



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

President's Corner  
August 2019

In July, the National IWLA convention was held in Des Moines Iowa. The theme of the convention was conservation and how individual IWLA chapters can help with educating and developing programs that support conservation efforts – in particular the Clean Water Act. I learned how single-use plastics affect our Oceans and marine life. I never give it a much thought before attending the conference about my personal use of plastic water bottles and plastic bags for my groceries. At home – I have plenty of reusable cloth grocery bags and lots of reusable water bottles. I need to use them!

Did you know a disposable plastic bag takes approximately 20 years – single-use plastic bottles can take up to 450 years - to break-down into microplastics? The majority of marine litter is plastic. As the plastic decomposes it omits chemicals and toxic particles – often clinging together creating “islands” floating in our oceans. Some plastic entangles marine life and some plastic is consumed. It is very common for Baleen whale species (filter feeder) to die from plastic. The whale's stomach acid cannot dissolve plastic. The consumed plastic creates hard plastic lumps in their stomach/intestines that can pierce the stomach/intestines. If the plastic doesn't pierce the digestive tract it will eventually starve the whale. Whales are NOT the only species to be threatened by single-use plastic. Sea Turtles will ingest plastic bags mistaken for a jellyfish (their natural diet) and suffocate. Birds – landing on the floating “islands” of plastic wrongly sees it as a food source. The plastic in the stomach gives a feeling of fullness – basically starving marine life to death.

Please think about what you can do to keep our waters clean and our marine life safe. WAC offers conservation opportunities that support The Clean Water Act. I challenge you to “Get Your Feet Wet & Clean Up A Stream.” Get involved with our “Save Our Streams” and become a stream monitor. Join in and pick-up trash before it gets to our waterways by volunteering for our Adopt-A-Road monthly WAC event. Next Adopt-A-Road event is scheduled on Thursdays August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join our Conservation Committee that meets the first Wednesday every month at 6:30 pm at the WAC Chapter House.

There is so much you can do as an individual – but even more as a group all united with a common purpose to “strive for the purity of water.”

The WAC Website provides information on the various committees and events supporting the Clean Water: <http://www.damascusiwla.org/>

As always – I hope all our members are having a safe and enjoyable summer.

Take Care,  
Cherie

**Conservation** ( Meo Curtis)



Natures stealth hunter....

(photo Mark Seaver)

**Thursday, 08/22/19 – Two Conservation Credit Events** (Judy Riley)

We welcome established and probationary members alike;  
Rain or shine (unless we have thunderstorms and/or dangerous winds);  
These have the potential of being both a fun and interesting morning!

**Adopt-A-Road:** We stick to the road, not in the underbrush by  
saving our streams from the trash - carelessly tossed to the curbs.  
Orange Safety Vests, Pick-up-Sticks, Garbage-Bags and Water are provided.

**Thu Aug 22, Adopt-A-Road Meet** at 9:00 AM Meet at the Green Maintenance Shed, finished by Noon  
Contact Judy Riley 301-980-4057 text preferred; or, send an email to <[lollyj24t@gmail.com](mailto:lollyj24t@gmail.com)>  
please provide your name and contact phone number. Although a head-count is preferred, you may just  
show-up, if desired.

**Thu Aug 22, Garden Maintenance Meet** at 8:30 AM. to 11:00 AM at the Green Maintenance Shed.  
Contact Meo Curtis <[meosotis58@verizon.net](mailto:meosotis58@verizon.net)>

## **Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

### **September, 2019**

Sun 9/1	Steve Meyers
Wed 9/4	Ed Shifflett, Joel Gross
Sat 9/7	Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill
Sun 9/8	Hank Williams, Larry Buck
Wed 9/11	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 9/14	Phil Butler, Alfred Cross
Sun 9/15	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 9/18	Jay Jeffrey, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 9/21	Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 9/22	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed 9/25	Charlie Mello
Sat 9/28	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 9/29	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

National Shooting Sports Foundation is teaming with National Izaak Walton League to promote opportunities for recreational shooting at local chapters for their members as well as the public. The Wildlife Achievement Chapter is participating in this campaign. The following WAC August events are not only open to our members – but also to the public. So tell your family and friends about the following opportunities at the WAC Chapter:

Girls and Guns: Learn to Shoot Shotgun – Basic Seminar  
Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am to Noon  
\$25 per person  
Shotgun Range House  
Contact Charlie Mello to RSVP and for additional information  
[Charlie@pathfindershooting.com](mailto:Charlie@pathfindershooting.com)

To view the WAC Calendar of Events – please access the following Web link:  
<http://www.damascusiwl.org/calendar2019.html>

Breaking Clays to Save the Bay  
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Debbi Perry to RSVP and for additional Information  
(301) 601-0048 or [debbi.perry@verizon.net](mailto:debbi.perry@verizon.net)

# Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



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**Sunday  
August 25, 2019**

*Proceeds to*

*Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited*



**No Pre-Registration  
Open to the Public**

**Event Hours - 11:00AM - 3:00PM**

*(must start shooting by 2:00PM)*

**Lunch Served 11:30AM - 1:00PM**

**2 rounds  
Skeet or Trap**

**\$30**

**Lunch and Event Hat  
First 45**



## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before August 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 MEMBERS**

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

Walter Matthews  
Jeremy Matthews  
Winston Viana

### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

**6/3/2019**

**Member:** Jim Piatetski

**Probationary Member** (Conservation Credit)

Anita Stonebraker

### **Thunder Valley Days (Set-Up)**

**6/18 and 6/19/2019**

**Members:** Chuck Limparis, Paul Bluteau,  
Mark Anderson, Alex Limparis and  
Dogmeat Dad (who was out on work release)

**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credits)

Matt Packard and Chris Mazzotta

### **Save Our Steams**

**6/23/2019**

**Members:** Stephen Meyer and John Hartwell

**Probationary Member** (Conservation Credit)

Anita Stonebraker

### **Save Our Steams**

**6/30/2019**

**Members:** Stephen Meyer, John Hartwell,  
Bill Jones , Illegible name

### **Gardens Maintenance**

**7/12/2019**

**Member:** Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members** (Conservation Credit)

Viana Winston, Tinh Nguyen, Albert Otter,  
Charlie Swinford and Craig Aronoff

**Cowboy Set-Up**

**7/26/2019**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Jim Piateski,  
Robert Vendemmia, Allam Zackowitz and  
George Hughes

**Probationary Members (Regular Credit)**

Erik C. Belfiore and Winston Viana

**Save Our Steams**

**7/28/2019**

**Members** Stephen Meyer

**Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)**

Anita Stonebraker

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)

**7/28/2019**

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Chuck Crooks,  
Stefan Neculai, Donald Koss, John Leaman and  
Jamson Leaman

**Probationary Member (Regular Credit)**

Felix Neculai

**Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)**

Graig Aronoff (Tree Work)

**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 Cherie Aker, Meo Curtis, Judy Riley 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.

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