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### CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS



The picture above is an artist's concept of what the remodel of the social hall may look like. The Board of Directors has voted to proceed with more specific plans to include new finishes throughout. This would include walls, floor, ceiling and lighting. It should be spectacular when complete.

### Conservation

No activities at the moment. The pandemic has curtailed most of our activities for the immediate future.

## **Range Schedule** (Steve Olsen)

March, 2021

Sat	3/6	Doug Chapman, Bob Shelley
Sun	3/7	Steve Myers, Rodger Moran
Sat	3/13	Phil Butler
Sun	3/14	Hank Williams
Wed	3/17	Frank Bis, Glenn Wasik
Sat	3/20	Murray Welsh, Dave Anderson
Sun	3/21	Gerhard Bartsch
Wed	3/24	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	3/27	Ryan Turner
Sun	3/28	Dave Stevenson
Wed	3/31	Larry Buck

## **Rifle/Pistol Committee**

Check Chapter calendar for upcoming events

## **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 **December 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 completed their probation. And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Adam D. Moskof  
Marc T. O'Connor  
Sean Patrick McTernan  
Christopher J. Mazzotta

### **Watershed Clean Up**

**10/24/2020**

#### **Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Stephen Meyer, Karl Krehma, Kate Green,  
William Doerrler and Rodger Moran

#### **Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Peter Wagner, John M Kenyon, Philip Brown,

Steve Perencevich, Sam Mazur, Frederick Depp,  
Matthew Curtis, Chris Mazzotta, Adam Cohen,  
George Boyce, Steve Hyde, Cindy Hyde, Greg Rupper, Angela Rupper, William  
Bolen, Will Bolen, Alex Zeppos, Sean McTernan, Bill Butler, Loren Moore, and  
Josephine Moore

**Patuxent River Trail Cleaning**

**11/8/2020**

**Member and Chair**, Rodger Moran

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Sean McTernan

**Save Our Streams**

**11/15/2020**

**Member and Chair**, Stephen Meyer

**Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Jeff LiPira

**Chapter Maintenance Day**

**11/29/2020**

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chair (Chuck Crooks)

Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts, John Porter, Joe Pauley, Dean

Elliott, Guy Wright, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Paul Turska, S. Meyers, and  
Dave Anderson

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Kevin Wolf, Adam Weinrich, Robert Wolfe, Brendan Keats, and Patrick Veirs

**Tree Maintenance:**

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Kevin Kissinger,

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Dwight Mumper, Jan Lewandrowski, Peter Wagner, Adam Moskof, David Kildee,  
Sam Mazur, Todd Davis, Charles Mattern, and Ed Myers

**Patuxent River Trail Cleaning**

**11/29/2020**

**Member and Chair**, Rodger Moran

**Member:** Robin Axtell

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Randy Sabett, James Long, Steve Johnson, Matt Johnson, and David Kepner

### Chapter Maintenance Day

If I may, A word to our new members.

Chapter Maintenance Day is just that.

It runs for about four hours, more or less.

It is (basically) Range Maintenance and Housekeeping.

The new Member will earn One Regular Credit for the day. (No matter how many activities they work)

However, if one of the work Activities is in conservation, then credit for the day will be a conservation credit.

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

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Chuck Crooks 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](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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