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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

March 2018

President's Corner

In come the March winds

They blow and blow

They sweep up the brown leaves

That green ones may grow.

—George Washington Wright Houghton, American poet (1850–91)

This year March has two full moons. The first – Full Worm Moon occurred on March 1st. Native Americans – using the lunar phases to identify the cycle of the seasons - coined the name. During the time of the Full Worm Moon, the ground begins to soften and the Earthworm is able to tunnel to the surface encouraging the return of migrating birds and the Red Robin. Roots also make their way through the soften ground – the surface becomes alive with greenery and budding flowers. A sure sign spring is coming! March 20th is the first day of spring. A second full moon in a month is referred to as a Blue Moon. The Blue Moon occurs March 31st. The phrase “Once in a Blue Month” usually means a rare occurrence – but in reality a Blue Moon occurs approximately every 30 months.

Now that clocks are moved forward and with spring right around the corner – the WAC ranges will become busier as the weather warms. For conservation enthusiasts – projects such as tree and garden maintenance and the Watershed Clean-Up are on the calendar. Check out the WAC calendar – for scheduled events and range availability.

Because the ranges and grounds will be busier – the need for members to roll-up their sleeves and extend a helping hand with ground and range maintenance day is even more important. The next maintenance day is scheduled for Sunday March 25th. Just a Reminder – all ranges are closed until noon on the 25th.

I want to give a shout-out to members who routinely maintain the chapter's grounds and ranges. Guy Wright, Al Goldschmidts, Berle Cherney, Mark Gay, Meo Curtis, and Rodger Moran thank you for everything you do. Our ranges and grounds are a source of pride for WAC – and it is because of you!

March membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 28th. I will be attending a business conference and unfortunately will not be there. I leave you in good hands – your First Vice President Roger Moran will be presiding over the meeting – and selling 50-50 tickets ☺

As always – Take Care,

Cherie Aker

MEMBERSHIP E-MAIL

Communicating to all of the members is a daunting task. Our primary sources of communication are via E-mail, the newsletter and the web site.

We use E-mail for membership renewals, reminders, special events, upcoming projects, closings and anything deemed important for the membership. We try to keep these to a minimum and we never give the list to anyone else.

On the membership application is a space for your E-mail address. This, along with your other information, is entered into the chapters main membership data base, which is maintained by the membership secretary.

A copy of the E-mail addresses are sent to Chuck Crooks, the web master, for inclusion on our distribution list for the chapters bulk E-mailings.

Over the years, the two lists have drifted apart partially because of changes, which in the case of E-mail addresses, happens often. Folks do change E-mail addresses often and if we did get the change from one source or other, it was not always passed on to the other.

In mid February, I took all E-mail addresses from both data bases and purified them to establish a good list for sending club E-mails. This took over 18 hours and generated some serious eye strain!

Anyone, that had an E-mail address in the main data base, that was not on the bulk mailing list, was then added to that list. Each person that was added was also sent an E-mail explaining the addition.

This was a complicated process, as many members have two or more addresses, including a home address and a work address. Some addresses were old or invalid and these were deleted.

The new bottom line is when you change your E-mail address, we need to know. Please send any E-mail address changes to Chuck Crooks IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com. Include your name, your old address and your new address. I will then forward your change to the membership secretary. Whenever we add an address to the distribution list, you will get a confirmation E-mail.

As a reminder, many company E-mail servers, especially a work or government one, will block E-mails that are sent in bulk lists like ours. When I send a chapter E-mail, it goes to over 1,600 addresses at once. So if it is important for you to keep up, please provide an address other than a corporate or government address if possible. It is equally important for you to keep your address current because membership renewals are sent via E-mail.

All chapter E-mails are sent from izaakwaltonwac@iwlwac.org. The subject line will always be in all caps and the description line will start as "IWLA-WAC". If possible, add izaakwaltonwac@iwlwac.org to your approved list.

At the very least, we send an e-mail, usually around the middle of the month, letting members know that the current edition of the Wildlife Gazette, the clubs newsletter, is available on our website.

Chuck Crooks
Chaplain
Web Master
Past President

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for March 2018



Keep an eye on the Chapter calendar and the Conservation Committee website for more activities for this spring. For more conservation information go to: [bit.ly\WACconservation](http://bit.ly/WACconservation)

Sunday, March 18. [Pigtail Recreation Area Tree Maintenance](#). Off-site project for deer protection and invasives management. To

register, contact Jim Piatieski at jimpiatieski@verizon.net.

Saturday, March 24. (Rain date: Sunday March 25) [Upper Patuxent Spring Watershed Clean Up](#). Chapter and community members pick up the roadsides and river crossings near the Chapter. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Gloves, bags, and water provided. Lunch at noon for all participants. Student Service Learning hours if completed forms are brought to the event. To register, contact Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org.



Sunday, March 25. Christmas Tree Maintenance. On the Chapter regular member monthly workday. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.



Christmas Tree Maintenance photos by Kevin Lee

Sunday, April 8. [Rachel Carson Park Tree Maintenance](#). Off-site project for deer protection and invasives management. To register, contact Barry Fleming at barryjflem@verizon.net or Rodger Moran at rodger.j.moran@gmail.com



Sunday March 18th, 2018 will be our first conservation event of 2018. Anyone needing conservation credit is invited to attend, We work from 9AM until noon. Gloves and hand tools are provided. If you have a favorite pruner you are welcome to bring them. We will be maintaining trees at the Pigtail Recreation site in Howard County. Directions may be found on the chapter website. Use the conservation web page link and click events and activities. If interested, please contact Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net

Montgomery County. Request Well Records and Septic Location Online. If you are looking for water well records or the location of your septic system, you can now make an on-line request. Not sure how accurate these would be for older systems, but the link is: <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/online/eInformationRequest.aspx>

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

April, 2018

Sun	4/1	EASTER SUNDAY RANGE CLOSED
Wed	4/4	Charlie Mello
Sat	4/7	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	4/8	Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora
Wed	4/11	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat	4/14	Mike Webb Ian Rolfen
Sun	4/15	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	4/18	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat	4/21	Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun	4/22	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	4/25	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat	4/28	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	4/29	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes: Gerhard Bartsch, , Roman Drews, Jeremy Dvorak, Gary Green, Joel Gross, Keith Kosian, Mark Lawson, Rodger Moran, Tim Mulreany, Steve Myers, Jim Shay, Bob Shelley, Ed Shifflett, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Murray Welsh, Hank Williams

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update – (John Porter)

WAC Rifle and Pistol RSO upcoming events

EVENTS:

March 17 Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 8:30AM - 2:00PM Rifle Range

March 31 22 Fun Shoot 10:00AM - 2:00PM Rifle Range

March 31 Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00PM- 5:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

Registration is now available for the following classes:

3. April 7 NRA Refuse To Be A Victim THIS IS A FREE CLASS !!!!!
4. April 21. NRA Basic Pistol Certification Day 1 (Classroom)
May 5 NRA Basic Pistol Certification Day 2 (Range)
Please Note: This class will qualify requirements for Md. HQL

Contact John Porter porter253@aol.com for info and registration details



NRA Basic Rifle Class 3/10/ 2018

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 2016 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 Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

As of March 6, 2018, we just had one Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet turned in.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER

The following probationary member has Successfully completed probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

David Anthony Edwards

Chapter Range Maintenance Day 2/25/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Candy Varmer, Hands Varmer, Guy Wright, Joseph Smith, Wendy Smith, Mindy Goldsborough, John Hartwell, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Philip Yuengling, David Edwards and Ivy Huang

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Cherie Aker, Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, John Porter and Chuck Crooks 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 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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