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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Message

"As the world changes around you in November, remember that you have the strength and resilience to adapt, thrive, and shine." – Unknown

Veterans Day is November 11th. The Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC) extends a "thank you" to our veterans and their families for your service and commitment to our country.

Our chapter held its first Shotgun Range Open House on Saturday, November 7. I attended and hit two clays—though I'll keep the number of attempts to myself! I was delighted by the turnout and the event's success. Thank you to the many volunteers who dedicated their time to coaching participants and managing the event.

Fall ends on November 30, and winter weather is just around the corner. Last winter's icy conditions caused extensive tree damage and made our ranges difficult to use. The Farmer's Almanac forecasts our first measurable snowfall in late November. Meteorologists define measurable snowfall as at least 0.1 inch and significant snowfall as an inch or more. While we can plow snow, hazardous ice often leads to range closures and event cancellations. Please check the WAC calendar and emails for closure and cancellation updates.

Our November membership meeting will be held earlier than usual, on Wednesday, November 18, to accommodate Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26th.

Our annual Christmas Cookie Bake/Swap will be held Sunday, December 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. Children can decorate their own cookies, while bakers exchange cookies and donate some to the chapter. Members are encouraged to support the Second Chance Wildlife Center by purchasing cookies at our December membership meeting.

The 2027 Board of Directors will be sworn in at our December membership meeting and holiday party on Wednesday, December 16.

Please check our WAC calendar for the many opportunities our chapter has available for our members.

Take Care – Hope to see you soon!
Cherie Aker

Conservation
One of our members is leading a project to install several owl boxes on the Chapter grounds. A professional raptor conservation expert surveyed our property to assess the feasibility of enticing a Barn Owl to nest here; unfortunately, the outlook is not promising. However, we are going to try anyway with one Barn Owl box, along with a few others for Screech Owls and American Kestrels.
Keep an eye on the calendar for our next workday to remove more invasive Asian Bittersweet vines from the woods between the Archery Range and the cell towers.
Additionally, we just placed an order for 100 seedlings (ranging from 6 to 12 inches) that will be delivered next spring. We ordered 25 each of four different varieties, sticking with our theme of planting trees that provide food for local wildlife.

Barry

Supporting Our Friends at Second Chance Wildlife Center

For our newer members, and as a reminder to everyone else...

Our Chapter is proud to partner with **Second Chance Wildlife Center (SCWC)** in Clarksburg, Maryland.

Founded in 1995, Second Chance Wildlife Center is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing skilled and compassionate emergency treatment and rehabilitative care to injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife. Their ultimate goal is to return healthy animals to the wild, where they belong.

As part of our ongoing support, our Chapter occasionally holds **50/50 raffles at our monthly membership meetings**, with half of the proceeds benefiting SCWC.

For those who cannot attend our meetings, please consider visiting their website to make a donation or simply learn more about the wonderful work they do every day to help our local wildlife.

Our members also generously donate items from SCWC's **Wish List**, helping reduce the Center's operating expenses so more resources can go directly toward caring for the animals.

Donated items may be dropped off at our Chapter, and I will gladly deliver them to SCWC. Simply place your donations in one of the closets along the main-level hallway near the restrooms, and send me a quick email at bjf6466@gmail.com to let me know you've left something.

Popular Wish List Items

Newspapers: Black-and-white pages only; no advertising inserts**, Paper Products:** Toilet tissue and paper towels, **Postage Stamps, Large Bath or Beach Towels:** No frayed edges or holes. **Gift Cards:** Amazon, Giant Food (for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other supplies) Gas stations (for lawn equipment and wildlife transportation, PetSmart, Staples or Office Depot

Every donation, large or small, helps Second Chance Wildlife Center continue its important work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and returning wildlife to nature.

Thank you to all our members who have supported SCWC through raffle tickets, donations, and Wish List contributions. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

Visit Second Chance Wildlife Center:
www.scwc.org

Barry Fleming



WAC Ongoing Membership Recruitment Program

As previously announced by Cherie, our Chapter is making a concerted effort to grow our membership. The first phase of our recruitment initiative focuses on our current members—our greatest resource for attracting new members!

Over the past two months, we have welcomed **30 new members** to our Chapter! By working together to continue this momentum, we can strengthen our Chapter and ensure its continued success for years to come.

An Added Incentive for New Members: Prospective members who join in November or December will effectively receive free membership for the remainder of 2026, as their membership will extend through the end of 2027.

Cherie's Presidential Challenge encourages every WAC member to help promote our Chapter by sponsoring a prospective new member.

Our "Thank You Program" continues through December 31:

- **Sponsor one new member:** Receive a free meal at a membership meeting after that member is sworn in.
- **Sponsor three new members:** Receive a free Wild Game Dinner ticket and recognition in our Chapter newsletter.
- **Probationary members:** Earn a work credit by sponsoring a prospective new member.

Phase 2 begins in January, when we will expand our recruitment efforts through local advertising and increased community awareness of our Chapter and all it has to offer.

To help spread the word, new tri-fold informational brochures are available at the upstairs and downstairs bars, as well as at the Shotgun House. These brochures provide a convenient summary of our Chapter's many activities, programs, and membership benefits.

Please pick up a couple of brochures and share them with friends, neighbors, or coworkers who might enjoy becoming part of WAC.

Remember, our members are our best ambassadors. A simple invitation from you could bring our next great member into the Chapter!

Barry Fleming

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before October 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.

Congratulations to our new Full Members

The following probationary members have successfully completed their probationary period and have now graduated to Full Member status.
Edward Caldwell, William Head

Welcome Aboard

The following individuals were sworn in at the October Membership Meeting and are now considered probationary members until they have passed their 2 year anniversary and have completed the required 4 work credits.
Richard Armacost, Bing Chao, Gabrial de Bruin, Daniel Dellatorre, Jonathan Gavel, Brett Harman, Margarita Harman, Dale Mishler, Ryan Mowen, Lauren Mowen, Gregory Rogers, Zakariya Saleh, Gerald Smith III, James Weeks III, Cathy Weeks

Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up

10/9/2026 (Chair) Chuck Limparis
Members and Nonmembers:
Alex Limparis
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Zachary Byrd

Watershed Cleanup

10/3/2026 (Chair) Jim Piateski
Members and Nonmembers:
None
Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)
Chris Auth

USCCA-Protecting Houses of Worship

10/23/2026 (Chair) Joe Pauley
Members and Nonmembers:
Mindy Goldsborough, Al Goldsborough, Pam Porter, John Porter, Kevin Wolf, John Mullaney, Don Gross, Adam Vitelli, Kevin Middleton, Forrest Neal
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Ryan Mowen, Kevin Middleton

Chapter Maintenance

10/24/2026 (Chair) Paul Turska, Nancye Shipe
Members and Nonmembers:
Alfred Cross, William Wilmer, Barry Fleming
Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)
Kevin Middleton, Dave Johansen, Catherine Weeks, Ed Weeks, Tim Stone

SOS Creek Testing

10/25/2026 (Chair) John Hartwell
Members and Nonmembers:
Joe May
Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)
William Head

Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up
10/25/2026 (Chair) Al Goldschmidts
Members and Nonmembers:
Joe Pauley, Ronnie Hoggard
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Mark Singer
Skeet/Trap Maintenance
10/25/2026 (Chair) Bob Shelley
Members and Nonmembers:
G. Bartsch, R. Hoggard, Dave Anderson
Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)
Ed Caldwell

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 (11/26)

Brenton Eterna 18 - 38 X 50 Straight spotting scope, new. Constructed of ED glass. Fully multi-coated, nitrogen filled and the body is both waterproof and fog proof. A extendable sun shade is on the objective end of the scope $240.00 John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (3/27)

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)

Winchester 357 Sig: 125gr FMJ. 2 boxes, 50 rds each. $25.00 per box Forrest Neal (15470) fpnthree@gmail.com (301) 520-3675. (1/27)

Assorted Ammo Sellier & Bellot 12ga 2 ¾ 00 buck 6 boxes of 25 per box $5.00 ea John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (1/27)

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. (1/27)

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 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 $240.00; Midway 7.62x51 brass (308) $80.00 per 1,000 pieces; Midway 223/5.56 brass $80.00 per 1,000 pieces; .224 55gr FMJ bullets, 2,000 pieces $50.00; John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (1/27)
Bullets, Assorted types: Sierra Match King 168gr HPBT .308, 500 pieces-$20.00 per 100, 1,500 pieces-$100.00 per 500; Midway Match factory seconds 155gr .308 HPBT, 4 boxes of 100-$10.00 each; Hornaday 30 cal 150 gr FMJ/ with canelure box of 700 @ $60.00; Hornady .45 ACP 200gr FMJ CT Match, 10 boxes of 100 @ $10.00ea; Hornady 30 cal 150gr FMJBT with cannalure, 10 boxes of 100 @ $10.00 ea; John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (1/27)
Powder, Assorted types: Vita Vhori 310 4lbs, 1 at $140.00; Vita Vhori 320 4lbs, 1 at $140.00; John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (12/26)
Primers, 2 boxes of small magnum pistol @ $25.00 ea. John Parker (13385) ejohnparkerjr@icloud.com (240) 750-4150 (3/27)

Rifles
Uberti 1873 Win Repro. 18" half-octagon, .357 Mag. Excellent condition. Round count approx 150. $975. Todd Davis (257633), 240-315-7307 or tdavis@fastmail.com. (3/27)

Shotguns

WANTED
8mm (7.92x57) ammo, Mil surplus or commercial. Forrest Neal (15470) fpnthree@gmail.com (301) 520-3675. (1/27)

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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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