



Wildlife Gazette  
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## CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2021 Dues Renewals

All dues invoices were mailed to the address of record, in the first week of October. The likelihood that the post office did not deliver it is a possibility. If you moved and did not notify us is another possibility for not getting the renewal.

**If you did not get a copy of the invoice, contact Chuck Crooks for details on how to pay your dues. He can be reached at [IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com](mailto:IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com)**

All dues for 2021 must be received by December 31st. If they have not been received by the deadline, your white access card will be deactivated. Unpaid dues will signify that you are no longer a member in good standing. All privileges will be suspended.

There will be a grace period of one month where you can be reinstated but if you fail to renew by the end of January you will have to reapply for membership.

Your new range cards are permanent. We will not be going to the expense of making and sending them every year. Your white access card is the key to the ranges.

Some information contained is repeated from earlier issues and will remain relevant until the pandemic business is over.

### 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. 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.**

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

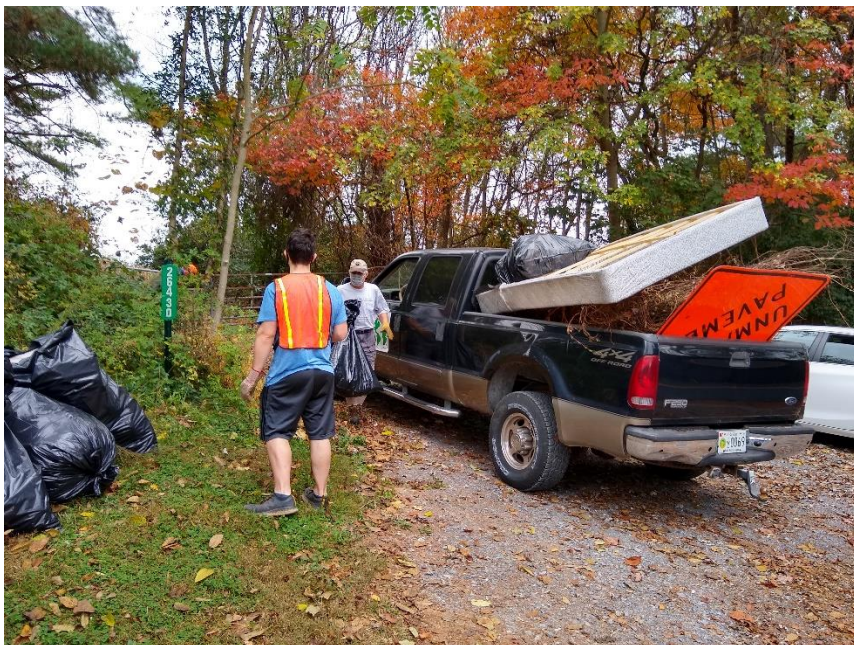
Maximum of 10 people

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



Save Our Streams

Twenty six volunteers signed up for the Watershed Clean Up Oct 24, 2020. They cleaned up trash along Annapolis Rock Road, Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Road near the Upper Patuxent River. Chapter president Rodger Moran and other volunteers retrieved more than a dozen trash filled contractor bags, a mattress, a tire, and wire fencing from roadsides.

The final Save Our Streams chemical monitoring for 2020 will occur, weather permitting, on November 15. The available volunteer slot has been filled. Over the past year, seven chemical monitoring events have already been completed at our chapter's two sites. No biological monitoring was done due to corona virus safety concerns. If any member is interested in becoming a stream monitor please read the latest IWLA information at their website. The address is <https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-101>

Stephen Meyer  
Save Our Streams  
IWLA WAC

GARDENS 10/02/2020

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zn7ZVGKfwtTyGn2a1-nbRYmrlVS5m9JB?usp=sharing>  
Perfect weather for gardens maintenance today. A bit overgrown from lack of attention over the past few months. Thanks to Sid and Wandalene Everhart, John and Paul DiMarzio, Michael Chang, John DuchaJ, Jeff Deschamps, and Paul Tennessee for helping out.

PIGTAIL 10/18/2020 (I posted a video made from these photos)

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q4QsrPZATHwhWvu-lrl1ETQeiwTYV\\_gt?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q4QsrPZATHwhWvu-lrl1ETQeiwTYV_gt?usp=sharing)

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/>

**Junior Airgun** (Jesse Lim)

2021 information on match event Damascus Air Rifle Team is planning and hosting.

Although we are hosting the match, it is a joint and collaborative effort between several Maryland shooting programs and clubs (Antietam RC, Queen Anne RC, Annapolis HS RC, Stemmers RC, Arlington RC, Howard County 4H, Monument RC, Cresap RC, Governor Thomas Johnson HS and Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association).

The reason we all got together to plan this match is because the Naval Academy where the match has been taking place for years is not available for use because of its closure to the public in response to the pandemic.

Since we were limited to finding a suitable range/facility to hold Maryland's highest competitive shooting match, we met with several Maryland shooting clubs and decided on a location we could create a shooting air rifle range. Through contacts in our group, we were able to get the Howard County Fairgrounds Main Exhibit building hall to use and we also obtained 40 electronic target scoring systems from Civilian Marksmanship Program to rent. After much discussion, it was decided that Damascus Air Rifle Club would host the JORC at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 9, 2021 with the help of all Maryland shooting programs.

The shooting event will take place at the Howard County Fairgrounds - indoors at the Main Exhibit Hall - address is 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794  
For additional information, contact Ed Mondonedo 301-437-6285

**Range Schedule** (Steve Olsen)

December, 2020

- Sat 12/5 Arden Young, Al Cross
- Sun 12/6 Dan Cimbora
- Sat 12/12 Rodger Moran, John Duchaj
- Sun 12/13 Mark Gay
- Sat 12/19 Bob Shelley, Kevin Wolf
- Sun 12/20 Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
- 12/25 *Christmas Day – Club Closed to All*
- Sat 12/26 Adam & Kim Buynak
- Sun 12/27 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

**Rifle/Pistol Committee** ( Mike Gugulis)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our first high power clinic was a resounding success and enjoyed by all. Many positive comments were given by both participants and the experienced high power shooters that



provided valuable instruction and knowledge transfer throughout the day. A total of 56 IWLA-WAC members expressed interest, and 19 participated in the clinic. Additionally, several Chapter members that could not attend due to scheduling conflicts, expressed their intent to participate in future events. In addition to the new participants, 8 Chapter members who are regular attendees at IWLA-WAC high power events provided instruction for the clinic participants.

Although our season has officially concluded for 2020, we look forward to our 2021 season which will begin in a few short months. Many of the clinic participants have expressed their intention to become regulars at our high power events so we expect successful 2021 season. 2021 will be our 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of high power rifle competition at the Chapter.

Until we begin again, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Mike



**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.damascusiwla.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 **November 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.

Kung-Li Chang  
Alec J. Goldberg

Armando F. Martinez  
Larry Foxman

**Rachel Carson Park** (Conservation Credit)

**10/20/2019**

**Probationary Member:** Matt Kenyon

**Range Maintenance** (Regular Credit)

**1/26/2020**

**Probationary Member:** Matt Kenyon

**Save Our Streams**

**3/15/2020**

**Members:**

Stephen Meyer (Chair)

Rodger Moran

**Save Our Streams**

**5/15/2020**

**Members:**

Stephen Meyer (Chair)

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis

**Save Our Streams**

**6/15/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

**Members:**

Stephen Meyer (Chair)

Linda Meyer

**Save Our Streams**

**7/19/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

**Members:**

Stephen Meyer (Chair)

Linda Meyer

**Save Our Streams**

**9/13/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Stephen Meyer (Chair), Calum Orida

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation)

Josephine Moore, Loren Moore

**Cowboy Setup**

**10/09/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Richard Fulton, Robert Vendemmia,

Loren Moore, Brian Van Winkle,

**Probationary Members:**(Regular Credit)

George Boyce, Armando Martinez, David Kildee

Paul Tennessee

**Pigtail Maintenance**

**10/18/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**



Jim Piateski (Chair), Jeff Deschamps,  
Meo Curtis,  
**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)  
Steve Johnson, Matt Johnson, Adam Moskof,  
Adam Cohen, Sam Mazur, Ken Milcetic,  
Matt Healy

**Watershed Clean Up (Conservation)**

**10/24/2020**

**Probationary Member:** Matt Kenyon

**Range Maintenance**

**10/25/2020**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks (Chair)  
Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, John Porter,  
Dean Elliott, Candy Varmer, Armando Martinez,  
Robin Axtell

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Matt Kenyon, Kevin Wolf, Michael Smith,  
David Kepner, Dan Maddox, Tan Ser,  
John M. Kenyon, Michael Hicok, Patrick Duvall,  
Sarah Porter, Riley Porter, Amraj Singh, Bill Butler  
Linda Meyer

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

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

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