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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Membership Approves Dues Increase for 2017

IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC) members approved a membership dues increase at the August 24th membership meeting. The proposed increase goes into effect for the 2017 membership year. IWLA WAC members will see the following changes in rates to renew their membership:

- Individual member dues would increase from \$135 to \$145.
- Family member dues would increase from \$205 to \$220.
- Student member dues would increase from \$40 to \$45.
- Youth member dues would increase from \$30 to \$32.

Your overall membership dues include support for our Chapter, the Maryland State Division, and the National organization. Those with a lifetime membership to the IWLA National organization will not see any dues increase.

The increase simply represents passing along a rate increase in the National portion of your dues that was approved by delegates attending the National Convention in July. It reflects challenges with IWLA National finances which have suffered from declining revenue for the past five years. National successfully reduced its expenses over the past few years, but needs additional revenue to strengthen the league for the future. It will use the revenue increase to:

- Enhance the visibility of the League at all levels (i.e., local, state, national),
- Add staff to support chapters and members; and,
- Increase advocacy on conservation and outdoor recreation policy.

If you have any related questions, contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org

Updated Contact Information Requested

I am continually working to keep membership records updated and ask that you notify me right away if your email address(es), phone number(s) or street address have changed within the past 12 months. Membership renewal notices are expected to go out within a few weeks and it is vital your information is current. To reduce postage costs and consume less paper, invoices will be sent via email to the greatest extent possible. Paper-based renewal forms will be sent to those that do not have email accounts.

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end year of the second membership year is finished. Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay. If you are unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. If you have any other questions or concerns about your membership contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

Probationary Work Requirements for Members with Limited Abilities

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership in order to fulfill the terms of their probation. At least one of these projects, each year, must be conservation oriented. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to make a contribution during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor.

Each work project listed on the chapter's web site includes a point of contact and that person's name, email address and phone number. Members with limited abilities should contact this person ahead of the event to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform. Opportunities to complete conservation related work projects diminish later in the calendar year, so you are urged to fulfill any related obligations sooner than later.

You need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project. Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following month to ensure you receive credit for your service.

NEW RANGE POLICY Effective January 1, 2017 -- Visitor Badges

Starting on January 1, 2017 WAC members who bring their family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC visitor's badge. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that must be visibly worn at all times by family and other guests. Visitor badges will be distributed with members' 2017 range access cards after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent and will not change each year. Members should retain their visitor badges as long as they remain members. Lost visitor badges will be replaced for a cost of \$10. Visitor badges will be printed with the member's name and ID number. The member must be present with the guests that are using their visitor cards.



Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Montgomery County Fair Friday August 12-Saturday August 20

Thanks once again to Bill Leaman and the Rockville Chapter for organizing the IWLA tent at this year's Montgomery County fair. The heat early on resulted in fewer fair-goers than in past years, but there was still a good traffic of folks going past our tent and learning about the League and the Chapters in the County. And also thanks to Don and Mary Hunt for coordinating the scheduling for the Wildlife Achievement Chapter members who worked at the tent.

Gardens Maintenance Friday August 26.

This month we worked on the butterfly garden by the access road, and the fronts of the Chapter House and the Shotgun Shed as well as on the back gardens. There were quite a few tree-of-heaven sprouting in the Shotgun Shed planter—seedlings undoubtedly from the large trees to the right of the Shotgun Shed. Thanks to Jerry Klinger, Erik Mettler, Bill Nicholson, and Mark Scuderi, along with Shon Barr and Gabriel Mendez who also helped out with Adopt A Road that day

Upcoming Conservation Work Credit Activities

Chapter Gardens Maintenance. Friday September 30. 9:00-noon. Weed removal, planting, and mulching. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.

Tree maintenance at the Brookeville Site. Sunday October 16. 9:00 AM to Noon. – Weed removal, repairing and installing deer protection. The Chapter provides gloves, tools, and water. Must pre-register. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net

Tree maintenance at the WSSC Pigtail Area. Sunday October 23. 9:00 AM to Noon. – Weed removal, repairing and installing deer protection. The Chapter provides gloves, tools, and water. Must pre-register. Contact Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net

Fall Watershed CleanUp. Saturday October 29. 9:30 AM to Noon. –Meet at the green maintenance shed. Gloves, trash bags, and water provided. Lunch at noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net for more information.

Other Conservation Activities:

WSSC WATERSHED FAIR: Saturday October 1 from 4-7 p.m. at Brighton Dam, located at 2 Brighton Dam Rd. in Brookeville, MD. FREE! The Chapter will be sponsoring an activity tent at the fair—Fishing is Fun! Participants will learn about the numerous recreational activities available on WSSC watershed property as well as tips on what they can do at home and in their community to help protect the Patuxent River reservoirs. There will be educational activities for children of ages. At approximately 6 p.m., participants will be invited to enjoy a bonfire, 'smores (ingredients provided!) and family-friendly musical entertainment. Participants are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets and snacks for their family to enjoy the early fall evening around the campfire.

SAVE OUR STREAMS WORKSHOP: Saturday October 15 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Lois Green - Sligo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is sponsoring an SOS Workshop on the Chapter property at 8721 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg, MD. Save Our Streams is a fun and easy way to rate water quality by collecting and identifying underwater insects and other organisms. Classroom training in the Chapter meeting room will be followed by field training in a nearby stream. The cost of the workshop is normally \$25 BUT THE CHAPTER IS SPONSORING 15 ADULTS TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP AT NO CHARGE! Reservations are on a first come first served basis! Go to <http://sostraining.eventbrite.com> to register. High school students will be considered with IWLA National's permission. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. Please bring your own water bottle.

FREE RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS for Howard County residents. Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104 *Time and Dates:* 9-11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: September 17, October 1, October 15. For more information contact the Howard County Master Gardeners 410-313-2707 3300.

The Howard County Master Gardeners distribute rain barrels and teach people how to use them. Howard County residents are eligible to receive a free 55-gal barrel with cut-outs for fittings, to be used for a rain barrel (one barrel per address, please). The rain barrel must be used in Howard County and the recipient of the barrel must fill out a pledge form and take part in the workshop. After the workshop, the recipient will know where to buy the parts and how to assemble and maintain the rain barrel.

THE WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD WORKSHOP: September 29 and October 6, 2016 from 6:30- 9:00 p.m. at the Maryland Extension Office, 3300 North Ridge Road Suite 240. Ellicott City, MD 21043 The Howard County Forestry Board, together with University of Maryland's Extension Service, Howard County Recreation and Parks and some great volunteers, is offering a workshop on how to manage, expand or create Woods in Your Backyard. Aimed at owners of lots from 1 to 10 acres, this two-evening class offers information from experts and an opportunity to get hands-on advice about your specific property. Cost: \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. Cost includes materials and light refreshments. Registration is by mail only (sorry, no on-line option). The agenda, registration form and contact info is found on the Howard County Forestry Board's webpage: <http://www.howardcountyforestryboard.org/index.cfm?objectid=FF8064B0-265C-11E6-9F6A0050560F037A>

FARM ACADEMY: The Farm Academy is a chance to visit Howard County farms for an up-close and personal tour and information session including methods used to reduce environmental impacts. There will be two Farm Academy days this fall: October 1-Heritage Hill Farm in Woodbine and October 15-Breezy Willow Farm at Hopkins Spring. Each will be on a Saturday from 9 a.m. -noon, rain or shine. Registration is required. To register and for more information about each farm, visit the <http://livegreenhoward.com/live/your-community/farm-academy/>. Contact the Howard County Soil Conservation District at 410-313-0680 or KMCCormick@howardcountymd.gov with questions.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

October, 2016

Sat 10/1 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 10/2 Jeremy Dvorak
Wed 10/5 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat 10/8 Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick
Sun 10/9 Steve Meyers
Wed 10/12 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 10/15 Murray Welsh
Sun 10/16 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 10/19 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat 10/22 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun 10/23 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 10/26 Bob Woodward, Bob Cumberland
Sat 10/29 Gerhard Bartsch
Sun 10/30 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Rodger Moran,

Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,

Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim and Wendy Smith)

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

If you have any questions, please contact the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone.

Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest not signing in will be asked to immediately leave the club grounds and considered as trespassing. WAC Board of Directors have approved the request from the Rifle and Pistol Chairman to implement "Guest Identification Badges" for 2017 membership year.

The Rifle and Pistol Rules will be updated accordingly and more information will come in advance of the 2017 membership year.

Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing.

IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

WAC NRA Training Update – Wendy Smith

The Ladies/Teens Dinner and Basic Pistol class for September 17th has been canceled.

Registration is open for the last class of the year and it has been changed to **NRA Basic Rifle on October 1st and 9th**. This is a two day class and the cost is \$50 per student, payable by check made out to IWLA WAC the first day of class. NO WALK – INS ARE PERMITTED.

Class size is limited and to WAC members and their family per membership rules, ages 12 and up. Minors must be accompanied the entire time by their parent or legal guardian.

Registration will close September 22nd, however, do not delay registration, as CLASSES FILL FAST.

To register email the following information to **IWLWACNRA@HOTMAIL.COM**

Full name, gender, NRA member ID if you have one, full date of birth, full address, cell phone and email.

Please honor your commitment to the class as often times we have to turn away registrants on the wait list.

We will soon be working on the 2017 training calendar and will include updates in the monthly newsletter when the calendar is published later this year.

A SPECIAL REMINDERS TO OUR PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

As of August 5, 2016

We have a large number of probationary members that will be short of meeting the minimum work required for full member status by the upcoming membership renewal time. That means an Additional \$60 to your renewal. Most of these members only need one or two work activities.

This reminder encompasses the following groups:

Range oriented members:

These members have devoted many hours to the maintenance of our ranges. This is great; the Ranges require a lot of maintenance. However, as stated in the Chapter's Bylaws all probationary members **must** participate in at least one Conservation Activity in each of their probationary years.

Members who think that they met the work requirement:

We have quite a number of probationary members that have completed all four required work activities in their first year of probation and think they have met their obligation, they have not. Judging from the number of members that are in these groups I think there is some confusion as to what a Probationary year is. Your first probationary year starts at the time your application is accepted at the Board of Directors Meeting and ends 12 months later. At that time your second year of probation starts.

If you think you may be one of these members, send an email to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

No need for a lengthy email just put the word **status** in the subject line and I will respond as soon as I can. There will be plenty of work days in the next three months for all to meet their work requirements.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **September 2014** 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 need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Gail F. Merkle

Tom J. Merkle

Board of Directors Meeting (Kitchen work)

7/6

Member: John Porter

Archery Class (Assistant)

7/9 - 7/16 - 7/23

Member: John Porter

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

David Lane

Membership Dinner (Prep work)

7/26

Member: John Porter

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Vince Patterson

Membership Dinner (Kitchen work)

7/27

Member: John Porter

Montgomery County Fair

8/12 through 8/19

The following members participated in: the setup and staffing the IWLA tent.

Members:

Jeff Deschamps and Jim Piatetski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

J.D Kray, Mindy Goldsborough, Nicholas Camp, Paul Hudes, Kay Cornwell, Nan Fredman, Alex Cummins and James McTague

Membership Dinner (Kitchen work)

8/23 – 8/24

Member: John Porter

8/24

Members: Wm T. Carbone and Pam Porter

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Neil Balfour

Garden Maintenance

8/26

Members: Jerry Klinger and Mark Scuderi

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Gabriel Mendez, Shon Barr, Bill Nicholson and Erik Mettler

Chapter Maintenance Day

8/26

Members: David Hiner and Tom Preston

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Lawrence G. Crowson and Bill Nicholson

Range Maintenance Day (Covering all Ranges)

8/28

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Tom Ouellette, Al Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, Nick Hewitt, Billy Ramos, Guy Wright, John Porter, Paul Largent, John Ahrens, Thomas Jordan, Arden Young, Paul Fisher and Donald Koss

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Adam Dube, Eric Wood, Adrian Liebel, Dave Lane, Charles Jordan, Ken Jones, Rich McDougal and Douglas Chapman

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatetski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith and Tim Garrity for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and 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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