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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.

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.

The slate is as follows:

President- Rodger Moran *u*
First Vice President- Paul Turska *u*
Second Vice President- Susan Bortniak *u*
Third Vice President- Jesse Lim *u*
Membership Secretary- Chuck Crooks *u*
Parliamentarian- Ken Lefebvre *u*
Recording Secretary- John Hartwell *u*
Corresponding Secretary- Jim Piateski *u*
Treasurer- Steve Lefebvre *u*
Sergeant at Arms- Rich Fried *u*
Chaplain- Adol Owen- Williams II *u*
u = unopposed

Directors-

John Walter 2020&2021

Dave Goldberg 2020&2021

Jean Aker 2020&2021

Running for 2021&2022 Director Positions (4)

Joe Pauley

Judy Riley

Tom Ouellette

Robert McLaren

John Porter

Dave Lane

Normally our elections are held at the August Membership meeting. However, with the Covid-19 restrictions, the membership meetings have consisted of new members that are being sworn in (that currently cannot vote).

We are very fortunate that we have 6 candidates running for 4 Director positions. These Directors will serve from 2021 through 2022 (two year terms, all other positions on the board are 1 year terms).

To be fair to these candidates, we are going to modify the way we vote for these 4 director positions. (All other board positions had no challengers and incumbents will be returning for 2021).

We are moving the vote to September. Although it would be wishful thinking to think we could have a regular membership meeting in September, we can hope for it. In reality, the same restrictions will still be active. Moving to September will buy a little time to prepare for the logistics of a temporary method of voting. We are finalizing the plans for voting and will use email as the vehicle for accepting votes. A ballot will be mailed to each member on our email list and at this point we are planning on accepting a reply email in return (subject to change).

The change is an attempt to make the best out of a bad situation and being fair to the candidates that have come forward to run.

The candidates for the 2021 and 2022 Director positions are Joe Pauley, Judy Riley, Tom Ouellette, Robert McLaren, John Porter and Dave Lane.

We will be asking each candidate to prepare a short bio introducing themselves and why they want to be on the board of directors. This will be distributed via email. to all members on our email list.

Should the Covid-19 restrictions be lifted to the point that we can hold a regular membership meeting in September, we will revert back to the regular voting procedure.

We will update you when we have the bio's from the candidates.

And again, thank you to the volunteers that have stepped forward to run for a board position!
IWLA-WAC Board of Directors

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

At this time activities scheduled at WSSC sites and MNCPPC sites are on hold until we know whether or not we will be able to access those sites and what other requirements we may need to fulfill in order to continue our work. Keep an eye on the calendar for changes to these events.

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: lollyj24t@gmail.com.

The conservation activities are in flux at the moment due to the virus.. Emails will be issued as this is 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 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/>

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Green Conservation Credit Activity - open to WAC Members only (New Members will not - as yet - have Membership Numbers for the Sign-In Sheet; make certain, when you **sign-in**, that your information is **CLEARLY PRINTED** on the "sign-in sheet" plus, include your best contact information, eMail address and/or cell phone#, also **clearly printed**.)

Fri 8/21, WAC Adopt-A-Road

Clean-Up event. Please meet at the Green Maintenance Shed at 8:30am
(Event 8:30a to 11:30a)

We would like to have 8 to 16 volunteers, if possible. If you decide at the last minute, you may just show-up.

Please know, if you join-in, you will receive no credit unless you complete the entire event. We need to know you have completed the event, please; this, so we leave no-one behind when it's ended.

Please contact our (new) Adopt-A-Road Chair:
James McInerney 240-426-7474

We provide orange vests, pick-up sticks, garbage bags, water; and, although gloves are provided - for health safety - you may want to wear your own or wear protective rubber gloves inside those provided. Hand-sanitizer is also available.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED

Do not come if you have knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, if you feel sick, have a cough and/or temperature or, if you have recently traveled out-of-the-State of Maryland.

We follow Maryland Governor Hogan's Rules and current Montgomery County rules and regulations!

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

September, 2020

Wed 9/2	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 9/5	Gerhard Bartsch
Sun 9/6	Steve Meyers
Wed 9/9	Frank Bis
Sat 9/12	Phil Butler
Sun 9/13	Ryan Turner
Wed 9/16	Jay Jeffrey
Sat 9/19	Bob Shelley
Sun 9/20	Hank Williams
Wed 9/23	Dan Walker
Sat 9/26	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 9/27	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Wed 9/30	Glenn Wasik

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

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.damascusiwa.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 August 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

The following probationary members have
Successfully completed their probation.

And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Anita C. Stonebraker
Zachary A. Parzow
Matthew W. Newton
Jesdrío Canario Meira

Save Our Streams

3/15/2020

Members:

Stephen Meyer (Chair)
Rodger Moran

Save Our Streams

5/15/2020

Members:

Stephen Meyer (Chair)
Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis

Save Our Streams

6/15/2020

Members:

Stephen Meyer (Chair)
Linda Meyer

Green Shed Maintenance

7/7/2020

Members:

John Walter and Tom Ouellette

Save Our Streams

7/19/2020

Members:

Stephen Meyer (Chair)
Linda Meyer

Cowboy Clinic

7/19/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks (Chairperson), Barb Crooks,
Stephen Elko, Davin Mayer, Dean Snapp,
Sandy Snapp, Joe Smith, Wendy Smith, Tom O.
and Bob Vendemmia

Chapter Maintenance Day (Range work)

7/26/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks (Chair), Al Goldschmidts,
Joe Pauley, John Porter, Guy Wright,
Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, S. Meyers,
William Leaman and Paul Turska

Probationary Members:(Regular Credit)

Amraj Singh, Daniel Maddox, Tony Bolling
and Robert Herriotts

Tree Maintenance (Conservation Credit)

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski 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 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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Chuck Crooks

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