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## CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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)** April, 2022

Sat	4/2	Arden Young,
Sun	4/3	Dan Cimborra
Wed	4/6	Frank Bis, Bob Wolfe
Sat	4/9	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	4/10	Gary Giambalvo, Brooke Jeu
Wed	4/13	Dan Walker, Craig Leopard
Sat	4/16	Roman Drews, Ron Haggard
Sun	4/17	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Wed	4/20	Jay Jeffrey, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	4/23	Tim Mulreany
Sun	4/24	Dave Stevenson
Wed	4/27	Larry Buck
Sat	4/30	Adam & Kim Buynak

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

#### **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

This is the second of three NRA rules for safe gun handling. It's an easy concept to understand, but often hard for the new shooter to follow. Seems like the trigger is a "finger magnet" and inexperienced shooters will have their finger inside the trigger guard as soon as the firearm is picked up. How can you break the habit? I suggest doing a "dry fire" exercise. Making sure there is no cartridge in the chamber and no ammunition in the room, practice picking up the gun while keeping the finger off the trigger and keeping it pointed in a safe direction.

On our family-friendly rifle and pistol ranges, I would expand on "ready to shoot" as meaning you are sighted in on your target with proper sight alignment and sight picture. Once there, focus on the other fundamentals of shooting: breath control, hold control, trigger control and follow through.

Let's all be safe out there on the range.

#### **Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Events:**

Saturday, March 19: Bowling Pin

Sunday, March 20: UTAH CCW Permit Class  
Saturday, March 26: 22 Fun Shoot  
Sunday, March 27: Club and Range Orientation

### **Interested in a Concealed Carry Permit?**

The **NRA Basic Pistol Class** meets the requirement for:

- ✓ MD Handgun Qualification License (HQL)
- ✓ The first 8 (of 16) hours of class time for Maryland Wear and Carry
- ✓ The first 8 (of 16) hours of class time for DC Concealed Carry Firearms
- ✓ The 8 hours of class time for Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit

### **Tom Riley 22 Fun Shoot**

The next **Tom Riley 22 Fun Shoot** will be held on **March 26th from 10AM - 2 PM** on the rifle range. This is a great opportunity to bring your 22 LR rifles out to the range and have fun shooting at steel and clay targets. This event is fun for the entire family.

This year we will be adding a few Precision Rifle Series (PRS) style props like tank traps, ladders, and barrels that will be available to shoot. This will be an excellent introduction to PRS style competitions for rimfire or centerfire rifles. We will have experienced PRS competitors give instruction and answer questions regarding these types of competitions. There are several PRS rimfire events to compete in including the Modern American Rimfire Series (MARS), National Rifle League (NRL22 and NRL22X), and Precision Rifle Rimfire Series.

See you on March 26th



Hans Varmer  
IWLA/WAC NRA Training Coordinator

List of WAC Range Orientation class requests, February, 2022 ( Jean Aker)

Dwight Dorsey  
Lee Porter  
Mac Raum

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 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](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com), and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER**

William A Butler Jr.

### **Chapter Maintenance Electrical Work**

2/20/2022

David Goldberg (Chair)

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

James Merriam

### **Chapter Maintenance Electrical Work**

2/22/2022

David Goldberg (Chair)

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

James Merriam

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

2/27/2022

Chuck Crooks (Chair)

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

Al Goldschmidt, Joe Pauley, Keven Wolf, Candy Varmer, Dean Elliott, Paul Turska, Guy Wright

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

Tracy Schaff, Walter Hargis, Jon Missner,  
Ed Meyers, B. Jeu

**It has come to the attention of the editor, that the sign-in sheets are often illegible. If you cannot write legibly, please include your member number on the sheet. It will save loads of time researching through the membership list to insure you get proper credit.**

**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 , 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.

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