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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner
October 2019

October has always been one of my favorite months. Leaves start to turn into beautiful shades of red and orange – sweaters and cooler weather – and lots of pumpkins. Pumpkins decorate our front porches and the taste of pumpkin can be found everywhere. You know October is here when Dunkin Donuts re-introduces the taste of pumpkin in coffee and donuts. Of course, by the end of October – you can see orange pumpkins flying across blue sky courtesy of Punkin Chunkin. Halloween marks the end of October. Please be careful when our streets are bursting with Trick or Treaters.

September was a busy month for WAC with classes and events. I personally would like to thank the ladies for attending the Girl and Guns events but just as importantly a Big Thank You to the RSOs!!!



October General Membership Meeting will be an event you should not miss. I'm hoping lots of WAC members attend to learn important information about Maryland gun laws. Our special speaker – a lawyer will be providing information about laws regarding ownership, home invasion, concealment licenses and more. Another reason to attend is the meal. Chuck Crooks – 3 consecutive years of winning First Place at the WAC Meatloaf Throw Down – will be preparing meatloaf for dinner. Hope to see you Wednesday October 23rd!!!

Scheduled October 26th is the Archery Open House. The Archery Open House provides a great opportunity for an entire family to enjoy time together while learning about archery. Archery equipment, food and drink will be available for all attendees.

As always I encourage you to take a look at our WAC calendar for events and classes. There are conservation events, range events, as well as courses offered in October. October events include:

- Bowling Pin Shoot – Saturday, October 12th 10am – 2 pm
- Practical Defense Holster Clinic – Saturday, October 12th in the upstairs hall 2-3 pm
- NRA Basic Pistol Certification Class (Day One) in the upstairs hall 8 am – 12 pm
- Tree Maintenance – Brookville Site- Sunday, October 13th 9 am
- Rachel Carson Tree Maintenance – Sunday, October 20th
- Fall Watershed Clean Up – Saturday, October 26th 9:30 am to Noon

Chapter Maintenance Day – Sunday October 27th – is an opportunity for our members to roll up their sleeves and help. Your school age children can also help and earn community services hours at our WAC events. Please report to the green shed at 9:00 a.m. for work assignments. We can really use your help!!!

Best Wishes,
Cherie Aker

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Sunday October 13 from 9 to Noon. Reforestation site maintenance on MNCPPC Reddy Branch/Brookeville Parkland. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Offsite project. To register and for directions, Contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net



Sunday October 20 from 9 to Noon. Tree maintenance at Rachel Carson Conservation Park near Brookeville. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Offsite project. Contact Barry Fleming barryjflem@verizon.net or Rodger Moran at rodger.j.moran@gmail.com for more information and directions.

Saturday October 26 from 9:30 to Noon (Rain date: Sunday October 27) Fall Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up. Meet at the Chapter's green maintenance shed at 9:30 a.m. Gloves, bags, water, and then lunch provided at noon for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net

Please note- We have three open positions in need of chairmen/women.

They are Recycling, Christmas trees and out annual game dinner. Please contact Cheri Aker if interested in assuming one of these responsibilities.



Training Opportunity (Stephen Meyer)

Save Our Streams (SOS) is a fun way to test water quality by collecting and identifying underwater insects, called macroinvertebrates. The Izaak Walton League is working with the Lois-Green Sligo and Mt.Airy Chapters to provide a workshop for those who wish to become certified Biological Monitors.

Sat, November 2, 2019
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM EDT

Lois Green-Sligo Chapter House
8721 Snouffer School Rd
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Contact Wildlife Achievement Chapter SOS chair Stephen Meyer at 240-604-7280 if you have questions.

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

November, 2019

Sat 11/2	Tim Mulreany, Erik Hill
Sun 11/3	Steve Meyers, Rodger Moran
Sat 11/9	Jake Turska, Dave Anderson

Sun 11/10 Hank Williams, Larry Buck
Sat 11/16 Bob Shelley, Jim Shay
Sun 11/17 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat 11/23 Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun 11/24 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Sat 11/30 Phil Butler, Neil Burkinshaw

To view the WAC Calendar of Events – please access the following Web link:
<http://www.damascusiwa.org/calendar2019.html>

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

Basics / Knowledge

Knowledge, Skill, and Attitude. These are the three things that our NRA Basic Rifle and Pistol Classes endeavor to impart. Let's start with Knowledge. I discovered early in my college years that the more I learned, the more I realized there was to learn. You should never stop adding to your knowledge, not only in the shooting sports, but in all areas of life. Enroll in advanced classes. Subscribe to magazines and journals. Google the internet to find information relevant to your shooting interests.

There is always more to learn. So challenge yourself to grow in Knowledge.

Upcoming Classes:

Basic Pistol

Day 1 Class on Saturday October 12 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Day 2 Range Qualification on Saturday, October 19, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To preregister contact Hans Varmer @ wac.instructor@gmail.com

Please note recent additions to the calendar:

Personal Protection In The Home on Saturday, December 7

Utah Conceal Carry on Saturday on Sunday, December 8

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **October 2017** 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 Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com, and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
FULL MEMBERS**

The following probationary members have Successfully completed their probation.
And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Mary Lin
Earle Travis
Robert S. Sperling
Robert F. Stojinski
William L. Doerrler
Richard E. Holcomb

Montgomery County Fair

Started on 8/9/2019 to 8/17/2019

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)

John Zarou

Chapter Range Maintenance

8/25/2019

Members: Chuck Crooks, Donald Koss, Len Rizzi and John McCarraher

Garden Maintenance

9/13/2019

Members: Meo Curtis and Phil Rafferty

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Barb Bally, Ralf Bally, Paul Tennessee, Travis
Earles and James Proctor

Pigtail Tree Project (Tree Maintenance)

9/21/2019

Members: Jim Piateski and Al Srebnick

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Bob Sperling and Robert Johnson

Cowboy Clinic

9/22/2019

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Windy Smith, Joseph Smith,
Sandy Shapp, Dean Shapp and Bob Vendemmia

Cowboy Set-Up

9/27/2019

Members:

Chuck Crooks, George Hughes, Frank D. Early
and Robert Vendemmia

Probationary Members:(Regular Credit)

Robin Axtell, Geoffrey Rutherford, Adam Moskof, Paul Tennessee, Charles Swinford, Rick
Holcomb,

Zack Parzow, Robert Stojinski and Matt Konieczny

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly Range Work)

9/29/2019

Members:

Chuck Crooks, Al Goldschmidt, Sid Everhart,
Joe Pauley, Candy Varmer, Frank Early, John
Leaman, Donald Koss, Wandelene Smith and
Hans Varmer

Probationary Members:(Regular Credit)

Paul Weise, Matt Newton, Robert Sperling and
Melong Belfiore

Probationary Members:(Conservation Credit)

Richard Holcomb and Scott Payne

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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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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