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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

WAC CHAPTER ORIENTATION AND RANGE SAFETY CLASS IS NOW MANDATORY

There are some members that do not use the rifle, pistol or shotgun ranges. Many of these members have never attended the chapter "Orientation and Range Safety Class". Members that have not attended the Orientation and Range Safety class are not issued member range passes and cannot use these ranges on their own until they complete the class.

This causes the members using only the airgun or archery ranges to not have credentials indicating that they are members. This is a particular concern on the archery range due to its location at the main entrance to our property.

The board of directors has a long standing policy that you must display a range pass when using any of the chapter ranges. This includes Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery and Airgun ranges. Not covering the airgun and archery ranges was an oversight and needs to be corrected.

Effective January 1, 2024, all members must display a WAC range pass when using any of the above ranges. This will also limit guests to only two per qualified member. An archery and airgun component has been added to the orientation and range safety class.

A green member range pass and red Visitor pass must be displayed while on any chapter range with the exception of organized and supervised events.

The orientation and Range Safety classes are held on the last Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM. The class is approximately 3 hours long and is held in the main hall. You must pre-register by email. You can email [John Randall](mailto:John.Randall@iwla.org) to let him know you are coming.

Members that have not taken the range Orientation and Range Safety class must complete the

class by the end of this year. Any member that has not completed the class by January 1, 2024 cannot use any range on their own and can only use the ranges as a guest of a member that has completed the class. All members and their guests must display their range card while on any of our ranges.

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.

DARC - Damascus Junior Air Rifle Club (Ed Mondoneda)

News and Update

- **Season August 2022 – July 2023**

22 junior shooters (Ages 9-18) completed the season this year

9 Coaches (NRA Coach level 1)

3 practice nights: Tuesday Nights – 8 Competitive Precision shooters

Wednesday Nights – 7 Intermediate Sporter shooters

Thursday Nights – 7 Beginner Sporter shooters

- **Matches**

TEAM DARC participated in over 18 matches sponsored through National Rifle Association (NRA), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association (MSR&PA), Palmyra Sportmen, Queen Anne 4H Marksmanship Club, Delaware and Hudson Rifle League and USA Shooting.

eam participated in:

Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association Smallbore State Championships

Capital City Classic in Annapolis, MD

Cauldron Classic and Reindeer Rumble in Eastern Shore Centreville, Maryland

US Army Marksmanship Unit State Sectional in Annapolis, Maryland

CMP Postal Qualifier on site

Blueridge Postal on site

Annual Robert Inness Memorial Postal and Finals Match on site

Palmyra Open in Palmyra, Pennsylvania

Maryland Junior Olympic Rifle Championships at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

CMP State qualifier – Annapolis, MD

West Point Open – US Military Academy West Point, NY

Maryland State Junior Olympics Annapolis, MD

USA Shooting Junior Olympic Championships Colorado Springs, Colorado

CMP Regionals Camp Perry, Ohio

- **Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association** – awarded a scholarship funding (\$250) to our DARC team for qualifying to CMP Regionals at Camp Perry, Ohio.
- **Fundraiser Special Event** – DARC in partnership with the Howard County 4H Bullseye Club again sponsored a Marksmanship and Safety Shooting Booth at the Howard County Fair August 5-12, 2023. Over 1,000 participated and we raised over \$4K for both clubs.
- **Midway USA Foundation**

The DARC implemented a funding grant endowment program through MidwayUSA Foundation. The program gives our community the ability to help financially support our DARC youth shooting team. It will help grow an endowment to ensure funding for the life of the team. The endowment provides a donation matching program that helps assist the growth of the team. Through online donations it will match those funds monthly. Donations made through the MidwayUSA Foundation website is safe, secure, and simple. To donate to DARC now click on this link and follow the prompts:

<https://www.midwayusafoundation.org/team-profile/?id=R11852>

Team Name	ID	City	State
Damascus Air Rifle Club	R11852	Damascus	Maryland

- **New Season 2023-2024**

24 junior shooters registered for the 2023-24 season this year: 16 Sporter shooters and 8 Precision. 13 returning shooters and 11 new shooters.

- **New Match Schedule:**

DAMASCUS AIR RIFLE CLUB

Air Rifle and Smallbore Matches 2023-2024

Sporter and Precision

2023

- **October 29 (Sun)** "Cauldron Classic" Queen Anne 4H Centreville, MD – **(Precision only)**
- **November 4 (Sat)** "Capital City Classic" Annapolis, MD **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **November 4 (Sat)** "Airgun Sectionals" Annapolis, MD **(Sporter only)**
- **Nov 11 (Saturday)** "Cavalier Classic" Calvert HS Prince Frederick, MD **(Sporter only)**
- **Nov 14 (Tuesday)** "Airgun Sectionals Postal" – **(Precision only)**
- **December 2 (Sat)** "King George HS NJROTC", King George, Virginia **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **December 3 (Sun)** "Reindeer Rumble" Queen Anne 4H **(Precision only)**
- **Dec 5, 6, & 7 (Tues/Wed/Thurs)** "Robert Inness Mem." Postal **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **Dec 19, 20 & 21 (Tues/Wed/Thurs)** "CMP MD State Postal" **(Precision and Sporter)**

2024

- **January 7 (Sun)** "Palmyra Invitational" Palmyra, PA - **(Precision only)**
- **January 13 (Sun)** "MD JORC" USA Shooting Naval Acad. - **(Precision only)**
- **January 20 (Sat)** "CMP MD State" **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **Jan 25-27 (Thurs-Sat)** "Junior Air Nationals Championship" – Camp Perry, Ohio **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **February 10 (Sat)** "Robert Inness STS Final" IWLA range **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **February (TBA)*** "Queen Anne" - **(Precision only)**
- **March (TBA)*** "West Point Match" – **(Precision only)**
- **April (TBA)*** "USA Shooting Junior Olympic Rifle Championships" (JORC) Colorado Springs **(Precision)**
- **April 11-13 (Thurs-Fri)** "CMP Regionals" - Camp Perry **(Precision and Sporter)**
- **June 20-22 (Thurs-Fri)** "CMP Nationals" Camp Perry - **(Sporter only)**
- **July 8-10 (Mon-Wed)** "CMP Nationals" Camp Perry - 3p x 20 Air **(Precision only)**

***Dates to be announced once confirmed.**

Conservation

Events are completed for the year. The next meeting will be in February. The 2024 calendar is posted on the website. You will find scheduled events there posted in green. There may be an occasional project that would qualify for conservation. Watch for an email announcement if this happens.

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.

FINAL REMINDER: The **NRA Basic Rifle Class** will be held on **Sunday, November 19**. This class will teach the basic Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude for safely owning and using a rifle.

Classroom: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Will be conducted at the upper level of the chapter hall.

Range Qualification: 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm

Will be conducted at the covered pistol range. Students will be individually supervised by WAC Range Safety Officers who will also provide .22 caliber rifles and ammunition.

This class is open to WAC members and their family, ages 13 and up only. Minors must be accompanied by their parent/guardian the entire time.

Click [HERE](#) to Pre-Register.

The cost of the course is **\$150**, cash (exact amount please) or check payable to IWLA / WAC.

Field Target Clinic

The **Adult Air Rifle Program** held two **Introduction to Field target Clinics** on October 28 and November 4 at the chapter's outdoor airgun range. The clinic started with an introduction to rules of Field target shooting, and the procedures for safe loading of pre charged pneumatic rifles from air tanks with 4500 psi air, before moving on to shooting. Five chapter members took advantage of the chapters new **Diana Stormrider and Benjamin Marauder loaner rifles** to practice shooting targets, and to try out different shooting positions.

We started with a quick familiarization, shooting from a bench rest. Shown on the left is John Moulden getting advice from Hector Medina, and learning hands on how to estimate target distances, set out over a 10 to 55 yard range, using a high magnification rifle scope, and then how to adjust the aim point to compensate for differences in trajectory as a function of target

distance. Hector shoots as a member of the World Field Target Federation US team and has a lot of experience in competitions.

Next our shooters tried out the classical Field Target position, sitting on the ground, where Mark Coggeshall shown in the middle, displayed excellent form and marksmanship learned from his father who was an expert rifleman. Shown on the right is Phil Raum, practicing shooting for Hunter Division for which shooters sit on a bucket and use a bipod to support the rifle.



All of the clinic attendees expressed their thanks for the opportunity to learn about field target and expressed high enthusiasm for the course. Most of the participants had never shot a modern air rifle before and were surprised at the high accuracy of these guns. A common refrain was how difficult some of the small targets were to hit, with for example a 3/8" kill zone set out at a distance of 15 yards that is a challenge even to expert shooters. Fortunately, in Field Target matches the targets cover a range of difficulty, and a 1" target at 20 yards, or a 2" target at 41 yards are much easier, and even novice Field Target shooters will score points on these.

We plan to hold the clinics again in 2024 and encourage IWLAWAC members who would like to learn about this sport come and try it out. We have three loaner rifles available both for the clinics, and for anyone who would like to shoot in a Match, sponsored by DIFTA, which are held once per month from March-November.

These loaner rifles are also available for use on the Monday evening 10 meter Adult Airgun Indoor meeting in the Rathskeller that runs from Labor Day to Memorial day where shooters can improve their off hand shooting skills for fixed position lanes in Field Target matches.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Meyers)

December

Saturdays

Week	Name	email Address
2-Dec	Tim Mulreany	tmulreany@yahoo.com
9-Dec	John DuChaj	johnd@cedarbrookinc.com
16-Dec	Roman Drews	drewsr04@gmail.com
16-Dec	Kevin Wolf	kevinwolf3@hotmail.com
23-Dec	Adam Buynak /Kim Buynak	akbuynak@yahoo.com
30-Dec	Ron Hoggard	rjhoggard@verizon.net

Sundays

Week	Name	email Address
3-Dec	Mark Gay	markdgay@gmail.com
10-Dec	Gary Giambalvo	garygandtinak@hotmail.com
17-Dec	Madj Tavakoli	madj.tavakoli@gmail.com
17-Dec	Jim Shay	jes233@verizon.net
24-Dec	Brooke Jeu	brookejeu@gmail.com
31-Dec	Dave Stevenson	granmariandgrumpydave@gmail.com

Stop the Bleed

Last Chance for 2023

IWLA WAC Training Committee has added **STOP THE BLEED** classes to the calendar this year. Please come out on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, from 9 am to 1 pm and take advantage of this life saving training.

Through our **STOP THE BLEED®** course, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. The person next to a bleeding victim may be the one who's most likely to save him or her. Take the course and become empowered to make a life or death difference when a bleeding emergency occurs. **STOP THE BLEED®**. Save a Life! To Learn more, go to [Home | Stop The Bleed](#).

(\$) Must Pre-register by email: wac.stopthebleed@gmail.com Attendance is limited. -
Contact [Dean Elliott](#)

Thanks to our Volunteers (Forrest Neal)

If you joined the chapter on or before October 2021 and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation**. If you are not sure as to your status, email Forrest at fpnthree@gmail.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

The following probationary members have completed their required volunteer projects and will become a full member after their two year anniversary date.

Griffin Duffy, Clayton Dukes, Edward Trybus, Kevin Harrington

Congratulations to our new Full Members

The following probationary members have successfully completed their probationary period and have now graduated to Full Member status.

Edward Geldermann, Anne Gonnella, Roger Tarr, Charles Mattern, Gabriel Mendez, Allen Young

Garden Maintenance

10/13/2023 (Chair) Meo Curtis

Members and Nonmembers:

Scott Gardner

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Gabriel Mendez, Ed Geldermann, Allen Young, Vadim Startsev, Ed Trybus, Steven Stanhope

Fall Watershed Clean Up

10/21/2023 (Chair) James McInerney

Members and Nonmembers:

Max Gross

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Daniel Gross, Mike Beltowski, Tom Parsons, Paul Jordan, Pedro Sola, Hoyt Hughes, Mike Silverstone

Cops and Cowboys Match Set Up

10/27/2023 (Chair) Chuck Limparis

Members and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, George Hughes, Lee Trunnell

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Darrell Hylla, Ed Trybus, Terri Cain, Mike Cavaliere, Griffin Duffy

Chapter Maintenance Day- Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Range Clean Up

10/29/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

Joe Pauley, Al Goldschmidts, Kevin Wolf, Candy Varmer, Hans Varmer, Dean Elliott, Guy Wright, Brooke Jeu, Ronnie Hoggard, Jeremy Dvorak

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

C. Dukes, Eric Huber, Pedro Sola, Steven Welsh, Nathan Witt

Chapter Tree Maintenance

9/23-25/2023 (Chair) Paul Turska

Members and Nonmembers:

None

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Kevin Harrington

Kitchen Volunteers

Various Dates (Chair) Randy

Members and Nonmembers:

Plumbing and Kitchen Repairs-Steve White

Kitchen Staff-Bruce Walker, Greg Prakas

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Jim Piateski for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and Forrest Neal for tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Chuck Crooks, Hans Varmer, Mark Mayer and Steve Meyer 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.

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