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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

PENALTY INCREASE FOR INCOMPLETE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Starting with the 2024 dues renewal process, all members that have not completed the required 4 volunteer work projects within their probationary period will be charged a \$100 penalty instead of the current \$60 penalty.

Two of the four projects must be a conservation project. All four can be conservation but a minimum of two is required. The club calendar has all conservation projects listed in Bold Green letters. Regular credit projects are written in Bold Brown letters.

The Board of Directors approved the increase in an effort to encourage members to volunteer for chapter conservation and regular work projects. We are a volunteer organization and of late, the number of volunteers has not been sufficient to complete all of the needed work activities.

As long as members have not completed their requirements, they will remain on probationary status. If you complete your projects in year one, you are still on probation until your two years are up.

RSO Course

The Damascus IWLA is offering the **NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) Certification Course** on **Saturday, February 18.**

What

This class is designed to develop **Range Safety Officers** who possess the *knowledge, skills, and attitude* essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations. This will allow you to assist with WAC Rifle and Pistol events.

Time & Place

The course will be held **Saturday, February 18,**

Classroom portion from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the upper-level chapter hall

Range Exercises from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the covered pistol range

Who

This class is open to WAC members and the public. You must be 21 years of age and a US citizen. You do not need to be an NRA member to take this course.

Register on the NRA web site:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=757650&seats=50&State=n&zip=21771&radius=10.1&id=5&bsa=&youth=&women=>

Note: Please enter your name as it appears on your driver's License.

Once registered on the NRA site you will receive further instructions.

Cost

The cost of this NRA safety course is **\$150**, payable by cash (exact change please) or check made out to IWLA/WAC.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT HANS VARMER

AT WAC.Instructor@gmail.com

Conservation (Geoff Hornseth)

Hunter Education Instructors Needed

Do you enjoy hunting? Have you considered giving something back to your sport? Do you enjoy teaching others about hunting? If so, consider becoming a certified Hunter Education Instructor. The Hunter Ed teaching team here at WAC is in critical need of additional instructors to keep the program viable.

Being a Hunter Ed instructor is a fun and rewarding experience.

Hunter Ed instructors are certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

To become an instructor, you should have a minimum of 3 years hunting experience, undergo a background check, and take a one-day

Course conducted by DNR. To maintain your certification, you must teach a minimum of 2 courses per year, and attend one instructor update meeting at least once every 2 years. The time commitment for all this consists of about 6 to 8 hours per course and a couple hours for the update meeting. All courses are team taught and lead by the chief instructor. There is plenty of support from the team members.

Here at WAC we try to offer 3 classes per year, typically, one course during September, one during October and one during early November. The courses are usually a mix of two types: traditional in-class courses, and, an Internet based course field day. The traditional course meets on two successive Friday evenings and also a Saturday. Instructors may teach for an hour or two on one of the Friday classes and then again during the Saturday class which runs from 9AM to 2PM. Not everybody on the teaching team teaches both a Friday session and a Saturday session. Teaching assignments are made by the Chief Instructor, based on your schedule and preferences. The field day class is conducted on a Saturday only, from 9AM to 2PM and is similar in structure to the Saturday session of the traditional course. Activities for the Saturday classes consists of live fire shooting at the rifle range, tree stand safety demo/presentation, simulated hunts and field walks covering shoot/don't shoot situations, zones of fire, safe handling of firearms, crossing a fence, and other relevant activities related to safety afield.

To become an instructor contact Dan Neuland, Hunter Education Coordinator, at DNR at: daniel.neuland@maryland.gov

We would love to have you on our teaching team.

Geoff Hornseth, Co-Chief Instructor, Hunter Ed program, WAC-IWLA

Spring is right around the corner. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming conservation events

Rifle/Pistol (Hans Varmer)

The 2023 Calendar is now posted on the website. For your convenience, we are including the Rifle & Pistol Committee events in one convenient place, with the online class pre-registration link for you to plan. The cost of all classes, such as NRA Basic Pistol and Wear & Carry Day 2, is \$150, Utah non-residence carry permits is \$150. Stop the Bleed classes will be \$50 and, the NEW Practical Defense Holster will be \$30.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

March, 2023

Sat	3/4	George King, Bob Shelley
Sun	3/5	Steve Meyers, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	3/11	Paul Turska, Lee Becknell
Sun	3/12	Joel Gross
Wed	3/15	Frank Bis, Jay Jeffrey
Sat	3/18	Ryan Turner, Jim Shay
Sun	3/19	Mark Gay
Wed	3/22	Jeremy Dvorak
Sat	3/25	Phil Butler, Doug Chapman

Sun 3/26 Dave Stevenson, Jay Devan
Wed 3/29 Craig Leopard

Please note:

The volunteer hour tracking system is undergoing a transition phase. The list below is only for January. The previous few months are still being tabulated and will appear as they are completed. The same holds true for probationary members and their probationary period will be announced when the information is complete.

Volunteers January

1/20/2023 Wild Game Dinner “Set Up” Chair=Paul Turska

Probationary Members Regular Credit

Laura Benson
Juan Caceres
Steve Sauro
Stan Grabia
John Baugher

Wild Game Dinner Non-Probationary Members “Set Up” Chair=Paul Turska

Dave Lane
Chuck Crooks
Forest Neal
Phil Rafferty
Kyle Boyd
Lee Trunnel

Wild Game Dinner Tear Down 1/22/2023 Chair=Paul Turska

Probationary Members Regular Credit
Laura Benson & Bill Leishman Family Members
John Baugher
Eric Pedowitz
Alexis Rodriguez
Rob Bird
David Wright
Ronnie Hoggard
Andrew Konieczn
Matt Konieczn
Juan Cceres

Wild Game dinner Tear Down Non-Probationary Members Chair=Paul Turska

Ed & Beth Mondanado
John Harwell
Andrew Konieczn

Maintenance Day 1/29/2023 Chair=Paul Turska

Consevation Credit Tree Maintenance

John Baugher
Richard Rekus
Mary Rekus
Erik Baer

Patrick Duvall
Juan Caceres

Maintenance Day 1/29/2023 Chair=Paul Turska

Regular Work Credit

Paul Weise
Chris Anderla
Gilbert Castillo

Maintenance Day 1/29/2023 Non-Probationary Members Chair=Paul Turska

Al Goldschmidts
Joe Pauley
Kevin Wolf
Dean Elliott
Chuck Crooks
S. Meyers
Robert Curley
Robert Vendemmia
Tracy Schaff
Guy Wright
John Porter
John Hartwell

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Jim Piatieski for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and Chuck Crooks for tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Chuck Crooks, Geoff Hornseth ,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 Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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:

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