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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

There is repeated info here, but it still applies.

National and Maryland State Awards 2020 (Cherie Aker)

It is that time of the year again – time to nominate a deserving volunteer!

Our club depends on the generosity of your members who volunteer their time and energy. Usually volunteering without expectations, but would it not be nice to give recognition.

If you know a club member or an organization, who's continuing contribution has enriched our Wildlife Achievement Chapter – please take the time and submit a nomination for an IWLA National Award!

The nomination deadline is June 1st.

For a list of the awards, please access the following Web link:
<https://www.iwla.org/chapter-resources/awards>

The following 2019 IWLA Awards were presented to the following WAC members or affiliations:

2019 Honor Roll Award

- Atlantic Guns
- Joseph DiGiovanni

2019 Conservation Award

- Karl Krchma
- 2019 Ted Turner Award
- Rodger Moran

Please consider taking the time to submit an award for someone you think should be recognized! Nominations can be submitted to Cherie Aker at Cherie.aker@gmail.com.

Conservation

Check Chapter calendar for more upcoming events

May 14, Adopt-A-Road 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, 8 to 16 volunteers needed, pre-register with Contact James McInerney 240-426-7474 Leave your name, membership number and phone number.

(The next Adopt-a-Road will be held Friday, August 20, 2021. Feel free to volunteer for both, if desired.)

There are still a few slots left open for the conservation work at the Pigtail Recreation site on May 22nd. I will have a waitlist as well in case we can allow more than 10 people.

Contact Jim Piateski
jimpiateski@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

June, 2021

Wed	6/2	Jay Jeffrey
Sat	6/5	Arden Young
Sun	6/6	Dan Cimbora
Wed	6/9	Bob Wolfe
Sat	6/12	John Duchaj
Sun	6/13	Mark Gay
Wed	6/16	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	6/19	Kevin Wolf

Sun	6/20	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed	6/23	Larry Buck
Sat	6/26	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	6/27	Dave Stevenson
Wed	6/30	Dan Walker

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

Want to grow in your pistol shooting skills? Then the **Precision Pistol Challenge (PPC)** is designed for you. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage participants to develop their shooting skills in exercises utilizing strong and weak hand positions in both 2 and 1 hand grips at various distances and sometimes under a time restraint. If you have never shot in a 1-hand, weak hand grip, you may be surprised at how hard and awkward it is. You may want to forgo your heavier calibers and opt for a 22 instead. Imagine the recoil of a 45 ACP shooting 1-hand, weak hand.

This year's **Precision Pistol Challenge** will be conducted over three months, each event more challenging than the last. Mark your Calendar:

May 12 – PPC 101

June 16 – PPC 202

July 14 – PPC 303

Each PPC-Challenge is conducted from 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm in 30 minute segments with 6 shooters in each segment. This is not a training event. You should have the NRA Basic Pistol Course under your belt as well as experience on the range with your firearm.

For more detailed information, please send an email to wac.instructor@gmail.com. Please enter **PPC** in the subject line. You will then receive a document with a description of each challenge and how to pre-register.

Girls and Guns Event (Cherie Aker)

WAC Vision for the Girls and Guns program:

Create a safe and comfortable environment for ladies to gain confidence for safe gun-handling, improve shooting skills, learn a new sport for lifelong enjoyment, and provide an opportunity to meet and develop friendships with other members that share a common interest in recreational shooting.

If this program is of interest to you, please join us for our 2021 Girls and Guns events scheduled for:

- Sunday, May 16th Noon to 2:00 pm – Uncovered Pistol Range
- Saturday, August 21st 10:00 am to Noon – Covered Pistol Range
- Sunday, October 10th Noon to 2:00 pm – Covered Pistol Range

Space is limited – please RSVP to Cherie.Aker@gmail.com

If you do not have your own eye and ear protection – we can provide the required safety gear. Bring your own firearms – or use ours!

This event is open for all ladies – beginners to experience shooters.



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 May **2019** 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 about your member 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

The following probationary members have completed their probation. And are graduated to Full Member status.

Eric J. Dankewicz

John C. Coughlin
Cindy Hyde
Steve Hyde

A note to our Probationary Members:

We have many members that have completed several Chapter Maintenance Days or Range Maintenance but no Conservation work.

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.

Pax River Trail Cleanup

3/6/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jan Lewandrowski, Rob Bird, and Liem Shrensky

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

Ed Myers, Jonathan Pollack, Jason Shrensky,
Dave Kildee and Philp Brown

Garden Maintenance

3/19/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis (Chair), Ralph Bally and Jeff
Deschamps

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Brian Lesniewicz and Rick Cross

Patuxent River Trail Cleanup

4/3/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Josephine Moore (Chair), Loren Moore,
Shivang Bhatt, Joel Martin, Ginny Bunke,
Fred Bunke, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps
and Cristian Swope

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Mike Hicok, Brooke Jeu, Seenu Bardadwaja
and Claude McDow

Patuxent River Trail Building

4/10/2021

Rodger Moran (Chair)

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Justin Yackoski, Joel Martin, Shivangi Bhatt and
Claude McDow (Trash Removal from Road)

Gardens Maintenance

4/16/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Ralph Bally, Barb Bally, Bennet Lesniewicz,
Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Karl Krchna and

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Brian Lesniewicz, Amraj Singh, Stephen Jeu,
John Duchaj, and Will Davenport

Chapter Maintenance Day

4/25/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair), Al Goldschmidts,
John Porter, Joe Pauley, Candy Varmer,
Guy Wright, Hans Varmer, Glenn Miller,
and Paul Turska

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Kevin Wolf, Brooke Jeu, Mike Hicok,
Stephen Mlynarski, Alex Mlynarski, and
Gerry Benedick

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 Chuck Crooks ,Cherie Aker, Hans Varmer 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 Piatieski 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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