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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

(Winner of the 2011 National Award for Best Large Chapter Newsletter at the National Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska).

(Be sure to visit our award winning website, too!)

Upcoming Elections

The following is the slate of officers and directors for the upcoming year. There was one nomination from the floor . Don Hunt will be added to the ballot for a position as a director.

President- Jeffrey Deschamps
1st VP- Chuck Crooks
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Recording Secretary –Judy Riley
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Directors - John Walter, Berle Cherney, Mark Gay, Don Hunt

The election will be held on August 22, 2012 at the General Membership Meeting.

YOUTH CONVENTION VISITS LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The 2012 IWLA 90th Anniversary National Convention and Youth Convention hosted in Lincoln, Nebraska was a huge success, providing young Ikes with three fun-filled days packed with several outdoor and indoor activities that made for a convention full of wonderful summertime memories.

Arrival day the youths checked in and were off to a get-to-know-you activity meeting where they learned of their planned activities and elected their president, Steven Pugh, to represent the group at the Convention General Session on the last day of the convention. After that , off to a pizza and pool party.
Day one.

We journeyed to the Strategic Air Command Museum in Ashland, NE for an exciting tour of aviation exhibits. The children's interactive gallery was a big hit! Lunch was served at the Platte River State Park, where many tasted their first buffalo burger (yum)! After lunch, we had archery and shooting activities. To cool off later in the afternoon, we enjoyed canoeing on the lake. What a great way to end the day .



Day two.

Expecting temperatures of 100 degrees plus, we were well equipped with plenty of ice, water and Gatorade. We traveled to the beautiful Sunken Gardens of Lincoln where over 30,000 annual flowers were planted in a rainbow of colors. We strolled among the gorgeous scenery of flowers, koi ponds and waterfalls to appreciate the beauty and peacefulness of nature. Afterwards, the youth explored the pathways of Lincoln Children's Zoo to enjoy various animals such as baby goats, llamas, penguins, a butterfly exhibit, and a horse or camel ride to boot. After lunch at Antelope Park ,catered by Skeeter Barnes, the youth attended an educational talk about the saline wetlands conservation and restoration projects which included the creation of habitat for endangered species such as the Salt Creek tiger beetle. With soaring heat temperatures, schedules were adjusted, so back we went to the hotel pool for a nice refreshing dip!

Day three.

Our last day, the youths had front-row seats at the IWLA General Session for a presentation of the week by the youth's president. Afterwards, we had a morning fishing trip with several catches and releases of sunfish and bass. Lunch was provided at the Lincoln Ike's Chapterhouse, where the kids constructed a dozen nest boxes made of wood and styrofoam to increase the blue bird population of Nebraska. Next, an interesting and educational "Birds of Prey" presentation by Raptor Recovery Nebraska introducing the youth to a burrowing owl, barn owl, and a Mississippi Kite . All were enjoyed by all the inquisitive youth. In the afternoon, we traveled to the University of Nebraska's Morrill Hall for a self-guided tour of their Natural History Museum founded in 1871. The children explored the world-famous collection of elephant fossils (including world's largest articulated mammoth fossil), Nebraska's hall of extinct wildlife, abundant gem and mineral findings, and American Indian and African exhibits. To beat the heat, the afternoon was spent splashing and relaxing at the beautiful Branched Oak Lake State Recreation Park.



On behalf of all the 2012 convention youth, staff and chaperones, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Lincoln Chapter for hosting the convention, to the IWLA National and local chapters for sponsoring and supporting this invaluable learning experience for the youth. They are the future of the IWLA. Without you, it would not have been possible.

Judy Lefebvre
National Lifetime Member and Youth Chaperone
Wildlife Achievement Chapter, Maryland

The Tom RILEY .22 Fun Shoot was held on July 21, 2012

Article and photography by Judy Riley

Despite the fact it was a rainy day and no metal targets could be placed in the field, we had an amazing turn-out and lots of fun! Judy Riley brought balloons, donuts and coffee to keep us warm; it was about 63 degrees that Saturday. The balloons were weighted down by the rain; but, we managed to place them at the 100 yard line and—although they weren't blowin' in the wind—they still made great targets! Thanks to everyone who came out to play in the rain...





Upcoming event

Be sure to see the September newsletter for details on the Chapter's Club Olympian Event on September 29th, 2012. Opening ceremony on Sept 28th at the General Membership meeting. Free soft drinks and hot dogs for those who attend.

Adult Airgun Program

The WAC Adult Airgun Program will begin its regular Monday evening indoor air pistol and air rifle shooting on **Monday, September 10**. We meet in the downstairs airgun range area at 6:30 PM for range set up and begin firing at 7:00 PM. We generally fire a 60 shot match (5 shots per target for 12 targets) finishing up around 8:30 PM. Scores are recorded each week so participants can track their improvement during the season. Periodically there are some specialty / fun matches where prizes are awarded. Participants can fire either air pistols or air rifles on the 10 meter range. If you do not yet have an airgun, come on out and try some of the air pistols and air rifles that will be available for you to use at these evening sessions. This will help you decide what type of gun you might want to purchase in the future. There is a \$1.00 per evening charge to cover the cost of targets and other expenses.

Another aspect of the adult airgun program is the outdoor airgun range and the field target matches that are scheduled once a month. The next field target matches will be held on Saturday, August 11 and Sept. 8, on the outdoor airgun range beginning at 9:00 AM. Come out and see how this event is fired. If you have an air rifle with a telescopic sight bring it out to fire. Otherwise, come on out and you will be paired up with another shooter and can use his air rifle to get started in this fun shooting event. These field target matches end at about 2:00 PM. The outdoor airgun range is open for your use during scheduled range hours during the week. Bring your own paper targets or use the hanging cans, spinners, and field targets that are in place on the range. Purchase some ShatterBlast frangible targets and use them in the bases we have set up at different distances.

Contact Phillip Dean if you have questions or want more information - 301-865-8202 or pd10x@comcast.net.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

IWLA National Convention: Conservation Issues

This year's convention in Nebraska certainly ranked among the best that I've attended. The invited speakers were spectacular and inspiring, terrific talks by Douglas Brinkley (history professor and author) on Teddy Roosevelt, the founder of our National Parks system; by Bob Marshall (journalist) who focused on the importance of conservation as a non-partisan issue; and Michael Forsberg (conservation photographer), with beautiful scenes of Nebraska wildlands and wildlife and the watershed of the Platte River. Scott Kovarovich of the IWLA staff provided an excellent perspective on how the IWLA was formed, success stories over the past 90 years, and the significant policy and political issues currently facing the League and conservation in general. The attendees, representing the membership in general, passed substantial resolutions that advocated: adopting regulations to safeguard human health and wildlife from mining for silica sand; linking conservation compliance and crop insurance in the Farm Bill; reporting wetland and grassland acres converted to crop production related to crop insurance; and removing the current exemptions from certain environmental protection requirements for on-shore oil and natural gas drilling. To keep abreast of all IWLA conservation issues, sign up for the 'Conservation Currents' newsletter at <http://www.iwla.org/index.php?ht=d/sp/i/260/pid/260>.

Adopt-A-Road (Meo Curtis)

We did our quarterly Adopt-A-Road on Sunday June 24, 2012 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There were 6 volunteers who participated, picking up trash along Mullinix Mill Road plus Long Corner Road from Rte. 108/Damascus Rd. to Mullinix Mill Road. They collected 10 and 1/2 Hefty large size bags of trash, most of which was recyclable beverage containers plastic and aluminum. There were only one or two plastic bags among the litter, but quite a bit of fast food packaging.

The next Adopt-A-Road will be in conjunction with the August work day, Sunday August 26th beginning at 9 a.m. A maximum of 8 volunteers are needed for this pick up. If you are interested in participating, contact Meo Curtis via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net. There will also be other conservation work opportunities in conjunction with the regular work day.

Free: EPA Water Quality Standards Virtual Academy Webinar: Water Quality Standards 101

Are you interested in learning more about how water quality standards are set and how you can use them to protect our water resources? EPA is sponsoring a **Virtual Academy** webinar: Water Quality Standards 101! Water quality standards define the goals for a waterbody by designating its uses, setting criteria to protect those uses, and establishing provisions such as antidegradation policies to protect water bodies from pollutants. This webinar is aimed at a broad audience, including states, territories, tribes, environmental groups, industrial groups, municipalities, the academic community, federal agencies, watershed groups, and any other interested parties. The webinar will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM EST. Register at <http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/standardsacademy/index.cfm>

August Christmas Tree Committee Update: (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

Please come out on the August 26th chapter maintenance day to help us maintain the new plantings and assess the existing tree stock. This counts as conservation work credit and students can earn SSL hours for this (or any chapter work at WAC). Please bring your SSL forms on the day of the event for signature.

We are still seeking crafters for the first annual WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 8th and 9th from 10AM to 4PM at the Chapter House, Upper Hall. Table space rental is \$50 for two days and space is limited. Please pass this along to any of your friends or family crafters and register early! Proceeds from the table space rental will be applied to the Christmas Tree Committee.

We are still in need of donations of gently used garden hose as well as gently used battery-operated or manual grass clippers. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the WAC Holiday Craft Bazaar or equipment donations, please contact Wendy Smith at iwlvactrees@live.com.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

September 2012

Sat 9/1 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green (Range Officer Appreciation Day)

Sun 9/2 Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 9/5 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 9/8 Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian

Sun 9/9 Mike Webb, Maj Tavakoli

Wed 9/12 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 9/15 Mike Bowen, Steve Rowcroft

Sun 9/16 Joel Gross, John Davis

Wed 9/19 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahan

Sat 9/22 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert

Sun 9/23 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 9/26 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney

Sat 9/29 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Sun 9/30 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Ira Wein, Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley, Ron Roberson, Murray Welsh, Bob Cooley

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

IMPORTANT REMINDER to ALL Members

It does not matter what you do for a living, you are required to follow the Wildlife Achievement Chapter/WAC Rules and Regulations—without exception—while you are on our property. It is your responsibility to learn these rules. They are posted both at our website* and on the Rifle/Pistol Range in multiple areas.

**WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER/WAC
RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These rules apply to ALL Chapter members and their guests in a general shooting environment. Some may be waived by range safety officials at organized Chapter functions where shooting is strictly supervised. Assume all rules are in effect unless specifically informed otherwise by a safety official at the time of an event. The SAFETY and CONDUCT rules for the rifle/pistol ranges also apply to the WAC air gun ranges, except where specifically in conflict with the written rules for those ranges, in which case the air gun range rules take precedence.

****WAC RULES MAY BE FOUND AT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE:
<http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>***

POLICY ON HANDLING VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Violations of the above rules and regulations may result in the loss of range privileges, and in some cases may lead to expulsion from membership in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Constitution and by-laws. Approved by Board of Directors

Range Safety Officer (RSO) Committee Update – NRA training (Wendy Smith)

On behalf of the IWL WAC RSOs we are very pleased and proud to announce the following WAC RSOs certified as NRA Basic Pistol Instructors:

Jean Aker, Peter Gracyalny, Peter Ott and Suzy Floyd

Please mark your calendars on/about August 31st for a special WAC announcement kicking off registration for our last co-ed NRA Basic Pistol training classes on September 23rd (afternoon) and all day October 7th. This is a two day course with September 23rd being the prerequisite. Space is limited and class fills up FAST.

The final NRA training event for 2012 is our fourth annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens NRA Basic Pistol class October 20th and November 11th. The October 20th class will consist of a spectacular dinner as well! A separate WAC registration announcement will be sent out near the end of September for that event.

If you have any questions about the NRA Basic Pistol training classes held at WAC, please email Wendy Smith at iwlvacnra@hotmail.com

Rifle range new build steps thank you to Al Goldschmidts and members whom came to help during the maintenance day. In order to make SAFE use of the new rifle range's steps – make sure the Rifle range is on 'Cold' or 'Cease Fire' condition before proceeding to walk down the steps down range.



WAC Rifle's range new build steps.

WAC Rifle range's new steps with a sexy model ! (Tom)

Remember to check online calendar for range closures and other event

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members

It's time to think about where you are on completing your required work. With summer almost half over conservation work will soon be minimal and conservation work is mandatory.

Reminders of the work requirements that must be completed are:

First year you must complete one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation.

Second year is the same as the first with one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation to be completed.

Each year is independent of each other: you cannot do four activities the first year and consider your obligation to be met.

If you have been keeping track of your progress ,great! Not sure of your work status or have questions? Email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Please reference IWLA in the Subject Line.

Congratulations

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

**Mary Esfanaji
Mash Esfanaji
Alex Limparis**

Brian McClay

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thunder Valley Days

June 21

Working in various areas of the event

Ed Lloyd, Tom Kummer, Conley Phipps, Mary Ann Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci and O S McCollum.

June 22

Joe Carinci, Bill Gazdik, Jim Piatetski, Diane Offutt, Phillip Dean, Randy McKenzie, Frank Laborata, Kevin Dukes, Greg Talamini, Mary Hunt, Charly Culbertson, O S McCollum and Cherie Aker.

Board of Director's Meeting

July 11

Kitchen Duties

Dave Simmons Jr., Dave Simmons Sr., Victor Ezerski, James Borum and Charly Culbertson.

Hospitality Staff (the Bar)

Ken Lefebvre, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and David Goldberg.

Chapter Membership Dinner

July 25

Dinner and Kitchen Functions

Ed McNally, Charly Culbertson, Cherie Aker, Melissa Gill, James Borum and Nathan Pratt.

Dining Room Set-up

Will Carbone.

Hospitality Staff (the Bar)

Ken Lefebvre, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji.

Chapter Maintenance Day

July 29

Range Maintenance

Rifle and Pistol Ranges: Al Goldschmidts, Alex Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Tom Kosciesza, Glenn Miller, Harold Dean Elliott and Jeffrey Schilling.

Cowboy Set-up

July 27

Jeff Strauss, Ray Dorn and Chuck Crooks.

Skeet Ranges

Stephen Rowcroft, Chris Nelson, Mark McKevitt and Ittikhar H. Shah.

Conservation Activities (Christmas Trees)

Jim Barthol and Kathy Barthol.

Green Shed

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman and Guy Wright.

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information to:

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

A note to our Probationary Members

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members; so, my guess could be wrong.

If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jesse Lim ,Judy Riley,Wade Dayberry, Wendy Smith , Judy Lefebvre 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 Piateski at [**jimpiateski@verizon.net**](mailto: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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to

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