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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Message – May 2025

"Sweet April Showers, Do Spring May Flowers – Thomas Tusser"

This month, on Thursday, May 29th, is the 88th anniversary of our chapter.

Our anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, June 22nd from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Enjoy live music from The Moxie Blues Band and The Sandra Dean Band with your family. Roast pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, and various sides will be offered. Activities include badminton, volleyball, nature trails, corn hole, and a bounce house. This event is open to everyone. Members, families, and friends are welcome. A suggested \$10 donation is appreciated. Outdoor seating is limited, please bring a comfortable folding chair. Hope to see you there!

Our chapter is notable for its beautiful chapter house, grounds, and our ranges. Our members volunteer for work projects and range maintenance to ensure we maintain our chapter. Volunteers are essential. Please check the calendar and find a way to help.

This year's recipient for the John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award is Kevin Wolf.

Congratulations Kevin and Thank you for all your time and effort you give so freely to our chapter.

The Damascus Little Free Pantry is privately operated by a resident of Damascus. Items were gathered and delivered to the Pantry on behalf of our chapter. While I was there, it was mention many women are in need of personal care products and lunch snacks and school supplies for their children. Their motto is "take what you need, give what you can." I do plan to visit the pantry and donate additional items. If possible, please contribute items to assist those in need. There will be a table at our meeting where contributions can be placed. Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Cherie Aker

COMMITTEE REPORT – May 2025

Adopt-A-Road – rescheduled to Friday, May 30 8:30-11:00 am – pre-registration – see calendar

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Outdoors: MD State Championship scheduled Saturday 17th 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Air Rifle – Junior: – End of Year Cookout & Awards Sunday May 18th

Archery: Phil Raum – Open House Saturday, April 26th well attended.

Boy Scouts: Order of Arrow Camping (April 25-27) went well. Troop 945 Merit Badge weekend camping planned for May 16th to May 18th

Chapter & Range Orientation: Sunday, May 25th – Pre-registration required – see calendar

Conservation: – Next meeting scheduled Wednesday, June 4th 6:30 pm

Cowboy Shoots: Thunder Valley Days Set-Up Tuesday, June 3rd. Volunteers needed

Green Energy: Jim Hitchcock – next meeting scheduled Wednesday May 21st 7-8:30 pm

Hall Rentals: Cherie Aker – Rate increased, effective June 1st

House & Grounds: Paul Turska

Chapter – House & Grounds – Volunteers needed for Saturday, May 17th Chapter & Grounds Maintenance Day 9:00 am at Green Equipment Shed.

Rifle/Pistol: Joe Pauley & Dean Elliott

Education: Maryland Concealed Carry Draw from Holster Class received Great Reviews from attendees.

Please check the calendar for the next scheduled class date and class requirements.

Ranges: Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up rescheduled to Sunday, May 18th 9:00 am

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Members can now register for the 2025 National IWLA convention. The convention is a 2-day format scheduled for July 18th – July 19th in Green Bay Wisconsin. The Early Bird Welcome Party and Auction is Thursday, July 17th. To reserve a room and receive your discounted rate at Tundra Lodge Resort, please contact the hotel directly at (877) 886-3725.

Save Our Streams: Sunday, May 18th Noon to 4:00 pm. See the calendar for more information.

Skeet & Trap: Mark Gay – Skeet & Trap Maintenance rescheduled to Saturday, May 24th 9:00 am

Wild Game Dinner & Auction: Paul Turska – as of 2026, Dinner & Auction will be held in March

Conservation

Sun 18, Save Our Streams Committee, Biological and chemical testing at Mullinix Mill monitoring site
Noon to 4:00 PM. -

Observers welcome on a limited basis with prior notice. Contact John Hartwell 240-543-0156

May 30 , Adopt-A-Road 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, volunteers needed, pre- register with Contact James McInerney 240-426-7474 Leave your name, membership number and phone number.

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Rifle/ Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough)

The first session of a new firearms training class, Concealed Carry Draw From Holster 101, was given to WAC members on May 4th. With so many of our members now having their MD concealed carry license, Joe Pauley and Dean Elliott, co-chairs of the Rifle and Pistol Committee, wanted to develop additional opportunities for safety training for this group.

While drawing from a holster is not allowed on WAC ranges except at certain special events, it is a skill that concealed carry permit holders need to safely master. This course was designed to provide members with a MD concealed carry license the background knowledge and practical skills to help them improve their draw from holster skills. This course is based on advanced skills training exercises some of the RSO's (range safety officers) have taken on their own at a specialized facility.

The 101 class, which is currently available, consists of an hour of classroom time covering holster type pros and cons with many examples available for viewing and repetitive "blue gun" holster draw exercises to get everyone's basic safe draw mechanics engrained. Then we move to the range where for 2 hours participants are on the firing line, partnered with an RSO, to practice those safe draw from holster skills with their own firearms. The class starts slow, first without ammunition, then with single shots, and then multiple shots and magazine changes. Some of the final exercises include the incorporation of snap caps into the magazines to mimic a malfunction that needs to be cleared on the fly, and moving towards a target while shooting. See picture for an example of one of the drills.

A 201 class that will build upon the skills of the 101 class is in development for the 2026 WAC calendar of events.

At this first class it was great to see the participant's skill and comfort level significantly grow just within those few hours. Everyone who participated had very positive remarks on the class information and drills - they were already eager for the 201 class!

The Rifle and Pistol Committee will be offering this class 3 more times this year, on Saturday, July 12th, Sunday, July 20th, and Saturday, August 2nd. The fee for the class is \$75.00. Class size is limited to 6 participants (MD concealed carry permit required) per class. Contact wacedu@iwlwac.org to sign up.

Participants who take this class will be able to draw from a holster at the bimonthly Practical Defense Matches (see WAC calendar for schedule).

Girls and Guns (Cherie Aker)

Sunday, April 27th our chapter had our first Girls and Guns event for 2025. This event is held 3 times a year – April, August, and October. The event marked the commencement of our new Smart Waivers initiative. Participants received a web link to access the waiver form before the event. Tablets were provided at the event for those who missed submitting the waiver. The Rifle/Pistol committee introduced two women's courses: Fundamentals of Shooting and How to Clean Your Firearm. Both courses were Great. We appreciate the contributions of the Range Safety Officers, the course instructors, Adam Vitelli, Kevin Wolf, and Mike Gugulis' team for their role in the Girls and Guns event. Our next Girls and Guns events are schedule for Saturday, August 16th 10:00 am to Noon and Sunday, October 5th Noon to 2:00 pm. Please check our calendar for upcoming courses.

FOR SALE/WANTED GUIDELINES

Please submit your for sale items, in the format below with a 12pt Arial font, with black letters only. Include condition, price, brand, your contact information (on each item) and a description of the item for sale. For firearms, include the barrel length, caliber, finish, condition and model number. Do not underline or make any text bold or in color. Please limit the number of ads to 3 per member. We are not responsible for pricing errors or seller's content. Ads will only be listed in the online version of the newsletter since there is not a space limitation and will be listed as received (copy and pasted) without any edits.

Items must be your personal property and not for business purposes. We do not post commercial sales. Use upper and lower case letters, do not use all caps. Do not send spreadsheets or formatted columns. Please do not send the ad as a file, send it in the text of a regular Email. Do not use bold text except for the brand. Each ad should be written individually. Include your name, membership number and contact information **after each ad**. Items must be firearm or shooting sports related.

“Want ads” will need to have contact information and adhere to formatting requirements, but the content can be as general or specific as needed depending on the item that you are looking to acquire.

Deadline is by 5:00 PM on the last Monday of the month. Ads will be listed in the order received.

For additional information, please contact the seller directly.

Items that are over 6 months old will be deleted unless you send a renewal of the ad. Please advise Forrest if the item has been sold or is no longer for sale. Ads will be removed, after the date (that I populate) at the end of each ad based on the date it was added to the newsletter. All transactions are between the seller and buyer and Federal and State Laws must be followed for all firearm transfers.

All ads and any questions are to be emailed to Forrest at fpnthree@gmail.com.

MARYLAND FIREARM TRANSFERS

Handgun and now long gun transfers in Maryland require that the transfer be made by a licensed dealer or through the Maryland State Police. All firearms purchased from out of state or through the Internet must also go through a Federal Firearms dealer within your state. The FFL must be at the recipients (buyers) end, not the shipping end. It is often difficult to find a dealer that is willing to take on sales that were not originated by them. However, if you know of a dealer who is willing to assist with firearm transfers, please let me (Forrest at fpnthree@gmail.com) know

and I will add their information in this section.

You must have links activated in order to use the Email hyperlinks included in each ad.

Formatting Example

Stoeger SXS shotgun 12 GA 20" barrel, blue finish, upgraded stock with rubber butt plate. Very good condition. Comes with a double pouch 38" waist shell belt. \$475 Pictures available on request. Jim Daniels (193602), 410-555-1212 or shotgunguru@hotmail.com (8/25)

For Sale

Accessories

Bushnell 10x42 Fusion 1600 ARC Laser Rangefinder Binocular. Like new condition. Comes with carrying case, lens covers and battery. \$350.00 Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (10/25)

BSA SWEET .17 SP 3-12x40 Rifle Scope. Green and Blue illuminated reticle. Comes with box, 3" sunshade, lens caps, and manual. \$75.00 Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (10/25)

Archery

Diamond by Bowtech Edge, excellent condition. Comes with multiple limbs, accessories, Gold Tip and Blackout X5 Envy arrows that can be cut to size and a Plano hard case. Email for pictures. \$250.00 Richard Shapiro (127032) richardshapiro1@verizon.net or text 301-385-6625 (10/25)

Ammunition

Remington Commemorative Dale Earnhardt Jr. Hi-Speed 8's - Hi-Speed Game Loads. 12 ga, 2-3/4 inch, 1, 390 FPS, 7/8 oz, 8 shot. New in box. 2-25 shell boxes. \$25 each. Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (10/25)

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before April 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 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.

Andrea Bartkowski, John Bartkowski

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.

Omar Arias, Debra Beals, Nichols Ritzer, Najeeb Shah, Andrew Shankman, John Thereault Jr., Robert Tjaden

WAC Tree Maintenance

4/5/25 (Chair) Rodger Moran

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Hector Gomez

Cowboy Clinic Set Up

4/6/25 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Bob Vendemmia, Dean Snapp, Sandy Snapp, Joe Smith, Wendy Smith, Maureen Holland, Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Conservation Training Invasive Plants

4/19/2025 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Sign in sheet unavailable until the end of May and participants will be listed in the June Newsletter.

Maintenance Clean up & Plant Work Day

4/26/25 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Nancye Shipe, Bill Bonk, Juan Gomez

Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up

4/27/2025 (Chair) Al Goldschmidts

Members and Nonmembers:

Kevin Wolf, Dean Elliott, Ronnie Hoggard, Tom Ouellette

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Patrick Duvall

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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 Cherie Aker 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 to:

membership@iwlawac.org or

Chuck Crooks

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