

# Loudoun Outdoors



## SPECIAL ELECTIONS

On June 13<sup>th</sup> there will be special elections held to fill newly vacant chapter positions. The current positions open are President and First Vice President. The First Vice President oversees the grounds and buildings on the property. We are also seeking a Treasurer. We use QuickBooks Pro as our financial software, and experience with this or any QuickBooks software will make the transition easier. All terms expire in August 2006.

### President

Primary duties and responsibilities of the President include :

- Preside at all Membership, Special and Board of Director meetings.
- Conduct daily business of the Chapter.
- Appoint a chairperson for each standing and temporary committee.
- Call special meetings as required.
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### First Vice-President

Some of the responsibilities of the First Vice-President :

- Shall oversee and supervise the "Operations" of the Chapter.
- Assist the President as required and perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- Assume the office of President should the president be unable to complete his/her term in office.

### Treasurer

Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Charged with the stewardship of all financial assets and liabilities of the Chapter.
- Assist the President as required and perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- Produce an annual budget for the Chapter with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- Provide a status report to the Board of Directors and the General membership at all scheduled meetings.
- Provide an annual report of all income and expenses of the Chapter.
- Upon leaving office, he/she shall turn over to his/her successor all funds, paperwork, records, ledgers, prior year receipts, etc. in his/her possession or control belonging to the Chapter.
- Be bonded by the Chapter's insurance company.

If you have questions or are interested in running for an open position, please contact Scott Meyer at [President@loudouniwl.org](mailto:President@loudouniwl.org), or attend the June 13 meeting.

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MOWING OPERATIONS

Regular lawn maintenance operations will begin soon on the Chapter grounds. All members and their guests are requested to vacate any areas where mowing or trimming is in progress, or needs to occur, and when the equipment and operator is present. Range use may be interrupted for 30 to 60 minutes for mowing operations. These activities will be conducted on weekdays, to minimize member inconvenience and promote safety. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

2005 LCC-IWLA CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Luke Wence, son of long time member Steve Wence, has been awarded the 2005 LCC-IWLA Conservation Scholarship.

Luke is a graduating senior at Loudoun Valley High School and will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall, majoring in Marine Biology. He is a member of the cross-country and varsity soccer team at Loudoun Valley, and has been active in the community. Luke enjoys hunting, camping and

fishing. The Conservation Scholarship program was started in 1995 and to date has awarded over \$35,000.00 in funds.

The scholarship is offered to the children and grandchildren of our chapter members. Application and program guidelines are available at Loudoun County high schools or on the chapter website.

THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your Chapter needs your help. The majority of our volunteer efforts over the last several months have been spent toward tornado cleanup at the expense of range maintenance and capital improvements. Several Rifle/Pistol Range projects need to be completed before the winter, as well as keeping up with routine repairs and grounds maintenance.

To get the Rifle/Pistol Range up to the standards we expect, there will be regularly scheduled Range workdays throughout the summer on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 9am to 1pm. This is an excellent opportunity to improve your Chapter's facilities while logging time towards your 9 hours of required membership participation. Please come out and

lend a hand. Check the Chapter website calendar for future workday activities.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the following specific areas:

- \* Rifle Range Committee members – a small group of dedicated individuals to become long-term members of the Rifle Range committee; to influence/plan/coordinate Range capital improvements, and to assist with routine and urgent Range management needs. A planning meeting will be held in the very near future.

- \* Project coordinators/foreman – to assist the Range committee in the completion of projects by coordinating the efforts of volunteer team

members. I have several projects already identified.

- \* Tractor operators – for mowing and dirt/rock movement (instruction provided).

- \* Tractor King – to ensure routine tractor maintenance and/or repairs are accomplished as required. Funds provided.

Contact me personally at [bthompson5@aol.com](mailto:bthompson5@aol.com) if seriously interested in volunteering for one of these specific tasks. I can assure you that the time you invest will be rewarding.

Butch Thompson  
Rifle/Pistol Range Chairman

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## RANGE RULES UPDATE

### Rifle/Pistol Range Rules and Policy Highlights:

1. There is now a mandatory sign-in log at the Rifle Range. It is in the green podium near the entrance to the firing line. Please ensure that you enter the requested data per the format in the log. The purpose of this log is to provide your chapter with an estimate of lead being expended on the range in order to comply with EPA guidelines. It will enable us to more accurately predict lead concentrations in the soil and to determine when it would be cost effective to hire a lead reclamation company. The information is only used to populate a lead tracking spreadsheet for the stated purpose.
2. I have temporarily limited the use of shotguns to slug ammo only. While this is an unfortunate limitation on the majority of shot-gunners, I'm trying to avoid the requirement to have a Range Observer present in order to use the facilities. I'm hoping the ban is only temporary. I'm asking you to police yourselves and challenge other members in order to ensure compliance with all Range rules.
3. Member's vehicles are not permitted down the ramp to the rifle range except when needed to perform range services (maintenance, cleanup, etc.). The one exception to this is vehicles displaying a valid issued handicapped parking tag issued by the DMV.

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## VOLUNTEERING - WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU ?

How many of us have looked at a job listing, and asked yourself the question "How can I get the experience if they won't give me a chance? I know I can do the job!"

The customary answers to this question are school and an apprenticeship, but a common opportunity available to all is volunteering. Many of the skills needed in the job market can be learned or honed by serving in a volunteer capacity.

Before you ask, no, this is not about time with a shovel or rake in the hot sun. Here at our chapter we have ongoing requirements for various positions that have real-world application in a business or commercial environment. Project management, vendor management, facilities management, record keeping, asset management, writing, conducting meetings, marketing, and public relations are a few that come to mind. Time spent with these types of volunteering activities also may help those entering the work force to decide on their final career path before making a substantial financial or time commitment. In many cases you will have the ability to work side by side with a career professional.

So for those that wish to learn a few new skills, or recent grads that would like a chance to apply what they have studied in school, get involved in your chapter and help yourself, while helping us all. You will be glad you did, and it could even help with your paycheck.

## LOUDOUN COUNTY IS FOR WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS

The Loudoun County Chapter Izaak Walton League of America, in conjunction with the John S. Mosby and Skyline Strutters chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation, will be hosting a *Loudoun County Is For Women In The Outdoors* seminar this summer.

Registration for this one-day event is \$45. Includes lunch, raffles, educational materials, equipment use and membership in National Wild Turkey Federation Women's Program, and LCWITO t-shirt. IWLA female members, IWLA member's wives, or immediate family of IWLA member's are eligible for a discounted enrollment of \$40.

Learning new skills and sharing the experience of the great outdoors is what the *Women In The Outdoors* program is all about. Come join us and share in the learning experience. The date is August 13, enrollment and other program information can be found by visiting <http://www.lcwito.loudouniwa.org>.

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## LYME DISEASE

As warmer weather is here, many of us are grabbing our fly rods and heading to the river (probably ignoring the pleas of our wives as we do so). In our summer activities, we expose ourselves to many of summer's critters, an exposure we must be aware of.

About 15,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported each year in the United States. Most of these cases come from Atlantic coast states, from northern Virginia up to Massachusetts.

The incidence of Lyme disease in Loudoun County is about 20 times greater than that of the Virginia average. This is most likely due to:

- the preservation of our county's beautiful rural nature and woodlands
- our increasing population, which allows more people to come in contact with ticks
- a well trained medical community that appropriately diagnoses early Lyme disease, and
- a well educated citizenry that knows to see their doctor if they have an unusual rash or had a deer tick attached to them for more than 36 hours.

Further information on the prevention of Lyme disease, or what to do if you suspect you have contracted it may be found at <http://www.loudoun.gov/health/lyme.htm>.

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## MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

The membership topic for this newsletter is a reminder and explanation of the workday requirements. The bylaws require that each member perform 9 hours of work in support of the chapter each year, or pay a penalty assessment. This applies to all membership classes except for Senior Citizen members, Youth members, and Chapter Life members. In addition, an exemption is allowed for absentee members (members who are temporarily living out of state or overseas due to a job requirement) and members

specifically exempted by the Board of Directors. Members can apply to the Board of Directors for an exemption for a good reason.

There are several ways to meet this requirement but the major opportunities are scheduled workdays for the various areas of the chapter property. These workday opportunities occur mostly during the summer months so now is the time to think about how you will fulfill this membership requirement.

For scheduled workdays, the appropriate officer should have a sign-in sheet available which will be forwarded to the Second VP after the workday. Please make sure that your attendance at these workdays or other activities are recorded and reported.

When you renew your membership for 2006, you will need to state on the renewal form how you met the workday requirement (or that you did not meet the requirement) and this will be matched to the workday information received during the year. If you did not meet the workday requirement, you will need to pay an additional workday fee before your renewal can be processed. The renewal process will be discussed further in future newsletters.

So remember to take advantage of the workday opportunities in the coming months. Not only will this help you meet the membership requirements but it will also help keep our chapter facilities in good shape. Your chapter needs your assistance to maintain the property and to help maintain and improve the facilities so that they can be something we are all proud of and can enjoy.

Loudoun Outdoors is a periodical of the Loudoun County Chapter Izaak Walton League of America. For further info visit us on the web at [www.loudouniwl.org](http://www.loudouniwl.org) , or call 703-777-9684.