



Wildlife Achievement Chapter

Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Editor's note:

As members you may have seen this in your email . Please be aware that this situation is dynamic and subject to change. It is recommended that you check the Chapter web page prior to arriving at the Chapter as the situation may change.

In order for this temporary re-opening to be successful, it is imperative that all members be courteous and respectful to each other . We are all feeling the pinch on our routine activities and will welcome a return to some kind of normalcy.

Fellow Ike's,

Your Board of Directors met this evening in their third virtual meeting since the Covid-19 nightmare. We are trying our best to keep our members served and to follow the guidelines that are required by the state of Maryland and Montgomery County.

RANGE ORIENTATION

We are making plans for a range orientation and certification class. Our goal is June 28th. If we are permitted to have an indoor class on that date, we will notify members via email. Although we could have an outdoor meeting, the class is structured with multiple video presentations that make an outdoor class impractical.

ELECTIONS

Our normal By-Laws requirements for elections do not address our current situation. Therefore we are going to proceed with the process as normal as possible. In the event that we cannot hold an in person meeting for voting, (our By-Laws currently do not allow a virtual or mail in ballot), we will maintain the current Board of Directors until such time that we can have a regular membership voting meeting. This may push elections out a month or two. Our normal swearing in is not until December so hopefully that will not be an issue.

We do have a nominating committee that will put together a slate for the 2021 BOD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION contact Dave Goldberg at drifleclub@gmail.com. Dave is the chairperson of the 2021 nomination committee. Every Board position is open with the exception of 4 Director Positions that do not expire until December 2021. To be eligible, you cannot be a probationary member. Hours are voluntary and we meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. For any additional questions, please contact Dave Goldberg.

RANGE USAGE UPDATE

As we try to balance the safety of our members and the county restrictions, along with keeping the ranges available to our members, we have decided to open the ranges a bit further to include immediate family members.

Effective Friday, June 5th, only immediate family members will be permitted as guests. This would include children that live at your address, your spouse or members of the military that are home on leave. To date, members have performed in an outstanding manner, they have worn face protection, displayed their range cards and cleaned up after each visit. Video inspection has made me a believer that our IKE's are responsible. This is why we have taken the next step. Current range usage has not overwhelmed the ranges.

If you see a range at capacity, please wait for an opening. If you are on a range and see members waiting, please proceed to a point where you can let those waiting enjoy the range as well.

At this point we still require face masks.

AS CONDITIONS CHANGE ALMOST DAILY, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

Effective Friday June 5th, with normal hours (10:00 AM to 7:00 PM). Below are "*TEMPORARY*" rules for all ranges. Please understand that we need to work together and share the ranges while we have the restriction of no guests except immediate family and a limited number of people allowed on the ranges.

The main club house will remain closed. Use of porta potties (hand sanitizers inside) is required.

All other range rules are still in place.

It is impossible to make any area completely safe. If you are in the high-risk category or you have underlying additional health problems, please continue to stay at home.

All of the temporary restrictions listed below will be posted on all ranges.

All other club activities are still on hold. Please refer to the chapter calendar for additional information.

TEMPORARY RANGE RULES EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**ON ALL RANGES, FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED
NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY ARE PERMITTED ON ANY RANGES
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LISTED BY RANGE TYPE
PERSONAL/SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED
MAIN CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED**

**OUTDOOR AIRGUN RANGE
Maximum of 6 people on the range.**

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

FIELD ARCHERY RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

SHOTGUN FIELDS

Maximum squad size of 5 per field

No congregating inside the range house (bathroom, sign in/out and payment only)

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

UNCOVERED PISTOL RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

COVERED PISTOL RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

RIFLE RANGE

Maximum of 10 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FAMILY

If the maximum number of people are on the range, you must wait in the parking area until someone leaves.

If you see someone waiting to shoot, be courteous and let others enjoy the range.

Conservation (Duane Hovorka/Stephen Meyer)

(Some of this is repeated but still relevant)

Save Our Streams

Most of the SOS trainings that had been scheduled for spring 2020 have been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, starting in May 2020, online training is offered for the Save Our Streams program via webinars and an online exam!

The online training will replace the Introduction to Water Quality and Introduction to Macroinvertebrates presentations and the macroinvertebrate ID exam that are usually done during the indoor portion of a training. When we are able to get together again, field trips will be offered for those who have completed online training. Past certified monitors are invited to refresh their skills through the online training.

Chemical stream monitoring has resumed at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. For now, visitor observers are discouraged, but we hope to resume the opportunity later. For more information see <https://www.iwla.org/water/save-our-streams>

Stephen Meyer
Save Our Streams Chair

The link below is an interesting video composed by the league's Duane Hovorka. Duane is the Director of Agriculture Programs.

Most of us will recognize this invasive as it is very common in our area. It's ease to remove and properly dispose of . Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdMBj2fgh-8&feature=youtu.be>

The Marylanders Plant Trees program offers a \$25 coupon off trees which cost at least \$50, good at participating nurseries. Trees must be on the DNR list.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Recommended-Tree-List.aspx>

Montgomery County has a \$40 coupon which is good for any select tree of \$75 or more at participating nurseries. This can be combined with the DNR coupon.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/environment/forest-conservation-and-trees/reforest-montgomery/native-trees-discount/>

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)
June, 2020

Wed 6/3	Mark Gay
Sat 6/6	Al Cross
Sun 6/7	Dan Cimbora
Wed 6/10	Jay Jeffrey
Sat 6/13	Arden Young
Sun 6/14	Gerhard Bartsch
Wed 6/17	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 6/20	Phil Butler
Sun 6/21	Mike Webb
Wed 6/24	Dan Walker
Sat 6/27	Adam and Kim Buynak
Sun 6/28	Dave Stevenson Bob Poth

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)*reprint*

Are you familiar with Maryland's "**Child Access Prevention Law (CAP)**"? It states that a person "may not store or leave a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child would gain access to the firearm."

It's something we teach in every NRA Rifle and Pistol Class:

IT IS THE GUN OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT UNAUTHORIZED OR UNTRAINED INDIVIDUALS CANNOT GAIN ACCESS TO HIS OR HER FIREARMS.

If every gun owner in America followed the advice of the NRA and State law we would see a lot less gun violence reported by the media. So please take inventory of your situation. What steps have you taken to prevent unlawful access to your firearms? If you can afford a firearm, you can afford to make it inaccessible to unauthorized people. Please make this a part of your New Year's Resolutions.

RANGE SAFETY (Chuck Crooks) (*This can't be posted enough*)

The club has had security cameras in place for about 6 years. The cameras became necessary after some property thefts and general safety concerns.

Range rules are established for a reason. They are designed to protect the safety of all members, their guests, our neighbors and our property. For these reasons, we take range violations very seriously. No matter how trivial you might think a rule is, there is a basis for safety that must be adhered to.

All range safety rules are accessible from our web site's main menu under the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules link or you can take this direct link
<http://www.damascusiwl.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Recently there has been a series of range rule violations including; shooting from a holster at a non-sanctioned event, failure to display range cards for members and their guests, shooting from the hip, shooting beyond the posted hours, failure to wear safety glasses, failure to write a guests name on the sign in log, using rifle caliber firearms on the pistol ranges and having more than one firearm on the firing line at the same time.

Initial violations (handled by the rifle and pistol committee) can be a warning and/or suspension from the ranges until you retake the range safety course. Serious violations may be reviewed by the board of directors for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the club.

As you know, firearm ranges are always on the radar, especially in our area. Therefore we take our rules and the safety of our members and guests a priority.

As range officers, you are asked to report known violations to the rifle and pistol chairman.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before June 2018 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.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW

FULL MEMBERS

The following probationary members have Successfully completed their probation. And are now graduated to Full Member status.

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| Cathy H. Rawlings | Phillip Butler |
| Robin K. Axtel | Jason Bieber |
| Ralph Bally | Barbara Bally |
| Darrin P. Lunde | Craig Aronoff |

Air Rifle Range Clean up

3/8/2020 Chairperson: Jim Pachulski
Members, Family, and Nonmembers:
Ian Butler, Jim Pachulski, William Broom,
Karl Kuchma, Paolo, and Al Otter
Probationary Member:(Regular Credit)
Len Rizzi

Gardens Maintenance

3/13/ 2020

Members:

Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ralph Bally, Barbara Bally, Michael Smith, and Cheryl Hargis

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Cowboys (Set-up)

3/13/2020 (Chairperson: Chuck Crooks)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Paul Bluteau, Bill Gazdik,
George Hughes, Craig Stark, Robert Vendemmia,
and Greg Christenson

Probationary Members:(Regular Credit)

Robert Wolfe, Patana C. Wong, David Cross,
Robin Axtell, Bob Breiner, George Stecklein,
Bob Kalbacher, and Neil Benson

Range Maintenance Day

5/31/2020

Chairperson, Chuck Crooks

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Hans Varmer,
Candy Varmer, and Dean Elliott

Probationary Member:(Regular Credit)

Kevin Wolf

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 Hans Varmer, Chuck Crooks, Stephen Meyer, Duane Hovorka and Steve Olsen 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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