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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

“Every May breeze carries a new idea waiting to bloom.” – Albert Einstein

Thursday May 28th we celebrate Wildlife Achievement Chapter 89th Anniversary.

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day, a time to honor and mourn the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

The next membership meeting is scheduled Wednesday, May 27th. Second Chance Wildlife Center will have a presentation on their efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and release local wildlife. Our chapter is proud to support Second Chance through donation collection and fundraising opportunities.

We're preparing for Board of Directors elections at the August membership meeting. We'll announce the Nominating Committee at the May membership meeting. If you'd like to volunteer, please let me know.

Committee members must be full members in good standing and may not run for elected office. Nominations for the WAC Board will be accepted once the committee members are announced. The slate of candidates will be presented by the Nominating Committee Chair during our June membership meeting. Members can nominate from the floor during the July meeting.

When you visit, please take a moment to notice our landscaping. The flowers, greenery, and mulch have made a big difference at the entrance and around the chapter grounds. Thank you to the Boy Scouts, Nancy Shipe, Paul Turska, and all our volunteers for their time and hard work.

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

Cherie Aker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archery - Open House was held Saturday, April 25th, with 25 attendees.

Boy Scouts – Order of The Arrow was held April 17th through the 20th. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for their work on our chapter grounds. Great Job! The Eagle Scouts contributed their assistance to the Cowboy Shoot serving food to the attendees.

Chapter & Range Orientation – Slide presentation being updated. All members are encouraged to attend. Next orientation is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st 8:30 am

Conservation – Invasive Oriental Bittersweet woody vines removal is ongoing. The Tree of Heaven needs to be removed from chapter grounds.

RANGE NEWS

Do you remember the safety and conduct rules for using our ranges? If not, consider attending one of our monthly Orientation Presentations. All members and their family and friends are welcomed to come and refresh their understanding of the range rules. Signing up is easy, just email John Randall at wacori@iwlwac.org that you plan to attend. Presentations are at 8:30 in the upper room of our chapter house usually on the last Sunday of the month.

Nonprofit
rehabilitation
organization
Chance Wildlife
Inc. (SCWC),
celebrating its



wildlife

Second
Center,
currently
31st year

of service, proudly announced today that it has officially been licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Examiners as the first and only Veterinary Hospital Exclusively for Wildlife in the state of Maryland - marking a major milestone for the organization and for wildlife care across the region. The organization will also continue to operate as a permit-holding wildlife rehabilitation facility.

Please plan on attending the May membership meeting. CJ White from Second Chance will join us to give a presentation and answer questions. CJ has over 15 years of experience in wildlife education and enjoys sharing little-known facts about Maryland's wildlife, along with ways everyone can help. Additionally, Second Chance is always looking for donations of linens, towels, paper towels, newspapers, postage stamps, or local grocery gift cards to assist in the care and feeding of the animals.

Barry Fleming

DIFTA's First "Structured Practice Session"

By Hector J Medina G.

Introduction

We have already talked about "What is DIFTA" in our Feb, 2022 newsletter, we also approached the subject in the June, 2022 newsletter with a report of the MD State FT Championship, and then September 2022 with the report from the World's FT Matches at Rome, Italy

Today, I want to present to the membership an effort to promote good marksmanship skills that are applicable across the board to all forms of shooting.

So, let's start:

Skill.- we all know what skill is. AND, most of us know how to develop one.

The "urban legend" about a tourist that asked a passing musician in NYC "How do I get to Carnegie Hall?" when looking for directions and received the monosyllabic response: "Practice!" pretty much wraps all we know.

As far as modern education goes, however, it is a little bit more complicated.

Under modern teaching and training techniques, skill is developed by following the "Three C's":

Connections

Complexity

Challenge

In no particular order because if you have these three aspects in a human relationship, you WILL foster the development of Skills.

In my mind, the first thing I need to develop marksmanship skills in a student is 'connection'.

With a good connection, we can convey the challenge of the sport and present the complexity in a non-threatening manner. This will establish the Interest of the person being coached/trained. Without interest, there cannot be a successful skills development program.

AND, with this intention of establishing connections with the WAC membership at large, we conducted our first "Structured Training Session" at the covered outdoors Airgun range.

On March 19th an invitation was sent to all the membership and by March 21st, we had 5 registered attendants.

An early morning arrival, had us being greeted by two deer foraging across the trap ranges.

Because there was no timetable and people were invited to come and go as they pleased, four showed up and it was interesting to talk about the sport and take some shots at typical FT distances (between 10 and 55 yards), at typical targets (spinners of the correct size).



We greatly appreciated the attendance of:
Mark Cogeshall

Tom Strong
Ray Moy
Chip Schwartz
Toby Morris

I think it was a good exercise and hopefully, we will have more members of the WAC participating in one of the oldest courses in continuous use in the US, and one that has contributed greatly to the good performance of the USA in the Spring-Piston category of the World's Field Target Federation Matches.

After this May 2nd, 2026 Maryland FT State Championships, the next Matches will be June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, Sept 19th, October 17th, and, November 14th.

We also plan another "Structured Practice" day, we will invite through the Email system.

Thanks to WAC for all the facilities, and thank you all for reading.

Keep well and shoot straight!

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before April 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.

Klimenty Pokrashevskiy, Walter Vanden Valentyn

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Nancye Shipe, Bill Bonk, Sam Bonk, James Sommerville, Curren Trusty

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.

Keith Gonce, Spencer Gonce, William Hewitt, Brian Lally, Matthew McGuire, Mark Singer, Clifton Woods

Watershed Clean Up

4/4/2026 (Chair) Jim Piatieski

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Walter Vanden Valentyn

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

4/09-10/2026 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Alex Limparis, Richard Fulton (4/10)

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Chapter Maintenance Day

4/18/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

John Hartwell, Terrence Dacre, Barry Fleming, Michael Hancock

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Michael Berlinger, David Thompson, Hyo Lee, Chris Lauer, Bill Bonk, Ed Caldwell, Guy Weigand, Nancy Shipe

Stream Monitoring

4/19/2026 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Jake Deffibaugh, Jose Ferrer, Nathan Clugston

Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up

4/26/2026 (Chair) Al Goldschmidts

Members and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, Kevin Wolf

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Wendy Kessell, Klimenty Pokrashevskiy

Skeet/Trap Maintenance

4/26/2026 (Chair) Bob Shelley

Members and Nonmembers:

Michael Brol, S. Meyers, Brooke Jeu

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Guy Weigand, Ed Caldwell, Bill Bonk, Stephen Hill, Jeremy Robinson & Family

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.

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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.

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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)

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)

1984 Cimarron, tri-hull fiberglass boat Length: 15'-6" / beam: 72". Grey with white bottom. 50 HP Evinrude 2 stroke outboard motor. Motor Guide 71 LB. Thrust electric foot-controlled trolling motor. E-Z loader galvanized trlr. w/ good tires. Two pedestal seats and 2 main seats, LiveWell, bilge pump, navigation lights. Boat was completely refurbished around 2010 and I have only used the boat approx. 50 hours since then. Boat, motor and trailer are in great condition. I run it once a year to winterize the motor & clean the boat up. The boat has been well maintained. You may contact me for pictures. \$4800.00 or best offer. Contact Paul Shutta (21536) at 301-407-7333 or pjshutta@gmail.com. (10/26)

Miscellaneous

Pistols

Reloading

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)