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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Some information contained is repeated from earlier issues and will remain relevant until the pandemic business is over.

Election results

Our recent election was for 4 openings at the Director position for the years 2021 and 2022. We had 5 candidates for these positions. All other positions only had one candidate. Director positions are a two year term. All other positions on the Board of Directors are a one year term.

The four directors that were elected on the 23rd are, Tom Ouellette, John Porter, Dave Lane and Joe Pauley.

Although we were forced to use a temporary method for voting due to Covid restrictions, we tripled the number of votes cast from past elections. Our thanks to those that ran and for those that took the time to vote.

The 2021 Board of Directors will be sworn in at the December membership meeting.

RANGE USAGE UPDATE

As we try to balance the safety of our members and the county restrictions, along with keeping the ranges available to our members, we have decided to open the ranges a bit further to include immediate family members.

Effective Friday, June 5th, only immediate family members will be permitted as guests. This would include children that live at your address, your spouse or members of the military that are home on leave. To date, members have performed in an outstanding manner, they have worn face protection, displayed their range cards and cleaned up after each visit. Video inspection has

made me a believer that our IKE's are responsible. This is why we have taken the next step. Current range usage has not overwhelmed the ranges.

If you see a range at capacity, please wait for an opening. If you are on a range and see members waiting, please proceed to a point where you can let those waiting enjoy the range as well.

At this point we still require face masks.

AS CONDITIONS CHANGE ALMOST DAILY, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

Effective Friday June 5th, with normal hours (10:00 AM to 7:00 PM). Below are "*TEMPORARY*" rules for all ranges. Please understand that we need to work together and share the ranges while we have the restriction of no guests except immediate family and a limited number of people allowed on the ranges.

The main club house will remain closed. Use of porta potties (hand sanitizers inside) is required.

All other range rules are still in place.

It is impossible to make any area completely safe. If you are in the high-risk category or you have underlying additional health problems, please continue to stay at home.

All of the temporary restrictions listed below will be posted on all ranges.

All other club activities are still on hold. Please refer to the chapter calendar for additional information.

TEMPORARY RANGE RULES EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**ON ALL RANGES, FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED
NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE PERMITTED ON ANY RANGES
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LISTED BY RANGE TYPE
PERSONAL/SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED
MAIN CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED**

OUTDOOR AIRGUN RANGE

Maximum of 6 people on the range.

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

FIELD ARCHERY RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

SHOTGUN FIELDS

Maximum squad size of 5 per field

No congregating inside the range house (bathroom, sign in/out and payment only)

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

UNCOVERED PISTOL RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

COVERED PISTOL RANGE

Maximum of 3 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

RIFLE RANGE

Maximum of 10 people

NO GUESTS EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY

If the maximum number of people are on the range, you must wait in the parking area until someone leaves.

If you see someone waiting to shoot, be courteous and let others enjoy the range.

Conservation

Watershed Clean Up

Saturday October 24, 2020 at 09:30am. Rain date October 25,2020.

Meet at the Green Maintenance Shed. Gloves, safety vests, water and trash bags are provided.

Face mask is required when near other workers. Social distancing is to be maintained whenever possible. Lunch is not provided due to COVID-19 safety concerns. Conservation credit is given for this event. Please register by email with Stephen Meyer, Save Our

Streams, stephen.meyer7@gmail.com

Stephen Meyer

Save Our Streams Chair

The Marylanders Plant Trees program offers a \$25 coupon off trees which cost at least \$50, good at participating nurseries. Trees must be on the DNR list.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Recommended-Tree-List.aspx>

Montgomery County has a \$40 coupon which is good for any select tree of \$75 or more at participating nurseries. This can be combined with the DNR coupon.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/environment/forest-conservation-and-trees/reforest-montgomery/native-trees-discount/>

The August 21, 2020 Adopt-A-Road event was a huge success!

We had 20-volunteers who covered Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner; both from the rivers to 108, plus Gue Road from Long Corner to the River*.

*We could have used another “Rover” as, that was a lot of territory and people to handle with one truck. Normally, we would not have had that large a turn-out; however, with fewer “Green” Conservation activities on the WAC Calendar - due to COVID - we had a great turn out!

Thank you to all who volunteered for this event and who also followed our State and County safety precautions!

Four gentle souls walked back to their vehicles at Long Corner from Gue’s river; apologies for that long walk. Luckily it was a beautiful day!

The “normal” trash was retrieved in ~23 large contractors bags that included water bottles (some with unknown contents), beer cans and bottles, empty cigarette packs and chew...typical Americana, it seems.



There was a second large pick-up site reported to the County; and, this site - amongst other things - included a child's play-house.



Judy Riley lent a hand to show the ropes to our new Adopt-A-Road Chair, James McInerney, who was approved by the Board; and, is in charge of the June and August road clean-ups. (Please see the WAC Calendar for actual dates.) He is very organized and I know he'll do a great job!

An odd event occurred - which still remains a mystery - some volunteers reported a man and woman (who claimed to be with IWLA National and had an IWLA magnetic sign on their white truck) said they were checking on our event; however, they did not track-down those in charge. So, if anyone can shed any light on this 'covert' activity, please let John McInerney know.

Thanks a bunch! Stay Safe!

My best to all,
Judy Riley

Adult Airgun (Jim Pachulski)

Adult airgun resumed on Monday, September 14th, at 7pm ET. As in prior years, we will shoot on the indoor range in the Rathskeller. I will do my best to provide a fun and safe shooting experience for all participants while we follow the club's social distancing rules. Please remember to bring a mask, but if you forget, I'll have some spares.

If you think you'll be shooting with us any time this year or if you have any questions, shoot me an email (no pun intended). I'd love to hear from you.

Best regards,
Jim Pachulski
(202) 487-6237

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

November, 2020

Sun	11/1	Steve Myers,
Sat	11/7	Doug Chapman
Sun	11/8	Hank Williams
Sat	11/14	Phil Butler
Sun	11/15	Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	11/21	Murray Welsh
Sun	11/22	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Sat	11/28	Ryan Turner
Sun	11/29	Rodger Moran

Rifle/Pistol Committee (Hans Varmer)

No Report

RANGE SAFETY (Chuck Crooks) (*This can't be posted enough*)

The club has had security cameras in place for about 6 years. The cameras became necessary after some property thefts and general safety concerns.

Range rules are established for a reason. They are designed to protect the safety of all members, their guests, our neighbors and our property. For these reasons, we take range violations very seriously. No matter how trivial you might think a rule is, there is a basis for safety that must be adhered to.

All range safety rules are accessible from our web site's main menu under the Rifle and Pistol Safety Rules link or you can take this direct link
<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Recently there has been a series of range rule violations including; shooting from a holster at a non-sanctioned event, failure to display range cards for members and their guests, shooting from the hip, shooting beyond the posted hours, failure to wear safety glasses, failure to write a guests name on the sign in log, using rifle caliber firearms on the pistol ranges and having more than one firearm on the firing line at the same time.

Initial violations (handled by the rifle and pistol committee) can be a warning and/or suspension from the ranges until you retake the range safety course. Serious violations may be reviewed by the board of directors for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the club.

As you know, firearm ranges are always on the radar, especially in our area. Therefore we take our rules and the safety of our members and guests a priority.

As range officers, you are asked to report known violations to the rifle and pistol chairman.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **October 2018** 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.

Joseph S. Payne Robert M. Finnell
Alfred G. Cross John W. Zarou
Kevin A. Huck

The following are Husband and Wife Members that have made the cut together.

Christine Guglielmini William Guglielmini
Valerie Harrington John Harrington
Kimberly Andreadis Tim Andreadis
Melissa DiMarzio John DiMarzio
Carole Shaffer Michael Shaffer

Invasive Plant Removal

9/3/2020

Member: Chuck Crooks, (Chair)

Probationary Member:(Conservation Credit)
Neil Benson

Hunter Qualification

9/6/2020

Member: Jesse Lim, (Chair)

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)
Seenu Bardadwaja

Pigtail Maintenance

9/19/2020

Members:

Jim Piateski (Chair)
Anta Stonebraker

Probationary Member (Conservation Credit)
Perry Hughes, Noc Chun Chan, William Butler Jr,
William Bolen, Charlie Chang, Kevin Huck,
John Zarou

Chapter Maintenance Day

9/27/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck crooks (Chair)
Al Goldschmidts, J Porter, Joe Pauley, Candy Varmer, Hans Varmer, S. Meyers, G. Bartsch,
Gene Mongelluzzo, Robert Mongelluzzo,

Probationary Members (Regular Credit)
Mat Johnson, Steve Johnson

Shotgun Range Maintenance

9/27/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Kim Buynak (Chair)
Adam Buynak, Dave Anderson, Phil Butler,
Majid Tavakoli, S. Meyers

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)
S. Johnson, M. Johnson

Gardens Maintenance

10/2/2020

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Sid Everhart,
Wandelene Everhart,

Probationary Member:(Conservation Credit)

Paul Tennessee, Michael Chang, John Duchaj,
John DiMarzio, Paul DiMarzio

Cowboy Clinic

10/4/2020

Members: Chuck Crooks (Chair)

Stephen Elko, Mary Elko, Devin Mayer,
Tom Ouellette, Joseph Smith, J.D. Dillon,
Bob Vendemmia, Wendy Smith

Probationary Member (Regular Credit)

N. Benson

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski 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, Stephen Meyer, Judy Riley 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 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.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to:

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Chuck Crooks

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