



**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
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**CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

President's Corner

Welcome April – Welcome Spring! April is the month we celebrate nature and our environment. Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> - established in 1970 as a day to promote support for environmental issues. National Arbor Day is April 26<sup>th</sup> – a day for honoring trees. It is a tradition on Arbor Day to plant a tree in honor or memory of a loved one. WAC has conservation opportunities for our members to roll-up their sleeves and plant trees, clean-up litter, gardening, or take a hike and enjoy a walk through nature.

On Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> we have Chapter Gardening Maintenance. Interested in planting trees? Volunteer for the off-site Rachel Carson Reforestation project on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Also on the WAC calendar – is our Xmas Christmas Tree maintenance on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> the Green Energy Committee hosted our first WAC Social. I attended and I really enjoyed myself. I played Corn Hole – after about 100 throws – I got pretty good. Table Ping Pong and Jenga were also available to play. Approximately 25 people attended – we had appetizers, drinks, games and good company. Socials will be scheduled quarterly – keep an eye on the WAC calendar for the next Social. Hope to see you there!





WAC will be celebrating our 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to fire-up the barbeque pit - come join us for good food and good company! Hope to see you there! Our next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> – another great way to meet members and enjoy a good meal. Check the WAC calendar for upcoming events – become active and see all the opportunities available for our members. If you have an idea for an event – let me know!

All ranges are closed Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Easter.

Take Care!

Cherie Aker

### **Conservation** ( Meo Curtis/Jeff Deschamps)

#### **Brookeville Trees**

Jeff Deschamps

On Sunday, March 24, fourteen chapter and Katherine Nelson of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) worked on maintaining trees at the Brookeville site. It was a great day to be outside. We cleared invasive vines from trees previously planted or ‘volunteers’ that were caged to promote re-forestation of the site.



This was not our first visit to this site in the Hawlings watershed – thinking like a mountain means being willing to work on a project that can't be done in one morning or one year. The chapter's work at the Brookeville is one of those projects. In partnership with MNCPPC our chapter has been working on this site since 2009. Work at the site has evolved over this time. We started with planting and protecting that transitioned to protecting volunteers (seedlings that came up on their own) on the site to maintaining trees until they can survive competition with invasive plants and the effects of deer. Some of the trees are now large enough to survive deer damage and shade out undesirable invasive plants. We will keep working until all can survive these challenges and we have restored a forested buffer among that stretch of the Hawlings.



We will be back again this fall. If you haven't seen the site, an example of what can be done by a dedicated group working over many years, come out for one of our workdays in the future – we are there each spring and fall. Additional photos from this work are on the chapter Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/?f=1683594218591160>.

**April 13 Rachel Carson Conservation Park** Contact Rodger Moran at [rodger.j.moran@gmail.com](mailto:rodger.j.moran@gmail.com) or Barry Fleming at [barryjflem@verizon.net](mailto:barryjflem@verizon.net) for details. Conservation credit event.

**May 18 Pigtail Recreation** area on Tridelphia reservoir. Contact Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) Conservation credit event.

**Celebrate Earth Month** locally at one (or more!) of these FREE family friendly outreach and educational events.

**Howard County Greenfest.** Focus on "Science and our Environment".  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Community-Sustainability/GreenFest>

**When:** Saturday April 13 from 10am to 4pm.

**Where:** Science, Engineering, and Technology Building at Howard Community College Workshops, wildlife room, and all sorts of environmental wonders. Compost bin and rain barrel giveaways.

**Montgomery County Greenfest.** Where the County comes together, learns together, and takes environmental action together.

<https://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/>

**When:** Saturday April 28 from 11am to 4 pm.

**Where:** Brookside Gardens, Wheaton.

Green arts and crafts fair, live music, native plants sale, children's activities, and more.

**Frederick County Green Neighbor Festival.** Learn environmentally sustainable ways for living, working, and even playing.

<https://www.hood.edu/green-neighbor-festival>

**When:** May 4, 2019 form 10 am to 4 pm.

**Where:** Baker Park, at Culler Lake.

Bike ride, wildlife displays, family-friendly activity tent, food, music and more.

### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

On May 11, 2019 in conjunction with the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter, we will be hosting a rain barrel workshop on their chapter grounds at 8721 Snouffer School Road in Gaithersburg.

For those who don't already know, The Sligo Chapter, as it was originally known, was formed by the wives of Wildlife Achievement Chapter members when WAC was located in Silver Spring and excluded women from its membership. After receiving a grant of 63 acres from Mrs. Lois Green, The Sligo Chapter was renamed the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter. LGS, though established as a "women's auxiliary", became coed in 1980. I am unclear about when WAC went coed. This established a bond between our chapters. As a result of this partnership, anyone from WAC who assists in setup of equipment, knock down, marketing and generally helps out can receive conservation credit at WAC. We could use 2 or 3 people maximum. To get credit, you must commit to three hours for the event, assisting, answering questions, and serving the attendees as needed.

If interested please contact Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net)

## Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

### May, 2019

Wed 5/1	Ed Shifflett, Alfred Cross
Sat 5/4	Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill
Sun 5/5	Steve Meyers, Mark Lawson
Wed 5/8	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 5/11	Phil Butler, Neil Berkinshaw
Sun 5/12	GerhardBartsch, Hank Williams
Wed 5/15	Jay Jeffrey, Bob Cumberland
Sat 5/18	Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 5/19	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed 5/22	Charlie Mello, Joel Gross
Sat 5/25	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 5/26	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Wed 5/29	Larry Buck

### Archery

The first session of the **USAA Level 1 Archery Class** of the **2019 WAC Youth and Adult Archery Program** is being offered in three classes to be held on Saturday mornings: **May 4, May 11 and May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the club's Field Archery Range** (located on the right just after you enter the club driveway). All equipment will be provided for students to use during class sessions. This includes a traditional or compound bow, arrows, an arm guard and finger tab. Students are welcome to bring their own personal equipment but such equipment must be inspected and approved for use by an instructor. The **fee is \$25.00 per participant** for all three classes. **Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is only by mail. Please note that a new policy change requires that WAC Chapter members be registered first and, thereafter, non-members will be registered according to availability.**

**To register, please contact: John Porter at [porter253@aol.com](mailto:porter253@aol.com) as soon as possible.** John will email you the Registration Form and the Waiver and Release Form for you to complete and send to him with your check payable to "Wildlife Achievement Chapter" in the amount of \$25.00 per participant. As forms and payment are received, you will be notified by email to confirm that you are either registered in the session or are on a waiting list. Any checks received after the class is filled will be promptly returned to the sender. **Please note that your registration is not confirmed until the required forms and check have been received, so do not delay as the class enrollment is very limited.**

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

Upcoming events:

Saturday April 13

Seneca Valley Rifle Match 8:30 - 2:00 on the rifle range

Practical Defense Match 9:00 - 2:00 on the uncovered pistol range

Saturday April 20

NRA Basic Pistol Day One: Classroom session 8:00 - 12:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall

Saturday April 27

NRA Basic Pistol Day Two: Uncovered Pistol Range 12:00 - 4:00

Preregistration required for NRA classes - contact John Porter [porter253@aol.com](mailto:porter253@aol.com)

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **April 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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW**

**FULL MEMBER**

The following probationary member has Successfully completed probation.

And is now graduated to Full Member status.

Charlie Mello

**Cypress Tree Maintenance**

**2/21/2019**

**Member:** Chuck Crooks

**Probation Member:**

Charlie Mello (Conservation Credit)

**Cowboy Set Up**

**3/22/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Dan Clements,  
George Hughes, Philip Rafferty and  
Lee Trunnell.

**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Len Rizzi, Jesdrio Meira, George Stecklein,  
John Fink and Max Zelenkov.

**Cowboy Clean up**

**3/23/2019**

**Member:** Shane Scott

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)  
John-Luke Espinas

**Brookeville tree work**  
**3/24/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**  
Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Katherine Nelson,  
Gideon Moskof, Ryan DiMarzio, James Hyman and  
Sean Celentano.

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)  
Melong Belfiore, Erik Belfiore, Darrin Lunde,  
Adam Moskof, Robert Hyman, Melissa DiMarzio,  
John DiMarzio and Frank Celentano.

**Shotgun Maintenance**  
**3/31/2019**

**Members:**  
Kim Buynak, Adam Buynak and Don Koss.

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)  
**3/31/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**  
Chuck Crooks, Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley,  
Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, John Hartwell and  
John Leaman.

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Tree Maintenance)  
**3/31/2019**

**Members:** Bill Gazdik and Tom Ouellette.  
**Probation Member:** (Conservation Credit)  
Darrin Lunde, Chris Mazzotta and Jason Hoffman.

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

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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.

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