



Wildlife Gazette  
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### CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

The IWLA Maryland Division is hosting this year's National Convention. The convention will be at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Cambridge, Maryland. The convention is a two-day event (Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>). For our early attendees arriving on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the Early Bird Dinner and Auction. Following the convention, for the attendees staying an extra day or two, we will be offering group activities. Convention registration is now available on the IWLA National Web site <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/convention2024>. The Hyatt Regency is accepting hotel reservations at the discounted rate of \$175 plus tax for a standard room. Upgrades are available. If you are interested in reserving a room, you can do it now at <https://www.2024iwlaconvention.org/hotel-reservations> or call (410) 901-1234 and provide our group code G-IZWL for the discount rate.

**HELP IS NEEDED!** The Early Bird Auction is our major source of fundraising for the convention. I am hoping this year's convention surpasses all previous conventions. I want Maryland to be the best! You can help by attending the convention, but also by donating items for the auction, placing an ad in our convention program, or by becoming a sponsor. Please donate new items or handcrafted items that would appeal to our members. Handcrafted items could be duck nesting boxes, bat or bird houses, honeybee hive, custom wood signs, themed baskets, hunting or fishing accessories, etc.

In regard to sponsoring the convention – there are several benefits. If you are interested, please contact me at [president@marylandiwla.org](mailto:president@marylandiwla.org) with your request for a Sponsorship Package outlining sponsorship levels and the benefits received in advertisement in our local region and nationally.

Thank you

Cherie Aker

President, IWLA Maryland Division

## **Mark it on your Calendar**

### 2024 IWLA National Convention

- Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Early Bird auction and Dinner Party 5:00 pm
- Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> Convention
- Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> (optional) Planned Activities

For more agenda information, registration, and Hotel reservation please access - [www.2024iwlaconvention.org](http://www.2024iwlaconvention.org)

Please take a look at our WAC Calendar. There are lots of events (conservation and range) planned, as well as educational classes.

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Calendar 2024 ([damascusiwla.org](http://damascusiwla.org))

### **Convention 2024 July 14-16**

Online convention registration is now open. Members wishing to attend the convention must inform our Recording Secretary, Johnny Hartwell, by the May membership meeting at the latest. I would prefer commitment by April 30<sup>th</sup>, just to have it off my plate. The chapter budgets for delegate members to attend. I spoke to our Treasurer, Paul Turska, and we came to the conclusion that we will submit payment for Convention registration for attendees as a group, rather than having to issue separate reimbursement checks to everyone who attends. You will still need to make your hotel reservation and rooms are filling up fast in our block.

Go to the Maryland Division convention website at <https://www.2024iwlaconvention.org> to get all the information you'll need.

- Proposed resolutions are now available on [iwla.org](http://iwla.org). Click 2024 National Convention, Learn more, Convention business, Resolutions.

Please read and voice your opinions to you chapter delegate at convention. Your voice governs the League.

### **Conservation (Calendar)**

**July, Sat 6, Nature walk** with wild food foraging – 10:00 to Noon – Meet Archery Range parking area – Contact Warren Black at [w.black@verizon.net](mailto:w.black@verizon.net) for important information and intention to attend. Rain date Sunday. Slow easy (naturalist shuffle) walk along dirt road, grassy areas, & some into woods. There should be plenty of wineberries to collect. Please be aware your leader is highly allergic / chemically sensitive to fragrances, petrochemicals, etc., thus participants are requested to restrain from using perfumes/colognes, scented sunscreen, and other scented personal care products; and with regard to bug spray restrain/minimize and only use if it becomes absolutely necessary.

Check chapter calendar for additional events

### **Rifle/Pistol** (Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator)

News from the ranges - lots of range related activities happening in May! Come join us...

On May 4th we will have had our second Concealed Carry Class of the year - this remains a popular class for our members. Additional classes will be added to the calendar after the June

1st Basic Pistol class (prerequisite for those who have not had the Pistol class within the last year). If you are interested in concealed carry, plan on taking that June Basic Pistol Class.

For those of you with your concealed carry (or Basic Pistol class) prerequisite, the May 11th Personal Protection in the Home class would be the perfect next step. Learn about ways to protect yourself and your family. We have redesigned the course of fire for the range portion to focus on situational skills development. It will be an education, fun, and challenging day.

Check the club calendar for a link to Mindy Goldsborough for class information or to register.

Finally, on May 25th we will be having a Bowling Pin Shoot - always a fun time - come and see if you can knock down pins set up at various shooting distances.

See you on the ranges - Mindy

The current class schedule is below, but always be sure to check the WAC Calendar for the most up to date information.

August 11 - Personal Protection In The Home  
September 15 - Stop The Bleed  
September 21 - Basic Pistol  
October 12 - Stop The Bleed  
October 13 - Personal Protection Outside The Home  
November 10 - Stop The Bleed  
November 17 - Basic Rifle  
December 1 - Stop The Bleed

The Rifle and Pistol Committee is also interested in hearing what other types of safety and instructional courses you would like to have offered. Please get in touch with Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator, at [wacedu@iwlwac.org](mailto:wacedu@iwlwac.org) with your ideas!

The Rifle and Pistol Committee has a few offerings for WAC members, friends, and family for the month of June.

We will be offering another “Day 2” Concealed Carry Class on Saturday, June 22nd. This class will be open to those who passed qualification requirements at the June 1st Basic Pistol Class or within the last year, those who need to renew their current licenses for MD or DC, people who need to complete the range portion from previous classes, and anyone wanting a UT license. Check the WAC calendar for registration information.

In addition we have a scheduled Practical Defense Shoot on Saturday, June 29th starting at 10 AM (weather permitting, check the calendar the day of). For members who would like to use a holster at this event and have not yet taken the Holster Clinic (required for holster use), there will be one offered the same day, starting at 8:30 AM. See the WAC calendar for more information.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED**<sup>®</sup> course, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. The person next to a bleeding victim may be the one who's most likely to save him or her. Take the course and become empowered to make a life or death difference when a bleeding emergency occurs. **STOP THE BLEED**<sup>®</sup>. Save a Life! To Learn more, go to Home | Stop The Bleed.

(\$ ) Must Pre-register by email: [wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com](mailto:wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com) Attendance is limited. - Contact Dean Elliott

**Shotgun Range Schedule** (Steve Meyer)

**July**

**Saturdays**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>email Address</b>
6-Jul	Bob Shelley	rshelley7995@gmail.com
6-Jul	George King	gkroofing@comcast.net
13-Jul	Paul Turska	pturska5155@gmail.com
13-Jul	Lee Becknell	lee@firstbaptistrockville.org
20-Jul	Phil Butler	chzcakphil@aol.com
20-Jul	Ryan Turner	rturner@brayandscarff.com
25-May	Doug Chapman	dchapman888@hotmail.com

**Sundays**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>email Address</b>
7-Jul	Gerhard Bartsch	gerhardbartsch@hotmail.com
7-Jul	Joel Gross	chanteyjoel@comcast.net
14-Jul	Al Cross	alfred.cross2@yahoo.com
14-Jul	Eric Huber	ehuber98@gmail.com
21-Jul	Michael Levendusky	zonefive1@hotmail.com
28-Jul	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
28-Jul	Jay DeVan	jaydevan0510@gmail.com

**Wednesdays-during DST (Sunday,Mar10,-Sunday,Nov3 ,2024)**

3-Jul	Frank Bis	frank.bis@comcast.net
10-Jul	Mike Webb	mwebb1234a@aol.com
17-Jul	Jeremy Dvorak	mountainman820@hotmail.com
24-Jul	Craig Leopard	vcleopard@icloud.com
31-Jul	Bob Cumberland	cumberlandbob@gmail.com

## **Thanks to our Volunteers**

If you joined the chapter on or before May 2022 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 Forrest at **fpnthree@gmail.com** and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

The following probationary members have completed their required volunteer projects and will become a full member after their two year anniversary date.

Sherry Neal, Paul Jordan, Chad Pollard, Dawn Pollard

## **Congratulations to our new Full Members**

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

Eric Baer, Seenu Baradwaja, Martin Welsh

## **Welcome Aboard**

The following individuals were sworn in at the May Membership Meeting and are now considered probationary members until they have passed their 2 year anniversary and have completed the required 4 work credits.

Warren Black, Christian Quintanilla, George Rachis, Vijay Wakhare

## **Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up**

5/10/2024 (Chair) Chuck Crooks

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

None

### **Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Maureen Holland, Seenu Baradwaja, Paul Jordan, Brian Brennan

## **Garden Maintenance**

5/10/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

Doug Blankenship, Amraj Singh, Jeff Deschamps

### **Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Patrick Dorr, Todd Rork

## **Adopt A Road**

5/17/2024 (Chair) James McInerney

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

Bill Doerrler, Dave Wright, James McInerney, Judy Riley

### **Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Eric Baer, Terrence Dacre, Chad Pollard, Frank Sanders, Ryan Dymek

## **Stream Monitoring**

5/19/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

None

### **Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Sherry Neal, Janitzio Guzman

## **Membership Meeting Dinner Kitchen Help**

5/22/2024 (Chair) Randy Mckenzie

### **Members and Nonmembers:**

None

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

Unknown member at this time, did not fill out the sign in sheet.

**Chapter Maintenance Day- Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Range Clean Up**

5/26/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

**Members and Nonmembers:**

John Porter, Dean Elliott, John Hartwell, Eric Huber, S. Meyers, G Bartsch, Ron Limparis, Ronnie Hoggard, Kevin Wolf, Tom Ouellete

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

None

Thanks to Jim Piateski for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and Forrest Neal for tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Chuck Crooks, Mindy Goldsborough, Warren Black, Cherie Aker and Steve Meyers for their contributions to this newsletter and 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](mailto: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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