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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

FINAL WORD ON RENEWALS

All range cards have been mailed for everyone that has paid their 2021 dues. If it has been over 2 weeks since you mailed your payment and you have not received your new range card, please contact the membership Secretary Chuck Crooks at IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com.

If you can't remember if you have paid or you do not have the invoice, email Chuck Crooks ASAP.

My incoming mail is taking up to two weeks after the postmark, to arrive. Once I have payment, the range card is mailed the next day.

There is a late grace period the ends on January 31st.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow Ike's of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.
I hope this message finds all of you and your families healthy and happy in the New Year and trust you all had some family time during the holidays whether virtually or in person.

I just want to bring you up to speed on our chapter.

We've been seeing an increase in membership at each and every BOD meeting. With the Covid-19 vaccine out, we hope the pandemic lessens over the coming months so that we may once again enjoy our in person Membership Meetings and keep Chef Randy and his kitchen crew busy.

We continue to wear our masks when on the chapter property and practice physical distancing. Please abide by these rules. The BOD pays strict attention to Governor Hogan's guidelines and act accordingly to keep us all safe as the majority of our membership are over 50 and some in their 80's and 90's.

So, continue to enjoy your IWLA chapter even if it's just to come park your car and walk the grounds to get some fresh air and exercise.

Check the calendar to make sure the rifle/pistol and skeet ranges are open before you come out. Some or all may be closed due to inclement weather or an event.

As an avid outdoorsman, I'd like to share the following with you to help pass the time and so you can imagine yourselves on some adventures out west:

I listen to a couple of different podcasts that are free on Spotify.

The first is by Ed Roberson called: Mountains and Prairies.

A fellow Ike by the name of Curt Howard (Chesapeake Cowboys) turned me onto Ed.

Ed works as a ranch broker out west but he's a very well read, educated man that enjoys the outdoors. Ed is also a hunter, fisherman, alpine climber and long distance runner.

These interviews are with people from all walks of life but, they all have one common thread: the love for the outdoors.

Today's interview and the point of this post are about our oceans and pollution. Ed is interviewing John Dunaway who is a Merchant Marine and Captains one of those huge freighters you may see in the Bay. John's ship is almost two football fields in length and the tonnage is some incomprehensible number I can't remember.

At the end of the interview, Ed asks John what he thinks is the oceans biggest problem.

John replies, "plastic". John goes on to describe his reason for that answer. John says while he is on the deck of this huge freighter and looks over the side into the depths of the water, he can see plastic.

He goes on to say that if he really looks and focuses, he can see plastics in the water as deep as his vision can penetrate and the pieces of plastic are no more than 3" apart.

Take a moment to let that sink in. This man spends 6 months out of every year of his life on the oceans.

That is a lot of plastic.

Now, while I have your attention, I thought these podcasts were so interesting; I shot another buddy, Mike Leahy (National Wildlife Federation and a fellow Ike) an email telling him to listen to Ed's podcasts.

Well, Mike replied that he is out west and knows of them and actually knows some of the people Ed interviews – what a small World!

Mike then tells me to listen to Hal Hering and his podcast, “Backcountry Hunters and Anglers: Cast and Blast” where Hal has guests that also love the great outdoors and tell their stories about adventures and discovery.

I highly recommend both podcasts. Download them on Spotify and listen to them on your commute.

My message I'd like you all to take away from this is: try and consume less, buy products that aren't packaged in plastic. If you must buy plastic products, please recycle them properly and please stop buying your bottled water in plastic bottles. If you do, fill it up a few times before discarding it.

After all, the Izaak Walton League is a conservation organization.

Thank you,

Rodger Moran

Your President

Conservation

No activities at the moment

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

February, 2021

Sat	2/6	Arden Young
Sun	2/7	Dan Cimborra
Sat	2/13	Rodger Moran, John Duchaj
Sun	2/14	Mark Gay
Sat	2/20	Bob Shelley, Kevin Wolf
Sun	2/21	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Sat	2/27	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	2/28	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Rifle/Pistol Committee

Check Chapter calendar for upcoming events

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.damascusiwa.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 **January 2019** 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 about your member 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 completed their probation. And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Tan Ser
Evan Cohen
Adam Cohen
Ronald F. Koeppen

On Wednesday, the sixth of January they're where no sign-in sheets at the Chapter House.

So, when this Virus is under control!!!!

There will be a lot of work to be done.

I am looking forward to many late nights with my magnifying glass deciphering names on sign-in sheets. Stay Safe!

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, Rodger Moran 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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