



Wildlife Gazette
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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.

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

Mark it on your Calendar

- WAC Membership Meeting – Wednesday May 22nd 6:30pm Social & 7:30pm Dinner/meeting
- Chapter Maintenance Day – Sunday May 26th 9:00 am Green Shed
- WAC Chapters 87th Anniversary Party – Sunday June 2nd 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Roasted pig, burgers & dogs – Games – Great Music
 - \$10 donations requested
- BOD Meeting – Wednesday June 5th 7:30 pm
- Maryland Division Meeting – Saturday June 8th 9:15 am at Mount Airy Chapter
- 2024 IWLA National Convention
 - Sunday, July 14th Early Bird auction and Dinner Party 5:00 pm
 - Monday July 15th & Tuesday July 16th Convention
 - Wednesday, July 16th (optional) Planned Activities

For more agenda information, registration, and Hotel reservation please access - www.2024iwlaconvention.org

Please take a look at our WAC Calendar. There are lots of events (conservation and range) planned, as well as educational classes.

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Calendar 2024 (damascusiwla.org)

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.

- Proposed resolutions are now available on iwla.org. Click 2024 National Convention, Learn more, Convention business, Resolutions.

Please read and voice your opinions to you chapter delegate at convention. Your voice governs the League.

Conservation (Calendar)



Conservation Activities May 2024

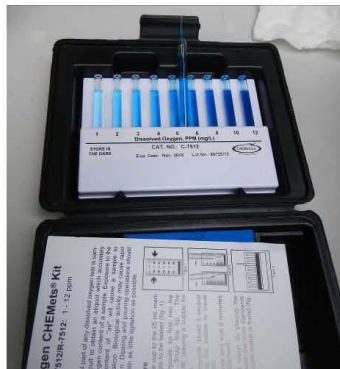
Fri 10, Conservation Work Event.

We will be working on Chapter gardens and tree maintenance
9:00 to 11:30 AM **Pre-register**
with Meo Curtis at
meosotis58@verizon.net



Fri 17, Spring Adopt A Road from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Help keep litter out of our **Upper Patuxent and the Triadelphia Reservoir**. **Pre-register** with James McInerney at jamespmcinerney@gmail.com or 240-426-7474. Leave your name, phone number, and membership number (if member).

Sun 19, Save our Streams Committee, Chemical testing of the Upper Patuxent River at Mullinix Mill Road Noon to 4:00 PM. Observers welcome on a limited basis with prior notice. **Must pre-register** with John Hartwell at hartwell.john.g@gmail.com or 240-543-0156.



Rifle/Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator)

News from the ranges - lots of range related activities happening in May! Come join us...

On May 4th we will have had our second Concealed Carry Class of the year - this remains a popular class for our members. Additional classes will be added to the calendar after the June 1st Basic Pistol class (prerequisite for those who have not had the Pistol class within the last year). If you are interested in concealed carry, plan on taking that June Basic Pistol Class.

For those of you with your concealed carry (or Basic Pistol class) prerequisite, the May 11th Personal Protection in the Home class would be the perfect next step. Learn about ways to protect yourself and your family. We have redesigned the course of fire for the range portion to focus on situational skills development. It will be an education, fun, and challenging day.

Check the club calendar for a link to Mindy Goldsborough for class information or to register.

Finally, on May 25th we will be having a Bowling Pin Shoot - always a fun time - come and see if you can knock down pins set up at various shooting distances.

See you on the ranges - Mindy

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

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)

Jun 2024 RO Schedule

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
1-Jun	Tim Mulreany	tmulreany@yahoo.com
8-Jun	Ron Hoggard	rjhoggard@verizon.net
15-Jun	Roman Drews	drewsr04@gmail.com
15-Jun	Kevin Wolf	kevinwolf3@hotmail.com
22-Jun	Adam Buynak /Kim Buynak	akbuynak@yahoo.com
29-Jun	John DuChaj	johnd@cedarbrookinc.com

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
2-Jun	Mark Gay	markdgay@gmail.com
9-Jun	Gary Giambalvo	garygandtinak@hotmail.com
9-Jun	Matt Brennan	McBX2@comcast.net
16-Jun	Madj Tavakoli	madj.tavakoli@gmail.com
16-Jun	Michael Levendusky	zonefive1@hotmail.com
23-Jun	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
23-Jun	Brooke Jeu	brookejeu@gmail.com

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

Week	Name	email Address
5-Jun	Frank Bis	frank.bis@comcast.net
12-Jun	Mike Webb	mwebb1234a@aol.com
19-Jun	Jeremy Dvorak	mountainman820@hotmail.com
26-Jun	Craig Leopard	vcleopard@icloud.com

Maryland State and National Awards

The Maryland State Division Awards nomination deadline is May 15, 2024. All our Chapters depend on our volunteers. Please email your Nominations for Maryland State Awards to Cherie Aker at president@marylandIWLA.org

The Maryland Division Awards nomination forms can be accessed at:

[Maryland Division IWLA - Division Awards \(marylandiwla.org\)](http://MarylandDivisionIWLA-DivisionAwards(marylandiwla.org))

During our March Membership Meeting – Our WAC President, John Porter and Maryland State Division President, Cherie Aker presented Paul Turska the Judge John W. Tobin National Award. Paul has worked endless hours as our WAC Treasurer and Chairperson for our House & Ground committee. **Congratulations Paul – a very deserving award!**



The National Awards nominations are due June 1, 2024.

IWLA National Awards nomination forms can be accessed at:

<https://www.iwla.org/chapter-resources/awards>

Please take the time to recognize someone for their hard work and time in 2023.

Please email Nomination Forms for National Awards to awards@iwla.org

Girls and Guns Having Fun – April 28th

WAC's first scheduled 2024 Girls and Guns (G&G) was well attended. 42 ladies attended.



You could tell from the smiles everyone had a good time.



A very special Thank you to Kathy Gugulis. She keeps everyone on track – which is no easy feat! Also thank you to the WAC RSO Team and to Mike's Gugulis' Team. I should also thank my husband, Jean Aker, for his patience and contribution to the event.



Our Next G&G events for 2024 are scheduled for Saturday August 17th 10am – Noon and Sunday October 6th Noon to 2pm. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please RSVP to Cherie.aker@gmail.com

This event is FREE. If you do not have ear and/or eye protection, we will have some on-hand to use during the event. Attendees are welcome to bring their personal firearms and ammunition to the event. Please make sure your personal firearm is safe and in good condition. Donations are accepted for .22LR ammunition, water, and snacks provided at the event. Please bring a folding chair.

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before April 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.

Patrick Dorr, Michael Hancock, Thomas Parsons,

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Michael Beltowski, Lamont Green, Lee Porter

Welcome Aboard

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

Nancye Shipe, Jonathan Benson, Elizabeth VanderVeen, Samuel Bonk, William Bonk, Terry Mountcastle

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

4/12/2024 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Robert Vendemmia, Susan Bortniak, John Bortniak, Chuck Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Lamont Green, Vadim Startsev

Garden Maintenance

4/12/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Patrick Dorr, John Yeager, Michael Brol, Lamont Green, Michael Hancock, Lee Porter

Stream Monitoring

4/21/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Richard Watson, Daniel Barry, Frank Sanders, George Brooks

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

4/28/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Kevin Wolf, Tom Ouellette, Al Goldschmidts, John Porter, Chuck Crooks, Joe Pauley, Eric Huber, Dean Elliott, Stephen Meyers, Ronnie Hoggard, Mike Webb, Brooke Jeu,

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Mike Belkowski, Tom Parsons, Eric Hoggard, Mike Brol

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 Meyers for their contributions to this newsletter and 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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