

# Wildlife Gazette Wildlife Achievement Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

JULY 2021

President Rodger Moran 240 586 3365 First Vice President Paul Turska 301 252 7011 Second Vice President Susan Bortniak 301 972 9258 Third Vice President Jesse Lim 240 832 0354

Wildlife Achievement Chapter 26430 Mullinix Mill Road Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771 Main House Phone: 301-253-2384 Web Site: http://www.DamascusIWLA.org

Range House Phone: 301-253-4779

#### CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS









#### **Montgomery County Ag Fair**

August is right around the corner and the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is rapidly approaching.

Each year county Chapters help man the booth at the fair. Don and Mary hunt have again agreed to collect names to pass on the organizers. This year the fair is being held from August 13 through August 21. If you are interested in helping out please contact Don and Mary Hunt . butterflymary46@msn.com

Participation gets you free admission to the fair.

## **Conservation**

There are some upcoming activities on the calendar.

The pandemic has curtailed most of our activities. Chapter grounds maintenance is *not* included in this lot.

If there is an activity that you are interested in, it is suggested that you get a hold of the contact person to verify whether or not it will be held. Their contact info is on the web page listed with the event.

**Shotgun Range Schedule** (Steve Olsen) August, 2021

8/1	Dan Cimbora
8/4	Jay Jeffrey, Frank Bis
8/7	Arden Young
8/8	Gary Giambalvo
8/11	Bob Wolfe, Dan Walker
8/14	John Duchaj
8/15	Mark Gay
8/18	Jeremy Dvorak
8/21	Kevin Wolf
8/22	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
8/25	Larry Buck
8/28	Adam & Kim Buynak
8/29	Dave Stevenson
	8/4 8/7 8/8 8/11 8/14 8/15 8/18 8/21 8/22 8/25 8/28

### **Rifle/ Pistol Committee** (Hans Varmer)

Want to grow in your pistol shooting skills? Then the <u>Precision Pistol Challenge</u> (**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 <u>Precision Pistol Challenge</u> will conducted over three months, each event more challenging then the last. Mark your Calendar:

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's Girls and Guns event was created to provide a safe and comfortable environment for ladies to learn firearm skills and safety protocol. If you are interested in learning safe gun-handling, improve shooting skills, and meeting other women that share a common interest in recreational shooting – please join us on our next scheduled Girls and Guns Having Fun event:

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am – Noon Covered Pistol Range

This event is open to members and friends (over the age of 12) of WAC – beginners to experience shooters are welcomed.

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!

Space is limited – please RSVP to Kathy Gugulis by July 24<sup>th</sup> at kgugulis@mindspring.com

#### **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 <a href="http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html">http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html</a>

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 **July 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 MEMBERS**

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

Keven Wolf Paul F. Tennessee

## **Thunder Valley Days (Set Up)**

6/10/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

#### Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Richard Fulton, Sue Gan, Rob Bird and

Jennifer Smith

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Bill Tjokroaminata

## **Thunder Valley Days (Cowboy Shoot)**

6/11/2021

Chuck Limparis (Chair)

Members Steve Elko, Phil Butler and David Gold

# **Thunder Valley Days (Clean-up)**

6/14/2021

Chuck Limparis (Chair)

**Member:** Phil Butler

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Ty Sims

## **Working On Main Hall**

6/22/2021

Dave Goldberg (Chair)

# Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Pete Ott, Delbert Blair, and Stephen Pullum

**Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Michael Smith, Jim Daniel, Mark Roski,

Kevin Pugn and William Davenport

# **Chapter Range Maintenance Day**

6/27/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmid, Candy Varmer, Tom Ouellette

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Keven Wolf, Todd Davis, Todd Davis,

Rudy Mattern, Doug Wolf, Boyd Schaff

#### **Gardens Maintenance**

6/18/2021

Meo Curtis (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Ralph Bally, Barbara Bally, Jeff Deschamps,

Sue Gan

**Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)** 

Amraj Singh, Brian Lesniewicz, Bill Tjokroaminata

## **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 <a href="mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net">jimpiateski@verizon.net</a> 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:

membership@iwlawac.org or

Chuck Crooks
Membership Secretary
3147 Pheasant Run
Ijamsville, MD 21754-8919