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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Wild Game Dinner (Rich Fried)

The Wild Dinner is rapidly approaching (Jan. 24) and We still need donations of food and items for the auction. If you have any game to donate, Please contact Ed McNally (edward_mcnally@comcast.net) or Jorge Silva (jgs1949@gmail.com). The auction is one of the biggest fundraisers for the chapter. We need useable high-quality items, except for exercise equipment or computer equipment. Please contact Rich Fried (301-253-2789 or TanRicFried@aol.com) to donate items or to confirm acceptability of an item.

Tickets are \$20.00 and are available for sale at the Shotgun Range house during open hours and at the membership meetings until we sell out. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Join us on Friday , Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM for Mom's Comfort Dinner. Watch a movie .Kick back and relax with an old western. Proceeds benefit the Junior Air Rifle Club and go towards defraying some of the cost of their trips to matches around the country. Rumor has is that meatloaf and smashed taters will be on the menu .

Christmas tree sales going on weekends until Christmas. 10:00AM until 4:00PM Saturday and Sunday

The 2009 club calendar is currently available online at <http://www.damascusiwla.org/2009calendar.html>

The following Bylaws Amendment will be offered for adoption at the January Membership Meeting (January 28, 2009):

ARTICLE XI - FUNDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Current:

Section 2. All disbursements of funds shall be by check signed by the Treasurer, or by the President in the absence of the Treasurer.

Proposed:

Section 2. All disbursements of funds shall be by check signed by the Treasurer or by electronic payment of funds from the checking account approved by the Treasurer, or by the President in the absence of the Treasurer.

This amendment was requested by the Treasurer and has been reviewed and approved by the Bylaws Committee.

MEMBERSHIP BILLS

Your 2009 membership renewal notices were sent out about 2 months ago. Your current membership expires on

12/31/08. It takes several weeks for me to process your payment, send it to the National Office, and have them print and return to me your 2009 membership card. When it comes back to me, I will attach your new Range Card and send it back to you. The National Office closes between Christmas and New Year, so time is of the essence. If you do not send it to me immediately, you risk losing ALL range privileges next year until you receive your 2009 card.

In God We Trust
Joe Gick

MEMBER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The chapter needs your help! We need a volunteer to take over the management and collation of the list of members who have donated their time to maintaining the chapter. This is a very important role at WAC because this is how the probationary members “graduate” to full member status and this is how we know who to thank for making our chapter thrive. Please contact Steve Lefebvre 301-482-1898 if you are willing to perform this task.

CALENDAR EVENTS OF NOTE **GETTING INVOLVED**

Most of the newer members have heard the speech about getting involved in the chapter and getting out of it what you put into it; some of the older members may have forgotten about it.

The chapter is many things to many people. The possibilities are only limited by imagination. Any member willing to start an activity or committee, can come to the board of directors and pitch their idea .WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS FOR PROJECTS AND PEOPLE TO RUN THEM.

TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD

There is a bulletin board on the wall of the downstairs Rathskeller for WAC-IWLA members to use to advertise **shooting related items** for sale to other members. Items should be listed on a 3 x 5 card if possible and need to have the seller's name and telephone number listed. The card needs to be dated with the date posted. Listings will be removed when the caretaker of the board is informed of the sale or after 30 days from the posting date. If you have an item to sell but cannot get to the chapter house to post the ad on the TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD, mail it to the address below and it will be posted within a few days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

The holiday season is full of red and green. Red holly berries, red holiday lights, red bows for all those presents. Green christmas trees, fragrant green wreathes, and for some, spending too much green. Here are some suggestions for increasing your 'green quotient' without decreasing your enjoyment or indulgence this holiday season. For more information about going green this season and throughout the year, check out the EPA web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/>

- Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. Reduce the number of bags thrown out by bringing reusable cloth bags for holiday gift shopping. Tell store clerks you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases.
- Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper or funny papers. Also remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper. Give gifts that don't require much packaging, such as concert tickets or gift certificates.

And if you're not very good at wrapping packages anyway, use (or re-use) a colorful gift bag and encourage the recipient to re-use it too.

- Use Energy Star qualified lights this holiday. If all decorative light strings sold in America this year were ENERGY STAR qualified, we would save over 2 billion kWh per year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to nearly 300,000 cars! ENERGY STAR qualified decorative light strings — many which feature LED technology — consume 75% less energy than conventional incandescent lights strands.
- Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help your lights last longer. Use a timer for your lights to control the number of hours per night that the lights stay on.
- Use your own camera instead of a disposable one to reduce waste while capturing holiday memories. Consider buying a digital camera so that you don't have to use film and only print the pictures you want to keep.
- Approximately 33 million live Christmas trees are sold in North America every year. After the holidays, look for ways to recycle your tree instead of sending it to a landfill. Check with your community solid waste department and find out if they collect and mulch trees. Your town might be able to use chippings from mulched trees for hiking trails and beachfront erosion barriers.

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM (Phil Dean)

Adult air pistol and air rifle shooting is held every Monday night at the indoor airgun range in the Chapter House. We meet at 6:30 PM to set up the range and firing begins at 7:00 PM. Those shooting air pistol generally fire a 60 round match. Those firing air rifles have been doing a somewhat less formal program within the same timeframe. Firing ends about 8:15 PM followed with cleanup. You can plan to be ready to leave by 8:30 PM - or you can stay for some socialization and leave at about 9:00 PM.

A number of the pistol shooters will be participating in a 'postal match' during November through February. Individual scores fired on specific dates will be submitted to a fellow in Washington State who consolidates them with scores from other shooters from the US and foreign countries and puts out a match bulletin every two weeks. This has proven to be an enjoyable activity that provides an opportunity to see how your shooting 'stacks up' with others across the country. It is also a good way to see how you are improving during the shooting season.

Either air pistols or air rifles can be fired during the Monday night Adult Airgun session. Feel free to bring your own gun or you can use some we have available until you decide the type you want to get on your own. The only cost is a charge of \$1.00 per person per session for the cost of targets. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for information. We hope to see some new shooters at our Monday night sessions.

RIFLE AND PISTOL (Tony Evans)

One of the perks of my new job as Chairman of Rifle and pistol is that I have an excuse to look in on the various events that we hold down on the ranges. Recently I went to a "Personal Protection" match that was held on the 25 yard range.

We fired on the classic IPSIC targets, seen in the photograph. The first thing you notice is that there is no aiming point on these targets, this is a little disconcerting to a person who has only shot "Bulls Eye". Another

difference is that there are "Hostage situations" and it is your responsibility to hit the "evil doer" and save the poor hostage. I wish that I could report differently, but when I was on the firing line it was a bad day for the hostages, as of the four hostage situations that were presented to me only one survived. I promise to practice for the next match. Honest

We fired not only in the open but also from behind barricades and using both our weak and strong hands. These matches are held six times a year and are open to any member or guest. There is no restriction on caliber except that .22's are reserved for Women and Juniors. The guns allowed in this competition are semi automatics or double action revolvers. Bring at least a hundred rounds of ammunition and of course ear and eye protection. I chose to use my 625 S&W (.45 ACP) that has been worked on by Rich Fried, this means that the action is very smooth and it has an awesome trigger. I shot a 200 gr. bullet with a light load of Clays and Remington primers. In my opinion there is no need for heavy loads when you are shooting at 25 yards and only need to punch a hole in paper.

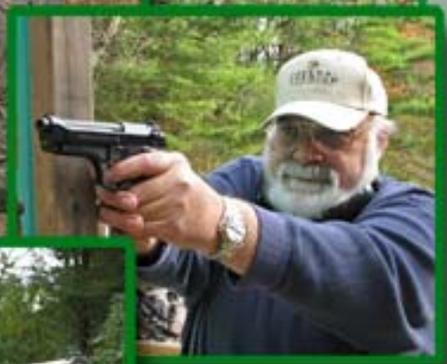
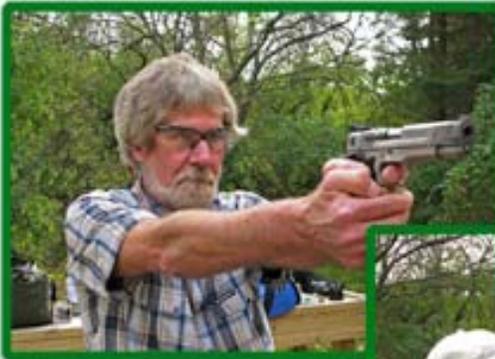
My fellow shooters were as seen left to right Wade Dayberry, who is now "Mr. Christmas Tree", He has taken over from John Leaman, Gary Schneider, Dick Chapparoy, myself Tony Evans, Wendy Smith, Terry Popkin, who very ably ran the Firing Line and who is in my opinion an excellent Photographer, a very good shot, a font of information when it comes to guns and shooting, and maybe most importantly a true gentleman and a sportsman. And kneeling left Mike Canter and Jesse Lim.

Jesse is the driving force behind all of this, not only is he a good friend but is a person with boundless energy, and possesses a ready smile that welcomes and puts at ease all those that he meets.

I think that a short biography is in order for those that don't know me.

I have been a member of WAC for twenty six years, and have been a shooter for almost sixty. My passion is shooting, Rifle Pistol or Shotgun it makes no difference. I enjoy hitting a target or breaking a clay bird. I like guns of all kinds and people who shoot them. What I don't like is careless or reckless shooters, such people are dangerous and they have no place on any range over which I have control. Our sport unlike all others depends on the discipline and mental maturity of its participants for it to be safe and enjoyable.

In closing I hope that You all (all ya'll) will come and participate in the matches that are held on the ranges don't wait until you are "good enough" if you wait you will never enter a match. Come out and meet people, get involved, and start having fun.



*Photography
by
T.J. Popkin*

*Personal
Protection
Match
Nov. 2008*

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Tony Evans by email at tony.evans@verizon.net or telephone 301-649-1895.

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 December 2008, starting time is 10:00AM daily and ending time is 4:30PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

December 13 -.22 Fun Shoot Rifle Range Closed until 2:00PM

Covered Pistol Closed for Junior Rifle Practice until 12 Noon

December 25, Christmas Day **ALL RANGES CLOSED ALL DAY-MERRY CHRISTMAS**

December 28. Chapter Maintenance Day All Ranges Closed until 1:00 PM

SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER

January 2009

Sat 1/3 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 1/4 Mark Gay, Martin Cherry, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Sat 1/10 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 1/11 Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Sat 1/17 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 1/18 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross

Sat 1/24 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Bill Wright

Sun 1/25 Bob Poth, Peter Sittner, Nunzio Litterio

Sat 1/31 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Gary Green

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Mac McCollum, Joe Gick, Tony Evans, Rich Fried, Terry Popkin, Phil Dean 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 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 Piatiski 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 to

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