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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.

July **Sat 11**, UTAH CCW Permit class (First Come First Serve there is a class size limit MASKS REQUIRED). Age 21 and up, OPEN to WAC members, family and friends. 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM upper hall, preregistration, NO WALK IN. - Contact [Jesse Lim](#),

Please bring a checks donation \$50.00 paid to Wildlife Achievement Chapter and cash \$10.00 for your ink finger print

Note: you may bring a friend or family non-member checks donation \$85.00

August **Sat 8**, Refuse to be a victim - (First Come First Serve there is a class size limit MASKS REQUIRED) Free and open to IWLA-WAC members family and friends, upstairs hall 08:00 AM - 13:00 PM. This seminar is important to new gun owners, cybersecurity and gun use - storage safety for business and at home- Contact [Hans Varmer](#)

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Please use any contacts listed above for additional information or go to our web site at www.DamascusIWLA.org.

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.

The slate is as follows:

President- Rodger Moran

First Vice President- Paul Turska

Second Vice President- Susan Bortniak

Third Vice President- Jesse Lim

Membership Secretary- Chuck Crooks

Parliamentarian- Ken Lefebvre

Recording Secretary-John Hartwell

Corresponding Secretary- Jim Piatieski

Treasurer- Steve Lefebvre

Sergeant at Arms- Rich Fried

Chaplain- Adol Owen- Williams II

Directors-John Walter

Dave Goldberg

Tom Ouellette

Jean Aker

Joe Pauley

Judy Riley

1 Vacancy

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 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 FAMILY

FIELD ARCHERY RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE 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 FAMILY

UNCOVERED PISTOL RANGE
Maximum of 3 people
NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

COVERED PISTOL RANGE
Maximum of 3 people
NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

RIFLE RANGE
Maximum of 10 people
NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE 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

All of the information listed here is repeated from earlier issues.

Judy Riley is looking for a replacement 'Adopt-A-Road Chairperson' for WAC. If interested, please send an email to: [Judy Riley](#).

The conservation activities are in flux at the moment due to the virus. Emails will be issued as this are determined. Keep an eye on the Chapter calendar as events will be posted as they can be determined.

At this point, the next scheduled event is Adopt-A-Road on August 21st if we can come up with a replacement Adopt a Road Chairperson.

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)

July, 2020

Wed 7/1	Jeremy Dvorak	Glenn Wasik
Sat 7/4	Hank Williams	
Sun 7/5	Steve Myers	
Wed 7/8	Frank Bis	
Sat 7/11	Ryan Turner	
Sun 7/12	Gerhard Bartsch	
Wed 7/15	Dan Walker	Bob Wolfe
Sat 7/18	Bob Shelley	

Sun 7/19 sub- Phil Butler
Wed 7/22 Jay Jeffrey
Sat 7/25 Murray Welsh
Sun 7/26 Dave Stevenson, Jay Devan
Wed 7/29 Glenn Wasik

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

August, 2020

Sat 8/1 Arden Young
Sun 8/2 Dan Cimborra
Wed 8/5 Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 8/8 John Duchaj
Sun 8/9 Mark Gay
Wed 8/12 Frank Bis
Sat 8/15 Al Cross
Sun 8/16 Maj Tavakoli
Wed 8/19 Dan Walker
Sat 8/22 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 8/23 Mike Webb
Wed 8/26 Jay Jeffrey
Sat 8/29 Kevin Wolf
Sun 8/30 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

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. 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 July **2020** 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
FULL MEMBER**

Zachary A. Parzow

June 18

Gardens Maintenance

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Ralph Bally, Barb Bally,

Karl Krchma, Jeff Deschamps, and

Meo Curtis
Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)
Curt Coughlin

June 28

Chapter Maintenance Day

(Chairperson, Chuck Crooks)

Joe Pauly, Guy Wright, Dean Elliott,
John Porter, S Meyers, John Hartwell,
Phillip Hartwell, John Leaman and Sam.

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Frank Corn, Curt Coughlin, Patana Wong and
Claude McDow.

Probationary Members:(Conservation Credit)

Kevin Wolf, Michael Smith, Kyle Boyd, Robert
Wolfe, Amraj Singh, William J. Spence, and
Len Rizzi.

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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