



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

President's Corner

Spring is finally here – although it is not quite what we expected. First day of spring – it snowed. Unfortunately more snow is in the forecast. Please remember to check the WAC calendar for cancelled or rescheduled events.

With the warmer weather – flowers will begin to bloom. Unfortunately so do the weeds. For all you gardeners – WAC offers you the perfect opportunity to spend a morning in the WAC gardens. All you have to do – is a little planting and weeding. The Chapter Gardens Maintenance and Planting is scheduled for Friday April 20th. If you are interested – please meet at the Green Shed at 9:00 a.m.

NRA Basic Pistol Certification Course is on the WAC calendar for April. This certification course is a two day class. First day – classroom instruction is scheduled for April 21st 8:00 a.m. to Noon in the Upstairs Hall of the Chapter's Club House. The second day is May 5th scheduled for the uncovered pistol range. Day One attendance is required to participate in the Second Day of the course. Contact is John Porter – Pre-registration is required and there is a fee for this course. For more information – please contact John Porter. His contact information can be found on the WAC calendar.

The WAC website has a wealth of information – calendar of events, range safety rules, conservation information, and much more. There is another way to learn more about WAC and that is attending the monthly membership meetings. You will enjoy the company of other members and a great meal. The next membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 25th. Get to know your club – meet other members – network. Hope to see you there!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable April.

Take Care!

Cherie Aker

WAC President

Special Announcement

Our current treasurer, Chuck Limparis, will be stepping down at the end of his current term. He has served admirably in the position for many years and will be sorely missed.

The vacancy he leaves will be a difficult one to fill. It is an important position within the organization and demands very real commitment and dedication.

The job as it exists now has many components. A committee of board members will be working with Chuck to develop a clear description of just what this job entails and will be considering ways to break out some of the responsibilities so that the load on one person won't be as onerous. Hopefully this will make it easier to find a successor.

The purpose of this message is to give the membership advance notice that the position will be coming available before the year is out and spark some interest in considering the position. More will follow as the process develops.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation Work Projects for April 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)

Saturday, April 14. (rescheduled from March 31)

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. (Rain date: Sunday March 15)



*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



*Friday, April 20. **Gardens Maintenance.***

9-11:30 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org

Sunday, April 29. 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

Saturday, May 5. Brookeville-Reddy Branch Tree Maintenance. Off-site project for deer protection and invasives management. To register, contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net



RainScapes: Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for County residents

Make and Take a Rain Barrel. Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Brookside Gardens, 1800, Visitors Center, Glenallan Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902. Gather and store water from your rooftop to help control the stormwater impact to your yard. Each participant will receive a rain barrel with fittings and simple instructions. Remember, you'll need a vehicle large enough to fit a 55-gallon barrel! Also, please bring a photograph of where you'd like to rain barrel installed at home. Price: Brookside Gardens Members- \$13.00, Non-Members - \$15.00. You must pre-register on-line at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/make-and-take-rain-barrels/40555

Make and Take a Rain Barrel and Installation Demonstration. Saturday, April 28, 2018; 10am - 1pm, Dayspring Church Pavilion, 11301 Neelsville Church Road Germantown, MD 20876. Learn how to install your own rain barrel, connect it to a downspout by watching a demonstration and how to qualify for a RainScapes Rewards rebate. Each attendee will

receive a rain barrel (55 gallon, 2'x3', one per household). Be sure to bring a vehicle large enough to carry your barrel home. Also, please bring a photograph of where you'd like to rain barrel installed at home. No cost but you must pre-register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rainscapes-make-and-take-a-rain-barrel-and-installation-demonstration-tickets-44112220840>

Stormwater Solutions - Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping. Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 4pm - 7pm, Course #4553 Friday, May 4, 2018, 10am - 1pm, Course #45544. Brookside Gardens, 1800, Visitors Center, Glenallan Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902. Learn how to create a landscape that not only absorbs stormwater and uses native plants, but is also beautiful! The DEP staff will show you how to evaluate your site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate. Price: Brookside Gardens Members- \$13.00, Non-Members - \$15.00.

Register for May 2nd at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens/40550

Register for May 4th at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens/40551

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

May, 2018

Wed 5/2	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat 5/5	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun 5/6	Steve Meyers, Mark Lawson
Wed 5/9	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 5/12	Roman Drews, Paul Fisher
Sun 5/13	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Wed 5/16	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck

Sat 5/19 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 5/20 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 5/23 Charlie Mello
Sat 5/26 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 5/27 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed 5/30 Debbi Perry

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

Upcoming Events

April 14: Practical Defense Match 9:00AM - 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

April 21: NRA Basic Pistol Classroom Upstairs Chapter Hall Preregistration Necessary

April 29: Rifle Pistol Range Cleanup 9:00AM

May 26: Utah CCW Permit Class WAC Members Only 8:00AM - 5:00PM Upstairs Chapter Hall
Preregistration Necessary. Contact John Porter for info and registration
porter253@aol.com

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before April **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 MEMBER

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

James E. Shay
Richard Alan Fulton

Pigtail Maintenance Work Day

3/17/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis and Jim Piateski

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Vince Spruill, Armando Martinez, Bob Novas and
Ed Grapski

Chapter and Range Maintenance Day

3/25/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Guy Wright, Lee Cascio,
Dan Leaman, Hans Varmer, Ed Grapski,
Nelson Torres, Arden Young, Adan Buynak,
Mark Rendely and Jerry Dvorak

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Jim Markham, Nelson Torres and Robert Shelley

Conservation Work:

Member: Lee Cascio

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ivy H. Huang and Nate Goonasekeram

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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