



Wildlife Gazette
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Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar again this year. Please come out on **Sunday, September 15, 2024**, from 9 am to 1 pm and take advantage of this life saving training.

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](#)

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Conservation (Calendar)

We had a small group for the Aug. 17, nature walk. Near the archery range we sampled the abundant ripe Autumn olive berries, munched on Wood sored, nibbled on young sassafras

leaves, discussed the tragic story of the American chestnut, the medical uses of common plantain, and much more. Near the chapter house we talked about the Mugwort and different oak trees there. Afterward we did a short hike in Patuxent River State Park (trailhead near where the Chapter does its stream monitoring, about one mile from the chapter entrance), where we saw many types of mushrooms and interesting plants such as Spicebush, not found on the Chapter property. A very pleasant and interesting morning.

Fivestand (Bob Cumberland)

On Saturday, August 24, the Chapter hosted a 5 stand fun shoot. It happened to coincide with the National Shooting Sports Foundations' National Shooting Sports month. Rodger Moran was able to secure some giveaways in support of the program. The participation was great, and the exciting targets were complimented by good food from Chef Eric, and perfect weather. If you are curious about 5 Stand, interested in learning something new, or just looking for a

reason to dust off that old shotgun, stop by. The 5 Stand is open every Wednesday (weather permitting), from noon to 5pm. We will soon be posting select weekend days as well. Stay tuned for details.

What is 5 Stand?

A round of 5 stand combines the core aspects of skeet, sporting clays and trap shooting. Clay-target launchers, often called “traps” or “skeet throwers”, are strategically positioned around five shooting stations, or stands. The launchers throw clay birds from the front, back and both sides of the shooter.

During a round of five stand, shooters are presented with five targets at each station for a total of 25 targets. Each station includes a menu card that explains the launcher setups and the order of the shots.

The first target is a single bird. Next, the shooter is presented with two pairs of birds. When shooting pairs, the second bird can be launched as a “report pair,” when the shooter fires at the first bird. The pair of targets can also be launched at the exact same time as a “true pair.”

After shooting at a station’s five targets, the shooter then moves on to the next station.

Rifle/Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator)

Upcoming Firearms Education Class - The LAST Basic Pistol Class for 2024 will be held on Saturday, September 21st, 8 AM - 4 PM. Cost of the class is \$150.00, all of which goes towards supporting Chapter activities. The class is open to WAC members, friends and family.

During the morning classroom session, participants will learn about handgun safety, form and function, storage, maintenance, and proper shooting techniques. In the afternoon, participants will complete the class with a range exercise utilizing WAC RSO’s (range safety officers) .22 caliber pistols.

Completing the Basic Pistol Class fulfills the training requirement for obtaining a Maryland Handgun Qualification License (HQL), which is necessary to purchase a handgun in MD. The Basic Pistol Class is a prerequisite for the WAC Concealed Carry Class, for those wishing to obtain that license, and for the WAC Personal Protection in the Home Class.

See the WAC calendar for information and a link to get registered for the class.

The once-monthly shooting events continue to be challenging and fun - the Practical Defense Match in August was a perfect example. Inspired by a real-life event, the participants were shooting long distance (in our case ~ 25 yards - see the set-up picture below - the real case was 40 yards!) with the goal of getting 10 shots in the “A” zones of the target in 15 seconds. Do you know how quickly 15 seconds goes by? It’s fast, and *really* fast when you are trying to aim! The event in September (28th, check the calendar the day of for any last minute updates) is a Bowling Pin Shoot, a great introduction to the WAC shooting events if you have not previously participated.

Also pictured below is an example of your membership fees at work to improve our facilities. Here we see the completed upgrade of the Rifle Range in action during a Seneca Valley Rifle Match. The range has a new concrete floor that provides a solid

foundation around the shooting benches and makes it an easy job to clean up your brass.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyer)

O Oct 2024 RO Schedule

Saturdays

| Week | Name | email Address |
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| 5-Oct | Tim Mulreany | |
| 5-Oct | Paul Webster | |
| 12-Oct | Ron Hoggard | |
| 19-Oct | Roman Drews | |
| 19-Oct | Kevin Wolf | |
| 26-Oct | Adam Buynak /Kim Buynak | |

Sundays

| Week | Name | email Address |
|--------|----------------|---------------|
| 6-Oct | TBD | |
| 6-Oct | Bill Bonk | |
| 13-Oct | Gary Giambalvo | |
| 13-Oct | Matt Brennan | |
| 20-Oct | Jim Shay | |
| 27-Oct | Dave Stevenson | |
| 27-Oct | Brooke Jeu | |

Wednesdays - during DST

(Sun, Mar 10, 2024 – Sun, Nov 3, 2024)

| Week | Name | email Address |
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| 2-Oct | Frank Bis Gerhard Bartsch | |
| 9-Oct | Mike Webb | |
| 16-Oct | Jeremy Dvorak | |
| 23-Oct | Craig Leopard | |
| 30-Oct | Madj Tavakoli | |

One of the most precious privileges we have as Americans is the right to vote. Each election, we have the opportunity to express our views about how we think our city, county, state and nation should be governed. I am always conscious of the fact that hundreds of thousands of heroes have given their lives to protect our Constitution and the right to vote. The Izaak Walton League of America, and this Chapter, are absolutely non-partisan. We do not endorse any candidate for public office – ever. Like religion, political opinions are intensely personal. As Americans, we respect everyone’s right to decide those questions for themselves. That said, this is our opportunity to urge each person reading this newsletter to carefully consider the candidates for public office and decide whether that candidate will move America or any political subdivision of America, in the direction the reader believes will be in the best interest of the country. As a “conservation” organization, our interest and advocacy are constantly directed toward protecting natural resources and the environment. We hope that all citizens will vote and that all voters will realize that protecting the environment, on which we all depend, is not a partisan political issue. We hope everyone will vote for candidates who will support policies that are protective of our precious natural resources.

(Courtesy of Mike Chenowith-President Florida Division)

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before August 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.

Daniel Barry, Michael Cavaliere, Terrence Dacre, John Moulden

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Paul Fowler, Michael Gibson, Linn Kanon

Welcome Aboard

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

Arun Ali, Victoria Bateman, Jacob Cooper, Rachel Cooper, Michael Cooper, William Head, Joshua Jackson, Karey Kimmel

Garden Maintenance

8/2/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Michael Hancock, David Barry

Rifle Range Pre-Construction Work

8/5/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandrowski, Bill Doerrler, Scott Gardner, Al Goldschmidts, Phil Lowe, Dean Elliott, Robert Vendemmia, Kevin Wolf

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Frank Sanders, Andy Weir

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

8/9/2024 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

IWLA Booth at Montgomery Cty Fair.

8/9-17/2024 (Chair) Bill Leaman

Members and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jay Copsey, Terry Popkin

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Mouden, Warren Black, Frank Sanders, Mike Gibson, Michael Cavaliere

Rifle Range Bench Installation

8/10/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Kevin Wolf, Vijay Wakhare, Al Goldschmidts, Dean Elliott, Joe Pauley, Forrest Neal

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Janitzio Guzman, Warren Wright, David Cerna, Tom Wisner

Garden Maintenance

8/16/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Terrence Dacre, Vikki Bateman, Paul Fowler, Vadim Startsev

Stream Monitoring

8/18/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Nancye Shipe, Linn Kanan

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

8/25/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Tom Ouelette, Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley,
John Porter, John Huber, Dean Elliott, Bill
Leaman

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Nancye Shipe, Terrence Dacre

Membership Night Dinner Kitchen Help

5/22/2024 & 8/27-28/2024 (Chair) Randy
Mckenzie

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Christian Quintanilla

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, 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.

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