@gmail.com
19-May	Michael Levendusky	zonefive1@hotmail.com
26-May	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
26-May	Jay DeVan	jaydevan0510@gmail.com

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

Week	Name	email Address
1-May	Frank Bis	frank.bis@comcast.net
8-May	Jay Jeffrey	appraisalsplus@aol.com
15-May	Jeremy Dvorak	mountainman820@hotmail.com
22-May	Craig Leopard	vcleopard@icloud.com
29-May	Debbi Perry	debbi.perry@verizon.net

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before March 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** 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.

Martin Welsh

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Juan Caceres

Welcome Aboard

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

Terrance Dacre, Bryan Fredrickson, Neal Lwin, Matthew Stafford

Garden Maintenance

3/15/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Barry Fleming

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Lee Porter, Patrick Dorr

Stream Monitoring

3/17/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Sherry Neal, Tom Parsons

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

3/24/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

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

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Tom Parsons, Mike Beltowski, Steve Welsh

Watershed Cleanup

3/30/2024 (Chair) Jim Piatieski

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Michael Hancock

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, Meo Curtis, 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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