



Wildlife Gazette
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Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Message – April 2026

“To reconnect with nature is key if we want to save the planet.” - Jane Goodall

The Wild Game Dinner & Auction turned out to be a great success, thanks to the generous contributions of our members who volunteered their time and donated items as well as wild game. We appreciate everyone's support!

Did you know the Izaak Walton's Save Our Streams (SOS) program is nationwide and all data collected is from trained volunteers? The SOS program was developed in 1969 in response to the pollution in our waterways. Industries waste, agricultural runoff, sewage, oils spills, plastics and garbage and a variety of other pollutants are in our waterways. By monitoring our local streams and sharing data through the Clean Water Hub, we can pinpoint the factors impacting the health of our waterways. It is crucial for people to stay informed and actively participate in efforts to safeguard water quality and preserve ecosystems.

Let me know if you'd like to get involved in stream monitoring!

Just a Reminder – Nominating a deserving member for an award is still open.

IWLA National Awards – Deadline June 1st [Awards](#)

Maryland State Division Awards – Deadline May 15th

[Maryland Division IWLA - Division Awards](#)

We encourage your participation in our Chapter, as there are numerous events and educational opportunities available on our calendar.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd. Social begins at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm.

I hope to see you there. Until then, take care!

Cherie Aker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report

Adopt-A-Road – Friday, May 1st 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Air Rifle Program Junior – Two students are going to Junior Olympics!

Archery – Open House Saturday, April 25th 10am – Noon – open to members and community

- Classes begin Saturday, May 2nd 9-11 am

Boy Scouts – Order of the Arrow April 17th - 19th

Chapter & Range Orientation – Sunday, April 26th. See calendar for details.

Conservation –

- Salt Watch Testing Packets are available.
- Oriental Bittersweet (invasive plant) maintenance continues
- Butterfly Garden and Grounds Maintenance success! 20 volunteers!!!

Cowboy Shoots New Cowboy Shooter Clinic Class (limited to 5) \$20 pre-registration required

Green Energy – Flagpole installation estimate process is ongoing.

Hall Rentals – 4/12 Hall Rental (Private)

House & Grounds

- Archery Road improvements – Sheet/Stone replacement
- Additional trees on chapter grounds and range road are scheduled for removal

Rifle & Pistol

- Girls & Guns, Sunday, April 26th - RSVP to cherie.aker@gmail.com
Fundamentals of Shooting – downstairs, 10am to Noon
Girls & Guns shooting event Noon to 2pm. Both pistol ranges closed during event
How to Clean your Firearm – 2pm to 4pm – Upstairs Hall - \$25 Fee
- WAC NRA classes posted on the NRA's Website and now available to the community
- Rifle and Pistol Range Clean-Up – Sunday, April 26th – 9am. Sign-in @ rifle range
- Range Waiver needed for ranges – yearly – required for members and event guest

Save Our Streams – Mullinix Mill Monitoring

- Sunday April 19th
- Suggestions for additional monitoring sites requested

Skeet & Trap – Maintenance Sunday, April 26th – 9am. Sign-in @ Green Maintenance Shed.

Stop the Bleed

Be prepared in the event of accidents or injuries.

Spring is here and it is a great time to learn a skill that could save a life as you venture out for Spring and Summer activities.

Be prepared in the event of accidents or injuries.

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar again this year. Please come out on **Sunday, April 12, 2026**, from 9 am to 2 pm and take advantage of this life saving training.

This will be the last class until September.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED**[®] course, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. The class includes both lecture and hands-on with wound packing and tourniquet skills. 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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Please use any contacts listed above for additional information or go to our website at www.DamascusIWLA.org. Please do not respond directly to this E-mail.

IWLAWAC DIFTA Match Report Saturday, March 7, 2026

We had a great turnout of 14 shooters for the first match of the 2026 season at DIFTA.

After weeks of bitter cold and snow that would not go away it was a typical spring day, cloudy, and a bit chilly with temps starting in the low 40s, climbing to low 50s at the match end. Many of us took up Mark King's offer of free handwarmers. There was some variable light wind, enough to be an issue for WFTF. The course was 10 lanes, with one kneeling and one offhand lane, with three targets per lane shot twice. The Troyer value for the course was 27.05 (Moderate Difficulty AAFTA 2026 handbook, and a little bit easier than typical for DIFTA). We had only 3 targets > 40T, six targets with a 0.5" kill zone, only one 3/8" target, and nine targets set out at > 40 yards.

The match high score of 55/60 was shot by Mark King in WFTF. We had a big turnout for Hunter Division for which Trevor Davies scored 52/60 in PCP class and Brian Wagner 43/60 in Piston class. The high score of 50/60 in Open Division was taken by Mark Mayer.

A remarkable performance was put in by Geoff Hornseth, a longtime coach for the IWLAWAC junior rifle team. Geoff was shot the whole course from the standing position, using an FWB 700 with iron sights and wadcutter pellets. If he gears up for FT competition, he will be a force to reckon with. Mark Coggeshall shot his second FT match and now has his own gear after getting started using a DIFTA loaner rifle.

It was a pleasure to host Greg Shirhall who hosts the Minutemen Field Target League Calendar where you can find dates and locations for FT matches in the North East US.

<https://www.bcsportsmen.org/ft/Minutemen.htm>

Shooter	Rifle	Scope	Pellet	Division	Class	Score
Mark King	Walther Dominator	Sightron S6	Baracuda FT	WFTF	PCP	55.65
Trevor Davies	RAW TN 1000	Sightron SIII	AA 10.3	Hunter	PCP	52.44
Tom Strong	FX Crown	Sightron SIII	H&N 10.65	Hunter	PCP	51.12

Scott Broom	Marauder	Vortex 16x	AA 16	Hunter	PCP	47.53
Greg White	FX DRS Classic	Falcon FT 10-50x60	FX 13.4	Hunter	PCP	43.31
David Floyd	FX dreamline	Aztec 5-25x50	JSB 13.4	Hunter	PCP	43.22
Brian Wagner	Walther LGU	Blackhound Genesis	AEA FT 8.72	Hunter	Piston	43.12
Greg Shirhall	Walther LGU	Bushnell 4200	JSB 8.4	Hunter	Piston	41.30
Laura Setikas Dyke	Daystate Regal	UTG	HN BM	Hunter	PCP	35.34
Alan Dyke	Airmaks Katran	UTG	HN BM	Hunter	PCP	32.11
Mark Coggeshall	Airventuri Avenge X	Hawke Airmax	RWS 8.30	Hunter	PCP	17.11
Mark Mayer	Thomas Carbine	Sightron SIII	FX 13.4	Open	PCP	50.43
Tobias Morris	Alpha Wolf	Sightron S8	JSB 10.3	Open	PCP	25.43
Geoff Hornseth	FWB 700	Iron Sights	Wadcutter	Offhand	PCP	3.10

Decimal scores are added to the match score and used as tiebreakers if needed; they are calculated as additional 10ths for hits on Standing lanes and 100ths for hits on Kneeling lanes; clearing both forced position lanes would give a decimal score of .66 added to the total score.



Looking down the 12 lane FT course

Forced position off-hand lane

As always, many thanks to those who travel long distances to compete and keep our sport alive

Mark Mayer acted as match Director.

The next matches at DIFTA will be held on 4/4, 5/2, 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17 & 11/14.

Conservation

Thu 16, MD DNR Hunter Safety Instructor 2026 Region Advance training Workshop Upstairs Hall 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Contact Geoff Hornseth

Sun 19, Save Our Streams Committee, Chemical and biological testing at Mullinix Mill monitoring site Noon to 3:00 PM. -

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

See calendar for further events.

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before March 2024 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.

Jason Karlin, William Davenport, James Dempsey

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Terrance Dacre

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.

Patrick Aikens, Michelle Aikens, Tim Mills, James Best, Scott Ippolito, David Thompson

Conservation Work Credit

3/6/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska, Nancye Shipe

Members and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandrowski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

James Dempsey, David Thompson, Timothy Mills, Will Davenport

Extra Maintenance Day-Tree Pickup

3/13/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Terrence Dacre, Karl Plitt, Paul Seyfrit, Frederick Depp

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Bill Bonk, James Dempsey

Chapter Maintenance Day

3/14/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Barry Fleming

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Nancye Shipe, Bill Bonk, Sam Bonk, William Erskine

Stream Monitoring

3/15/2026 (Chair) John Hartwell

Cancelled

Wild Game Dinner Table Setup

3/19/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Karl Platt

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Wild Game Dinner Auction Setup Help

3/20/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Kyle Boyd, Kevin Wolf, Jan Lewandroski, Dave Lane, Forrest Neal

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Tim Mills, Jamal Zarou, William Bonk, Michelle Akins

Membership Dinner Kitchen Help

3/25/2026 (Chair) Randy Mckenzie

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

James DeweyXXXXXXXXXX

Skeet/Trap Maintenance

3/22/2026(Chair) Bob Shelley

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Butterfly Garden Maintenance

3/28/2026 (Chair) Nancye Shipe

Members and Nonmembers:

Barry Fleming, Paul Turska

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Zachary Byrd, Omar Arias, Jacob Deffibaugh, Walter Vanden Valentyn, James Dempsey, David Thompson, Najed Shah, Wendy Kessell, Jeremy Robinson, Shaun Jewett, Jason Karlin, Tim Mills, Diane Sendlenski, Dustin Kirby, Cristian Silva

Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up

3/29/2026 (Chair) Al Goldschmidts

Members and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, John Yeager, Patrick Dorr, Ronnie Hoggard

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

FOR SALE/WANTED GUIDELINES

Any updates to the guidelines will be highlighted in yellow for the current month.

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 6 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, archery, fishing, boating 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 the End of Day 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.

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. We have two of our members Alex Rozental and Rick Lopez that own Damascus Outdoors (formerly AM Shooting) located here in Damascus at 9861 Main St., across from the old Druid Theater. They will do transfers and are offering \$10.00 off for IWLA-WAC members as well as other discounts on firearms and ammo. They can be reached at www.damascusoutdoors.net or 240-366-5628.

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

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

BSA SWEET .17 SP 3-12×40 Rifle Scope. Green and Blue illuminated reticle. Comes with box, 3" sunshade, lens caps, and manual. \$50.00 Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (5/26)

Leather Holster complete leather belt with shell loops and holster for 38 special 357 revolvers. Will fit up to a 38 waist. Great condition. Leather has no cracks and is tanned reddish/ brown. Great for Cowboy action shoots. \$75.00. Paul Shutta (21536) pjshutta@gmail.com or 301-407-7333. (4/26)

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. \$20 each. Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (5/26)

Federal Classic 38 Special 158 Grain Lead Semi-Wadcutter Ammunition. 8 Boxes with 50 cartridges per box - Total: 400 rounds. \$150 for all 8 boxes. Nick van Terheyden (171607), 301-355-0877 or nickvt@gmail.com (6/26)

Federal Premium 38 Special (+P+) 147 Tactical Hydra-Shok Ammunition. 1 Box with 50 cartridges in the box - Total: 50 rounds. \$15 for the box. Nick van Terheyden (171607), 301-355-0877 or nickvt@gmail.com (6/26)

Blaze Premium 38 Special (+P) 125 Grain JHP Ammunition. 1 Box with 50 cartridges in the box - Total: 50 rounds. \$15 for the box. Nick van Terheyden (171607), 301-355-0877 or nickvt@gmail.com (6/26)

Winchester Repeating Rifle, Model 1886, 45-90, 300 gr., 4 boxes of 20, plus 17 loose. (97 total rounds) Note: Due to age of this ammo, being sold as antique items, not ammo to shoot. All in original boxes. Best offer. Photos available on request. Jim Tucker (60827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Union Metallic Cartridge Co., .32 short rim-fire, (yes, rim-fire), 30 total rounds in a 50-round box. Note: Due to age of this ammo, being sold as antique items, not ammo to shoot. All in original boxes. Best offer. Photos available on request. Jim Tucker (60827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Union Metallic Cartridge Co., .22 rim-fire short, sealed/unopened box of 50. Note: Due to age of this ammo, being sold as antique item, not ammo to shoot. All in original boxes. Best offer. Photos available on request. Jim Tucker (60827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Peters H/V rust-less 30-40 brass, fired, 17 total pieces total, in original box. Best offer. Photos available on request. Jim Tucker (60827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Archery

Boating

1996 Renken Seamaster 2388. 24 ft. Walkaround Cuddy Cabin with Trailer in fair to good condition; inboard/outboard 5.7 liter engine; bimini top; sink; icebox; porta-potty; aerated live-well/bait-well; newish dual batteries; trim tabs; and electronics including navigation and depth finder/fish finder. Comes with boat cover and Shoreland'r double axle trailer. Engine had a freeze crack many years ago, professionally repaired and has been used regularly since with no problems. Priced accordingly. Boat is currently winterized. Outdrive needs a trim pump installed which I have but have not gotten around to installing. Clean title. Asking \$8,500.00. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Daryl (286606) at 301-237-7595 or dwprice@hotmail.com. (6/26)

Miscellaneous

Pewter 10 pounds in ingots, bowls, plates (etc.) \$20 Photos available on request. Jim Tucker (60827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Pistols

Reloading

Lee bullet mold, used, good condition. – Two - .45 ACP, 200gr, SWC, 6 cavity. \$20/each Photos available upon request. Betty Tucker (5060827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Lee bullet mold, used, good condition. – One - .357/.38/9mm, 147 gr, SWC, 5 cavity. \$20. Photos available upon request. Betty Tucker (5060827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Lee bullet mold, used good condition. – One - 300 Blackout/300AAC, .309, 230gr., 2 cavity. \$20. Photos available upon request. Betty Tucker (5060827) scamppictures@gmail.com (02/26)

Hornady Custom Grade Reloading Dies: 30 M1 Carbine, Series II, 3 Die set, Full Length. Plus a LEE 30 M-1 Factory Crimp Die. Used but in excellent condition. \$60.00 Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222

Shotguns

Harrington & Richardson 12 ga. Ultra Slug Hunter. Model 980, single shot fully rifled 24", break action barrel. Laminated stock, heavy barrel, blued finish with Bushnell 3x9 power scope. Excellent condition, like new. \$475.00 Ready for Deer season. Contact Paul Shutta, (21536). pjshutta@gmail.com 301-407-7333 Pictures will be provided upon request. (4/26)

WANTED

Lead shot for Reloading: Size 8, 8 1/2 or 9 Forrest (15470) fpnthree@gmail.com (9/26)

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For the latest developments in Chapter events, visit us at: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>

.....To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it...