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Joseph "Joe" Carinci passed away peacefully in early October 2022 at the age of 95.

Joe has been a member of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter since 1971. He was on the ground floor of the chapter and helped establish the foundation of what we enjoy today. In the beginning, there were many challenges as the club moved to its present location. Joe took on the challenges with 100% conviction.

Joe served the club in many capacities. He was a Director in 1974. From 1976 to 1981 he was the chapters Membership Secretary. In 1982 he was our 3rd Vice President. He served as the 2nd Vice President from 1983 through 1984. In 1985 and 1986 he was our President. He handled club finances as our treasurer from 1991 through 1994.

His wife Lois was always by his side and they graced our membership meetings together until recently when Joe became ill.

A celebration of life is planned for some time in January.

Joe was kind and always kept the club's best interest as he served in so many capacities.

He will be missed.

Wild Game Dinner and Auction

The date has been set! January 21, 2023. Snow date is one week later on January 28, 2023. It's not too soon to be looking for usable items that you can't use anymore to donate to the auction. Tickets will be \$30.00 each this year with a maximum number of 150 sold. It will be announced when tickets are available. Donated game should have hunters name, date taken and what it is. Procedure for donating game will be forthcoming.

Conservation

Be sure to check the calendar for new events in the upcoming months . Conservation credit is given if the event is printed in green. As the year winds down, so do the conservation activities. Things will pick up again in the Spring. We're still looking for someone to take up the SOS chair mantle

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

December, 2022

Sat	12/3	Arden Young
Sun	12/4	Dan Cimbor, Jim Shay
Sat	12/10	Tim Mulreany
Sun	12/11	Brooke Jeu, Maj Tavakoli
Sat	12/17	John DuChaj, Kevin Wolf
Sun	12/18	Gary Giambalvo, Dave Stevenson
Sat	12/24	Roman Drews, Ron Haggard
Sun	12/25	Christmas Day - range closed to all.
Sat	12/31	Adam & Kim Buynak

Rifle/ Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

First time or new shooters will often ask the question: "What gun should I buy?" That is not a question we can answer. What we do in this case is answer with a question of our own: "What is your intended use?" Is it plinking or target shooting? Hunting? Competition? Self-Defense?

As instructors we can never say, buy this gun or that. Instead, we provide criteria for the person to help decide for themselves. And the very first criteria is intended use. After that, there are further things to consider:

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Availability and cost of ammunition
- ✓ Pistol fit and ergonomics
- ✓ Recoil
- ✓ Simplicity of operation and ease of cleaning
- ✓ Ability to rack the slide

After all of this and more has been taken into consideration, we also recommend testing out the contenders at a range where the guns can be rented. A Google search will bring up a number of possibilities.

Upcoming Events:

Sat, November 19, Practical Defense

Sun, November 20, NRA RSO Certification

Sat, December 3, Stop the Bleed

Sun, December 4, Basic Pistol / Wear & Carry Day i

Sun, December 11, Wear & Carry Day 2



Shooting Range Management & Maintenance Rules | Safety Conduct rules (Jesse-Thomas Lim, Chairman Rifle Pistol)

Lead Retrieval at shooting ranges and berms of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter will only be managed and maintained by the House and Grounds Chairman along with the Rifle and Pistol, Shotgun, Air Rifle and Archery Committees. Any attempts to destroy the shooting ranges earthen berms, digging, retrieving or otherwise removing lead, spent ammunition and other materials from the berms or other areas of the ranges by any individual is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** at all times, regardless of whether the ranges are open or not. Any person observed to be violating these rules on our security cameras will receive a range citation. However, all members and their guests must continue to collect their spent ammo cartridges and dispose of them in the containers provided or take them home.

Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC) Range Conduct rule's #18. **No member may use our ranges for commercial training purposes. Using any, Chapter range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules.**

Important to all Members, NO individual member shall perform firearms instructor for personal gain, and no independent guest or business will utilize our shooting ranges for their training or perform certification for any shooting qualification. WAC rifle and pistol education program, we have vetted WAC firearms instructors to support our membership. The demand for the Maryland Wear & Carry Permit has been overwhelming. For that reason, we are working on the 2023

calendar and plan to provide adequate access for all members who are interested. Any questions contact Jesse-Thomas Lim, Chairman 240-832-0354.

The WAC Rifle & Pistol Committee has updated our Range Rules. You can find the updated rules on our website: <http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Please join me CONGRATULATE ~ Mark Gay, Chairman of the Shotgun Skeet & Trap; Won the World Championship title for the 2022 NSSA World Skeet championship! Awesome !



Mark Gay, 2nd from the left

WORLD SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP | Event: 12 Main | Shooters: 604 | Clubs: 1 || [Results Available](#)

Event: 12 Main Class: AAA					
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M RYKACZEWSKI JR	AAA	NSC	150	24	24 7 0
P GIAMBRONE	AAA	NSC	150	24	21
F TSCHANTZ	AAA	NSC	150	24	3 2 0
C SERGEANT	AAA	NSC	150	24	3 1 0

WAC policy for Firearm Handling on chapter grounds.

Until now, the chapter had no official policy for the handling of firearms on chapter grounds, but should have. I have heard and witnessed many different implied understandings from members and officers.

Inspired by the recent changes to the Wear and Carry permit availability, at the November Board of Director's meeting, the Board of Directors finalized an official Firearm Handling Policy for chapter buildings and grounds. The policy simply patterned the state rules for the handling of firearms in a public place. Summarized, Open Carry is not allowed in general and Concealed Carry is allowed by Wear and Carry permit holders. At this time, Range rules and the handling of firearms on the ranges will stay the same and may exceed this general policy. I encourage every member to re-read the Range Safety Rules. As times change, so do our rules.

WAC policy for Firearm Handling on chapter grounds:

* The Wildlife Achievement Chapter policy for Firearm Handling on chapter grounds was created from current federal and state law for handling of a firearm, for anywhere on chapter grounds except as provided here in.

- * There will be no open carry anywhere on chapter grounds other than active law enforcement or at a sanctioned chapter events where RSOs, instructors or specific individuals may be authorized to open carry.
- * Only persons who possess a valid State or Federal issued wear and carry permit may possess a concealed firearm. Firearm “MUST” stay concealed at all times.
- * Anyone that is prohibited from buying or possessing a firearm as determined by any federal, state or local agency may not possess or be in the vicinity of a firearm anywhere on chapter grounds.
- * All persons using the chapter ranges must comply with all the Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Rules that may exceed these rules.
- * No person shall be in possession of a firearm of any kind while under the influence of any drug or alcohol.
- * Failure to strictly follow any of the above rules may result in suspension of privileges or expulsion from chapter membership.

As Approved by the Board of Directors on 11/02/2022

The 2022 World Field Target Championships (WFTC’s) near Rome, Italy (Hector Medina)

We first explain to the readership at large “What is Field Target” in the February issue of the newsletter:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/newsletter/2022/022022.pdf>

and, since our June Newsletter:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/newsletter/2022/062022.pdf>

The membership of WAC has not read about what DIFTA is doing. That obeyed to the need to make preparations for the World’s Matches that took place near Rome, Italy; during August of this year.

If we can start from the end, we would like to point out that FT Team USA did a remarkable job in Italy:

In the **spring-piston** category:

Cameron Kerndt (CA) came in 3rd overall. Matt Brackett (MA) came in 5th overall. Virgilio Gonzales (CT) came in 10th overall

In the **PCP** category:

Paul Cray (NY) came in 10th overall. In **Ladies**, PCP, Lauren Parsons (AZ) came in 1st

In the **Veterans Classes**:

PCP. - David Alsup (TX) placed 2nd; **Spring-Piston**.- Hector Medina (MD) placed 2nd after a shootoff with Alexas Jaunias, one of the legends of the FT world.

Furthermore, over the years, the Spring-Piston FT Team USA has been consistent:

2nd in New Zealand (2014); 1st in Poland (2018); 2nd in England (2019); 2nd in Italy (2022)

If we come back to the beginning, we would need to say that this consistency is due to hard dedication from many persons, MOSTLY, the MD’s from the clubs that setup and host the

shoots where most of the shooters hone their skills, because as much as it sounds like a truism: the ONLY way to prepare for a competition is by competing itself. And NOTHING beats competing in an international stage.

This year the competition was, literally, grueling. 235 athletes from 20 countries vied for the best scores, in temperatures exceeding triple digits with no infrastructure (no shades, no cool water, no cooling stations). It was a tough contest.

As preparation, most in the team arrived a few days earlier to “acclimate” themselves in a separate facility we had secured for the Team. Because most guns are disassembled for the airplane trip. What follows are some pictures of this facility:



From top to bottom and left to right: Standing.- Hector Medina (MD), Kneeling Peter Broooks (WI)
Seating rear row: David Alsup (TX), Paul Cray (NY), Manuel Morales (PR), Garrett Kwakkestein (AZ), Edwin Tubens (PR), Son Lu (CA)
Seating front row: Matthew Sawyer

(MA), Virgilio Gonzales (CT), Lonnie Smith (CA), Matthew Brackett (MA), Lauren Parsons (AZ), Jay Hannon (MA)

Knelling in front: Cameron Kerndt (CA)

Initially, all the shooters were really depressed because the results had been very poor. But, as more and more results trickled in, it was clear that the challenge was much greater than even the organizers had expected. Even the top PCP shooters had only garnered 39-40 points of the possible 50. Day Two was a repeat of day one, except that some USA shooters had a bad day. Personally, my scope failed completely on day two and so I had to go to a local gun shop and acquire one to continue. For day Three, I went early to the range, used Mathematics to calculate the trajectory and the wind drift. Somehow it felt like all the past attempts and learning experiences had come precisely for this moment.

The shoot was even more grueling than the previous two days, the sun felt like a rain of molten lead. The wind relentless in its intensity and in its changes. Hopefully, this short note will entice some of the young shooters in the JR Air gun program to try the challenge of FT shooting. Really and truly, it is the most difficult and technical of all shooting disciplines. It is a pleasure and a privilege to say that DIFTA / WAC has always played an important role in this. THANKS WAC!



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If you want to read a fuller account of this Match, go to:

<https://www.ctcustomairguns.com/hectors-airgun-blog/the-triumph-of-mathematics-italys-wftcs-2022-part-3>

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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.

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