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### **CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### **Christmas Cookie – Bake and Exchange Event** (Cherie Aker)

Saturday – December 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 2:00 pm WAC is hosting our Annual Christmas Cookie Bake and Exchange. In previous years – approximately 150 dozen cookies were baked – not counting the children decorated Sugar Cookies. All attending would exchange their baked cookies and some attendees donate cookies to WAC. The donated cookies are available at WAC's Holiday Party and proceeds go towards our WAC's Junior programs.

WAC will provide the flour, butter, sugar, and eggs. Attendees – please bring special items for your cookies. Children are welcome to attend and show their decorating Sugar Cookies skills. If you would like to attend – please RSVP to [Cherie.aker@gmail.com](mailto:Cherie.aker@gmail.com). Space is limited.

Hope to see you on December 11<sup>th</sup> for the Cookie bake and on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Membership Meeting and Holiday Party.

#### **Membership Meeting & Holiday Party** (Cherie Aker)

Please join us in our last scheduled Membership Meeting and Holiday Party Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Social hour begins 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. We will be swearing in our 2022 BOD:

President – Paul Turska  
First Vice President – John Porter  
Second Vice President – Jesse Lim  
Third Vice President – Joe Pauley  
Membership Secretary – Chuck Crooks  
Parliamentarian – Ken Lefebvre  
Recording Secretary – John Hartwell  
Corresponding Secretary – John Hartwell  
Treasurer – Steve Lefebvre

Sergeant at Arms – Rich Fried  
Chaplain – Adol Owen-Williams II  
Immediate Past President – Rodger Moran  
Directors: Jean Aker, Dave Goldberg, Dave Lane, Tom Ouellette, and Hans Varmer  
A Big Thank You to Rodger Moran for being excellent President during his tenure.

‘Twas the night before Christmas when all through the Chapter

Not a Member was stirring, not even Chuck Crooks

His house and grounds duties would have to be paused,

In the hope our members would answer the cause.

“All our ranges need to be maintained” says Jesse Lim;

Targets replaced and spent bullet casings placed in the bin.

If you want to break clay targets, volunteers needed in the forenoon,

If you want our shotgun ranges opened by noon.

While visions of WAC calendar our available for view,

Donations are needed for our Wildgame Dinner anew.

Scheduled this Wednesday, Our Membership Meeting and Holiday Party.

Jim Hitchcock pouring libations; Chef Randy promises a meal that’s hearty,

Please join us in wishing happy holidays to all,

Hope to see you Wednesday in our newly renovated hall!

*Alterations by Cherie Aker*

**2022 WILD GAME DINNER AND AUCTION** (Chuck Crooks)

Our annual Wild Game Dinner and auction will be held on January 22nd. Tickets are \$30 each and we have lowered the maximum number of tickets to 100 in order to give everyone extra room. Tickets are on sale at the skeet shack on regular weekend operations. We normally sell out so don’t expect any ticket sales at the door.

If you have usable items that you would like to donate, please leave them in the Rathskeller behind the bar. There are stickers on the wall by the office door for marking donated items. Please, no broken or incomplete items, no exercise equipment or computer parts. All donated items become the property of IWLA-WAC.

For additional information, contact Susan Bortniak [bortniak@verizon.net](mailto:bortniak@verizon.net) or call 301-972-9258

**COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING CLINIC ( Chuck Crooks)**

The next new cowboy shooter clinic, at Damascus, will be on Sunday April 3, 2022. Class size is limited (14 shooting students), and seats are on a first come, first serve basis. Pre-registration is required, no walk ins. Registration deadline is March 28th.

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 <http://www.damascusiwla.org/DWR/CLINIC2022.pdf>

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 IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com . 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!

**Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)**

**Rifle/Pistol Committee**

January, 2022

Sat	1/1	Bob Shelley, George King
Sun	1/2	Steve Meyers, Rodger Moran
Sat	1/8	Ryan Turner, Lee Becknell
Sun	1/9	Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	1/15	Murray Welsh, Ron Hoggard
Sun	1/16	Paul Turska, Al Cross

Sat	1/22	Doug Chapman
Sun	1/23	Jim Shay
Sat	1/29	Phil Butler
Sun	1/30	Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu

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

It appears, at least for the present, that ammo prices are coming down and availability is up. If that continues, I predict that many more of you will be on the range in 2022. You might even consider purchasing your ammo in bulk to guard against any potential future pricing and availability issues.

Whether you have much or little, it is important to store your ammunition properly so that when you do go to the range, the ammo goes BANG. Quality ammunition, stored properly, can give you years of shooting pleasure.

Here are some tips:

- ✓ Store your ammo in a climate-controlled place that seldom to never fluctuates higher or lower than a 20-degree temperature change.
- ✓ If the area where you must store ammo is humid, store it in an air-tight canister or o-ring sealed plastic container. Throw a silicon anti-humidity pack in there as well.
- ✓ Consider purchasing a dedicated dehumidifier that's powerful enough for the size of the area where the ammo is stored.
- ✓ When you buy other products that contain silicone anti-humidity packs, put those where your ammo is stored.

For more info check out this article: <https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2021/10/3/can-ammunition-go-bad>

Hans Varmer  
IWLA/WAC NRA Training Coordinator

### **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 **December 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**

Robert B. Wolfe  
Eulot Kalbacher

### **Chapter Range Maintenance Day**

11/28/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

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

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, Keven Wolf,  
Candy Varmer, Dean Elliot, Hans Varmer,  
Sid Everhart, Wandelene S. Everhart, Paul Turska

#### **Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)**

Max Kuminov, Doug Wolf

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

Robert Curley, Clayton Dukes,

**Cowboy Setup**

**11/12/2021**

Chuck Limparis (Chair)

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Phil Raum, Peter Tarpinain

**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 ,Cherie Aker, Jean 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](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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