



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

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

In accordance with guidance provided in Constitution Article 6 - "Amendments," I am proposing an amendment to Constitution Article 3 - "Membership," Section 5, Paragraph 1 - which currently reads,

“All newly elected members, shall undergo a probationary period, no more than three years in length. The probationary period is determined by the Board of Directors, and will be provided in writing to new members prior to their being presented to the BOD for consideration.”

My proposed amendment would to be inserted as the last sentence of the paragraph and says:

“When it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Chapter, the Board may vote, with a two third majority, to waive up to 12 months of the remainder of a probationary period for a member otherwise in good standing.”

This proposed amendment will be discussed and a vote taken at the October membership meeting.

Guy Wright

Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay



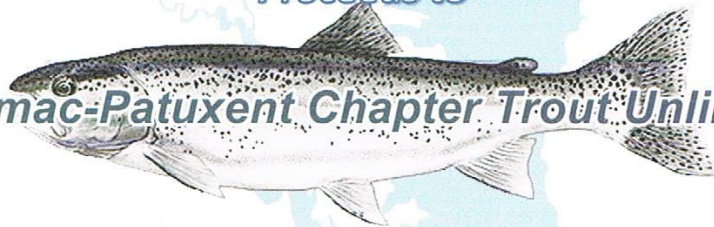
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The Izaak Walton
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**Sunday
October 19, 2014**

Proceeds to

Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited



No Pre-Registration

Open to the Public

Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM

(must start shooting by 2:00PM)

Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**2 Rounds
Trap or Skeet**

\$30

**Lunch and
Event Hat**

Conservation (Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps)

UPCOMING CHAPTER CONSERVATION WORK EVENTS

September GARDENS MAINTENANCE, Sunday 9/28 Chapter Work Day. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net for details.

OTHER CONSERVATION NEWS

Sunday August 24. Adopt A Road. We had 10 people on Mullinix Mill Road (our official County adopted road) and Long Corner Road. The crews collected 11 bags of litter, one tire, and some miscellaneous items that wouldn't fit into the bags. The best 'finds' were three 5-gallon plastic buckets in mint re-use condition. While the clean up on the roads was taking place, a couple of us planted a dozen or so native plants left over from the County fair exhibit and did a little garden clean up. The new plants include black-eyed Susan, Joe-Pye, phlox, and swamp milkweed, all great for the honeybees and other pollinators, and also a trio of ferns that were put in the rain garden.

Brookeville Native Tree Project Maintenance.

Jeff Deschamps

On Saturday, September 6, about 24 chapter members and Katherine Nelson from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) came out to work at our 'Brookeville' site. The chapter has partnered with MNCPPC for many years working to restore a forested buffer on this stretch of Reddy Branch. Reddy Branch is a tributary to the Hawlings River which flows into the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. Protecting and enhancing this stream buffer helps to improve the stream water quality going into that drinking water source. This is a project that has evolved with time. When we started we came out to plant trees. Over time we stopped planting trees and began protecting volunteers that come up on their own on the site and to maintain the plantings. On this hot and humid Saturday, we were removing potentially overgrowing vines from tree cages and relocating cages from trees that had died over to protect new volunteers. Some of these seedling trees may be Black Walnuts that we put in the ground last year as nuts.

Among the 25 people were some husband wife teams and also children of members who were seeking student service learning experience. Katherine Nelson was very happy with the amount of work a group this size was able to get done in a relatively short time. This is a site we work at often so check next year's calendar if you want to see this first hand and be a part of the restoration process.

Weed Warriors Training

Last month, I mentioned that we have a number of Montgomery County Weed Warriors among our members. This just means that they have taken the Parks training to identify those plants most irksome and threatening to our native plants, shrubs, trees, and wildlife. Not only do these invasive and usually non-native plants crowd out more desirable species, but many studies are showing that these plants have poor food quality and sometimes poor habitat for our birds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife. Maybe that's why deer don't typically feed on many of these pest plants.

More information about the Montgomery Weed Warrior program is available at www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/Natural_Resources_Stewardship/Veg_Management/weed_warriors/index.shtml. The next training is on Wednesday September 24th in Derwood.

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Adult Airgun (Jim Pachulski)

Well folks, summer is officially over. Your spray-on tan has faded, your white pants have been packed away, and the team we're afraid to call the Redskins has settled into what promises to be a very long season. Don't waste your Monday nights channel surfing this year's crop of reality shows. Come on out and shoot with the Adult Airgun Program. The fall season starts on Monday, September 8, 2014. We begin shooting around 7:00pm. Ask anyone who's shot with the program and they'll tell you it's a heck of a lot of fun.

It's also a great way to hone your shooting skills. You can develop your trigger control, breathing, hold and sight picture without spending a fortune on ammunition. Many of the participants in our program are competitive shooters who often provide valuable coaching tips on Monday nights. In fact, we guarantee that your shooting scores will improve or your money back.

I've also been remiss in announcing the results of our 2014 Club Tournament.

In the Men's Division:

1st Place – Paolo Amedeo

2nd Place – Hiem Trang

3rd Place – Pete Ott

Unfortunately, we had no competitors in our Women's Division for 2014. Come on, ladies. We know you can shoot.

Jim Pachulski
(202) 487-6237

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

October 2014

Wed	10/1	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet
Sat	10/4	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	10/5	Tony Hess, Mark Gay
Wed	10/8	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	10/11	Paul Fisher, Greg Myers
Sun	10/12	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Wed	10/15	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahan
Sat	10/18	Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen
Sun	10/19	Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed	10/22	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	10/25	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young

Sun 10/26 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 10/29 Debbi Perry, Bob Cooley

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers, Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan, Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Mike Bowen, Roman Drews, Joel Gross, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Robin Dixon, Glenn Huber

SAFETY THOUGHTS

Safety is a frame of mind that is supported by actions

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

Important! Read and know ALL WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules!

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Please take the time to read and print the recently revised Rifle and Pistol Range Rules approved by the WAC Board of Directors June, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER!

All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must **strictly sign in** on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing.

IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and **signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.**

Conduct

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.

Important note: DO NOT loan or share your WAC membership gate cards to anyone – without exception. These are issued for your own use only.

Sunday - October 26, 2014: Maintenance Day Project:

Under the wise stewardship of Al Goldschmidts and team, a new rifle range roof is planned and we need assistance in tear-down and re-build. Please come out on maintenance day (Al is usually there by 8:30 AM – or earlier). Thank you to Al for all of his support leading all of the projects for safety and improvement on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. <http://www.damascusiwa.org/Calendar2014.html#october>

Special Thank You to Mr. Jeff Wright for his donation:

1. Falling plate targets for use in our pistol match events
2. A Knaack Classic storage chest – planned for a rifle and pistol lost and found drop-off storage (coming soon)

NRA Training – Wendy Smith:

Our next class will be NRA Basic Pistol on September 20th and October 12th. The class roster and wait list are full.

The last NRA Basic Pistol class of the year will be the Ladies/Daughters and Teens dinner and class. The first day of class is the afternoon of Saturday, October 18th and will include a spectacular dinner by our resident WAC Chefs. The second day of class is Sunday, November 9th, all day. Registration will be announced October 1st. Please watch for a special WAC announcement at that time. CLASSES FILL UP FAST – USUALLY WITHIN 1 DAY – DO NOT DELAY REGISTERING ONCE IT IS ANNOUNCED!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Eric P. Remian
Shannon Garrity
Tim Garrity

Montgomery County Fair

August 8-16

Each of the following Members worked one six hour shift.

Members:

Judy Riley, Eddie Navarro and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation credit)

Tom Kennedy, Carolea Logun, John Logun, Chris Toscano, Ron Hilton, Diane Brooks and Dick Chiapparoli

Cowboy Clinic

August 10

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mike Sage, Joe Smith, Dean Snapp, Sandy Snapp,

Wendy Smith, Norm Feldser, Robert Jackson, Glenn Homell and Brian White

Probationary Member: (regular credit)

Steve Tiner

Cowboy Set Up

August 22

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Kyle Shapiro

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Stephen Esfanaji, Dawn Shapiro, Michael Bennett, Jerry Klinger, William A. Duley, David Selman, Bill Donellan, Joe Dennie, Ajay Sharma and Tom Shapiro

Adopt A Road and other Conservation Activities

August 24

Members: Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (conservation credit)

Sean Falk, Joe Freeman, Erik Hill, Jim Hitchcock, Matt Olson, Haytham Najjar, Alan Tiu, Jeff Williams, Joe Winters, Eric Remian and Ted Chittick

Membership Dinner

August 27

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Adrian Jackman, Haytham Najjar, Jeff Williams, Stephen Esfanaji and Jose Tassara

Chapter Maintenance Day (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun)

August 31

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, James Borum, Guy Wright, Steve Meyers, Mark McKevitt, Arden Young, Shah Iftikhar, Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, John and Gunner Leaman

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Bud Gates, Nick Hewitt, Billy Ramos, Mark Morgan, Michael Wolfe, Gail Wolfe, John Tokar, Lance Kennedy, John Porter, Henry Flanner, Matthew Konas, Barb Flook, James Nail, Charles Dorian, Ed Shifflett, Blake Beaudoin, Steve Olsen, Bill Connor and Sean Parker

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed or you need a reminder as to your work history please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS!

IF YOU JOINED IN 2012 OR BEFORE

CHECK YOUR WORK STATUS

RENEWAL TIME IS COMING UP

AVOID THE \$60 PENALTY

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year (you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are

required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members so my guess could be wrong. If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point Times New Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cooley, Jesse Lim, Guy Wright , Jim Pachulski and Wendy Smith for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion and the Thunder Valley Days update.

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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