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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES (Red Skillings)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEXT BOARD

At the 22 July General Membership meeting the slate of Officers/Directors for 2009-2010 was completed.

Nominees follow.

President, Guy Wright

First Vice President, Paul Turska

Second Vice President, Jeff Deschamps

Third Vice President, Chuck Crooks

Recording Secretary, Red Skillings

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Piateski

Membership Secretary, Joe Gick

Treasurer, Chuck Limparis

Sergeant at Arms, Dick Smith

Parliamentarian, Mac McCollum

Chaplain, John Leaman

The following are nominated to serve as Director (four openings):

Rich Fried,

Greg Talamini,

Wade Dayberry, and

Bob Cooley.

Going into the 22 July meeting the position of Third Vice President was vacant. Chuck Crooks was nominated from the floor that night. The remaining officer/director slots were on the Nominating Committee's proposed list. (This paragraph is required by our Constitution & By-laws.)

The following directors were elected (2-year term) at the August 2008 GM meeting so will not be voted upon in August 2009:

Ken Lefebvre

Tom Malarkey

John Walter

The Immediate Past President serves as Director while the incumbent President serves, therefore Steve Lefebvre will become a Director.

At the 26 August General Membership meeting the above slate will be formally proposed for acceptance.

- Spaghetti Dinner and bonfire 7:00PM Friday August 28,2009. Benefit for Jr Airgun Program

A visit to your favorite national park is free on August 15 and August 16, the last of three fee free weekends this summer. The National Park Service is waiving fees at all 391 national parks. The Interior Secretary says the move will give families a chance to vacation on the cheap. Many of the parks have special events scheduled for the fee free weekends.

In Maryland this includes the following parks. For more information, go to: <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparksbystate.htm>

Antietam National Battlefield
Assateague Island National Seashore
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine National Monument, Fort Washington Park, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

The WSSC is sponsoring a Family Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 22 at Triadelphia Recreation Area, 2600 Triadelphia Lake Road, Brookeville, 20833 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Donated prizes will be given to the heaviest fish (one for 16 years or older category, one for the under 16 category) and most number of fish (one for 16 years or older category, one for the under 16 category). Admission is free, but attendees will be asked to take a pledge to keep the Patuxent Watershed clear of trash.

Public Meeting on the County's Water Quality Protection Charge

Water Quality Protection Charge: How Does it Affect You?

Would you like to learn more and provide feedback on the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC)? All residential property owners and certain non-residential property owners have been paying the WQPC since 2003 to support stormwater management in the County. The Department of Environmental Protection is hosting an informational meeting on Monday, August 24th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in 7th Floor Council Hearing Room in the Council Office Building (COB) at 100 Monroe Avenue in Rockville, MD. The County will provide an overview of current WQPC and key issues Future of WQPC and options for changing who pays and how the fee is charged. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at 240-777-7711 or via e-mail at meosotis.curtis@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Adopt-A-Road:

Sunday August 23 from 9 to Noon. We will clean up Mullinix Mill Rd. from Rte. 108/Damascus Rd. to the Patuxent River. If more than 4 people show up, we will pick up Long Corner Road too. The Chapter provides gloves, bags, water, orange safety vests, and some 'grabbers' to pick up litter. This is a conservation credit event for probationary members. For youngsters, community service learning hours can be credited if the completed forms are brought for signature on the day of this event. For more information, contact Meo Curtis at 301-604-3736 or via e-mail at meosotis58@verizon.net.

SKEET AND TRAP **September 2009**

Wed 9/3 Mike Fleisher, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 9/5 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green
Sun 9/6 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska
Wed 9/9 Jeff Greenhut, Carl McMahon
Sat 9/12 George Fichter, Dave Fichter
Sun 9/13 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb
Wed 9/16 Conley Phipps, Frank Bis
Sat 9/19 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Sun 9/20 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Bob Case
Wed 9/23 Heather Barber, Alan Palestine
Sat 9/26 Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
Sun 9/27 Bob Poth, Joel Gross
Wed 9/30 Bob Cooley, Ron Roberson, Peter Sittner

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

Practical Defense Match Events: Basic Holster Training Course, August 15th Saturday morning from 8:00 AM- 10:30 AM (Bowling Pin shoot will follow after the class).

The purpose of the basic holster training course is to ensure safe use of a holster during our practical defense match's. The training course will have a brief discussion of the following: Holster selection and setup, holstering while loading and re-loading drills, how to draw from a holster and present a firearm, dealing with malfunctions before holstering, holstering movement drills and holster for fun competitions (Club safety rules apply).

Participants must bring their own holster and the firearm that fits the holster. NO ammunition or magazines/speed loaders required. This class is open to members and their family. Registration begins bright and early (7:30AM) at the un-covered pistol range (if it rains we will use the covered pistol range)

Any questions call Jesse Lim: 240-832-0354, or send an email to alphashooter@usa.com

On July 26, 2009 the following WAC-RSO committee team members were re-certified by Jesse Lim as WAC-Range Safety Officers. Wendy Smith assisted by handling the registration, materials and handing out the certificates.

The class focused on the fundamental objectives and responsibilities of the RSO role, the RSO safety committee and the review of the range rules, in order to maintain and support the leagues excellent safety record.

We proudly acknowledge the following RSOs, whom will be presented with a 2009 Orange RSO badge at the end of August.

Andrew Cooke
Bill Gazdick
Bruce Roth

Carlos Rivera-Silva
James Fort
James Schinner, Jr.
James Schinner, Sr.
John Randall
Jose Tassara
Judy Riley
Lou Ferguson
Lou Knapp
Tommy Riley

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: The RSO committee is pleased to announce its first Introduction to Basic Firearms Training class for Ladies and Daughters. Of course, sons are welcome as well. The class will be conducted on Saturday, September 5th from 3 – 6 PM at the upper level of the chapter house. The class is open and free to IWL WAC members, their friends and families. The class will be taught by Jesse Lim and dinner will be provided by Ed McNally and crew for \$5.00, beverages extra.

Prior firearms experience is not necessary and it is not necessary to own or bring a firearm. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Students will be presented with a course certificate and evidence of training for firearms purchase (if interested for those qualified to purchase) in the state of Maryland. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact or RSVP to Wendy Smith via email at smitty446@hotmail.com no later than August 28th.

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Jesse Lim (240)832-0354 or alphashooter@usa.com.

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For April 2009, starting time is 10:00AM daily unless some activity has preempted the range (see “UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY” below).

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100-yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25-yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

Bowling Pin shoot 8/15. Uncovered pistol range closed 9:00AM until 2:00 PM.

Cowboy action set up 8/21. Rifle and pistol closed from 1:00PM Friday until 4:00PM Saturday 8/22.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thunder Valley Days

It seems we missed Merry Klinefelter who managed traffic control on TVD Friday.

Chapter Maintenance Day Sunday July 18

The day was devoted to the maintenance of chapter conservation projects.

Stephen W. McCaskill, Gregg and Joe McDonald, Mark Furr, Chris Heiler, Dale Buschling and Jim Piateski.

Cowboy set-up

Mark Twanowski (Snake-eye Skulker)

Don Hunt, Lab Logan, Two Gun Tuco, Ron Romig, Richard Rankin, Mary Pat Donals (Sassy Patty),

Guy Wright and Chuck Crooks.

Cowboy Shoot Tear Down July 25

OK here we go, either the guys have been out in the sun too long or they've been into the Red Eye (what real cowboys drink).

Hud McCoy

Snake-Eye Skulker

Duelin Jim

Highland Ranger

Dogmeat Dad

And the designated drivers were: Ron Thomson and Lab Logan.

Chapter Maintenance Sunday July 26

The entire day was devoted to ranges and grounds maintenance.

Ranges both Rifle and Pistol

Al Goldschmidts, Samuel De La Cruz,

Tom Kosciesza, Michael Barvir, Steve Hefferon, Karl Krchma, John Mullaney, Berle Cherney and

Alan Pressman.

Skeet and Shotgun Range

Mike Webb, Dave Stevenson, Karl Krchma,

Rudy Werner, Paul Fisher and Mark Mckevitt.

Green Shed

Guy Wright, Journey Delauder and Steve Hefferon.

Christmas Trees

George Hughes

New Cowboy Shooter Clinics

The second of two New Cowboy Shooter Clinics in 2009, at our IWLA-WAC Chapter, will be on October 31, 2009. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

Applications are available on the chapter web site www.DamascusIWLA.org . You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me!

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. Atlantic Guns and our Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

There will be two hours in the classroom and two hours on the range. Please bring ear and eye protection and there is no costuming required for the class.

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For additional information contact [Chuckaroo](mailto:wildliferangers@aol.com) (wildliferangers@aol.com) or 301-831-9666. The cost is \$5.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

There seems to be a need to clarify what types of membership we have at the chapter and what positions each type can hold. There are four types of members in each Chapter as established by the IWLA National Office. They are:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: One adult over the age of 18 years of age, and shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Individual Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: One or two adults over the age of 18 years of age and their natural, adopted or foster children under the age of 18 years residing together at a single residence. Family members over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Family Membership shall be counted as two members on the national membership rolls.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: One adult between eighteen and twenty-one years of age, or a full-time undergraduate student over age twenty-one. Student members over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Student Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP: One child under the age of eighteen years of age. Youth members shall not be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Youth Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

When you were joining the chapter as an individual member, it was explained that your family was invited to use our facilities and that spouses would be issued their own range card if they took and passed the course along with you. This in effect treats them as a 'permanent guest' at our facility who can come to the ranges without the actual member being present. If they do not have their own IWLA issued yearly membership card as listed in one of the categories above, they cannot serve in any office or on any committee or sub-committee

New Facility Access System Ready Operational

Well, you've probably heard that it is coming. Do you know where your access card is? But before I get to the meat of the new system,

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TESTING THEIR CARDS ON THE FRONT OR BACK DOOR READERS OF THE CHAPTER HOUSE! IF YOU HEAR A CLICK FROM THE DOOR LATCH, YOUR CARD IS WORKING.

IF NOT CONTACT GUY WRIGHT (guywright@verizon.net) AND JOE GICK (joe.gick@verizon.net) VIA EMAIL TO REPORT THAT YOUR CARD IS NOT WORKING.

PROVIDE YOUR NAME, DATE YOU TESTED YOUR CARD, AND CARD NUMBER. WE WILL CHECK THE COMPUTER DATABASE AND ACCESS TRANSACTION LOG TO SEE IF THE CARD IS CORRECT AND NOTIFY YOU OF WHAT THE SOLUTION WILL BE.

MALFUNCTIONING CARDS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. LOST OR DAMAGED CARDS WILL BE REPLACED FOR A FEE OF \$5. AFTER THE ABOVE DATE ALL LOST OR MALFUNCTIONING CARDS WILL BE REPLACED FOR A FEE OF \$5.

Now the meat.

One of the bigger projects undertaken by the Chapter this year is the installation of our new Facility Access System. This new system consists of a rear or Rathskeller door access reader, an almost front door access reader (more about this in a minute), an access reader at the glass shotgun house door, access readers inside and outside of the range road gate, a new range road gate, and a computer to monitor the whole thing. New redundant conduit was run, underground, from the chapter house to the shotgun range house, and from the shotgun range house to the range road gate.

This conduit carries the wiring for the Facility Access System and has capacity for future wiring, such as cable TV and Internet (if we can ever talk Verizon or Comcast to bring service onto the property).

The almost front door access reader is connected to the door to the right of the actual front door. It opens directly into the main upstairs hall. This door was chosen for ease of installing the electronic latch and because this will become the handicap entry point at some time in the future.

Key card access into the shotgun range house is going to be closely controlled by the Chairman of the Skeet and Trap committee. Those having access will lock the crash door open for member access during skeet and trap shooting hours. All physical keys will be rendered useless by changing the internal tumblers to the door locks, but not creating new keys. The door facing the road will be bolted shut so that members will access through the new glass door facing the skeet and trap fields. Only those members so designated will be allowed access to the shotgun range house during non shooting hours.

The chapter house readers will allow members to enter from 8:00AM - to 10:00PM, seven days a week. The doors will be locked in the open position on Board meeting and membership meeting evenings. Specific scheduled events (boy scout meetings, adult and junior air rifle, etc.) may lock the door in the open position at their option.

The entrance reader to the range road gate will allow member access beginning at 9:30AM, seven days a week. The interior gate reader will allow exit from the range for up to 1 hour after the range closure time. At this time it will be full dark. If you get caught behind the gate beyond this time you may have some explaining to do,

such as what you were doing down there in the dark. The gate will be automatically locked down on Christmas and Easter every year.

The gate has a fail open function built in. In case of a power failure, the gate motor releases and the gate may be raised by hand, being assisted by 5 large springs inside of the gate housing.

The computer is our version of “big brother” is watching. The system logs time and date you enter buildings, and when you enter and leave the range through the gate. It is all tied into a database containing key card number, member number, and first and last name.

All members are currently grouped into 4 groups. Regular members, Board members and committee chairs, members with shotgun house access, and void members. Access times are granted to the 5 card readers based on your assigned group. Members placed in the void group have no access anywhere at any time. You may be placed in the void group for non payment of dues, or for various disciplinary reasons imposed by committee chairs or the Board.

Well, that’s about it. It has been three years coming but now that it is here you should have one big question. “When does this thing become officially operational?” Good question.

The official start date will be October 1, 2009. This will give you 6 weeks to test your cards and for us to resolve your access issues.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Wendy Smith, Jesse Lim, and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Jim Piatieski 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.

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