



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

President's Corner

I am excited to step into the position of President for our Izaak Walton Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC). I would really like to be successful in my new position – but I need your help! WAC has so many activities available to our members. Get involved. If your passion is conservation – WAC has it! We are actively involved in community environmental projects, such as Adopt-A-Road, WSSC and Rachel Carson Tree Maintenance, and Watershed Clean-Up. On-site environmental projects include Christmas tree and garden maintenance.

Looking for family activities – spend the day at WAC. Take a walk on our nature path – get involved with our Archery Program, and Air Rifle Program (Adult & Junior). Interested in stars – WAC has Astronomy Club.

WAC also offers DNR Hunter Safety course, Cowboy Shooter Clinics, and NRA Basic Pistol and Rifle certifications. Access our online WAC Events & Activities Calendar and opportunities available to our members at <http://www.damascusiwla.org/>

We also need more of our members to be involved in Range and Chapter Maintenance. Roll-up your sleeves – join other members with helping hands to maintain our grounds and ranges. Get involved – meet other members – develop friendships.

I also would like suggestions for activities for WAC. Have an idea – please let me know.

Together we can make it happen.

I do have a project in mind for a new member(s) looking to satisfy a work project requirement. Contact me if you are interested in painting the downstairs girls bathroom or organizing the kitchen pantry.

Just a reminder – it's Membership Renewal Time. Please check your email account for WAC Membership Renewal notice. Please contact our Membership Secretary if you have not received your renewal email notice.

Thank you!

Cherie Aker

WAC President

Probationary Work Requirements

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end of their second membership year is finished. Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay. You are urged to check the chapter web site <http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2017.html> for a list of upcoming projects and related points of contact (POC). Reach out to the listed POC to ensure they still need assistance as some work projects can only accommodate a limited number of members. If you unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership in order to fulfill the terms of their probation. At least one of these projects, each year, must be conservation oriented. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to make a contribution during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor.

Each work project listed on the chapter's web site includes a point of contact and that person's name, email address and phone number. Members with limited abilities should contact this person ahead of the event to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform.

In the event that unusual circumstances prevent a probationary member from successfully fulfilling any probationary requirements during the probationary period and suitable accommodations are unsuccessful or are unavailable, the Board of Directors, by a two thirds majority, may suspend, excuse, modify, reduce or extend any such probationary requirements and/or probationary period. Such unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical, mental or emotion conditions, deployment in the military, employment in an unusual occupation or such other unusual circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors.

You need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project in order to get credit for the work you perform. Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following months to ensure your name is listed for the associated work project(s).

Lifetime Membership Costs

Your annual membership renewal payment covers your financial obligations to the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, the Maryland State Division and the IWLA National organization. Members are welcome to become life members at either of these three organizations or any combination of them. Becoming a life member of all three eliminates the future need to pay annual membership dues if you are only a member in our chapter.

If you belong to multiple chapters, a lifetime membership in the IWLA National organization and the MD Division can help you save significant amounts of money as you must pay those renewal dues annually for EACH chapter in which you have a membership. A lump sum payment is required as payment plans are not available. The costs for lifetime membership are as follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter lifetime membership

- \$900 for individual membership
- \$1,375 for family membership

National lifetime membership:

- \$1,250 for individual membership
- \$1,875 for family membership

Maryland State Division lifetime membership:

- \$100 for individual membership
- \$150 for family membership

Lifetime membership in all three organizations:

- \$2,250 for individual membership
- \$3,400 for family membership

Please contact Tim Garrity if you are interested in considering a lifetime membership.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

UPCOMING CONSERVATION WORK PROJECT.

Friday October 13. I need a couple of folks for a couple of hours to help out with mulching the gardens around the Chapter house. The mulch is in bags and we will be using wheelbarrows for moving the bags. If it rains, I'll try again on Friday October 20.

Gardens Maintenance. **Mulching.** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Gloves, tools, and water provided.

For additional Information please Contact Meo Curtis

at recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org <<mailto:recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org>>

Sun 15, **Tree maintenance (Brookeville Site)** 9:00 AM to Noon. - Contact [Jeffrey Deschamps](#)

Wed 18, Green Energy Committee meeting, upstairs hall 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Contact [Jim Hitchcock](#)

Sun 22, **Conservation Project - WSSC Tree maintenance** (off site) 9:00 AM to noon. For directions to the site - Contact [Jim Piateski](#)

Sun 29, Christmas Tree Maintenance 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](#)

Sat Nov. 4, Fall Watershed Clean Up 9:30 AM to Noon. Meet at green maintenance shed. Reserved Downstairs Hall & Kitchen – Register to participate with [Meo Curtis](#) **Rain Date is November 5th.**

Sun Nov.12, Christmas Tree Maintenance 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](#)

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

November, 2017

Wed 11/1 Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett

Sat 11/4 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green

Sun 11/5 Stephen Meyers, Rodger Moran

Sat 11/11 Roman Drews, Keith Kosian

Sun 11/12 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak

Sat 11/18 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay

Sun 11/19 Paul and Jake Turska

Sat 11/25 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman

Sun 11/26 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Substitutes:

Frank Bis, Dan Ciambora, Jim Crowell, Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji,

Mark Gay, Gary Giambalvo, Jay Jeffrey, George King, Mark Lawson, Charlie, Mello, Steve Olsen,

Debbi Perry, Bob Poth, Ron Roberson, Maj Tavakoli, Jeff Tokar, Arden Young,

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

NRA BASIC PISTOL CERTIFICATION CLASS

October 14, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

October 15, 8:00AM-12:00PM Upper Chapter Hall

1:00PM-4:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

Contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com for registration information

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **October 2015** 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 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.

Andrew Leech

Keith E. Stroud

Karl Edward Plitt

Sunny Sim

Shotgun Maintenance

6/23/2017

Stephen Meyers, Donald Koss, Arden Young,
Larry Ritzmann and Madj Tavakoli
Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)
Doug Chapman

Gardens Maintenance

9/22/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Karl Krchma, Polly Leech, Arnie Carlson,
Beverly Blatchford and Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation)

Anthony Teems, Robin Myers, Mary Lim
and Andy Leech

Cowboy Set Up

9/22/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Arnie Carlson, Garrett Fulton, Barb Crooks,
George Hughes, Chuck Crooks and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Steve Smet, David Rockabrand, Jon Hoffman,
Richard Fulton, Richard Worch and Bob Adeli

Shotgun Maintenance

9/24/2017

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Donald Koss, Rodger Moran, Paul Fisher,
Arden Young and Gerhard Bartsch

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Tim Garrity, Jim Pachulski and John Porter 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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