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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Convention 2024 July 14-16

We're off to Cambridge this weekend. We have good representation from our chapter and some new faces will be attending. The setting is spectacular and it will be good to see old friends and possibly make some new ones. For those new attendees, it's the perfect opportunity to see the other side of the League and not from the perspective of looking down a gun barrel!

Conservation (Calendar)

We had 12 participants for today's "Nature walk with wild food foraging" at the Chapter. I think the walk went very well. Lots of wineberries were collected and many other wild plant foods and medicinal plants were seen and discussed. And it was not all that hot in the morning.

Since I consider this walk a success, I will probably schedule another nature walk in the late summer when the Autumn Olive berries on the grounds are ripe.

Warren Black



Rifle/Pistol (Mindy Goldsborough, WAC Education Coordinator)

Summer is a GREAT time to come out and enjoy the events at the firearm ranges. Did you know that the Firearms Committee puts on a year-round once-monthly special firearm event on the last Saturday of the month? (always check the calendar for latest info)

In June we held a Practical Defense Match and coming up in July it will be a Bowling Pin Shoot. August will be another Practical Defense Match.

The picture below shows the set-up of the June Practical Defense Match - it was a great one (thank you Al Goldschmidts for the design). Typically there are 3 shooting stages that comprise the course of fire and one shooter at a time moves from one stage to the next. Safety is our TOP priority! We often have a moving target ; for June it was a target that is on a track that moves towards the shooter once they start the course (see far left in the photo). Ever try getting 6 shots off in a few seconds as something is coming towards you? Those seconds go by very quickly! At least it wasn't the rolling tire - that one is *really* hard to hit!!

The second stage gave the shooter an opportunity to practice their barrier shooting skills with 3 targets at various distances set up down range of a door where you shoot through the empty window panes. The final stage this time was a mocked-up car with small targets visible to practice shooting skills to get tight groupings.

Shooters are timed through the course and scored based on hits/misses to target "A" zones. No prizes, just bragging rights. Shooters get several rounds of practice in during each match.

The Practical Defense Match is one of the few events where you can draw from a holster as long as you have taken the WAC Holster Clinic - these clinics are conveniently scheduled before each Practical Defense Match.

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 with your ideas!

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



Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyer)

Aug 2024 RO Schedule

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
3-Aug	Tim Mulreany	tmulreany@yahoo.com
10-Aug	Kevin Wolf	kevinwolf3@hotmail.com
17-Aug	Roman Drews	drewsr04@gmail.com
24-Aug	Adam Buynak /Kim Buynak	akbuynak@yahoo.com
31-Aug	John DuChaj	johnd@cedarbrookinc.com

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
4-Aug	Mark Gay	markdgay@gmail.com
4-Aug	Bill Bonk	fewgtive@verizon.net
11-Aug	Gary Giambalvo	garygandtinak@hotmail.com
11-Aug	Matt Brennan	McBX2@comcast.net
18-Aug	Madj Tavakoli	madj.tavakoli@gmail.com
18-Aug	Michael Levendusky	zonefive1@hotmail.com
25-Aug	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com
25-Aug	Brooke Jeu	brookejeu@gmail.com

Wednesdays - during DST (Sun, Mar 10, 2024 – Sun, Nov 3, 2024)

Week	Name	email Address
7-Aug	Frank Bis	frank.bis@comcast.net
14-Aug	Mike Webb	mwebb1234a@aol.com
21-Aug	Jeremy Dvorak	mountainman820@hotmail.com
28-Aug	Craig Leopard	vcleopard@icloud.com

Thanks to our Volunteers

If you joined the chapter on or before June 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.

Michael Brol

Congratulations to our new Full Members

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

Thomas Parsons

Welcome Aboard

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

Ali Shipe, Christopher Lauer, Thomas Lechner

IWLA 87th Anniversary BBQ Event Help

6/2/24 (Chair) Roger Moran

Members and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandroski

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Daniel Barry

Thunder Valley Days - Set Up

6/4/2024 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Robert Vendemmia, Ron Limparis, Gunpowder John

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Daniel Barry, Terry Montcastle, Mike Hancock (6-5)

Thunder Valley Days – Clean Up

6/10/2024 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Rob Bird, George Hughes, John Bortniak, Chuck Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Terrence Dacre, Max Zelenkov

Stream Monitoring

6/16/2024 (Chair) John Hartwell

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

John Moulden

Garden Maintenance

6/28/2024 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Chris Donati, Michael Brol, Frederick Depp, Chris Lauer

Special Conservation Maintenance Day- Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Ranges

6/29/2024 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Tom Ouellete, Bartsch, John Porter, David Vaughan, L.M. Becknell

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

William Wimer, Michael Hancock, Paul Fowler, Marc Long

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

6/30/2024 (Chair) Dave Goldberg

Members and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, John Porter, Joe Pauley, Kevin Wolf, Terrence Dacre, Dean Elliott

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

None

Thanks to Jim Piatetski 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 and Steve Meyer 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 Piatetski 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 Piatieski 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:

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