



Wildlife Gazette
Wildlife Achievement Chapter
 Izaak Walton League of America
 July 2026

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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President’s Message – July 2026

“True patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual, freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth.” —Eleanor Roosevelt

The next time you visit our chapter, please take a moment to appreciate the beauty of our grounds. Thanks to the many hours devoted by our volunteers—especially the Conservation Committee, Gardens Team, and House & Grounds Chair—our property is truly something to be proud of. The work to control non-native invasive plants is ongoing, and we welcome members’ help at Chapter & Grounds Maintenance Day (Saturday, July 18th) and other projects listed on the WAC calendar.

Did you know the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter was formed in 1947. This year, our chapter is hosting an outdoor party celebrating our 89th Anniversary - scheduled Saturday, September 26th 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Bring your family. Enjoy live music, burgers and hot dogs, and comradery with fellow members and the community. We are asking for a \$10 donation. Hope to see you there!

Our chapter’s election cycle continues for Board of Director positions. During our June Membership Meeting the Slate of Proposed Candidates was announced:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President – Rodger Moran ● 1st Vice President – Joe Pauley ● 2nd Vice President – Dean Elliott ● 3rd Vice President – Kevin Wolf ● Recording Secretary – John Hartwell ● Corresponding Secretary – Jim Piatieski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Directors (4) 2027 & 2028 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Aker ○ Dave Lane ○ Barry Fleming ○ Ken Lefebvre ○ Nancye Shipe
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Secretary – Chuck Crooks • Treasurer – Paul Turska • Sergeant At Arms – John Porter • Chaplain – Adol Owen-Williams • Parliamentarian – Steve Lefevbre 	

Nominations from the floor are accepted during our July Membership Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th. At the close of the meeting, no nominations will be accepted.

The elections are scheduled during our Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th.

Take Care – Hope to see you soon!
Cherie Aker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Air Rifle –

- Adult - Field Target Match on Airgun Range, Saturday, July 25th 8:30 am – 3:30 pm pre-registration requested.
- Junior Air Rifle Marksmanship Training (Rathskeller) 8am – 6pm

Archery – Open House Saturday, August 29th 10am – Noon (WAC Members, Family & Friends are welcome to attend. 3 Archery class sessions- total cost = \$30

Chapter & Range Orientation – Sunday, July 26th 8:30 pm pre-registration required.

Conservation –

- Patuxent River Trail System volunteers Saturday, August 8th 9am meet/park at green shed.
- Blue Bird Boxes presentation TBA – 6 boxes will be installed on WAC property.
- 31 Hickory seedlings planted – seedlings were grown this spring from hickory nuts harvested from the trees on the property. 40 Oak seedling planted last year – 80% are doing well.

House & Grounds – Chapter & Grounds Maintenance scheduled Saturday, July 18th 8:30 am

IWLA National Convention – Thursday, July 16th – Saturday, July 18th in Bloomington, Minnesota

Rifle & Pistol

- Bowling Pin Shoot Saturday, July 25th 10 am – 1 pm Uncovered Pistol Range
- Rifle Pistol Range Maintenance & Clean Up Sunday, July 26th 8:30 am

Save Our Streams – Mullinix Mill Monitoring scheduled Sunday, July 19th Noon to 4 pm.

Skeet & Trap – Maintenance Sunday, July 26th 9am. Sign-in at green maintenance shed.

Our Chapter's Support for Second Chance Wildlife Center

Hi everyone,

As many of you know, our chapter proudly supports the Second Chance Wildlife Center. Thanks to the generosity of WAC and our membership, we have donated \$1471 along with some much-needed wish list supplies. I also know that many of our members have generously donated on their own. Thank you so much!

Second Chance is a wonderful non-profit organization. They provide skilled, compassionate emergency treatment and long-term rehabilitative care to thousands of injured, ill, and orphaned wild animals every year. Their ultimate goal is to release healthy animals back "home" into the wild, while educating the public on how to protect local wildlife.

To make supporting them even easier, we have added a direct link to the Second Chance homepage on our main WAC webpage. Next time you visit our site, please click the link to check out their latest news, updates, and success stories.

They do truly amazing work. Thank you all for your continued support!

Best regards,
Barry Fleming

Conservation & Gardens Committee Update

The Conservation Committee and Gardens Team are hard at work enhancing our chapter property. A major focus is managing aggressive invasive species. We have made great progress removing Oriental Bittersweet vines from our trees, though work remains. Beginning in July, we will target Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven)—the preferred host of the Spotted Lanternfly—using a proven herbicide method, followed by tree removal later this year.

We also continue to invest in our landscape. Last fall, we planted 30 native trees to support local wildlife. Meanwhile, the Gardens Team has beautified the Chapter House grounds by refreshing garden beds, planting pollinator-friendly species, mulching, and pressure-washing the front patio.

We are excited to announce that six new bluebird houses will soon be installed around the grounds. Special thanks to members Dave and MJ Anderson for personally building these houses and installing around the Chapter! MJ has also agreed to give a presentation on bluebirds at a future Membership Meeting.

We also want to thank the House and Grounds team, who have been busy dealing with storm damage, installing a new Archery access road and parking area, and setting up our beautiful new flagpole in a new location at the front of the Chapter..

Whether your interest is conservation, archery, shooting, scouting, or gardening, we encourage you to get involved. Even if you have met your chapter work requirements, please consider volunteering at future events. Keep an eye on the calendar and emails from Chuck, and come out to help!

Regards,
The Conservation and Garden Committee

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.

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before June 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.

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.

Christopher Lauer

Welcome Aboard

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

Shaun Gallagher, Andrey Lebedev, Robert Pardo, Jeffrey Sattin

Cowboy Action Shoot - Set Up

6/12/2026 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Alex Limparis, Chance Calico

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Chapter Maintenance Day

6/20/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Nancye Shipe, Barry Fleming, Bill Bonk, Sam Bonk

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Zachary Byrd, Hyo Lee, Chris Lauer, Keith Gonce, Spencer Gonce, Time Stone, Elyor Saidkhodjaev, Dave Johansen

Stream Monitoring

6/21/2026 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

William Broom

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

None

Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up

6/28/2026 (Chair) Al Goldschmidts

Members and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, Kevin Wolf

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Skeet/Trap Maintenance

6/28/2026 (Chair) Bob Shelley

Members and Nonmembers:

Tom Ouellette, Bill Bonk, Paul Turska, Michael Brol, Matt Brennan

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Dave Johansen, John Thereault, John Haines, Mark Singer

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 3-12x40 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 (11/26)

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. \$15 each. Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (11/26)

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. \$4,800.00 or best offer. Contact Paul Shutta (21536) at 301-407-7333 or pjshutta@gmail.com. (10/26)

Miscellaneous

Leupold: Mark 4, C/QT 1.3x14mm, \$595.00 John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

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 and a Wilson Case Length gauge. Used but in excellent condition. \$60.00 Karey Kimmel (295765) kjkimmel@comcast.net (301) 873-9222 (11/26)

Brass, Assorted types: Starline 9mm new, 2,000 pieces \$265.00; 223/5.56 mixed head stamps once fired, 3,000 pieces-\$125.00 per 1,000; Armscor 223 primed brass, 1,000 pieces, \$200.00; Midway 45 ACP LC once fired, 3,000 pieces-\$140.00 per 1,000; Midway 7.62x51 LC once fired, 3,000 pieces-\$170 per 1,000; Midway 38 Spl nickel once fired, 1,000 pieces- \$70.00; Midway 45 ACP once fired, 3 boxes of 1,000-\$140.00 per box; Brass Locker .45 ACP LC once fired, 3 boxes of 1000-\$120.00 per box; Brass Locker 38 SPL once fired, 1 box of 1,000 \$100.00 John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

Bullets, Assorted types: Armscor 62gr .224 FMJBT, 1,000 pieces-\$130.00; Sierra Match King 168gr HPBT .308, 700 pieces-\$40.00 per 100, 1,500 pieces-\$200.00 per 500; Hornady A-Max 168gr HPBT .308 #305026, 4 boxes of 250-\$60.00 each; Oregon Trail lazer cast 124gr .356 9mm RN, 2 boxes of 500-\$45.00 each; Oregon Trail lazer cast 200gr .452 45 SWC, 3 boxes of 500-\$48.00 each; Midway Match factory seconds 155gr .308 HPBT, 6 boxes of 100-\$25.00 each; Phelps hard cast 158gr .357 SWC, 2 boxes of 500-\$50.00 each John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

Winchester Primers: Small pistol, 5 boxes of 1,000-\$50.00 per box John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

Powder, Assorted types: Hodgdon H4895 8lbs, 2 containers-\$225.00 each; Winchester 231 4lbs, 1 at \$160.00; Vita Vhori 310 4lbs, 1 at \$170.00; IMR 4064 1 lb, 2 containers-\$40.00 each John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

Dillon: #22059 quick change kit (powder measure, powder die, tool head & stand) for XL650/750, 3 at \$400.00 or \$150 each John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)

Shotguns

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, Cherie Aker, John Randall, Barry Fleming and Forrest Neal 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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