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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

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 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)

February, 2022

Sat	2/5	Arden Young, Tim Mulreany
Sun	2/6	Dan Cimborra, Mark Gay
Sat	2/12	John DuChaj
Sun	2/13	Gary Giambalvo
Sat	2/19	Kevin Wolf, Rodger Moran
Sun	2/20	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb

Sat 2/26 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 2/27 Dave Stevenson, Brooke Jeu

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

As we look to a new year, let's rededicate to an attitude of **Safety**, not only with our firearms but in all areas of life. In the area of firearms let's base our safety on this foundational rule: Treat every gun as if it's loaded.

If you had to expand or explain the principle, it would go like this:

When you pick up a gun, you don't know if it is safe or not, so you ASSUME it's loaded until the opposite is proven. You keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and keep your finger off the trigger. You remove the magazine, you clear the action, you visually check the chamber is empty. It's now safe.

I would also encourage everyone who has not attended a Range Orientation in the past five years to do so this year. They occur on the 4th Sunday of the month. Check the club calendar for details and contact Jean Aker to register.

Upcoming Rifle & Pistol Events:

Saturday, January 29: Bowling Pin
Sunday, January 30: Club & Range Orientation
Sunday, February 6: UTAH CCW Permit Class
Saturday, February 19: NRA Range Safety Officer Training
Sunday, February 27: Club & Range Orientation
Saturday, March 5: NRA Basic Pistol
Saturday, March 19: Bowling Pin
Sunday, March 20: UTAH CCW Permit Class
Saturday, March 26: 22 Fun Shoot
Sunday, March 27: Club & Range Orientation

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.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.

Take advantage of the NRA RSO training class in February, 2022

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **January 2020** 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**

Neil L. Benson
William T. Bolen
Justin Yackoski

Chapter Maintenance Day

12/19/2021

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, Al Goldschmid, John Porter,
Kevin Wolf, Candy Varmer, Guy Wright,
Glenn Muller, Hans Varmer, Sid Everhart,
Wandelene Everhart

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dwight L. Mumper, Ronnie J Hoggard, Lamont Green

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, 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 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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