



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." – Thomas Jefferson

I don't know if Thomas Jefferson was referring to the dream of an American future verses the British rule of the past, but I think this quote can apply to looking forward to the possibilities in the coming year instead of looking back at last year, which has been difficult for everyone. Hopefully, in the coming months we will be able to emerge from our "bubbles" and gather again. Start thinking if there are projects that you would like to do at the Chapter or activities that you would like to participate in. It is a new year with new possibilities!  
Happy New Year!

Susan Cassell

## Range Sign-Up to be Removed January 2

The pistol and rifle range on-line sign-up, in use since May 23 when the ranges re-opened from mandated COVID-19 closures, will be removed effective Saturday, January 2. Members using the ranges during open range hours (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays when ranges are staffed by Duty Range Officers) will no longer be required to complete advance reservations.

The on-line sign-up was used in conjunction with the Supplemental Range Rules to moderate traffic flow at the ranges. After analysis of open range hours usage, the Range Safety Committee determined social distancing safety measures can still be maintained without the advance sign-up. The Supplemental Range Rules remain in effect that limit available pistol range shooting positions to four and rifle range positions to one. Per the Supplemental Range Rules (available at [www.iwlar.org](http://www.iwlar.org) and posted at the ranges), Duty Range Officers may limit shooting times if persons are waiting for a shooting position.

*Duval Crist*  
*Range Coordinator*

## January Speaker Focus

After a long hiatus, we will feature a GMM speaker in January.

Mark Dykes is the extension and Bee Squad coordinator for the vanEngelsdorp Bee Lab. Previous to his position at the University of Maryland, Mark was the Chief Inspector for the Texas Apiary Inspection Service (TAIS). During his tenure at TAIS Mark helped to create the Texas Master Beekeeper Program and the Texas State Honey Bee Diagnostic Lab.



Mark was also a supervisor with the Florida Department of Agriculture's Apiary Inspection Service and the apiary manager for Dr. Jamie Ellis' honey bee lab at the University of Florida. Mark has a degree in natural resource conservation from the University of Florida and is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Final Notice!

Your renewal must be postmarked by December 31st. After this date your membership will expire and your access card will be deactivated. If you renew after this date, you'll have to add a \$25 late fee +\$10 for a new access card.  
Any questions about renewals, contact Judy Danish.

## Ending 2020 with a Bang!

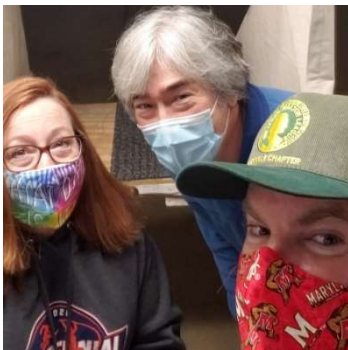
The Rockville Chapter conducted an NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course on December 12 attended by the Clark family: Jeffrey, Nicol, Anika, and Ryden, the Sciortino family: John and Joseph, Katie Rodrigues, Christopher Lessard, James Seach, John Witek, and members of the Chapter's Firearms Training Team: Rich Clement, Adam Fleming, and Ricardo Rodrigues.



The students learned safe gun handling and gun owner responsibilities, rifle and ammunition knowledge, fundamentals of rifle shooting and shooting positions, rifle selection and maintenance, and opportunities for skill development through classroom instruction and live-fire exercises using .22LR rimfire rifles on the Chapter's Pistol Range and earned NRA certificates of course completion. The Chapter's 2021 Firearms Training Courses are available at <https://www.iwlar.org/>

## Chapter Members on Target

Chapter members Steve Brady, Rich Clement and Susan Cassell competed for the first time in the 2020 MD State Precision Pistol Indoor Championship (held in Abbottstown, PA).



Steve Brady placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Rich Clement placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Marksman category. Susan Cassell is the MD State Women's Champion.

## Our New Caretaker Introduces Himself

My name is Rodger Moran and I've been in this area since 1984. I was born and raised in upstate NY.



I've been in the Commercial Office Furniture Industry since 1991 and still am. I am currently the President of IWLA-WAC in Damascus where I sit in on the Conservation Committee as well as help with Shotgun ranges.

I also help with the Adopt A Road and Watershed Clean ups and also lead a team of volunteers twice a year to plant and maintain indigenous trees in MNCPPC's Rachel Carson Recreation Park.

I have taken and passed the Weed Warrior program with MNCPPC as well as IWLA's SOS training. When I'm not trying to help save the environment, I can be found on a skeet, trap, 5 Stand or Sporting Clays course or, in a river lake or bay fishing.

I also enjoy cycling and frequently visit the YMCA in Frederick to keep in shape. I also enjoy hunting white tail, upland game birds as well as waterfowl. Finally, I'm a single "Grampie" with beautiful Granddaughter Valentina.

## Recycling Don'ts

A reminder from the County of some things to NOT put in your recycling bin.

- Plastic Bags, Plastic Film or Shrink Wrap (can be recycled at many local grocery stores and some retail locations)
- Hazardous or Toxic Product Containers (such as containers for herbicides, pesticides, insecticides and automotive fluids)
- Electronics (including computers, keyboards, TV's, etc.)
- Styrofoam® or Polystyrene
- Home Health Care/Medical Supplies

### **The Rockville Email Group**

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters. You will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when you become a member unless you request not to be added. You can remove your address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that you will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

### **Chapter Newsletter Via Google Group Mail**

The Rockville Chapter Newsletter is available in PDF format sent to your email account. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email only contact David Schwartzman, and include your name so that we can confirm your membership.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Jim Ferris and Keelin Ferris	Rockville
Mike Gresco	Silver Spring
Codrin & Ondina Lungu	Rockville
Manny & Sophia Redji	Germantown
Brendan Whitsitt & Kim Ibarra	Washington, DC
Peter & Peggy Tsirigotis	Potomac
Jeff Lolley	Rockville
James Wardrick	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

### **Ike's Want Ads**

Summit Viper Timber tree stand, never used, \$150.  
Martin Jaguar compound bow. 28" draw, 50-65# draw weight. Sights, arrow rest, quiver, carbon arrows, etc. \$200.

Contact Larry at 240-708-0999.

**To Place a non-commercial ad**, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.