



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Congratulations to our Board and Directors elect. Installation will be held on September 23rd. Please note ,this is a Friday, NOT a Wednesday as usual.

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CHAPTER AND RANGE ORIENTATION

Chapter and range Orientation had an amazing turnout for "The Morning After". Range road was blocked by fallen trees but was quickly cleared by usual volunteers. Light rain did not prevent us from going to ranges.

The following members are now Range Certified.

Vernon Vogel, Steven Tiner, Dave Simmons, Leopold Then, John Hartwell, Diane Offutt, Matthew Woody, Doug Robertson, and Tim Mitter. In addition Donnica Tiner, Alex Then, and Cory Robertson did well in passing the written exam. Course was presented by Don Hunt, Brian Van Winkle, and Barry Ephraim.
Barry

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

Upcoming Conservation Activities

Saturday September 17 from 9 to noon. Tree Maintenance and Invasive Plant Removal. Conservation work day at the WSSC Pigtail Site in Howard County. We will provide gloves, water, and some pruners and loppers. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or [Jim Piateski](mailto:Jim.Piateski) at 301-253-4950.

Saturday October 15 from 9 to noon. Tree Maintenance and Invasive Plant Removal. Conservation work day at the MNCPPC Parks Reforestation Site on Reddy Branch. We will provide gloves, water, and some pruners and loppers. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or [Jim Piateski](#) at 301-253-4950.

August Adopt A-Road

We completed an Adopt-A-Road clean up on Sunday August 21. There were 11 people picking up the trash along Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Road. We worked for two hours and collected about 16 bags of trash, one wheel axle, and three metal t-posts. Thanks to Judy Riley and Andy Mikan for being our 'rovers' who drove around to make sure no more bags or water were needed and who also moved the trash bags to one location for pick up by DOT.

Conservation Grounds Maintenance

We are continuing our battle to reduce grounds maintenance while providing a diverse landscape with an emphasis on native plants. Earlier this summer, we planted native elm trees behind the Chapter House—trees donated by Georgia Townsend. We are re-doing the butterfly garden, the cub scout garden, and the landscaping in front of the Chapter House to include landscaping fabric to reduce weeds and overgrowth. Thanks to probationary members Fred Dodson and John Hench for some significant landscaping maintenance efforts on August 21st. More to come on Sunday September 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the member work day. Report at the Green Shed.

Skeet and Trap

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2011 (Bob Cooley)

October 2011

Sat 10/1 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 10/2 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Wed 10/5 Brian Van Winkle , Bob Woodward

Sat 10/8 Jim Arnold, Bob Cooley

Sun 10/9 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 10/12 Conley Phipps, Ron Roberson

Sat 10/15 Murray Welsh, Wade Dayberry

Sun 10/16 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell

Wed 10/19 Carl McMahan, Jay Jeffrey

Sat 10/22 Robin Dixon, Rodney Winstead

Sun 10/23 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 10/26 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 10/29 Maj Tavakoli, Berle Cherney

Sun 10/30 Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch

Substitutes

Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Paul Fisher, John Davis, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Frank Bis, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weave, Dick Smith, Richard Maple, Debbi Perry

NOTICE

The Shotgun Safety Course will be held Sunday, September 18, 2011, from 10:00 AM to approximately 12 noon on the top floor of the main clubhouse.

Please bring your range cards so they can be certified, indicating that you've taken the course.

If you like, bring your shotguns so you can shoot afterwards, when the shotgun ranges open at noon.

Members who have not completed this course must always shoot on the shotgun ranges with the supervision of a member who has completed the course.

This is the same policy as the rifle and pistol ranges.

Registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact Berle Cherney. berle@berlecherney.com 301-942-4949

Airgun (Phil Dean)

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM

Would you like to improve your rifle or handgun shooting skills? Do you want to maintain your shooting proficiency by continued practice on a scheduled basis? Are you interested in learning to shoot a handgun or a rifle? The chapter's ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM can help you with any or all of the above. The Adult Airgun Program meets on Monday evenings (starting Sept. 12, 2011) in the downstairs airgun range at 6:30 PM. Targets are set up and firing begins at 7:00 PM and ends about 8:30 PM. You can fire air pistols or air rifles at 10 meter paper targets. There is no formal competition at these weekly shoots, but scores are recorded so the individuals can chart their progress during the year. Those wishing to can participate in a postal match during the year and we generally have an invitational match with the Rockville IWLA air pistol shooters.

Air pistol or air rifle shooting is not expensive and we have an excellent indoor facility where you can fire. We have some air pistols and air rifles that you can use to get started if you do not currently have your own. If you would like to get involved in this activity, contact **Phil Dean (301-865-8202 - pd10X@comcast.net)** to get more information or get your questions answered.

Christmas Tree Committee Report (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

The newly planted trees continue to benefit from some much needed rain the past month.

We still need support on the September 25th maintenance day to help us trim the grass around the seedlings and to get the invasive vines out of the larger trees. Please come out to lend a hand. We have gloves and some hand clippers to provide. Feel free to bring your own as well.

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Rifle and Pistol Report (Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith)

The Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer committee is pleased to announce the addition of two new (orange badge) Range Safety Officers (RSOs). We welcome Jean and Cherie Aker. Jean and Cherie are very active at WAC with many of the events; most notably, but not limited to, Cherie working her magic in the kitchen for membership meetings and Jean for all of his help with the rifle and pistol matches that are sponsored by the RSO committee.

Here is a current roster of the RSO's:

Al Goldschmidts#	Heather Barber#	Ken Lefebvre	Tim Urban
Al Palestine#	Hiem Trang	Kip Shapiro	WadeDayberry#
Andrew Cooke	Gregg McDonald#	Lou Knapp	Wendy Smith#
Barry Ephraim	James Fort	Marc Hinthier	
Bill Gazdik	Jean Aker	Mike Canter	
Bruce Roth	Jesse Lim*#	Nick Peters#	
Cherie Aker	John Mullaney#	Paolo Amedeo	
Danny Smith#	John Randall	Peter Gracyalny	
Darryl Mattheis	Jose Tassara	Rick Thornley#	
David Tung	Joseph Smith#	Steve Peck	
Dennis Crossen	Judy Riley#	Terry Popkin#	

*Rifle and Pistol Chairman

NRA certified trainers

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol events:

Please see the WAC calendar for contacts and more information.

October 1 – Bowling Pin Shoot from 9AM to 2PM

October 22 – Ladies / Daughters/ Teens NRA Basic Pistol Intro. NOTE: Reservations required, a separate announcement will follow regarding registration.

November 5 – Practical Defense Match – 9AM to 2PM

November 6 – Maryland DNR Hunter Qualification

Save The Date! (Judy Riley)

The next Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2011. It should be a real hoot, as our wintertime fun shoot includes "Jesse Lim's Famous Fun Shoot BBQ" - Whoo Hoo! Judy Riley will bring some hot chocolate, coffee and donuts to start the day off right! And, quite possibly, the ever-popular BALLOONS CHALLENGE!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER from our CRSO, Jesse, to EVERYONE:

"The .22 Fun Shoot is only allowed for 22 LR / 22 short, and should not create a big bang louder than either the 22LR / 22 short. Remember this is a .22 LR fun shoot only."

(Therefore, the 22WMR is NOT allowed.)

Thank you for your kind consideration. This can be a fun family event; so, we're looking forward to seeing you there!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER

Cowboy Shoot Set Up

July 22

Paul Bluteau, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, John Leaman and Chuck Limparis.

Membership Dinner

July 27 (update to August's Newsletter)

Mac McCollum prepared the evening's dinner. Kitchen staff for the evening, Cherie Aker, Charly Culbertson, Mark Nauman, Matthew Booth, Danny Crumpler and Ed McNally.

Dining Room Set Up

Bill Carbone and Dave Goldberg

The BAR

Staffing for the evening was Ken Lefebvre and his illustrious staff, Mash Esfanaji, Dolores Gick, Joe Gick and Dave Goldberg.

Chapter Maintenance Day

July 31

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Hans Varmer and Candy Varmer.

Shotgun Ranges

Berle Cherney, Mark McKeivitt and Phil Howard.

Tree Maintenance / Conservation Activities

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Kevin Kenney, Matthew Kenney, Bruce Carlson, Richard Hanley, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Eric Speights, Ken Johnson, Kirk Anderson, Robert Mongelluzzo, Chris Hyre, Drew Spence, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith.

General Maintenance Activities

David Stamper, Fred Stamper and Chris Ogene.

Green Shed

Guy Wright and Roger Romack.

Chapter Adopt-A-Road

August 21

Meo Curtis, Ian Augustine, Nick Augustine, Martin Rosendale, Kathy Rosendale, Mark Furr,

Chapter Adopt-A-Road

August 21 (Continued)

Bill Damaska, Diane Offutt, Andy Mikan, Judy Riley, Fred Teal, Steve Wass, Brett Hadfield, Blake Beaudoin, John Hench and Fred Dodson.

Cowboy Action Shoot

August 26 and 27

Set up for the shoot was done by Paul Bluteau, Ron Ronig, Ryan Ronig, Gunner Leaman, John Leaman, Guy Wright, Rich Rankin and Mike.

Tear down after the shoot was done by Jim Barthol, Kathy Barthol, Gary Young and Spotted Horse.

Membership Dinner

August 24

Mac McCollum prepared the evening's dinner. Kitchen staff for the evening: Cherie Aker, Diane Offutt and Allie Young. On Dishes: John E. Hench. John Hartwell and Matthew Woody.

Dining Room Set up: Bill Carbone.

Chapter Maintenance Day

August 28

Green Shed

Guy Wright, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Gunner Leaman, John Leaman and Chuck Crooks.

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Al Goldschmidts, Rory Walley , Ben Walley, Stephen Rowcroft and Chuck Crooks.

Christmas Trees

Jim Barthol, Kathy Barthol and Chuck Crooks.

Congratulations

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

Stephen Wass

Mark W. Furr

John E. Hench

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Phil Dean ,Berle Cherney,Wendy Smith,Wade Dayberry,Jesse Lim, Judy Riley and Bob Cooley 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.

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