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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENT

This is the new Board of Directors elected last month

President – Paul Turska
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The new Board of Directors will be inducted in December

New Cowboy Shooter Clinic (Chuck Crooks)

The next new cowboy shooter clinic, at Damascus, will be on Sunday September 19, 2021. Class size is limited (15 shooting students), and seats are on a first

come, first serve basis. Pre-registration is required, no walk-ins. Registration deadline is September 10th.

You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me! APPLICATION HERE

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the Clinic Outline to see what's covered. Atlantic Guns and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot real cowboy hoglegs, a scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training. Students must already be familiar with the safe use and unassisted loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. If you do not have experience, you can take the classroom portion but, you can only observe the live fire portion. For additional information contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666. You will be required to complete a waiver that includes your experience competency in order to participate in the shooting portion. Having fired a gun sometime in your life, is not sufficient experience with firearms in order to participate in the live fire portion of the class.

Many thanks to Atlantic Guns for again providing all of the clinic ammo! Many thanks to the following volunteers that assisted with the May 23rd, 2021 Class - Tom Toben, Old Baldy, JR Gomez, Annie Jean Oakley, Chuckaroo & Sassy Buttons, Mt. Airy Undertaker, Snapshot Sandy and Twitchy Digits.

Conservation (James McInerney)

The August 20, 2021 Wildlife Achievement Chapter Adopt-A-Road clean-up event went well and without hitch despite Mother Nature testing our conviction with on-again, off-again, torrential rain before our proverbial “kick-off”.

Regardless of the initial driving rain, we had 8 committed volunteers show up eager to help out. Having seen our cause was just, Mother Nature smiled upon us and gave us a reprieve with just light to no rain for the duration of our clean-up event. In spite of the damp weather, everyone was in good spirits.

Our volunteers covered Mullinix Mill Road from the Patuxent River to Damascus Road; Gue Road from Long Corner Road to the stream; and Long Corner Road from Mullinix Mill Road to Gue Road.

The normal trash that could be bagged, eight 42-gallon contractor bags in all and most three quarter full, included the usual items typically found on the side of the road – beer/water/soda bottles and cans, empty cigarette packs, as well as miscellaneous plastic and fast food Styrofoam rubbish.



Thank you to all who volunteered, despite the inclement weather, and for observing our State and County safety precautions throughout the event. Without your help, our chapter’s ongoing conservation efforts would not be possible.

Our August 20th Adopt-A-Road Volunteers were:

Doug Goodin
Rudy Mattern
Ginny Bunke

Daniel Maddox
Frank Corn
Karl Krchma

Dwight Mumper
Fred Bunke
James McInerney

Conservation Credit Opportunity

Tree maintenance will be held on September 18th at the Pigtail Recreation site on the Howard County side of Tridelphia Reservoir. It will be necessary to preregister for this event as we may need to limit numbers of participants. Contact Jim Piateski to sign up. jimpiateski@verizon.net

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

October, 2021

Sat	10/2	Arden Young
Sun	10/3	Dan Cimbora
Wed	10/6	Jay Jeffrey, Dan Walker
Sat	10/9	John Duchaj
Sun	10/10	Mark Gay
Wed	10/13	Bob Wolfe
Sat	10/16	Kevin Wolf, Roman Drews
Sun	10/17	Gary Giambalvo
Wed	10/20	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	10/23	Tim Mulreany, Lee Becknell
Sun	10/24	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed	10/27	Larry Buck
Sat	10/30	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	10/31	Dave Stevenson, Jim Shay

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

No report

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 **September 2019** and have not seen your name listed in any newsletter issue 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

I made my last run to the Chapter House on Thursday at 6:30 Pm. to pick up Sign-Up Sheets.

We Had No Probationary Members with sufficient work credits to be Graduated to Full Status this month.

(We have 31 members that only need one more credit for full member status)

These members have several work credits ,most of which are either Range Maintenance or General work on a Chapter Maintenance Day.

(No Conservation work).

Adopt-A-Road

8/20/2021

James McInerney (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Doug Goodin, Dwight Mumper, Rudy Mumper,
Frank Corn and Karl Krchma

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Daniel Maddox, Fred Bunk, and Ginny Bunke

Chapter Maintenance Day

8/29/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, Keven Wolf,
G. Wright, Glenn Miller, and Peter Wager

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Samual Mazur and Zach Miller

Gardens Maintenance

8/12/2021

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Meo Curtis (Chair), Jeff Deschamps, and
Ralph Bally

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Gary Neubaum

Montgomery Co Ag Fair

8/13 to 8/21

The following Members all worked a Six-Hour Shift during the nine days of the Fair.

We start with Don and Marry Hunt for coordinating and scheduling the volunteers, no small task.

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Set up: Meosotis Curtis and Jeff Deschamps.

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Barbara Crooks, Marilyn Pena, Carlos Pena, Terry Popkin, Graig Leopard, and Alfred Minichiello

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Perry Hughes, Andrew Smith, Kevin Pugh, Brooke Jeu, and Peggy Winkler

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, James McInerney, 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 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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Chuck Crooks

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