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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

2016 IWLA WAC Range Access Cards and Membership Cards

(rerun)

In order to get 2016 Range Access Cards to members sooner than later, they are being mailed as soon as possible after receiving renewal payments. Members no longer have to wait the approximately 4-6 weeks after receipt of payment while IWLA National completes processing of your renewal and creates your membership card. This change in process also means you will not receive your 2016 membership card in the mail as this would incur substantial additional processing delays and postage costs.

Members who pay their dues by November 15th will be able to get their 2016 membership cards at the chapter house on January 1st. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let me know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card. Disregard this message if you already made arrangements to get it.

If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please let Tim Garrity know by sending an E-mail to him at membership@iwlawac.org

2016 Range Access Card Design

The design for this year's range access card features a four-month-old, black lab mix posing with a wooden duck decoy. He was found abandoned at 12-weeks old in Southern VA and taken to a regional animal shelter. He received excellent care and was in great shape. However, he remained in the dog pound for six weeks without finding a home. Lucky Dog Animal Rescue (LDAR) found him and our family adopted him from LDAR this spring. We named him Buddy and gave him to our youngest son as a birthday gift. Buddy has grown from 40 pounds to 80 pounds and become an integral part of our family. I hope dog lovers, duck hunters and everybody will enjoy wearing their "Buddy Badge."

Shotgun Range Badge Designation

Range access badges that have the member number in parenthesis indicate the successful completion of shotgun range certification. The "shotgun" sticker is only intended for use during the year the test was passed.

I hope you are enjoying your membership and will contact me if you need anything related to it.

Tim Garrity
IWLA WAC Membership Chairman
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Game Dinner coming up (Chuck Limparis)

(rerun)

SOLD OUT

It's Almost Wild Game Dinner Time! Do you have your tickets yet? The Wild Game Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, 23 January 2016 and it will be here before you know it. Tickets are \$20.00 each and went on sale starting at the October Dinner meeting, this Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015. Some tickets will also be available at the Shotgun Range House, the BOD Meetings, and at future Membership Dinner Meetings. We are limited by the capacity of the building to 150 tickets so don't wait till the last minute to get yours as we usually sell out early. In addition to a selection of Wild Game, our chefs are again planning alternate dining choices for those who prefer their game Domesticated.

Auction items have begun to appear but we are always looking for additional items so check your basements, your garages, your gun safes (Hint, Hint!), for any items that you wish to donate. Items can be left downstairs behind the bar and tagged with the donation stickers hanging on the wall by the door to the office. Please make arrangements with the committee chair, Chuck Limparis, for larger items or items you do not want to leave in the open. We ask that you refrain from donating exercise equipment or old computer hardware as we usually end up having it hauled away.

We are trying a new system this year for those who wish a donation receipt as the last system was a dismal failure. If you want a donation receipt, please email a list of the donated items to the committee chairman, Chuck Limparis at CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com and you will be sent a donation receipt as soon as the items are logged into the system.

If you have Wild Game you would like to donate, it can be left in the downstairs freezer, or brought to the kitchen on meeting nights, but please inform either Chuck Limparis or the kitchen staff of the donation so that it can be properly stored in the kitchen freezers. Game must be marked as to what it is, when it was taken, where it was taken and who donated it. If it is not properly marked, we cannot use it.

While we never know what will be donated until the last minute, once again there will be six weeks available at the resort in Key Largo, Florida. The dates for the vacation weeks at Port Largo Villas Resort in Key Largo, Florida are listed below. Additional information about the facility can be viewed online at their website, www.PortLargoVillas.Org. The weeks run Friday to Friday with Check-In at 4:00pm and Check-Out at 10:00am. These weeks have been popular in the past and many of the auction winners have been repeat bidders from prior years. The spring is an awesome time to escape the winter weather and relax in the Florida Keys, and for those of you who are scuba divers, August is awesome with water temps around 86 degrees.

Friday, 25 Mar 2016 - Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - MCPS Spring Break

Friday, 01 Apr 2016 - Friday, 08 Apr 2016

Friday, 08 Apr 2016 - Friday, 15 Apr 2016

Friday, 15 Apr 2016 - Friday, 22 Apr 2016

Friday, 12 Aug 2016 - Friday, 19 Aug 2016

Friday, 19 Aug 2016 - Friday, 26 Aug 2016

So, come on out, buy your tickets, have some fun, eat some good food, buy some stuff, and support your club.

Hope to See You At The Dinner and Happy Bidding!!

I have been notified by one member who has an extra ticket for the dinner, which is now sold out. If you're interested, please email him at palowe@aol.com

Conservation (Jim Piatieski)

It's not too late to start looking ahead to planned conservation projects in the upcoming year. Even though this message is repeated over and over again we still get calls and emails from people who wait until the last minute to satisfy their conservation work requirements.

We have tried to schedule events on Saturdays, Sundays and even a weekday or two to accommodate those who have scheduling conflicts. Go through the chapter calendar on our website and make a note of the events posted in green. These are the scheduled conservation events at this point in time. There will most likely be others such as the continued removal of selected trees in the chestnut orchard. A broadcast email will announce these events as they occur.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our conservation committee meetings which occur on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm just prior to the board of directors meeting. We welcome any new ideas for conservation projects that our members may have as well as any ideas on alternative ways of satisfying the conservation work requirement.

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

February, 2016

Sat 2/6 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 2/7 Tony Hess, Mark Gay

Sat 2/13 Greg Myers, Mike Webb

Sun 2/14 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Sat 2/20 Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen (sub- Bob Cumberland)

Sun 2/21 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli

Sat 2/27 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar

Sun 2/28 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Ed Gilpin, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak,

Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,

Brian Van Winkle, Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert, Bob Poth,

Debbi Perry, Steve Myers, Steve Rowcroft, Bob Reynolds



(photo by Berle Cherney)

Many thanks to Bill Leaman, Carl Newcomer, Nate Goonasekeram, Mark McKeivitt and Ed Gilpin for their work on December's shotgun maintenance day. Volunteering members such as these are a great help in the success of our program.

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim)

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354. REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone.

Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook.

Here is an excerpt of the applicable Conduct Rules referenced above:

3. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
4. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
5. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
6. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
7. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges per day, and must remain with his/her guests at all times

RSO Tippers: Proper firearm shooter's guide on using the shooting bench's wood block-rest with sand bag or without sand bag.

When using a wood block-rest with sandbag or without sandbag wood block-rest for rifle or pistol, added a new scope to one or are trying to determine the best bullet for your rifle, what is one of the most important factors in this equation? For those of you that are thinking, holding the gun perfectly still while shooting, are correct and **IMPORTANT**, extending the muzzle extended approximately 6-8 inches away pointing down range from the wood block-rest

When shooting a rifle, load, or zeroing a new scope, always place the long gun on a rest while performing the test. The reason for this is to be sure you are holding the gun as still as you can. Improper uses of our wood block-rest will have a costly damage.





Calling Hot Range:

Let's say you go to an indoor range with some sort of automatic target system - the firing line is all established and you go through the doors and into the range. The range is almost always "hot" as people are shooting their own pace. All gun handling is done on the bench of the firing line and you can start shooting whenever you are ready.

Calling Cold Range:

Same scenario but the range is indoor or outdoor but they don't have an automatic target placement system. Meaning you have to go post your targets out in the bay. So, in order to keep everyone safe to do this the range goes "cold" meaning typically all firearms are unloaded and placed on the bench with the action open (no magazine in the gun either) and everyone steps away from their firearm. Once it's established everyone is "cold" everyone goes and places their targets out and once everyone returns the range returns to a "hot" condition (meaning you can commence shooting).

NRA Training Update by Wendy Smith

Happy New Year!

Our first NRA class of the year will be the NRA BASIC RIFLE class on March 5th and 12th. Registration will be announced in early February via special email announcement to WAC members and their families per membership rules. We are unable to pre-seat at this time.

As far as the NRA Basic Pistol class, we are still awaiting the details of the NRA rolling out the revised curriculum that will require students to first take an on-line course via computer on the internet. They have not released any details about the cost or if any materials will be required from the student. We appreciate your patience and please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Watch the newsletters and club calendar in 2016 for special ladies-only shooting events and other ladies events, as our WAC First Vice President, Cherie Aker, has expressed a strong interest in developing and focusing more time on these kinds of events. Please stay tuned in early 2016 for more information.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **January 2014** 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 need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS

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

Donna Largent	Gregory W. Stearns
James Klinger	Victor Ezerski
Fran Scuderi	Stephen J. Winegar
Sidney A. Everhart	Wandelene Smith Everhart

Shotgun Maintenance

No Date listed on Sign-in Sheet

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Tony Hess, Arden Young, Roman Drews and Madjid Tavakoli

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Donald Koss, Iftikhar Shah and Jeremy Dvorak

Chestnut Tree Removal

12/12/ 2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Jan Paper, John Hartwell, Joe Carinci, McCollum and David Jacobson

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Victor Ezerski, Alex Cummins, Gregory Stearns, Duc H. Lam, Philip Walsky, Dave Anderson, Sid Everhart and Wandelene S. Everhart

Shotgun Range Maintenance

12/20/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Ed Gilpin, Bill Leaman, Mark McKevitt, Carl Newcomer and Nate Goonasekeram

Chestnut Tree Fence Removal

12/21/2015

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Michael Bennett, Blix Winston, John P. Kavanagh, Rodger Moran and David Jacobson

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Lawrence G. Crowson, Victor Ezerski, Greg Stearns, Charles T. Jordan, Erika A. Jordan, David Ruffner, Ted Boone, John J. Kavanagh, Kyle Fones, Brent Fones, Billy Loveless, Fran Scuderi, Stephen Elko, Stephen Winegar, Leslie Harrelson, Adrienne Kane and Ryan Byr.

A SPECIAL REMINDER:

This reminder is directed to the many probationary members that have devoted many, many hours to the maintenance of our ranges. This is great; the Ranges require a lot of maintenance. However, as stated in the Chapter's Bylaws all probationary members **must** participate in at least one Conservation Activity in each of their probationary years.

If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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 Steve Olsen, Berle Cherney, Tim Garrity, Chuck Limparis, Wendy Smith and Jesse Lim for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and contributing to 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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