

Loudoun Outdoors



MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Membership Renewals

Renewal season is here. Renewal materials have been received from National IWLA and the renewal packages have been mailed to our current members. If you have not received a renewal package, please let us know by sending an e-mail to membership@loudouniwa.org or calling 703-777-9684, selecting 1 for membership, and leaving a message after the tone.

The renewal package will include two items. One is the renewal card from National IWLA. This card will be perforated so that the pink copy can be returned with your renewal form and dues. This card shows your current address on file, membership type, and renewal dues. There will be a peel-off label on the pink card that can be used to address the envelope used to mail in your renewal.

The other item is the renewal form. Any changes or corrections to name, address, phone number, etc. should be reported in the first section of the renewal form. If there are no changes, you can just complete your name in this section. This section also provides space to list your spouse's name if you are upgrading to a family membership and a space for date of birth which is required for youth, student, and senior memberships.

The next section (2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES) is where you can indicate that you want to change your membership type. You can circle the type of membership you desire (such as changing from individual to family, family to individual, individual to senior, student to individual, etc). The annual dues for each type of membership are shown here.

The next section (2005 WORKDAY FEE) is a critical section that has been overlooked in the past. This is the section where you need to state how and when you met your workday requirement. If this section is not completed, you will need to add the workday fee (currently \$67.50) to your annual dues payment. This information will be checked against the sign-in lists that are provided from the various workdays so make sure you sign-in for any workdays you attend. If you do not complete this with verifiable workday information and do not include the workday fee, your renewal cannot be processed.

The following membership types do not need to meet the workday requirement: Chapter Life, Senior Citizen, Senior Chapter Family, and Youth members. Unless an exemption was requested of the Board of Directors and approved, all other members need to meet the requirement or pay the fee to renew.

The next section (OTHER TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS) allows you to indicate any additional tax deductible contributions that you want to add to your dues.

This is followed by a line where you should indicate your dues (from the pink card unless you are changing your membership type) and any contributions. The workday fee is already shown in this section. Add the amounts across (including the workday fee if you did not meet the workday requirement) and indicate the total in the final box. This is the amount that you should make your check out for.

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Send the pink side of the renewal card from national, the renewal form, and your payment to the Chapter PO Box. As stated earlier, this address will be on a peel-off sticker for your convenience. You can keep the blue part of the National IWLA renewal form for your records.

The renewal packages will be reviewed as they are received and if the renewal is complete (with all applicable fees), the check will be deposited and the renewal will be sent to National IWLA. The printed 2006 membership cards will be sent back to the chapter. When they are received, they will be stamped with the signatures and 2006 gate code, have the orientation sticker applied if appropriate, and will be mailed out to the members. The gate code should be changed as of the date of the January 2006 general membership meeting (January 9, 2006).

Renewal considerations:

- 1) Don't forget to include the workday information or include the workday fee in your payment.
- 2) For members who joined after February 9, 2004, the bylaws require that you complete orientation within 3 months of joining the chapter. If you fall into this category and have not completed orientation, the processing of your renewal may be delayed. You will receive your 2005 membership card upon completion of orientation. The receipt of a 2006 renewal package in the mail does not indicate that this requirement has changed or has been waived. For all members, orientation is required before you can use the chapter facilities.
- 3) As mentioned last month, the bylaws state that the membership renewals are due and payable on November 1 and that if they are not paid in full (including any workday fee) by December 31, the membership will be terminated unless an exception is approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4) Family members will receive one renewal form made out in one of the two names on the account. The membership type will show as family. After the renewal is processed, two membership cards will be issued, one for each of the family members.
- 5) Members who join in September or October will not receive the renewal paperwork in the initial mailing as the renewal forms from National were printed prior to when you joined the chapter. Your renewal paperwork will be mailed later this year.
- 6) Members who join during October through December 2005 will not need to meet the workday requirement for 2005.
- 7) Members who join in November or December 2005 will automatically be members for both the remainder of 2005 and for 2006. They will not need to renew their membership until the fall of 2006.
- 8) Chapter Life members will receive a renewal package. This package is provided so that the chapter life members can verify their name and address and report any changes. Chapter life members do not need to pay any renewal dues or fees, their membership will automatically be extended through 2006 by the chapter. If there are no corrections, chapter life members do not need to return anything.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPECIAL EVENTS

On Monday, Oct. 10, a presentation on rifle marksmanship will be held by Capt. Harland Peelle, US Air Force. Capt. Peelle is a member of the USAF Rifle Team and has been recognized as a Distinguished Rifleman. Capt. Peelle has an outstanding list of achievements to include Presidents 100 - 1994, Four-Time National Infantry Trophy Champion 1991-1994, and the National Hearst Champion 1994. Capt. Peelle will be discussing a variety of topics related to rifle maintenance, ingredients for accurate shooting, and related topics.

NEW RANGE CHAIRMEN

Harland Peelle, Capt. UASF has accepted the position of Skeet Range Chairman. Harland is also Co-Chairman of the new programs committee along with Jeff Crawford. Harland and Jeff will plan and implement new programs to be presented at various monthly meetings over the next year.

Dr. Bruce Cohen, CAPT., MC, USN has accepted the position of Archery Range Co-Chairman. Bruce will assist Weasel Query in managing the LCC Archery Range and archery related activities.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Earlier this month, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries issued a press release announcing an incident of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Hampshire County, West Virginia. The whitetail deer came from an area roughly 10 miles from the Virginia state line, near Frederick County, VA. This is the first case reported this far south on the east coast, and VADGIF has activated it's Chronic Wasting disease response plan as a result of this notification from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

Further information on this can be found on the VADGIF web site at www.dgif.virginia.gov .

CROSSBOW HUNTING

At the June 23, 2005, meeting of the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries the Board approved the use of crossbows for hunting during the upcoming fall hunting season. Previously, only disabled hunters could hunt with crossbows. Use of a crossbow will be available to any hunter during the archery season who has a crossbow license. The crossbow license fee is \$12 for a VA resident, and \$25 for a non-resident. A hunter using both conventional and crossbow tackle during the archery season will need an archery license and a crossbow license. Should a hunter choose to use a crossbow during the general firearms season, a crossbow license is not required.

Disabled hunter's unable to use conventional archery tackle are no longer required to get a doctor's certification of their disability to use a crossbow, however disabled hunter's will need a crossbow license.

For further information on crossbow hunting, regulations, and additional licensing requirements in visit <http://www.dgif.state.va.us/hunting/crossbow.asp> .

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