



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

New Cowboy Shooter Clinics (Chuck Crooks)

The next new cowboy shooter clinic, at Damascus, is Sunday, May 8, 2011. Class size is limited, and seats are on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration is required.

To view the application, [CLICK HERE](#). You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me!

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the [Clinic Outline](#) to see what's covered. Atlantic Guns and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

Parents take note (Greg Talamini)

The world we live in has become less green over the last thirty- five years or so. For many reasons, from safety issues to a lack of undeveloped environment, our children don't have a first- hand experience with nature. They don't get the chance to see and learn about natural resources, wildlife and the habitats that support them. If you're not into scouting, or going camping or visiting local and national parks, take a trip to IWLA. Members should be taking advantage of our club and the facilities we offer. Bring your children out with you. Don't wait for them to reach their teens when social and academic demands may preclude their taking an interest in our natural resources, hunting, fishing, hiking and generally enjoying nature and wildlife. The stewardship of this land and its resources is in the hands of our children. The more we offer them to learn and experience, the more secure our natural resources will be. It's our responsibility, and a lot of fun, to share with our young people. Make the time, take the time, and make a difference.

Good Eats (Judy Riley)

Are ya ready for a "Throw Down?" Well hold on to your hats folks, we will be holding a "Meatloaf Throw-Down" at the May 25th General Membership Meeting! It appears we already have five competitors signed-up for this event, Cherie Aker, Charly Culbertson, Judy Riley, José Scoseria, Rich Fried and Chuck Crooks (Chuckaroo!), who think they have the winning recipe...we'll see! Anyone else wanting to "Throw Down?" Then, bring-it-on! We also plan to have five judges who will give their verdict prior to members being served. Sides will include the traditional fare of Mashed Spuds (any volunteers for KP are welcome), Green Beans and American Apple Pie! {Does anyone know Bobby Flay?!?} This should be a fun event!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for April

Tree Planting and Riparian Buffer Maintenance Saturday May 14. 9 a.m. to Noon.

Come out to help with maintenance of our tree planting on County parkland along Reddy Branch near Brookeville. Tools, gloves, and water provided. Student service learning hours if the forms are brought for signature this day. Conservation work credit for probationary members. Contact Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Jim Piateski (jimpiateski@verizon.net) for details.

RainScapes Conservation Landscape Workshops

There are still some spaces left for these workshops **May 20 and 21 at Brookside Gardens**. There are two separate sessions, each at \$10 per session. This is a lecture and hands-on course—if you are a Montgomery County resident, you will get an 8.5 x 11” copy of your plat with building footprints, topography, and property boundaries so that you can work on designing environmentally friendly landscaping practices on your own lot. The RainScapes Rewards program provides rebates for qualifying projects to help offset the cost of installation.

Registration must be done through the Parks and Recreation online. **Note:** You **must** use ParkPass; it can take a few days for that pass to register but it is free. Sign up for ParkPass via the Montgomery County Parks Dept. www.parkpass.org.

Earth Day Tree Planting Friday April 22, 2011 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Help plant trees on Earth Day to reforest 1- acres of open grass at Oaks Landfill off Route 108 in Laytonsville. Volunteer with students from local schools to increase natural habitat and improve our local environment. Wear old shoes or boots, gloves, and clothing appropriate for planting trees. Student Service Learning hours credit—bring forms on the day of the event. For more information and to sign up for the project, contact Karen Walker at the Montgomery Soil Conservation District at 301-590-2855.

Success at Tree Planting and Maintenance Sunday March 20

About 15 volunteers, adults and youngsters, showed up for work at the Pig Tail Area on WSSC property. For those unfamiliar with the Pigtail area it is on the Howard County side of Triadelphia Reservoir. About 10 years ago, our chapter planted native trees in this area as part of a WSSC reforestation project. This time, volunteers first continued the battle of clearing away the many invasives (including multiflora rose and Japanese Honeysuckle) that are threatening the planting area. Then, the students planted native plants include paw paws, white oaks, and elderberry. The Chapter has agreed to continue to help maintain this area until the trees grow tall enough to fend for themselves. We plan to go out in the fall for a second round of maintenance at this site this year. Thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers!



The whole gang.



Some of the old timers still got it! Thanks , Joe!

Christmas Trees Update (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Please come out and join us for the annual Christmas Tree Seedling planting on Saturday, April 16th from 9AM until...? If we don't complete everything on Saturday, we'll come back again Sunday at 9AM to finish up. This counts as conservation credit and no experience is necessary. However, we recommended wearing hard-soled work boots to help 'tamp' down the root pockets to get all the air out. If you have any questions, please contact Wade Dayberry at 301-787-5573.

AIRGUN (Phil Dean)

Two of the Monday night Adult Airgun Shooters have received awards in the International Airgun Postal League winter series. This is a 10 meter air pistol shooting competition in which the match is fired at the local level and the individual shooter's scores are mailed to the coordinator of the match in Oregon. He coordinates the scores from all of the participants, keeps the match statistics, and sends out the match bulletins for the 8 matches during the series. There were participants from: California, Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Wyoming, Canada, and England. Jim Piateski was the top shooter in the 'Senior +' division and Phillip Dean received the 4th place medal in that category.

The Monday night WAC Adult Airgun air pistol shooters competed against the Rockville IWLA pistol team on March 21 in the annual Invitational Air Pistol Match. Rockville IWLA won the competition with a score of 1164 against the Damascus score of 1118. Those participating were:

Damascus

Jim Piatieski
Phillip Dean
Jim Pachulski
Karl Krchma
Mike Pachulski

Rockville

Paolo Amedeo
Tom Perazella
Jerry Hale
Susan Cassell
James Cassell

AIR RIFLE FIELD TARGET MATCH

The first air rifle field target match of the 2011 season will be fired on Saturday, April 16, on the chapter's outdoor airgun range. Registration and target set-up will begin at 9:00 AM that morning and the match begins at 10:00 AM. **New shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate.** We will squad you with an experienced shooter where you can gain some insight and instruction in firing a field target match and you can share their scope-equipped air rifle. There is a match fee of \$5.00 for WAC-IWLA members and \$10.00 for non-members. Bring your own scope-equipped air rifle if you wish. Contact [Phillip Dean](#) (301-865-8202) with any questions.

RIFLE AND PISTOL

Rifle and Pistol Report: (Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith)

The Rifle and Pistol Committee held the first annual NRA Basic Pistol class on March 20th and concluded April 3rd. We had a very enthusiastic class of 17 that included five pre-teen boys and one young lady. We would like to acknowledge and thank the WAC RSO – NRA certified trainers for volunteering their time to hold this event: Sponsor: Jesse-Thomas Lim. Instructors: Al Goldschmidts, John Mullaney, Joe Smith, Judy Riley, Wendy Smith, Wade Dayberry. Thank you to Kip Shapiro for helping out on the range to help cover for an instructor who was ill.

Thanks to Jean Aker for his kind contribution of two-sets of stand-up Orange Clay Target holders for the Fun Shoots! The next Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot will be held on Saturday, May 7th. Come one, come all...give these new targets a whirl-we ought to see those babies just fine when they break-whoop hoo!



The next class session scheduled for May is full, however, there are a limited number of spots on the wait-list in the event of cancellation. Please sign up for the wait-list by April 17th or contact Wendy Smith (smitty446@hotmail.com) with any other questions.

The last class of the year will be the annual Ladies, Daughters and teens dinner and class held in the late fall.

SKEET AND TRAP

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2011 (Bob Cooley)

May 2011

Sun 5/1 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 5/4 Brian Van Winkle, –Rip” Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 5/7 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 5/8 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 5/11 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 5/14 Paul Fisher, John Davis

Sun 5/15 Joel Gross, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 5/18 Jeff Greenhut, Frank Bis

Sat 5/21 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 5/22 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 5/25 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 5/28 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 5/29 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Dick Smith

Substitutes

Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Maj Tavakoli, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Robin Moore, Debbi Perry, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Carl McMahan, Jay Jeffrey, Richard Maple, Berle Cherney

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Nick Giuliano)

February 23

The evening meal, salmon and salad, was prepared by Chef McNally assisted by Cherie Aker, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Charly Culbertson and William McPartland. Ken Lefebvre dispensed libations.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Membership Meeting Dinner

March 15

Jeff Deschamps was assisted by Bill Gazdik, Ken Lefebvre, Don Hunt and Mary Hunt.

Conservation Project at the Pigtail Area

March 20

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piatiski, Karl Krchma, James Togashi, Joe Carinci, John Hare, Ronald Brooks, Timothy Brooks, Juliette Brooks, John E. Gilroy, John P Gilroy, Christian Larsen, Gerald Sorrentino, James Crowson, Deb McIntyre, and Rachail McIntyre.

Airgun Firing Display

March 23

Paolo Amedeo, Sally Bradbury, Phillip Dean, Bill Gazdik, Don Hunt and Karl Krchma.

Cowboy Set Up

March 25

Lee Renegade, Jim Crowson, Donald Jackson, Gunner Leaman, Steve Peck, Ron Romig, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Limparris and Chuck Crooks.

Cowboy Tear Down

March 26

Jim Crowson, Donald Jackson, Mike Sage and Paul Bluteau.

Airgun Range Maintenance

March 26

Paolo Amedeo, Sally Bradbury, Stuart Carroll, Phillip Dean, Bill Gazdik, Bill Hunt, Don Hunt, Karl Krchma, Steve Lefebvre, Ed Mondonedo, Ryan Mondonedo, Mike Pittard, Carole Poth and Singson Tiu.

Chapter Maintenance Day

March 27

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Jean Aker and Herbert Sutcliffe.

Shotgun Ranges

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, A. Young, Mike Harmon, John H. Davis and Berle Cherney.

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Jim Cowson, Todd Denny, Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry.

Green Shed

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

General Grounds Maintenance

Jeff Deschamps and Dale Buschling.

Outdoor Airgun Range Set UP

April 6

Bill Gazdik and Phillip Dean.

Congratulations to the following probationary members who have successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Bill Stansell

David Jobes

Pat Mills

Jon W Baker

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered in the past month or so please send an email with your information to: nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Nick Giuliano, Chuck Crooks, Phil Dean, Jesse Lim ,Judy Riley , Chuck Limparis, Wendy Smith ,Wade Dayberry ,Greg Talamini and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to 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 Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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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