



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

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The month of September is here – signaling the end of summer and the start of the school year. I always look forward to seeing the changing of colors in our foliage. Autumn is a beautiful season. Take the time and enjoy season. WAC has nature trails the entire family could enjoy together.

I want to thank everyone who attended our shooting events in August. One event in particular is the Breaking the Clays to Save the Bay on the Skeet Ranges. A big Thank you to Debbi Perry for organizing this event each year in support of WAC conservation efforts!



I plan to attend the event next year now that I have some experience with shotgun. Charlie Mello and his fantastic team of coaches were onboard for the Girls and Guns Basic Shotgun Seminar on August 31st. We had classroom time and afterwards, all the ladies had the opportunity to shoot Clays, Skeet, and Trap. All that attended had a great time. I hope to have a follow-up shotgun event in October.

Now that school is back in session – I am sure many school children will be looking for opportunities to earn community services hours. Just a reminder – kids can earn hours by participating in our Chapter and Range Maintenance Day the last Sunday of each Month. Hope to see you soon – until then, take care!

Please note- We have three open positions in need of chairmen/women.

They are Recycling, Christmas trees and our annual game dinner. Please contact Cheri Aker if interested in assuming one of these responsibilities.

Be Prepared: 2020 Membership Renewal Process Has Started

The motto of the Boy Scouts of America “Be Prepared” comes to mind as the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter begins the annual membership renewals process for calendar year 2020. You are asked to contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org right away if your contact information has changed within the past 12 months.

- Street address:
- City, State, Zip Code:
- Preferred phone number(s):
- Preferred email address(es):

Membership renewal **email invoices were sent at approximately 9pm on Sunday, September 1st** and it is vital your information is current. Email is the primary communications channel, so be sure to let Tim know if your address has changed or if you have additional addresses to include. To reduce postage costs, and minimize the use of paper and fossil fuels, 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.

Here is what else you are asked to do to facilitate the renewals process:

- Add the email addresses membership@iwlawac.org and IzaakWaltonWAC@iwlwac.org to your list of safe (or approved) senders so related messages do not get filtered out as spam mail.
- When you receive your invoice, send a check or money order (payable to IWLA) for the full amount by the preferred November 1 due date to the address listed on the invoice. Earlier payments minimize the amount of work required during the holiday season and are greatly appreciated. Partial payments will not be accepted and returned.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity at membership@iwlawac.org. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

Complete Probationary Work Requirements

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end year of each of the first two years of their membership. Two work projects must be performed each year and at least one of them each period must be of conservation nature. The chapter calendar includes a comprehensive list of activities along with a point of contact (POC) for each.

You are urged to reach out to the POC to express your interest and be sure they still need support. Activities listed in green represent conservation work activities; those in brown are regular work projects.

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 Tim Garrity. If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible to reduce the associated administrative workload.

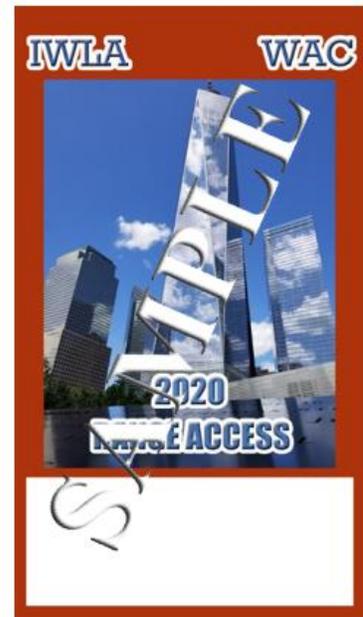
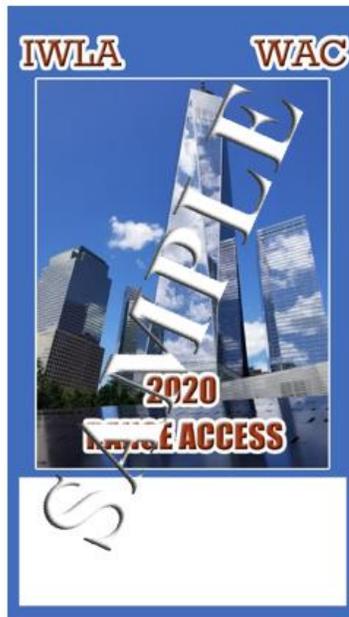
Probationary Work Requirements for Members with Limited Abilities

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. 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. Members with limited abilities should contact the POC for events they want to support to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform.

Members need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project. Be sure to check the chapter newsletter in the following month to ensure you receive credit for your service. Contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com if your name is not listed but you believe it should be.

2020 IWLA WAC Range Access Cards, Membership Cards and Visitor Badges:

The 2020 Range Access Cards feature a recent image of One World Trade Center (WTC) in New York City. The image foreground includes a partial view of one of the bronze panels that surround the 9/11 memorial pools, inscribed with the names of those killed on 9/11 and the WTC bombing attack in 1993. To get 2020 range access cards to members in a timely manner, they are being issued as soon as possible after processing renewal payments. If you have an individual membership and a spouse authorized to use the ranges, their 2020 range credential has the same design, but with a red-colored frame.



Membership Cards: Members who want their 2020 membership card have two options to get it. They can pick it up at the chapter house after February 1st or use the following link to navigate to the IWLA National Members' Sign In Web Page (<https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn>) and follow the on-screen instructions. Members should wait until January 1st before using the web-based option. Your membership card will be mailed directly to you. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let me know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card. Disregard this message if you already arranged to get it.



Visitor Badges: WAC members who bring family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC Visitor badge that **must be visibly displayed at all times**. Each member that has a range access card (with blue frame) should have TWO visitor badges. Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent and will not change. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2020 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and asked to leave the property.

Visitor badges are printed with the member's name and ID number. Members should retain their visitor badges for as long as they remain members. Lost visitor badges will be replaced for a cost of \$10.

Shotgun Range Badge Designation

Range Access cards and Visitor Badges that have the member number in parenthesis indicate the successful completion of shotgun range certification. The "shotgun" sticker is only intended for use during the year the test was passed.

Addressing Gate Card Issues

Members whose gate cards are not functioning or lost should contact Guy Wright by sending a message to him at guywright@verizon.net. Be sure to specify the nature of your problem and include the number printed on the reverse of the card along with your membership number, full name and mailing address.

Lifetime Membership Options

Your annual membership renewal payment covers your financial obligations to the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, the Maryland State Division and the IWLA National organization. Members are welcome to become life members at either of these three organizations or any combination of them. Becoming a life member of all three eliminates the future need to pay annual membership dues if you are a member in only our chapter.

If you belong to multiple chapters, a lifetime membership in the IWLA National organization and the MD Division can help you save significant amounts of money as you must pay those

renewal dues annually for EACH chapter in which you have a membership. A lump sum payment is required as payment plans are not available. The costs for lifetime membership are as follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter lifetime membership:

- \$900 for individual membership
- \$1,375 for family membership

National lifetime membership:

- \$1,250 for individual membership
- \$1,875 for family membership

Maryland State Division lifetime membership:

- \$100 for individual membership
- \$150 for family membership

Lifetime membership in all three organizations:

- \$2,250 for individual membership
- \$3,400 for family membership

Please contact Tim Garrity if you are interested in considering a lifetime membership.

The Passing of Past President OS “Mac” McCollum Jr.

Offa Shivers McCollum, Jr. (“Mac”), 90, of Highland, Maryland and St. Thomas, USVI, died peacefully at his Maryland home on August 14th.

Mac enjoyed hunting and skeet shooting, and was an active member of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. He served as president of the board from 1993 to 1995. Mac joined the chapter in September of 1972 and was forever active at the chapter. His favorite tool, outside of the kitchen, was our old Minneapolis Moline tractor that Mac used to maintain the driveway and load clay birds into the skeet houses.

Mac was a long time chief hunter safety instructor and he ran our skeet and trap program for many years. As the chief summer cook at the club, his pulled pork sandwiches were outstanding. And if you liked okra, you were never disappointed and one of his chapter dinners.

Mac was born on 28 December, 1928, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi to Lt Col Offa Shivers McCollum, Sr., and Josephine Laurine Ellis and was raised in Marion, Alabama. He attended Marion Military Institute and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, after which he served in the Army, and was an honor graduate from both the Infantry School and the Armored School. He was discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1953, and earned a B.S. in civil engineering from Georgia Tech in 1954.

Mac began his career as a layout engineer at Wright Contracting Company, but in 1956 moved overseas to work for Oman-Farnsworth-Wright – most significantly building air bases in

Pakistan, but he also worked on projects in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Viet Nam, Ethiopia, Liberia, and Mali. In the summer of 1958, while living in Karachi, he met Massachusetts-born Nancy Gray, a secretary in the U.S. Foreign Service. The two were married in September 1960.

Returning to the U.S., Mac and Nancy settled in central Maryland. Mac once more worked for Wright Contracting Company, eventually becoming Vice President and Area Manager in charge of Maryland operations. In 1977, he became Vice President and Division Manager at Excavation Construction, Inc. (EC), where he was in charge of highway, airfield, and dam projects in Virginia and West Virginia. His final assignment at EC was as Project Manager of the \$39 million airport expansion project at Cyril E. King International Airport on St. Thomas, USVI. Returning once more to Maryland, Mac started his own company – Chesapeake Construction, Inc. He served as a director of the Maryland Highway Contractors Association (now MTBMA) and was president of the organization from 1995 to 1998.

A devoted alumnus of Marion Military Institute, Mac served on the MMI Board of Trustees and Advisors for 20 years beginning in 1999. He was past Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the Investment Committee, as well as being an avid supporter and Lifetime Member of the MMI Alumni Brigade.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Offa Shivers McCollum, Sr. and Josephine Ellis McCollum Jordan, his son David Ellis McCollum, his step-father Charles Dexter Jordan, Sr., his step-brother Charles Dexter Jordan, Jr., his brother-in-law John R. Shuman, and his cousin Hal R. Ellis III.

Mac is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Nancy G. McCollum; his children: Offa Shivers McCollum III (June), Eugene William McCollum (Kathy), and Nancy Carolyn McCollum; grandsons: Will and Christopher McCollum; his sister Josephine Laurine Shuman; his step-brother Thornton F. Jordan; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial BBQ is planned for September 28th. Internment will take place in November in Marion, AL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marion Military Institute Foundation (1101 Washington St, Marion, AL or online at marionmilitary.edu/give/) or to Gilchrist Hospice Care (www.gilchristcares.org).

Conservation

Gardens Maintenance, Friday 9/13 9-11AM Contact Meo Curtis meosotis58@verizon.net

WSSC tree Maintenance Pigtail recreation Area-off site 9-12 Contact Jim Piateski
jimpiateski@verizon.net

Brookville Tree Maintenance Off-site 10/3/2019 Contact Jeff Deschamps
jeff.deschamps@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

October, 2019

Wed 10/2 Charlie Mello
Sat 10/5 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun 10/6 Mark Gay, Dan Cimbor
Wed 10/9 Jay Jeffrey
Sat 10/12 Arden Young, Alfred Cross
Sun 10/13 George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed 10/16 Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 10/19 Jeff Tokar
Sun 10/20 Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed 10/23 Ed Shifflett, Joel Gross
Sat 10/26 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 10/27 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Wed 10/30 Debbi Perry

To view the WAC Calendar of Events – please access the following Web link:

<http://www.damascusiwa.org/calendar2019.html>

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

Basics are where you begin. They are the foundation. Without a solid foundation, any building no matter how grand, will eventually topple. I am reminded of perhaps the oldest zoning law known to man: “The foolish man built his house upon the sand...” (*Jesus*)

Our NRA Rifle and Pistol courses lay down the basics. If you are new to shooting this is where you begin. If you are a shooter with many years of experience, this is where you need to return to make sure you have that solid foundation and have not wandered onto the sand.

Upcoming Classes:

Basic Rifle

Day 1 Class on Saturday September 28, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Day 2 Range Qualification on Sunday, October 6, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To preregister contact Hans Varmer @ wac.instructor@gmail.com

Basic Pistol

Day 1 Class on Saturday October 12 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Day 2 Range Qualification on Saturday, October 19, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To preregister contact Hans Varmer @ wac.instructor@gmail.com

Please note recent additions to the calendar:

Utah Conceal Carry on Saturday, December 8
Personal Protection In The Home, Sunday, December 7

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **September 2017** 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 members have Successfully completed their probation. And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Shannon W. Bruce
Michael E. Bruce
Tinh V. Nguyen
Viana Winston

Montgomery County Fair

Started on 8/9/2019 to 8/17/2019

The Setup was done by:

Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Volunteers:

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barbara Cooks, and Paul Hudes

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Anita Stonebraker, Ed Maloney and Paul Hudes

Also, a big thank you to:

Mary and Don Hunt

I was told by S Leaman, via email, that the Hunts started preparations three months before the Fair.

Garden Maintenance Day

8/22/2019

Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Barbara Bally, Ralph Bally and Matthew Newton

Adopt A Road

6/14/2019

Members:

Karl Krchma , Judy Riley and Meo Curtis
Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)
Frank Corn and Stephen Pullum

Cowboy Set Up

8/23/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jim Piateski, Robert Vendemmia, Paul Bluteau
and Chuck Crooks

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Geoffrey Rutherford, Bob Finnell, David Ager,
Jesdrío Meira and Phil Butler

William Doerrler, Jason Bieber, Luis Moran,
James McInerney and Richard Worch

Thunder Valley Days (Set Up)

6/18 and 6/19/2019

Members: Chuck Limparis and Paul Bluteau
Frank Corn

Thunder Valley Days (Take Down)

6/20 and 6/22/2019

Members: Chuck Limparis and Stephen Elko

Chapter Maintenance Day

6/30/2019

(Range Work)

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Guy Wright,
Chuck Crooks, Hans Varmer, and Candy Varmer

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

James Proctor, Jeremy Matthews, Walter Matthews and William Doerrler

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

(Conservation Work)

Tom Ouellette, Robert Martin, Tony Bolling,
Joe Smith, Ruth Hornseth, Geoff Hornseth,
Len Rizzi and Jeremy Dvorak
Michael Bruce, Shannon Bruce, Jason Hoffman,
Doug Dolan and Anthony Atkins,

Shotgun Maintenance

6/30/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak, Sean McTernan,
Jacob Nersma, Donald Koss and Nate

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, Hans Varmer, Tim Garrity and Steve Olsen for their contributions to this newsletter. 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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