



**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**

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**CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

*Editor's note:*

As members you may have seen this in your email . Please be aware that this situation is dynamic and subject to change. It is recommended that you check the Chapter web page prior to arriving at the Chapter as the situation may change.

In order for this temporary re-opening to be successful, it is imperative that all members be courteous and respectful to each other . We are all feeling the pinch on our routine activities and will welcome a return to some kind of normalcy.

*A note from Jesse Lim*

Montgomery County, Maryland declared a catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020. To control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend canceling large gatherings and urges we employ social distancing in smaller gatherings. We appreciate the Board members and President Rodger Moran for promptly executing a health safety plan to protect our 1300 active members. The Wildlife Achievement Chapter made the decision to temporarily close all shooting ranges , rifle, pistol, airgun , archery and all other club activities.

The main purpose was to reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel corona virus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives. During the temporary closure, we have worked on planning regarding a soft opening of our facility and shooting ranges. Maryland Governor Hogan announced effective as of 7:00 a.m. ET on May 7, 2020, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Order, the following establishments in Maryland may open to the general public: Recreation, outdoor archery and shooting ranges. Thus Wildlife Achievement Chapter was able to immediately apply our action plan as follows

Fellow Ike's,

We will be opening the ranges starting Friday the 8th, with normal hours (10:00 AM to 7:00 PM). Below are "**TEMPORARY**" rules for all ranges. Please understand that we need to work together and share the ranges while we have the restriction of no guests and a limited number of people allowed on the ranges.

The main club house will remain closed. Use of porta potties (hand sanitizers inside) is required.

All other range rules are still in place.

It is impossible to make any area completely safe. If you are in the high risk category or you have underlying additional health problems, please continue to stay at home.

All of the temporary restrictions listed below will be posted on all ranges.

All other club activities are still on hold. Please refer to the chapter calendar for additional information.

**TEMPORARY RANGE RULES EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ON ALL RANGES, FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED  
NO GUEST ARE PERMITTED ON ANY RANGES  
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LISTED BY RANGE TYPE  
PERSONAL/SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED  
MAIN CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED**

**OUTDOOR AIRGUN RANGE**

**Maximum of 6 people on the range.  
NO GUESTS**

**FIELD ARCHERY RANGE**

**Maximum of 3 people  
NO GUESTS**

**SHOTGUN FIELDS**

**Maximum squad size of 5 per field  
No congregating inside the range house (bathroom, sign in/out and payment only)  
NO GUESTS**

**UNCOVERED PISTOL RANGE**

**Maximum of 3 people  
NO GUESTS**

**COVERED PISTOL RANGE**

**Maximum of 3 people  
NO GUESTS**

**RIFLE RANGE**

**Maximum of 10 people  
NO GUESTS**

**If the maximum number of people are on the range, you must wait in the parking area until someone leaves.**

**If you see someone waiting to shoot, be courteous and let others enjoy the range.**

**Conservation** (Meo Curtis/Duane Hovorka/Steve Lefebvre/Stephen Meyer)

The link below is an interesting video composed by the league's Duane Hovorka. Duane is the Director of Agriculture Programs.

Most of us will recognize this invasive as it is very common in our area. It's ease to remove and properly dispose of . Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdMBj2fgh-8&feature=youtu.be>

The Marylanders Plant Trees program offers a \$25 coupon off trees which cost at least \$50, good at participating nurseries. Trees must be on the DNR list.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Recommended-Tree-List.aspx>

Montgomery County has a \$40 coupon which is good for any select tree of \$75 or more at participating nurseries. This can be combined with the DNR coupon.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/environment/forest-conservation-and-trees/reforest-montgomery/native-trees-discount/>

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Save Our Streams Training - Cockeysville, MD  
by Izaak Walton League of America  
Classes fill up quickly, so register now!

Sat, May 30, 2020 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM EDT  
Oregon Ridge Nature Center 13555 Beaver Dam Road Cockeysville, MD 21030

<https://www.iwla.org/news-events/upcoming-water-monitoring-workshops>

Come learn about water quality issues and learn to monitor stream health by collecting and identifying benthic macroinvertebrates! Training will consist of an indoor morning session followed by an afternoon session practicing monitoring techniques at a nearby stream. Rain or shine . Bring your own rubber boots, waders, or water shoes, and a bagged lunch. Note-taking supplies are suggested.

For beginners, I also recommend reviewing <https://www.macroinvertebrates.org/> beforehand, plus the YouTube For videos at [www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org) Save Our Streams website, as the on site training progresses fairly quickly.

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**Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

**May, 2020**

Sat 5/9	Dan Walker
Sun 5/10	Mark Gay
Wed 5/13	Jay Jeffrey
Sat 5/16	Bob Shelley
Sun 5/17	John DuChaj
Wed 5/20	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 5/23	Al Cross
Sun 5/24	Jake Turska
Wed 5/27	Dan Walker
Sat 5/30	Phil Butler
Sun 5/31	Gerhard Bartsch

**Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)*reprint***

Are you familiar with Maryland's "**Child Access Prevention Law (CAP)**"? It states that a person "may not store or leave a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child would gain access to the firearm."

It's something we teach in every NRA Rifle and Pistol Class:

**IT IS THE GUN OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT  
UNAUTHORIZED OR UNTRAINED INDIVIDUALS CANNOT GAIN ACCESS  
TO HIS OR HER FIREARMS.**

If every gun owner in America followed the advice of the NRA and State law we would see a lot less gun violence reported by the media. So please take inventory of your situation. What steps have you taken to prevent unlawful access to your firearms? If you can afford a firearm, you can afford to make it inaccessible to unauthorized people. Please make this a part of your New Year's Resolutions.

**RANGE SAFETY** (Chuck Crooks) (*This can't be posted enough*)

The club has had security cameras in place for about 6 years. The cameras became necessary after some property thefts and general safety concerns.

Range rules are established for a reason. They are designed to protect the safety of all members, their guests, our neighbors and our property. For these reasons, we take range violations very seriously. No matter how trivial you might think a rule is, there is a basis for safety that must be adhered to.

All range safety rules are accessible from our web site's main menu under the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules link or you can take this direct link  
<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Recently there has been a series of range rule violations including; shooting from a holster at a non-sanctioned event, failure to display range cards for members and their guests, shooting from the hip, shooting beyond the posted hours, failure to wear safety glasses, failure to write a guests name on the sign in log, using rifle caliber firearms on the pistol ranges and having more than one firearm on the firing line at the same time.

Initial violations (handled by the rifle and pistol committee) can be a warning and/or suspension from the ranges until you retake the range safety course. Serious violations may be reviewed by the board of directors for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the club.

As you know, firearm ranges are always on the radar, especially in our area. Therefore we take our rules and the safety of our members and guests a priority.

As range officers, you are asked to report known violations to the rifle and pistol chairman.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Due to Chapter closure ,there is no content this month. **See red text at the bottom of this page.**

#### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Hans Varmer, Chuck Crooks, Meo Curtis, Stephen Meyer, Duane Hovorka, Jesse Lim ,Steve Lefebvre 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](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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**Due to the cancellation of club activities, probationary members will have the date extended for completing their volunteer work credits. Once we are allowed to continue work operations, you will be given credit from March through the month we are able to have work events.**