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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminder

All Ranges will be closed on Christmas day

2021 Dues Renewals

All dues invoices were mailed to the address of record, in the first week of October. The likelihood that the post office did not deliver it is a possibility. If you moved and did not notify us is another possibility for not getting the renewal.

If you did not get a copy of the invoice, contact Chuck Crooks for details on how to pay your dues. He can be reached at IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com

All dues for 2021 must be received by December 31st. If they have not been received by the deadline, your white access card will be deactivated. Unpaid dues will signify that you are no longer a member in good standing. All privileges will be suspended.

There will be a grace period of one month where you can be reinstated but if you fail to renew by the end of January you will have to reapply for membership.

Your new range cards are permanent. We will not be going to the expense of making and sending them every year. Your white access card is the key to the ranges.

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

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 (now 10:00 AM to 5:00 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

No activities at the moment

Junior Airgun (Jesse Lim) *rerun from November*

2021 information on match event Damascus Air Rifle Team is planning and hosting.

Although we are hosting the match, it is a joint and collaborative effort between several Maryland shooting programs and clubs (Antietam RC, Queen Anne RC, Annapolis HS RC, Stemmers RC, Arlington RC, Howard County 4H, Monument RC, Cresap RC, Governor Thomas Johnson HS and Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association).

The reason we all got together to plan this match is because the Naval Academy where the match has been taking place for years is not available for use because of its closure to the public in response to the pandemic.

Since we were limited to finding a suitable range/facility to hold Maryland's highest competitive shooting match, we met with several Maryland shooting clubs and decided on a location we could create a shooting air rifle range. Through contacts in our group, we were able to get the Howard County Fairgrounds Main Exhibit building hall to use and we also obtained 40 electronic target scoring systems from Civilian Marksmanship Program to rent. After much discussion, it was decided that Damascus Air Rifle Club would host the JORC at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 9, 2021 with the help of all Maryland shooting programs.

The shooting event will take place at the Howard County Fairgrounds - indoors at the Main Exhibit Hall - address is 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794

For additional information, contact Ed Mondonedo 301-437-6285

Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

January, 2021

Sat	1/2	Doug Chapman
Sun	1/3	Steve Myers
Sat	1/9	Phil Butler
Sun	1/10	Hank Williams
Sat	1/16	Murray Welsh
Sun	1/17	Gerhard Bartsch
Sat	1/23	Ryan Turner
Sun	1/24	Dave Stevenson
Sat	1/30	Rodger Moran
Sun	1/31	Dave Anderson

Rifle/Pistol Committee

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 **December 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 completed their probation.
And are now graduated to Full Member status.

Adam D. Moskof
Marc T. O'Connor
Sean Patrick McTernan
Christopher J. Mazzotta

Watershed Clean Up

10/24/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Stephen Meyer, Karl Krchma, Kate Green,
William Doerrler and Rodger Moran

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Peter Wagner, John M Kenyon, Philip Brown,
Steve Perencevich, Sam Mazur, Frederick Depp,

Matthew Curtis, Chris Mazzotta, Adam Cohen,
George Boyce, Steve Hyde, Cindy Hyde, Greg Rupper, Angela Rupper, William Bolen, Will
Bolen, Alex Zeppos, Sean McTernan, Bill Butler, Loren Moore, and Josephine Moore

Patuxent River Trail Cleaning

11/8/2020

Member and Chair, Rodger Moran

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Sean McTernan

Save Our Streams

11/15/2020

Member and Chair, Stephen Meyer

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Jeff LiPira

Chapter Maintenance Day

11/29/2020

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chair (Chuck Crooks)

Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts, John Porter, Joe Pauley, Dean

Elliott, Guy Wright, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Paul Turska, S. Meyers, and Dave Anderson

Probationary Member: (Regular Credit)

Kevin Wolf, Adam Weinrich, Robert Wolfe, Brendan Keats, and Patrick Veirs

Tree Maintenance:

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Kevin Kissinger,

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dwight Mumper, Jan Lewandrowski, Peter Wagner, Adam Moskof, David Kildee, Sam Mazur,

Todd Davis, Charles Mattern, and Ed Myers

Patuxent River Trail Cleaning

11/29/2020

Member and Chair, Rodger Moran

Member: Robin Axtell

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Randy Sabett, James Long, Steve Johnson, Matt Johnson, and David Kepner

Chapter Maintenance Day

If I may, a word to our new members.

Chapter Maintenance Day is just that.

It runs for about four hours, more or less.

It is (basically) Range Maintenance and Housekeeping.

The new Member will earn One Regular Credit for the day. (No matter how many activities they work)

However, if one of the work Activities is in conservation, then credit for the day will be a conservation credit.

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, Jesse Lim 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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