



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

Hard to believe it is already October. October is one of my favorite months. The weather is comfortable – the leaves changing to beautiful shades of orange and red – family time spent picking apples and pumpkins – and Halloween. My grandchildren trying to figure out the best costume – and then watching them as they run house to house yelling “Trick or Treat.” As a child I would inventory my loot and trade candy with my brothers and sisters. For the sports enthusiast – the last week of the October offers games of all four major American sports – MLB, NHL, NFL, and NBA. Oktoberfest – great food and beer provides just another reason why the arrival of October is a reason to celebrate. The menu for our WAC Membership Meeting – October 24th – will be a German cuisine.

As always – lots of events are planned at the WAC. There is something for everyone. If you are interested in classes – we have them. Take a look at the WAC calendar – course and contact information is provided. We also have a variety of shooting events on our calendar. Cops & Cowboy competition is scheduled October 27th. If you don't plan to participate in the Cops & Cowboys event – it is also an enjoyable event for spectators. The Bowling Pin Shoot – October 13th – is a great event for all levels of shooting skill. There is also a variety of conservation events on our WAC calendar. For probationary members – fulfill your conservation work requirement before the year's end. If you have an idea for an event – please let me know.

The WAC's Grounds and Range Maintenance day is scheduled for the last Sunday – October 28th. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Green Shed at 9:00 a.m. Just a reminder – all ranges are closed until noon during maintenance. The Chapter and Range Orientation is also scheduled for the same day – 9:30 a.m. in the Chapter's upstairs hall. The orientation is not limited to new members. Long-time members and family members are also welcomed to attend. WAC takes pride in our safety record on our ranges. Help us keep it the ranges safe by being familiar and practicing our range rules and regulations each time you visit the ranges.

Our ranges currently close at 6:30 p.m. The closing time for our ranges will be adjusted as we approach Daylight Savings (November 4th). Please remember to check the WAC Website for range times and calendar events. <http://damascusiwla.org/>

As always – take care!

Cherie Aker

Conservation (Meo Curtis/Judy Riley)

Adopt A Road

Blessed by a glorious sunny day, we had a surprisingly good turn-out of seven IWLA-WAC Chapter Member Volunteers for the Friday morning, August 24, 2018 Adopt-A-Road that netted seven fully-filled bags plus two partially-filled, heavy-duty-black garbage bags (nine bags in-all) that included some snuff, a FULL (unopened) bottle of beer (hmmm); and, oddly enough, a bag of road-rock-salt. The remainder was mostly the usual cigarettes and their wrappers, soda, water and alcohol containers. Our industrious volunteers covered all of Mullinix Mill Road from the River to 108 plus Long Corner from 108 to Gue Road. Mullinix Mill Road was not as litter laden as Long Corner. Long Corner was the most challenging stretch for discarded debris.

Best Regards,

Judy Riley

IWLA-WAC

Chairperson, Adopt A Road



Conservation Activities

October 2018

Sunday October 14 from 9 to Noon.
Reforestation site maintenance on
MNCPPC Reddy Branch/Brookeville
Parkland. Gloves, tools, and water provided.
Offsite project. Contact Jeff Deschamps at
jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.



Sunday October 21 from 9 to
Noon. Reforestation site
maintenance at WSSC's Pigtail
Branch area. Gloves, tools, and
water provided. Offsite project. Contact
Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net.

Saturday October 27 from 9:30 to
Noon (Rain date: Sunday October
28) Fall Upper Patuxent Watershed
Clean Up. Meet at the Chapter's green
maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Gloves,
bags, water, and then lunch provided at
noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis
at meosotis58@verizon.net



Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

November, 2018

Sat 11/3 Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill
Sun 11/4 Steve Meyers, Rodger Moran
Sat 11/10 Roman Drews, Paul Fisher
Sun 11/11 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 11/17 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 11/18 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat 11/24 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 11/25 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

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

Saturday October 13. Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 - 2:00 Uncovered Pistol Range.

Saturday October 13. Practical Defense Holster Clinic 2:00 - 3:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall with Jesse Lim

Saturday October 13. NRA Basic Pistol Certification Class Day One. 8:00 - 12:00 Upstairs Chapter Hall
Pre-registration required. Contact John Porter porter253@aol.com
This class will qualify for Maryland HQL license.

Saturday October 20 NRA Basic Pistol Day Two 12:00 - 4:00 Uncovered Pistol Range

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **October 2016**

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 probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

David Hurley

Lawrence F. Buck
Jeremy M. Rutter
* Roger R. Byrd

*Roger made full member status in September 2017 but, was not correctly listed in the Newsletter at that time.

Gardens Maintenance

9/14/2017

Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Richard Worch and Paul Foster

Conservation Activity

Member: Rodger Moran

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Robert Shelley worked on recovering and recycling items from Trash Clean-ups on:

6/6/2018, 7/21/2018, 8/29/2018.

Cowboy Set-up

9/21/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Paul Bluteau,
Richard Bendt and Tom Poston

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)

George Stecklein, Bob Breiner and Jon Hoffman

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

9/30/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Tom Ouellette, Joe Pauley, Frank D Early, Dean Elliott, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Al Goldsborough, Mindy Goldsborough, John McCarraher, Karl Plitt, John Leaman, Kim Buynak, Larry Buck, Ed Lloyd, Rodger Moran, Donald Koss and Arden Young

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)

Cody Jenkins, Jeffrey Raines and Mike Gibson

A Note to our new members.

When you work a Chapter Maintenance Day it is considered a one Regular Credit Activity.

This means that no matter how many different ranges or other activities you work on you earn one Regular Credit for the day (which usually means about four hours).

The only exception to the above is if one of the activities is conservation i.e. Christmas Tree maintenance, Gardens Maintenance or any other activity that you were told is conservation in nature.

In that case the credit for the day would be a conservation credit.

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, Judy Riley, Meo Curtis, Cherie Aker and John Porter 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 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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