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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

The best way to keep on top of events is to check the club calendar listed on our web site. Check it often as items are added after the print copy has been issued in January. Important schedule changes such as meeting dates will be posted there. If you do not receive the broadcast emails regarding special events and would like to, make sure that Chuck Crooks has your email address. A link to Chuck's email can be found on our web site.

Be sure to attend the November general membership meeting and dinner for Fried's Fried Turkey. Please note the date is earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will be held on November 17, 2010.

**IN MEMORIUM**

We regret to inform you that the grandson of Cheri and Jean Aker passed away suddenly on Sunday , October 24, 2010. Brandon Weimer was 14 years old. He had just been on our ranges the Saturday before with Jose Scoseria and Jesse Lim getting pointers on shooting Jose's .357 rolling block rifle.

The family would like to thank those who spent time instructing him on the safe use of firearms and gave their time to enrich another's life.



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CONSERVATION**

#### **Christmas Tree Committee Update** (Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry)

The Christmas Tree Committee is in need of volunteers to help with our annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales event. Please come on out and volunteer! We have a really good time, the company is great, and it's a wonderful way to network with fellow WAC members and get into the holiday spirit!

Tree sales are weekends in December, starting December 4<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 4PM. We are in need of help from those able to perform field work such as helping to cut the trees down, netting trees and assisting with securing the tree in the vehicle.

There is also an upcoming maintenance day on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This work counts as conservation credit and Christmas tree sales count as general work credit. Students may also earn their SSL hours with either of these events. We encourage students to come out and participate, and please bring your SSL form with you when you arrive.

Please reply to Wendy Smith via email at: [iwlwactrees@live.com](mailto:iwlwactrees@live.com) if you are able to help volunteer.

#### **AIRGUN** (Phil Dean)

##### **AAFTA NATIONAL MATCH HELD AT WAC-IWLA**

The 2010 National Match of the American Airgun Field Target Association (AAFTA) was held at the outdoor airgun range of the WAC-IWLA on October 15, 16, and 17. There were 85 participants representing 21 different states, Canada, and Wales who fired in this air rifle field target competition. There were two shooting lines set up in the woods beyond the airgun range each with 15 lanes. Each lane had two field targets placed on it at distances from 10 yards to 55 yards and shooters fired two shots at each target for a total of 60 shots per line. Contestants fired on both lines during the two days of competition. There was also a field target air pistol competition.

A very big "thank you" is extended to all those volunteers who assisted in setting up the range, coordinated the registration and check-in, assisted with the food service, took care of the daily activities, and helped with the tearing down after the match. Joe McDaniel was the match director and is to be commended for an excellent job of planning, advertising, and coordinating this national level event.

#### **RIFLE AND PISTOL** (Wendy Smith, Jesse Lim and Barry Ephraim)

On a beautiful Halloween Sunday the following new members successfully completed both the Range and Shotgun orientation courses:

Eddy Nararo, Chester Tan, Hans Varmer, John O'Malley, Rory Walley, Mike Creighton, Fred Teal, and Peter A Ott. In addition, spouses Candy Varmer, Teresa Meeks, and Suzy Floyd also are new Range Officers. In addition, previous member Mike Creighton completed the Shotgun Orientation course. This was the first time volunteer members Tom Cauffiel and Barry Ephraim have taught the new combined courses and things went very well. New members were given a real appreciation of how special WAC is and what is necessary to keep safe and operational.

We are actively recruiting experienced firearm members to be part of the Range Orientation committee. If you are interested, please contact Barry Ephraim at [eyebear@aol.com](mailto:eyebear@aol.com). We work long hours at no pay. What could be better than that.

Barry Ephraim

#### **Rifle and Pistol Committee Update:**



An RSO appreciation cook-out was hosted by Jesse Lim in early October to thank the RSOs for all of their due diligence for their support, range reviews and reports this past year. This group of individuals can be identified by having an orange WAC RSO badge. The majority of the group has renewed their commitment for an additional two year term. Thank you again, everyone!



**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> NRA Basic Pistol Class:** Our final NRA Basic Pistol class of the year (Ladies / Daughters and Teens) was conducted in October. We had an enthusiastic group, as you can see below. A very special thanks to our WAC RSO/NRA Basic Pistol certified instructors: Al Goldschmidts, Alan Palestine, Danny Smith, Heather Barber, Jesse Lim, Judy Riley, Nick Peters, Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith. Please stay tuned for the 2011 calendar for future class offerings starting mid-spring 2011.



### **Upcoming rifle and pistol events:**

December 4<sup>th</sup>: Holster clinic starts at 8 AM, and Bowling Pin Shoot to follow at 10 AM.

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Tom Riley .22 Fun Shoot starts at 10 AM.

### **SKEET AND TRAP**

#### **IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010** ( Bob Cooley, Berle Cherney) **December 2010**

Sat 12/4 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 12/5 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Mark Gay,

Sat 12/11 Paul Fisher, Robin Moore, Bob Cooley

Sun 12/12 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, John Davis

Sat 12/18 Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Gerhard Bartsch

Sun 12/19 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Buddy Michael

Sat 12/25 **RANGE CLOSED, NO DUTY, NO SHOOTING**

Sun 12/26 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth, Jay DeVan

#### **Substitutes**

Jim Arnold, Berle Cherney, Bob Cooley, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Debbi Perry, Joel Gross, Murray Welsh, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Mash Esfanaji,

### **Other shotgun items.....**

On any Saturday you're likely to find members of the "Joy Boys" on shotgun field #2.

Some of our most dedicated members, they demonstrate how lifelong friendships form at the our chapter.

First Row (left to right): Kai Lee, Bill Rahn

Second Row: Archie McAllister, Richard Zabell, Charlie Weaver, Bill Wright

Third Row: Mike Stanton, Chuck Snelling, Johnny Mattucci, Marco Mattucci, Wayne Sterling





Boy Scout troop 945, which we sponsor, has been very active on the shotgun 5-stand range. They've also contributed their services in maintaining the range and painting fences. Left to right: Steve Myers, Liam Burns, Michael Wilkerson, Kyle Myers and Greg Myers.



Maj Tavakoli, Conley Phipps and Bob Woodward organize a full tractor tailor load of clay targets. Ken Lefebvre brought his Bob Cat to help unload clay targets.



Our club has some nationally top-rated shooters and friends.

At the recently completed 75th World Skeet Championships, members Mark Gay won runner-up in the Mini-World 28 Gauge Open Championship, Debbi Perry won the 12 Gauge Ladies World Championship and Open AA Third, and Maj Tavakoli won 12 Gauge Sub-Senior Group-2.

Friends John Waters won the 12 Gauge Veteran World Championship and Sam Armstrong won runner - up in the World 28 Gauge Open Championship

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** (Nick Giuliano)

#### **Damascus Heritage Day**

September 19

Helping to coordinate this event were Ken Lefebvre and Steve Lefebvre

#### **Airgun range**

Don Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma , Singson Tiu, Carole Poth and Phillip Dean

#### **Rifle range**

John Randal, James Fort, Kip Shapiro, and Steve Peck

#### **Shotgun range**

Ken Lefebvre, Jimmy Arnold, and Joel Gross

#### **Food service**

Ed McNally, Steve Lefebvre, Wayne Stevens, Troy Agnew and Dottie Agnew

#### **AAFTA National Championship Airgun Match**

October 15,16,17

The following volunteers did the set up, running and takedown of the air rifle field over the three-day match.

Carole Poth, Mary Hunt, Bill Gazdik, Jan Vandenberg, Karl Krehma, Phillip Dean, Joe Mc Daniel, Steve Lefebvre, Al Otter, Don Hunt, Nick Green, Steve Schulz and Singson Tiu.

### **Brookville Tree Maintenance**

October 16

Peter Szydlo, Jim Piateski, Jeff Deschamps, Katherine Nelson and Chterion Zaprianov

### **Cowboy Action Shoot**

October 22

John Leaman, Gunner Leaman (arf, arf), Paul Bluteau, Steve Peck, Chuck Limparis and Richard Rankin

### **Membership Dinner**

October 27

At this time I have only the names of the kitchen staff.

Lisa Sutcliffe and Eddy Navarro

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

October 31

Tree Maintenance Christmas/Chestnut

Michael Svizzero, Bruce Carlson, Michael Gutierrez, Wendy Smith, Jon Barker, Jeff Curry, Herbert Sutcliffe, Timothy Brooks, Juliette Brooks, J. Delauder and Wade Dayberry

### **Shotgun and Skeet Ranges**

Dennis Crossen, Mark McKevitt, Steven Hefferon, Gerhard Bartsch, P. Sittner, Berle Cherney, David Black and Jack Chomko

### **Pistol and Rifle Ranges**

John Betz, Ian Butler, Don Veals, Joe Wolf, Caroline Wolf, Brian McClay, Michael Holder Sr, Anne Holder, John Mullaney and  
Al Goldschmidts

### **Green Shed (mission control)**

Guy Wright, Mash Esfanaji and Mary Esfanaji

Congratulations to the following probationary members who have successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Alexander Lednow

James P. Murphy

Michael Svizzero

Herbert A. Sutcliffe, Jr

### **Volunteers**

#### **Reminder to our New Members:**

Keep track of the Activities that you have participated in. Remember you need to complete a minimum of two activities in EACH year of your probationary period. Each period is 12 months starting on your acceptance as a probationary member.

Also, one of the activities each year MUST be conservational in nature. Check the IWLA Web



site [www.damascusiwla.org](http://www.damascusiwla.org) for upcoming activities.

#### Volunteers

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered and signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

[nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

#### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) )

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Nick Giuliano ,Wendy Smith ,Jesse Lim, Phil Dean ,Bob Cooley, Debbi Perry, John Walter and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to 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](mailto: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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