



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

People in general work well with good leadership. Our organization is no different. I often say that any activity needs that person who is the "spark plug". They get things started then keep them going. We'll be having a "Job Fair" this month. Take a look at where we need help and decide to be the "spark plug" – take on an activity where you can make a difference. People will follow you – get good people, give them the tools to do the job, then get out of their way and let them do it.

Lee Hays

As a footnote – Thank you to our "Snow Man" – Chris Holler who comes out in the cold and clears the parking lots and sidewalks. Thanks Chris.

Logs-to-Lumber Demo Day March 2

Do you hate to see once-magnificent trees just cut up for firewood or worse, turned into mulch? If so, come out for the Chapter's "Logs-to-Lumber Demonstration." You'll learn how, with the right equipment, big trees can take on a new life as useful lumber.

Aerr Eltringham, a furniture craftsman with a talent – and the right tools – for reclaiming timber, will put his Alaska Chain Saw Mill through its paces on the Chapter grounds on Saturday March 2nd. As a favor to the Chapter and in the interests of our conservation mission, Aerr will rip planks and framing timber from the trunks of several huge tulip poplars we had to cut down near the Chapter House.

This will go on most of the day and we'll probably need a few Ikes to help so watch the Google Group for specific times and more details. And please invite anyone you think would be interested; it's open to the public.

2nd Annual IWLA Cabin Fever Potluck Party

When: Saturday, Feb 23rd 5pm – 10:00pm

Where: IWLA Chapter House

Who: All IWLAR Chapter Members & friends are welcome!

RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DADA62BA3FD0-2ndannual>

February Meeting Speaker

Suzanne Shoemaker of Owl Moon, a wildlife rescue service in Montgomery County (<https://owlmoon.org/>), will discuss her organization's work rescuing raptors.

IWLA 2020 Convention

Planning is under way for our sponsoring of the 2020 IWLA National Convention. It will be July 19 to July 22, 2020. We have a contract with the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge. It's scary how quickly this event will be upon us. We will need help in nearly every area. If you can "make the time", please contact Lee Hays.

IWLA Rockville Mini Job Fair

IWLA Rockville is known for the multitude of special activities run by volunteer membership. Not only are these activities and special events beneficial to the General Membership but also to the community as well. In recent years, some of the members who have chaired these activities have been unable to continue in those leadership positions. As such, there are now five such activities that are in need of someone to assume the leadership role. These activities are:

3D Archery

Annual Auction

Annual crab feast/barbeque

House Chair

JR. Air Rifle and BB Gun

To help members who may have an interest in contributing in a very meaningful way, we will be holding a mini job fair on Tuesday, February 26th between 7 PM and 8 PM in the lower Chapter House. Present and former activity chairs will be on hand to provide an overview of what is involved and answer any questions you may have. Please consider coming to this event as it is very important to the success of the Chapter to continue these activities. If coming please reply to Tom Perazella.

Learn Archery This Summer!

If you or your kids ever wanted to learn the fundamentals of archery or improve your skills, IWLAR's Summer Archery is the program for you! You'll learn proper shooting form and fundamentals in a safe and family-friendly environment from our USAA-trained instructors.

Children 8-10 years old are taught in a small group with fun, learning activities--like shooting watermelons and 3D alligators.

Older children and adults are coached at the main archery range, and then later will be able to shoot from the tower.

As an IWLAR member in good standing, registration opens March 1. Members can register their children ages 8-18 and member adults. Non-member registration opens April 1 and is only available for children 8-18. The program runs on Sundays from June 2-August 4. All equipment is provided.

Member registration opens March 1. Go to: <https://iwl.org/archery-2/> and click on the blue box. If you have questions, please contact Martha Patterson.

Introducing the Mid Atlantic Rimfire Series

The Mid Atlantic Rimfire Series (MARS) is a yearlong cumulative points competition for practical 22LR precision rifle shooters started by IWLAR member, Dave Luu. MARS is a completely volunteer effort designed to give back to the firearms community by providing:

- affordable, competitive outlets for practical style rimfire enthusiasts
- practice opportunities for precision centerfire competitors
- accessible, beginner friendly options for new and junior shooters

MARS is a partnership between match directors from participating clubs. The intent is to create a fun series that's both easy-going and exciting to promote camaraderie within the local, Mid Atlantic shooting community. MARS will collect scores from match directors after each event and track totals throughout the season, culminating in a finale.

There is no cost to participate in MARS, however there are nominal match fees that go to the hosting club. Participating clubs include: Mayberry Game Protective Association, Izaak Walton League of America – York Chapter #67, Baltimore County Game and Fish Protective Association, Columbia Fish and Game Association and Topton Fish & Game Association. For more information, visit <http://www.midatlanticrimfireseries.com>

Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program

This is the 7th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Items to Donate:

1. Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, sports of all types, etc.
2. CDs: any and all types of music, including 'books on tape'
3. DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
4. Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order with all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge.
5. Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery:

1. All magazines must be clean and current, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements
2. All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – clean and dust free boxes/paper bags OK

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday February 3, 2019 (10 AM at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House.

Douglas Smith

Firearms Courses

Below are the NRA Firearms classes that the IWLA Rockville Chapter will be offering in 2019. For more detailed course descriptions, see the January newsletter. For more information contact Rick Albert.

3 Basic Pistol Classes – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House & Pistol Range will be held on March 16, June 22 and October 19. This class provides a full day of hands on firearms training including a section on MD Law as required to apply for an HQL.

1 Basic Rifle Class – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House & Pistol Range on September 21. This class provides a full day of hands on firearms training.

2 Metallic Cartridge Reloading Classes – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House on February 16 and November 16. This is a beginning reloading class for anyone wanting to learn how to safely reload ammo or if you want to brush up on your reloading skills.

How do animals survive in the cold?

Baby it's cold outside! Should we take a vacation, settle in for a long winters nap or stock up on our favorite foods and play in the snow? Learn what animals do to survive the winter and handle the cold weather and scarce food on February 24 at 1pm in Upper Level of the IWLAR chapter house. Meet and touch some of the animals that our guest presenter, ECHOS of Nature will be bring. Learn about migration, hibernation and adaptation animals use to survive during winter. This event is free and open to the public. The program is geared towards ages 5 - 12, but all ages welcome. Sponsored by IWLAR Jr. Youth Conservation. Reserve space for your child <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A6229-animals>

Solar Power for Lake Campers

Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis has donated four large solar panels to our chapter in support of youth and Scout camping. The goal of the donation is make our youth aware of the benefits of solar power and an opportunity for them to learn how it works. The gift comes with strings: a requirement for a training program suitable for various ages. Tom Perazella has volunteered to do that. We are interested in installing these on the roof of the Lake Pavilion and offering USB outlets for phone charging, 12-volt power outlets, LED lighting, and maybe a power inverter to offer 300-500 watt 110v AC output for any other use. Tom Perazella, John Dutton, Tom Vegella, and Kent Shaw will be planning the design of the system and our Scouts are interested in helping with the installation. We will provide updates on the progress of this project.

Meeting Night Meals

Thank you to our January IKE Chef, Josh Stachura and his lovely wife who prepared Taiwanese Popcorn Chicken with vegetable fried rice along with dumplings and brownies for dessert.

Our February meal will be provided by Penny Dingels and the GS troop 3577. The menu is spaghetti, garlic bread and veggies (carrots, celery, green pepper, etc.). The cost will be \$5/person. They will begin serving before the meeting at 7pm and for a short time after the meeting. Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

New Members Recently Inducted

Ron Pendelton of Germantown

George McCoy of Germantown

Rachel Dagovitz of Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale: New in box Ruger Stainless Steel OLD Army Black Powder Caliber .44. It takes a .457 ball 7 ½ inch barrel. Comes in original box with owner's manual, product registration card and percussion wrench. This gun has never been fired. This model sells on the internet for \$1,000 and up. Selling this one for \$800. Text 410-688-3948 if interested.

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.