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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

February 2019

February – the second and shortest month of the year. Most people's first thought – when thinking about February is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day – a day usually associated with Love has been celebrated for centuries. Another day associated with February is Leap Year – usually occurring every four years. A tradition in Britain and Ireland – women may purpose marriage. Luckily for all our WAC confirmed bachelors – this is NOT a Leap Year and our Chapter is located in the Good ol' U.S of A.

If you have not heard already – I wanted to let our members know the Veteran Appreciation Day is cancelled this year and going forward. The event is usually held the first Saturday of June. Every year I enjoyed the event; and I know how much time and effort it took to make it successful. Thank you!

This year on Saturday June 1st WAC will be celebrating their 82nd Anniversary. Our own Grill Master, John Walter will be on hand showing his skill at the barbeque pit. We will be serving traditional "picnic food" for all to enjoy. Let's all come together – enjoy good food and good company.

For the first time ever – WAC will be hosting a No Frills National Scrapbook/Ladies Day Out event 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday April 13th in the WAC's upstairs hall. There is a Basic \$30 Fee and registration is required to attend. The Basic Fee provides attendees with a 4' table space and Thank You gift. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunches – or for \$7, lunch will be provided. Additional upgrades are available. Memory-maker In-training are welcome to share your table space (12 years old or younger). If you are interested in attending – please contact Cherie Aker at Cherie.aker@gmail.com for the registration form or for more details regarding this event. I hope to see you there!

Chapter Maintenance, Skeet Maintenance and Pistol/Rifle Range Clean are scheduled for Sunday February 24th starting at 9:00 a.m. For our probationary members – this would count towards your required work-credit, but it is also a great way to meet other members. There is also an opportunity to satisfy conservation credit on Sunday February 24th – Christmas Tree Maintenance. We really need your help to maintain our chapter house, grounds, and ranges. Just a reminder – all ranges are closed until noon.

On the same day – Sunday February 24th Club and Range Orientation starts at 9:30 a.m. Just a reminder to our new probationary members – Range Access Cards is issued after you take and pass the Club and Range Orientation class. To register – please email Jean Aker at jfa23@juno.com. All members are welcome to attend the class to review range safety and conduct rules. If it has been a long time since attending – it probably be a good idea to learn about the added rules since you last attend the class.

Hope to see you and your family at our February General Membership meeting on Wednesday February 27th. Until then – take care and Happy Valentine's Day!

Cherie Aker

Proposed Bylaw Change

Changes to existing are in bold type

To be voted on at March Membership Meeting

Article X – Suspension and Expulsion of Members

At any duly called meeting of the membership of the Chapter, any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present. **Any member of the Chapter may present to the Board of Directors written charges against any other member provided that there is probable cause to believe that the accused member engaged in conduct that was a violation of the Chapter Constitution, By-Laws or any Range Rules & Regulations or any other unsafe or disreputable activity or otherwise endangered the good order and welfare of the Chapter.** Such charges shall be presented to the Corresponding Secretary **who shall notify the member of the substance of the written charges by regular mail** to the accused member at his last known address **but such notification shall not include the identity of the member presenting the written charges.** The Board of Directors shall grant a hearing to the accused member, which shall be held not later than the second meeting of the Board of Directors following the mailing of the charges to the member. If a **two-thirds majority** of the Directors present refer the matter to the membership for consideration of expulsion, it shall suspend the accused member from all privileges of membership until the charges have been acted upon by the membership. **If a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors present determines that the accused member has engaged in severe misconduct which includes, but is not limited to, verbal or physical assault, battery, theft, or any other conduct which is criminal in nature, the Board of Directors may expel or suspend a member without having to present it to the general membership.** All expulsions are subject to appeal to the State Division and any member expelled shall be advised of his or her rights to appeal this action.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

The Maryland Division meeting will be held at WAC on March 23rd. There will be discussion about the National Convention be held in Cambridge, MD in 2020. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Upcoming Chapter Conservation Events

Learn more about the Chapter's conservation committee and projects at our webpage:
bit.ly/WACconservation

Sunday February 24. Christmas Tree Maintenance. On the Chapter regular member monthly workday. Meet at the green maintenance shed at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com.

Sunday March 24. Reforestation Project Maintenance either on Montgomery County Parkland or at WSSC Pigtail Recreation Area. 9 a.m. to Noon. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Offsite project. Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net or Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net.

(March 24 work project not specified pending results of follow up from those agencies.

Saturday April 6. Patuxent Watershed Spring Clean Up from 9:30 to Noon. Meet at the Chapter's green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Student Service Learning hours available if forms are brought for signature on the day of the event. Gloves, bags, water, and then lunch provided at noon for all participants. Register with Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

March, 2019

Sat 3/2	Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill
Sun 3/3	Steve Meyers, Mark Lawson
Sat 3/9	Phil Butler, Rodger Moran
Sun 3/10	Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Wed 3/13	Jay Jeffrey, Larry Buck
Sat 3/16	Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 3/17	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 3/20	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat 3/23	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 3/24	Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Wed 3/27	Ed Shifflet, Charlie Mello
Sat 3/30	Arden Young
Sun 3/31	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Individual shotgun lessons.

The shotgun committee is launching a program of one-on-one student-instructor shotgun lessons for 2019. The lessons will be offered on a *by appointment* basis only and will be coordinated by Charlie Mello (charlie@pathfindershooting.com).

Each lesson will be 1 hour in duration with 1 person per lesson time period. Each lesson will cost \$40.00 which will cover the targets thrown. All lesson fees must be paid for by check only and made out to IWLA WAC.

Persons interested in the one-on-one lesson must have completed the WAC chapter shotgun orientation.

Loan of a gun is available, however it is highly recommended that interested person have their own gun.

Learn to Shoot – Shotgun Seminars

The shotgun committee was happy to conduct five Learn to Shoot Shotgun seminars in 2017. The seminars were very popular and the available slots filled very quickly...indeed they were allocated within the first few days after the announcement.

Because of the popularity of the seminars, the shotgun committee is hosting a number of Learn to Shoot Shotgun, seminars again this year.

This year's offerings will expand the scope of instruction to include specific instruction in the games of skeet, trap and sporting clays.

The chapter calendar will soon include the dates of the seminars.

As with last year the number of participants will be limited for each seminar. The goal is to give each person a quality session of instruction, which will require that the instructor- student ratio be kept very low. In most cases the maximum number of students will be limited to 3 to 4 students per seminar, with the exception of the Gun Fit / Gun Mount seminars. The Fit & Mount seminars are more individual focused and will require a one-on-one period of instruction. As a result, the Gun Fit / Gun Mount seminars will be offered on an appointment basis on the dates these seminars are scheduled.

As with last year, each seminar is a single session (not a series of sessions). What we learned from last year's offering is that more time is needed for instruction so this year's seminar will be expanded to two hours verses the hour and half of last year. Start times will be 10 AM and the seminar will go to noon on the dates listed below.

We are also very happy to offer a session exclusively to the women of the chapter as part of the Girls and Guns group. The Girls and Gun seminar is focused on the basics of shotgun shooting.

2019 Learn to Shoot – Shotgun Seminar schedule:

Dates:

March 23 - Gun Fit & Gun Mount

April 12 - Basic

April 27 - Trap

June 1 - Skeet

June 15 – Sporting Clays

Aug 31 - Basic (Girls & Guns)

Sept 28 - Gun Fit & Gun Mount

Oct 12 - Basic

Nov 9 - Skeet

Dec 7 - Sporting Clays

Times: all seminars will start at 10:00 AM on the date listed. Seminar lesson time is scheduled for two hours.

The Learn to Shoot – Shotgun Basic and the Gun Fit / Gun Mount seminars will be conducted rain or shine. There is so much information to cover in these sessions that it doesn't necessarily require the group to actually shoot. Mind you the goal is to have each student shoot as many as 50 targets, but if the weather is uncooperative the value of instruction is only slightly diminished if the group is unable to take the field. The Basic seminar is limited to 4 students per seminar, and the Gun Fit and Gun Mount is a by appointment only (30 minutes per person).

The goal of the Gun Fit and Gun Mount is to give the participant the necessary information to achieve a reasonable gun fit and how to achieve a good gun mount, as well as exercise that a participant can do on their own, to perfect their gun mount.

The Learn to Shoot – Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays will teach those interested the aspect of the games. These seminars are limited to 5 student per session and focus on the techniques and rules of the specific games. Participants will shoot approximately 50 targets for each trap and skeet seminar and slightly more for the sporting clays.

Interested persons will need to contact Charlie Mello (charlie@pathfindershooting.com) for more information and to request a slot in one of the scheduled seminars.

Costs: Basic Seminar - \$25.00

Gun Git & Gun Mount - \$20.00

Trap Seminar - \$25.00

Skeet Seminar - \$25.00

Sporting Clays - \$30.00

Fee covers all targets thrown must be paid for with a check made out to the chapter (IWLA WAC) for the exact amount.

Ammunition is not included in the seminar price. Each person is required to bring at least 50 rounds of 2-3/4, 1 or 1-1/8 ounce shot, #8s. Recommend shot speed (fps or dram) to be 1200 ft or less.

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update – (John Porter)

The groundhog has proclaimed an early spring this year so now is the best time to get ready for a new season of shooting sports.

Safety is always our very first priority! You can refresh yourself on all our club safety procedures and learn what is involved in designing and maintaining a proper safe range at the NRA Range Safety Officer Class being offered Saturday February 23.

How familiar are you with basics of rifle operation and maintenance? The upcoming NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class can provide a great remedial exercise or introduce the basics to a family member. A day in the classroom and a day on the range will get you prepared.

The classroom session is scheduled for Saturday March 2 8:00-12:00 and the range portion Saturday March 9 12:00-4:00.

Please contact John Porter at porter253@aol.com

As always the fee for NRA classes is never more than \$50.00 to cover books and materials. All firearms and ammunition are provided.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 2/23. Polar Bear match 9:00-1:00 on the rifle range.

Saturday 3/2 Practical defense match 1:00-4:00 on the uncovered pistol range.

Saturday 3/16 Seneca Valley HP Rifle match 8:30 -2:00 on the rifle range.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **February 2017** 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 Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

AT THIS TIME, WE HAD NO MEMBERS TO BE GRADUATED TO FULL MEMBERSHIP

Wild Game Dinner Set Up

1/25 2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Bev Haggerty, Robert Bloom, Lee Trunnell,
Linda Stanley, Meo Curtis, Paul Bluteau,
Art Paholski, and Chuck Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Robin Axtell, John Zarou, Charlie Chang,
Scott Payne, Kevin Huck, Kyle M. Boyd
and Steve Heintze

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

1/27/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Hans Varmer,
Candy Varmer, Dele Buschling, John Leaman,
William Leaman, Lee Trunnell, Guy Wright and
Chuck Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Alex Zeppos, Kevin Wittenberger and
Alfred Cross

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Cherie Aker, Steve Olsen and John Porter 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 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.

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