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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLE

This will be the last newsletter of 2016. Please remember that all ranges will be closed on Christmas day. Our Membership meeting and holiday party will be on December 14, 2016 which is earlier in the month than normal.

Happy Holidays to all and the best for the New year.

Conservation (Meo Curtis / Lee Cascio)



We had a great turn out this past Sunday(11/13) and got 100 plots turned and flags planted (see picture) in record time. We are well prepped for the spring planting. Thanks to all who have helped reboot the IWLA WAC Christmas tree program this year! (Lee Cascio)

Tips for being 'green' during the holidays The EPA reports that the amount of household waste in this country increases approximately 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. For

those of us who are anti-consumer, it can be quite challenging to show appreciation to friends and families without adding to the municipal landfill. Check out the information at the link below if you want to be more environmentally friendly during the holidays. One easy tip: give 'experiences' not 'stuff'.

<https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2016/green-holidays/>

- Sustainable gift giving
- Less wasteful entertaining
- LED holiday lighting
- Christmas tree recycling
- Stopping junk mail

Reading material for the holidays and beyond An easy green tip is to subscribe to electronic newsletters and stop getting the paper versions. For Wildlife Achievement, the savings in postage is more than \$500 a year and those savings don't include paper and printing costs.

Check your local department of environmental protection or equivalent for e-newsletters specific to your county. Two e-newsletters with state and regional environmental news include:

Maryland Department of Natural Resources. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/Newsletter.aspx>

For press and citizens alike, the department's email updates provide the latest on state park events, fishing and hunting news, Natural Resource Police blotter items, and everything in between.

Chesapeake Bay Program <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/newsletters/>

The Chesapeake Bay Program publishes three electronic newsletters: a daily newsletter that highlights headlines about the Bay; a weekly newsletter that highlights information meant for restoration, conservation and stewardship professionals; and a monthly newsletter that highlights Bay Program-produced news and feature stories about the health and restoration of the nation's largest estuary.

Facebook Our Chapter and the Maryland Division both have facebook pages to highlight events and news related to our Chapter and to the State activities. You must have a facebook account in order to view these pages. Each page has one or more moderators who review and approve pending posts before these can appear to the general public.

Direct links:

Chapter: [facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/](https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/)

Division: [facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265183283843574/)

Hunters take note of this one.

The link below is an article that our firearm hunters may find interesting. It doesn't apply to our archers, but they may find it interesting as well.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/12/161208151928.htm>

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

January 2017

Sun	1/1	Steve Myers
Sat	1/7	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	1/8	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	1/14	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	1/15	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	1/21	Roman Drews, Chris Hamrick
Sun	1/22	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat	1/28	Robin Dixon, Rodger Moran
Sun	1/29	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin,
Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli,
Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey,
Mark Lawson, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry,

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update—(Jesse Lim / Cheri Aker)

Happy Holidays to all our WAC Members from the Rifle and Pistol Committee.

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules!

Range Rules and Regulations are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER! All WAC members and their guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must sign-in on the Range Register PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. Range register log box is located on backside of the chapter house next to the emergency phone. WAC members and their guest must also sign-out before leaving the Chapter's grounds.

Range approved members must visibly display their range-approved badges at all times on the Ranges. Guest of range approved members must display a Visitor Badge at all times while on the ranges and club grounds.

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.

NEW RANGE POLICY Effective January 1, 2017 -- Visitor Badges

Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitors badges that will be distributed with members 2017 range access cards, after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **December 2014** 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 need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Victor Cascella	Steve E. Linberg
William Fraga	Vincent Burakiewicz
Brady Hill	David S. Bergtold
David Alan Stout	Erin Michelle Stout
Robert Dave Lane	James Aloysius McTague Jr.

Archery Coaching

9/10&17&24/2016

Member: John Porter

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

David Lane

Assisted with mailing Membership Renewals

10/3/2016

Member: Neil Balfour

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Work)

10/5/2016

Member: John Porter

Membership Dinner (Prep Work)

10/25/2016

Members: John Porter, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Membership Dinner (Kitchen and dining room)

10/26/2016

Members: Will Carbone, John Porter, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Neil Balfour

Shotgun Maintenance Day

10/30/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Polly Leech, Maj Tavakoli and Arden Young

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Victor Cascella, Ryan Byrd, Andrew Leech, Nelson Torres, David Stout, Erin Stout, Chintan Bhavsar and James Holl

Chapter Tree Planting

11/12/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Rodger Moran, John Porter, Jennifer Sim and Benjamin Sim

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ken Benjamin, David Hurley, Carole Shaffer, Michael Shaffer, Brady Hill, Keith Stroud, William Fraga, James Shay, Sunny Sim, Victor Cascella, Ed Maynes, Ryan Byrd, Dakotah Merson, Jimmy Merson and Morris Lindesey

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly range work)

11/13/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Bud Gates, John Porter, Billy Ramos, Tom Ouellette, Dale Buschling, Candice Varmer, John Cianflone, Polly Leech, Lee Cascio, Rodger Moran, John Leaman and Paul Largent

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Andrew Leech, Michael Polcas, Edgardo Cobian, Victor Cascella

Membership Turkey Dinner (Prep work)

11/15/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

John Porter, Pam Porter, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and Richard Gautereaux

Membership Dinner

11/16/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Richard Cautereaux and John Porter

Cowboy Set-up

11/25/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, George Hughes, Tom Preston and Paul Bluteau

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Larry Emswiler, Brady Hill, Steve Rabil, Jonathan Pruziner, Frank Dearly, David W. Padrusch, Steve Linberg, John Kent and Gabriel Mendez

Cowboy Tear-Down

Member: Arnie Carlson

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Kevin Lee

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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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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