



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

*From every mountain side-let Freedom ring.
~Samuel F. Smith, "America"*

This July has certainly maintained its reputation as being the hottest month of the year. I'm not sure if it is the result of intense heat – circular flattened patches (a.k.a crop circles) in corn fields start to appear in July. I know I am certainly going to keep my eye on the corn field adjacent to the WAC driveway.

As always I am encouraging all of our members to take a look at the WAC calendar for events or opportunities to assist with work projects or maintenance of our grounds and ranges. We need helping hands to continue with the upkeep of our ranges. If you have a skill and time – we could certainly use your help. The next maintenance day is scheduled for Sunday July 29th.

Girls and Guns Having Fun event happened Saturday June 16th. Not to brag – but I think everyone had a good time. Some of the ladies inquired if another similar event will be available in the fall. Well – Guess What! – Another Girls and Guns Having Fun has been scheduled for Saturday September 8th. Hoping for the opportunity to meet more of the Ladies of WAC ☺

I have also added to the WAC calendar – kitchen events. To make ready for the holidays – please join me in the kitchen for:

- Pie Bake and Cranberry Relish – Sunday November 18th Noon to 4 p.m.
- Christmas Cookies Bake and Exchange – Sunday December 16th Noon to 4 p.m.

If you have an idea for an event – please do not hesitate to contact me at Cherie.aker@gmail.com

The IWLA Convention is Wednesday July 18th to Friday July 20th in Fredericksburg. I am looking forward to networking and hearing new ideas from other IWLA attendees.

The next WAC membership meeting is Wednesday July 25th. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for Board of Director positions. Now is the time – if you want your voice heard – if you have someone in mind you would like to nominate for a Board position – come to the meeting. Your voice can be heard – you can share your ideas – have a good meal – and meet other members at WAC.



Cherie Aker

Sad news

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Charlie Wiles. Charlie was instrumental in making The Wildlife Achievement Chapter what it is today. He served several terms as chapter president and in other chapter positions as well as president of the national organization. He volunteered at the national office until recently when his health prevented him from continuing in that capacity.

At this time, there is a service scheduled to be held at the national headquarters on September 8th (Saturday). There will be more on this in future editions of the newsletter.

You can learn much more by reading the chapter history on our chapter website. You just might be surprised about what you'll learn.

Conservation (Meo Curtis/Judy Riley)

A hearty "Thank You" to our five (5) Adopt-a-Road Volunteers of today, June 15, 2018.

- Mathew Newton;
- Tony Loratto;
- William Doerrler;
- Karl Krchma;
- Elia Akselrod

These men collected 8-large black-bags of trash from Mullinix Mill Road plus the section of Long Corner that covers 108 to Mullinix Mill Road.

This garbage included much of "the usual examples of our Americana...cigarettes n beer" and, possibly, the top of a vape pipe, battery cables and many make-shift water-bottle "spittoons"! How's that for recycling?

Gardens Maintenance.

Thanks much to our 15 members who worked on the gardens in May and June. We've taken out miles of invasives, mulched, and even gotten a few new plants in the ground. We'll be going out every month through September not just to neaten up but to keep food sources for the bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects.

UPCOMING CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

July 27, Friday, Gardens Maintenance 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

July 29, Sunday Christmas Tree Maintenance 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](#) at lccascio@gmail.com

August 10-18 Friday afternoon through the next Saturday. Montgomery County Fair. Volunteers needed for shifts at the IWLA tent. Contact Don and Mary Hunt at ButterflyMary46@msn.com Or at 301-946-4795.

August 24 Friday. Gardens Maintenance Meet at 8:30 AM. to 11:00 AM at the Green Maintenance Shed. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact [Meo Curtis](#) at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

August 24 Friday. Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM to Noon 8 to 16 volunteers needed, Meet at Green Maintenance Shed – Gloves, trash bags, and water provided. Register with Contact [Judy Riley](#) 301-980-4057 text preferred leave membership number and phone number.

August 26, Sunday. Christmas Tree Maintenance 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](#) at lccascio@gmail.com

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

August, 2018

Wed 8/1	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat 8/4	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 8/5	Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora
Wed 8/8	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 8/11	Arden Young, Ian Rolfes
Sun 8/12	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed 8/15	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat 8/18	Erik Hill, Mike Aaby
Sun 8/19	<i>Breaking Clays to Save the Bay</i>
Wed 8/22	Charlie Mello
Sat 8/25	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 8/26	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed 8/29	Debbi Perry

Girls and Guns Event

The first **Girls and Guns Having Fun** event was held Saturday June 16th. I am very pleased to tell you the event was successful. Ladies with minimal to proficient firearm shooting experience, came together to enjoy time and comradery on the pistol range. Several of Ladies expressed an interest in having a similar event this fall.

Well Ladies – another Girls and Guns Having Fun event is scheduled for Saturday September 8th 10 a.m. to Noon at the Covered Pistol Range. The event is open to WAC members and friends. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me – Cherie Aker at Cherie.aker@gmail.com Hope to see you at the Next Girls and Guns Having Fun Event!



Pictured – Mindy Goldsboroug, Margaret Schmidt, Diana Martin, Katie Shapiro, Kerry Pezzuti, Diana Martin, Marcia Jacques, Candace Varma, Cherie Aker, Janet Vogel, Debby Wisner
A Big Thank You to Jesse Lim for starting the event with a brief overview of WAC range safety and conduct rules. I also want to thank Jean Aker, Buzz Vogel, John Porter, Candace Varmer, and Hans Varmer for helping each of ladies at the firing line.

Upcoming Elections

Article III, Section 2 of our bylaws stipulate the slate of officers and directors be distributed to members in advance of the July meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at the July membership meeting.

The elections will take place at the August membership meeting. The slate is presented below.

President - Cherie Aker

1st President - Roger Moran

2nd President - John Porter

3rd President - Susan Bortniak

Nomination for Recording Secretary - Judy Riley

Corresponding Secretary - Jim Piateski

Membership Secretary - Tim Garrity

Nomination for Treasurer - NONE

Sergeant At Arms - Richard Fried

Parliamentarian - Steve Lefebvre

Chaplain - Chuck Crooks

2018-2019 Director = Jean Aker, David Goldberg, Jesse Lim, John Walter

Nomination Slate for 2019-2020 Director: Tom Ouellette, Billy Ramos, Daniel Cimbora, Joseph Pauley

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



Wildlife
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Damascus, MD

The Izaak Walton
League of America
Est. 1937

Sunday
August 19, 2018
Proceeds to

Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited



**No Pre-Registration
Open to the Public**

Event Hours - 10:00AM - 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM - 1:00PM

**2 rounds
Skeet or Trap**

**Lunch and Event
Hat or Towel**

\$30

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

Saturday July 28. Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 8:30AM - 2:00PM at the Rifle Range.

Sunday July 29. Rifle/Pistol Range Cleanup 9:00AM WORK CREDIT EVENT!!!!

Saturday Aug 11. NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Class 9:00AM- 1:00PM Upstairs Chapter Hall
This is a Free Class open to friends and family

Saturday Aug 18 Practical Defense Match 9:00AM - 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING NRA CLASSES:

August 11. Refuse To Be A Victim. No Cost, Free Class

August 19. Personal Protection In The Home

September 29. Basic Rifle Classroom, October 7 Basic Rifle Range

October 13. Basic Pistol Classroom, October 20 Basic Pistol Range

Contact John Porter to register for classes. Porter253@aol.com

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before July **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.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

James Augustus Smith Jr.

Gardens Maintenance
6/15/2018

Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)
Barbara Bally, Ralph Bally, Cindy Jansen, David

Gaffny and Nate Goonasekeram

Brush Trimming on Range Road

6/16/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Michael H. Smith, Stephen M. Pullum, Jim Piateski
and Chuck Crooks

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Darrin Lunde and Debra Wisner

Thunder Valley Days (Set Up)

6/19/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Paul Bluteau and Stephen Elko

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Ralph Bally, Mark Mayer and Andrew Padula

Thunder Valley Days

6/21/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Joe Carinci, Anthony Loratto and
Chuck Limparis

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Phil Butler, Angela Novas and Stephen Pullum

Thunder Valley Days

6/22/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Joe Carinci, Anthony Loratto and Chuck Limparis

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Phil Butler, Angela Novas and Stephen Pullum

Shotgun Range Maintenance day

6/24/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Mark Gay, Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak,
Donald Koss, Bill Leaman and Rodger Moran

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Ken Koss and George Boyce

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

6/24/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John McCarraher,
Guy Wright, Bill Leaman, Dean Elliott and
Byron Susinno

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)
Ivy Huang

Stream Monitoring (Save our Streams Project)

No Date

Member: Rodger Moran

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)
Stephen Meyer

A Note to all the members that organize or supersize a work activity. If the activity is not listed on the Calendar, please put a date on the Sign-Up Sheet. This will help our new members receive their work credits in a timely manner.

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 Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Cherie Aker, Judy Riley, John Porter and Guy Wright, subbing for Chuck Crooks, for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Guy Wright subbing for 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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