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**Izaak Walton League of America**

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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** (Red Skillings)

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS FOR 2009-2010**

After a little backing and filling, going into the July GM meeting the Nominations for Officers/Directors for 2009-2010 is as follows.

(CONFIRMED means the nominee was contacted by a member of the Committee and he is amiable to serving in that position. Bold face \* = New in position.)

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Guy Wright \* Confirmed

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Confirmed

Sergeant at Arms

Dick Smith Confirmed

Parliamentarian

Mac McCollum Confirmed

Chaplain  
John Leaman Confirmed

The following are nominated to serve as Director  
Chuck Crooks  
Rich Fried  
Greg Talamini  
Wade Dayberry  
Bob Cooley.

The following directors were elected (2-year term) at the August 2008 GM meeting so will not be voted upon in August 2009:  
Ken Lefebvre  
Tom Malarkey  
John Walter

The Immediate Past President serves as Director while the incumbent President serves, therefore Steve Lefebvre will become a Director.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** (Meo Curtis)

Upcoming 'make and take' Rain Barrel workshop sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Church on July 11 for Damascus Days. Contact Doug Marshall at 240-777-7767 for more information.

Marylanders and Montgomery County Plant Trees – Save \$50 off a Native Tree [↗](#)

Statewide: Plant trees and be counted towards the state's goal of 50,000 trees by 2010 – and save \$25 off your new tree! Check out [www.trees.maryland.gov](http://www.trees.maryland.gov) for information and advice on where, how, and what type of trees to plant, and also print our your coupon.

Montgomery County: Montgomery Planning Department's program "Leaves for Neighborhoods" will save you green when you plant trees. Print out the coupon to save \$25 off a tree purchase of \$75 or more. [http://montgomeryplanning.org/Leaves/documents/leaves\\_for\\_neighborhoods\\_flyer.pdf](http://montgomeryplanning.org/Leaves/documents/leaves_for_neighborhoods_flyer.pdf). Nurseries participating in both this program and the State's Tree Coupon program are listed at the web link and you can use both coupons together to save the most! Stadler Nurseries on Route 108 is one of five Montgomery County nurseries that will allow you to use both coupons.

If you want to plant several trees and your property is in one of DEP's restoration watersheds, you might want to check into the Montgomery County Rainscapes Rewards programs. You must apply and be approved BEFORE planting, fall planting window begins September 16, and will be reimbursed up to \$600 for planting minimum 1" caliper trees. Watersheds targeted through DEP's restoration programs: Rock Creek, Little Falls, the Anacostia, Cabin John, Watts Branch, Muddy Branch, and the Patuxent.

### Reviving American Chestnut Trees May Mitigate Climate Change

ScienceDaily (June 15, 2009) — A Purdue University study shows that introducing a new hybrid of the American chestnut tree would not only bring back the all-but-extinct species, but also put a dent in the amount of carbon in the Earth's atmosphere.

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Douglass Jacobs, an associate professor of forestry and natural resources, found that American chestnuts grow much faster and larger than other hardwood species, allowing them to sequester more carbon than other trees over the same period. And since American chestnut trees are more often used for high-quality hardwood products such as furniture, they hold the carbon longer than wood used for paper or other low-grade materials.

"Maintaining or increasing forest cover has been identified as an important way to slow climate change," said Jacobs, whose paper was published in the June issue of the journal *Forest Ecology and Management*. "The American chestnut is an incredibly fast-growing tree.

Generally the faster a tree grows, the more carbon it is able to sequester. And when these trees are harvested and processed, the carbon can be stored in the hardwood products for decades, maybe longer."

At the beginning of the last century, the chestnut blight, caused by a fungus, rapidly spread throughout the American chestnut's natural range, which extended from southern New England and New York southwest to Alabama. About 50 years ago, the species was nearly gone.

New efforts to hybridize remaining American chestnuts with blight-resistant Chinese chestnuts have resulted in a species that is about 94 percent American chestnut with the protection found in the Chinese species. Jacobs said those new trees could be ready to plant in the next decade, either in existing forests or former agricultural fields that are being returned to forested land.

"We're really quite close to having a blight-resistant hybrid that can be reintroduced into eastern forests," Jacobs said. "But because American chestnut has been absent from our forests for so long now, we really don't know much about the species at all."

Jacobs studied four sites in southwestern Wisconsin that were unaffected by the blight because they are so far from the tree's natural range. He compared the American chestnut directly against black walnut and northern red oak at several different ages, and also cross-referenced his results to other studies using quaking aspen, red pine and white pine in the same region.

In each case the American chestnut grew faster, having as much as three times more aboveground biomass than other species at the same point of development. American chestnut also sequestered more carbon than all the others. The only exception was black walnut on one site, but the American chestnut absorbed more carbon on the other study sites.

"Each tree has about the same percentage of its biomass made up of carbon, but the fact that the American chestnut grows faster and larger means it stores more carbon in a shorter amount of time," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said trees absorb about one-sixth of the carbon that can be absorbed annually could make a considerable difference in slowing climate change, he said.

"This is not the only answer," Jacobs said. "We need to rely less on fossil fuels and develop alternate forms of energy, but increasing the

Jacobs said that since this study looked at above ground carbon sequestration, future studies would seek to understand more about how emitted globally each year. Increasing the amount forests that contain American chestnuts store carbon below the ground.

The Stry Foundation, Electric Power Research Institute, and Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center funded the research.

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Journal reference:

1. Douglass F. Jacobs, Marcus F. Selig, Larry R. Severeid.  
Aboveground Carbon Biomass of Plantation-grown American Chestnut  
(*Castaneadentata*) in Absence of Blight. *Forest Ecology and Management*, June 2009

### **CONSERVATION WORK DAY**

On July 18, 2009, we will hold a conservation only work day. Projects to include elm tree maintenance, garden maintenance and additional work in the pumpkin patch. Meet at 8:30 at the green shed. Contact Jim Piatieski (301)253-4950 or [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) for additional info.  
This qualifies as conservation credit and SSL hours for students.

### **TRADITIONAL ARCHERY**(Tom Ouellette)

The traditional archery club will be meeting on Mondays @ 7:00 at the archery range. All interested parties are welcome.

### **SKEET AND TRAP (Bob Cooley)** **August 2009**

Sat 8/1 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

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Sun 8/2 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Wed 8/5 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle

Sat 8/8 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 8/9 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 8/12 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert, Carl McMahon

Sat 8/15 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 8/16 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Bob Case

Wed 8/19 Scott Wood, Bob Woodward, Conley Phipps

Sat 8/22 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell

Sun 8/23 Bob Poth, Joel Gross

Wed 8/26 Frank Bis, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 8/29 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 8/30 Peter Sittner, Bob Cooley

## **RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE** Lim,Urban and Ephraim

"On June 28th, Jesse Lim and fifteen IWLA members (two ladies and thirteen men) spent the day at the Frederick Isaac Walton League Chapter house taking the National Rifle Association (NRA) Range Safety Officer (RSO)course.

The main purpose for this preliminary event was to see what the NRA's training was all about, and determine if our chapter should consider periodically making these classes available to WAC members. Also, the class was seen as an opportunity to add to our Chapter's knowledge base and hopefully contribute to maintaining its excellent safety record.

During the eight hour course, the students were taught the NRA-approved standards for Range Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), safety procedures, and range briefings. The training materials highlighted the fact that, while there are certain general firearms safety rules that apply to all ranges, many important rules need to be tailored to fit the specific range in question and should be found in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Additionally, the training day also allowed WAC members to visit another nearby Chapter and mix with members of four other local organizations.

Speaking for the group, it was time well spent, and based upon this positive first experience the Chapter will work to identify other similar training opportunities. Whenever possible, these events will be made open to all WAC members in good standing, and the Rifle and Pistol Committee will ensure that notices are posted in advance in the Newsletter to get the word out."

On Sunday 6/28/2009 Eleven recent members and four spouses passed the Range orientation class. The new Range Certified Members are Donald Hunt, Mary Ann Hunt, Steven Houck, Steve Wathen, John Hench, Elizabeth Welch, Tex Welch, Eric Pasanelli, Todd Denny, Darrell Wheatley, Catherine Bryan, Keith Bryan, Marie Whiteisy, Tom Didone, and Samuel De La Cruz. The class, conducted by Bruce Roth, New Orientation member Tom Ouellette, and Barry Ephraim , for the first time taught the class on both the upper range and the lower ranges. We feel this gives a much more realistic picture of how the ranges operate and will help the new members integrate safer. In future we hope to have input from the Shotgun committee members while touring the Shotgun Range, as well as some input from the Airgun committee.  
Barry Ephraim

**INFORMATION:** For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Jesse Lim (240)832-0354 or [alphashooter@usa.com](mailto:alphashooter@usa.com).

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For April 2009, starting time is 10:00AM daily unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

## **REMINDERS**

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100-yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25-yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

**Rifle and Pistol Range Rules:** The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges.

**AIRGUN** (Phil Dean)

CHAPTER AIR PISTOL MATCH

The annual WAC-IWLA 10 meter air pistol match was recently fired. Winners were:

1st place - Hiem Trang - 531

2nd place - Paolo Amedeo - 524

3rd place - Jim Piateski - 515

Top female shooter was Starlin Shi with a score of 498.

Others firing in the match were: Carol Poth, Carl McMahon, Jack Shi, and Phillip Dean.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE** (Ed McNally)

Thanks to Tex and Beth Welch and John Hench for stepping up to do the kitchen cleanup after the last General Membership meeting.



## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Maintenance Days**

Skeet & Trap Maintenance on Wed 5/27/2009  
Madjid Tavakoli

Christmas Tree Maintenance on Sunday 5/31/2009.  
Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith.

### **North South Skeet Tournament** **June 12 though the 14**

The following volunteers worked in the kitchen supporting Chefs Mac McCollum and Ed McNally.  
John E. Hench, Tom Ouellette,  
Judy Crowell, Cornelious Holden.  
and Dick Smith.

The following volunteers worked in support of the tournament.  
Jerry Hill, Carl Mc Mahon, Judy Crowell, Tony Ebans, Mark Gay, Debbi Perry, Berle Cherney, Bill Murphy,  
Nunzio Letterio, Alan Palestine, Heather Barber and Jim Arnold.

A note to our probationary volunteers who worked on the N/S Tournament: The worksheet received has only names, on dates. Each probationary volunteer was credited with **one** workday. If you worked more days please send a note to [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com). Be sure to reference IWL in the subject line.

### **Membership Dinner June 24**

The following volunteers worked in the kitchen supporting Chefs Mac McCollum and or Ed McNally.  
Tex Welch, Beth Welch and  
John E. Hench

### **June 24 though the 28 Activities**

During this time frame we had the three activities overlapping one another. This made it quite difficult on some sheets to determine which activity the volunteer was working on. However, all who participated are recognized and thanked for their service. If anybody was missed, please e-mail me at: [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and be sure to reference IWL in the subject line.

### **Cowboy Action Shoot**

#### **June 25**

Ed Lladd, Brian (RIP) Van Winkle, Conley Phipps, Bill Ladd, Red (Charcoal Burner) Skillings, Bill Gazdik and Mac McCollum

#### **June 26**

Ben Tedesco, Wendy Smith, Brian Van Winlle, Red Skillings, Bill Gazdik, Greg Talamini, Bill Ladd, John Walter, Conly Phipps, Ed McNally, Cary Spice, Phil Dean and Mac McCollum

#### **June 27**

Red Skillings, Bill Gazdik, Joe Carinci, Brian Van Winlle, Jim Fedis, Bill Ladd and Mac McCollum.

### **Thunder Valley Days**

#### **June 25**

Jim Arnold, Steve Peck, Don Hunt, Steve Lefebvre, Martin Blake, John Leaman, Jim Sykes, Guy Wright, Chuck Limparis, Saul Honigsberg and John Sott.

### **June 26**

Rich Fried, Wil Desjardins, Don Hunt, Steve Peck, Karl Krchma, Tony Evans, Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin, Mike Sage, Doug Hutchison, Ron Peddicord and Nick Van Terheyden.

### **June 27**

Rich Fried, Don Hunt, Steve Peck, Karl Krchma, Gerhard Bartsch, Chuck Limparis, Spotted Horse, Paul Bluteau, David Gold, Ron Peddicord, Guy Wright, Ken Beard, Paul Tursk, Doug Hutchison, John Leaman, Rich Rankin, Doug Greenfield, Tony Evans and Kaylan Crooks (Moral Support).

### **June 28**

Mike Webb, Cary Spice, Mike Sage, Chris (V or Y) ingling, Carl Baker, Bill Leaman and John Leaman.

### **Chapter Maintenance Day June 28**

#### **Adopt-A-road**

Robert Hammond, Norma Kawecki, Dean Zuras and Ken Lubel.

#### **General Range and Grounds Maintenance**

Steve Peck, Dale Buschling, Joumey Delauder, Alan Pressman, Guy Wright, Bill Calcagno, Berle Cherney, Peter Sittner, John Leaman, Dave Stevenson and Jerry Hill.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

The following member now has completed the required service for **Full Membership Status**.

**Cary A. Spice**

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Ed McNally, Phil Dean, Jesse Lim, Tom Ouellette, Tim Urban, Barry Ephraim and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter.

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 e-mail address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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