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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 Piatetski u

Treasurer- Steve Lefebvre u

Sergeant at Arms- Rich Fried u

Chaplain- Adol Owen- Williams II u

Directors-John Walter u

Dave Goldberg u

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Jean Aker u

Dave Lane

Robert McLaren

Tom Ouellette

Joe Pauley

John Porter

u signifies unopposed

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 5 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, 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

We may finally be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. We have been give the OK to proceed with our ongoing tree maintenance work at the Pigtail Recreation site on the Howard County side of Tridelphia reservoir. We do have a maximum allowed number of participants ,however. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to accomplish one of the conservation work requirements.

An advance notice was broadcast to all members which have provided a valid email address. All slots were filled in less than 12 hours. Thanks to all those who responded. A waitlist has been established in the event of cancellations

Watershed Clean Up

Saturday October 24, 2020 at 09:30am. Rain date October 25,2020.

Meet at the Green Maintenance Shed. Gloves, safety vests, water and trash bags are provided. Face mask is required when near other workers. Social distancing is to be maintained whenever possible. Lunch is not provided due to COVID-19 safety concerns. Conservation credit is given for this event. Please register by email with Stephen Meyer, Save Our Streams, stephen.meyer7@gmail.com

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/>

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen) **October, 2020**

Sat	10/3	Arden Young
Sun	10/4	Dan Cimbora
Wed	10/7	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	10/10	John Duchaj
Sun	10/11	Mark Gay
Wed	10/14	Glen Wasik
Sat	10/17	Al Cross, Bob Shelley
Sun	10/18	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed	10/21	Dan Walker
Sat	10/24	Adam & Kim Buynak

Sun 10/25 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth
Wed 10/28 Jay Jeffrey
Sat 10/31 Kevin Wolf

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Mike Gugulis/ Hans Varmer)

The Seneca Valley Sports Association (SVSA), under the auspices of the IWLA-WAC, has conducted NRA sanctioned high power rifle matches for **The SVSA Story - 2020** 37 consecutive years at the Chapter. The SVSA started as a DCM affiliated club and migrated to the CMP when the official transfer of the Army's national program took place. During that time, in excess of 3,000 competitors have participated in SVSA - IWLA events. The events have been open to the public and have hosted competitors at all skill levels from NRA High-Master to individuals beginning their high-power adventure with the objective to compete on the national stage. Paramount at all events beginning in 1983 has been the emphasis on safe firearms practices.

Members of the IWLA-WAC and SVSA family, calling themselves the "hard legs" and focusing on CMP vintage rifle competitions, have also excelled on the national stage. Honored members of the SVSA and the IWLA-WAC family have won the long-range CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle National Championship at Camp Perry in 2017 and 2018 and placed second overall in 2019. Many IWLA-WAC "hard leg" competitors have also earned numerous gold, silver and bronze medals at both the regional and national levels of the annual CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle competitions across the country beginning in 2011. While the IWLA-WAC high power family has earned prestigious awards and official classifications during the past 37 years, the team is not finished by any means.



The club's first ever **Precision Pistol Challenge (PPC)** was conducted on Wednesday evening, August 26. Twenty Seven shooters participated in six 30 minute time slots to allow for social distancing.

The purpose of the event, PPC-101, was to encourage participants to develop their shooting skills in exercises utilizing strong and weak hand positions in both 2 and 1 hand grips. If you have never shot in a 1-hand, weak hand grip, you may be surprised at how hard and awkward it is.

Having participated, the shooters were encouraged to return to the range and shoot the course of fire in order to develop those skills.

The Challenge will have three events in total. **PPC-101** used the AP-2 target at a distance of 7 yards. **PPC-202**, coming up on September 30 will use the AP-1 target which is a larger version of the AP-2 and will be shot at 25 yards. **PPC-303**, date in October to be determined, will use a much larger target, the B27, at a distance of 40 to 50 yards.



The next **Precision Pistol Challenge (PPC)** event will take place on Wednesday evening, September 30, from 4:00 till 7:00. ***Face coverings required.***

What

PPC-202 is the next event in the **PPC series**. These events are designed to help pistol shooters develop their skills in exercises that will challenge their accuracy by using both strong and weak hand positions, shooting one and two hand positions, and shooting at various distances. **PPC-202** goes to the next level by increasing the distance to 25 yards.

Shooters will provide their own pistols or 6-shot revolvers (caliber of their own choice) and 60 rounds of factory ammunition. Club will provide the targets.

Who

The PPC events are open to all WAC members, their family and friends. Minors must be accompanied by their parents. It is recommended that shooters are thoroughly familiar with their pistols or have taken the NRA Basic Pistol Course. While a safety briefing will take place before each PPC event, this is NOT a teaching event.

Registration Required

For more information or to **pre-register** send an email to Hans Varmer at wac.instructor@gmail.com

Please enter “**PPC-202**” in the subject. You will then receive further instructions on what to expect and how the event will be conducted.

Cost

Cost of each PPC event is \$5.00 cash.

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 **September 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.

**George W. Stecklein
Kyle M. Boyd**

Adopt-A-Road 8/21/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

James McInerney (Chair)
Bella Sabett, Jason Bieber, Randy Sabett,
Sid Everhart, Robin Axtell and Wandelene Everhart

Probationary Members:(Conservation Credit)

Bob Curley, Bob Wolfe, Dave Wright, Dwight
Mumper, Jan Lewandrowski, Sid Everhart,
Randy Sabett, Luis Moran, Michael Smith, Tan Ser,
Robert Kalbacher, Ginny Bunke, Fred Bunke,
Joseph Warren and William Butler

Save Our Streams

8/23/2020

Member:

Stephen Meyer (Chair)

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Josephine More

Chapter Maintenance Day

8/30/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Rick Jones, Lynn Jones, Paul Turska, Karl Plitt,
Lee Trunnell, William Leaman, Guy Wright,
Phil Rafferty, John Porter, Anthony Wisniewski,
Gerhard Bartsch, Al Goldschmidts and John Porter

Probationary Members:(Regular Credit)

Jan Lewandrowski, Rand Hawley, Adam Moskof
Neil Benson, Peter Wagner, Josephine Moore,
Patana Wong, Robert Wolfe, Kevin Wolf,
Chris Walker

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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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.

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Chuck Crooks

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