



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

In 2020 we have an extra day to volunteer. Yes, this is a Leap Year. Roman general Julius Caesar implemented the first leap day in his Julian calendar which he introduced in 45 BC.

A bit of trivia but we do have an additional day to volunteer. Commit to making time to help care for our Chapter. Yes, it's up to you to make things happen and you are always welcomed to volunteer. Just check out the calendar on IWLAR.ORG and watch this Newsletter to see when and where you can help.

Lee Hays

## 2020 Montgomery County Ranges Inspection

The Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee inspects firearms ranges in the County to ensure safe operation. Upon successful inspection, the committee issues a certificate to operate. The committee inspects our chapter firearms ranges (rifle, pistol, and shotgun) every three years (the archery range is not inspected). Our next inspection will occur in October 2020, when our current certificate to operate expires.

The committee will examine the range structures (e.g., baffles, firing positions, fences, signage, etc.); our range rules; along with our range orientation and range officer training programs as a complete package to evaluate our operations to maximize personal safety and mitigate risk of errant rounds leaving the designated impact areas.

Throughout the spring and summer, the chapter range safety committee will focus on applying some proposed range rules changes based upon feedback and experience from October 2017 (when the range rules were revised for our last inspection) to the present. As the inspection timeframe approaches, look for additional articles on that and other specific preparations the chapter range safety committee will be focusing on to ensure another successful inspection.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

## Archery Level 1 Training

The Chapter will host an Archery Level 1 training on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9-4:30 at the Chapter House. The cost of the training is \$80 which includes the manual and patch. Please contact Deborah Franklin to sign up. Cut off for this class is March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## February Speaker

Marion Lindenbaum will be the Guest Speaker and she will be presenting a photographic rendition of a Year in the IWLAR Chapter.

## Mags for Vets Winter 2019-20

Thank you to all the Ike's that donated mags and books to the 7<sup>th</sup> semiannual winter program.

The books (hard and paperback) almost outnumbered the magazines this year which is a good thing. If you have a book club or are a voracious reader and want to recycle your books, please keep us in mind for the summer donation. Current magazines also help keep our service men and women in touch with a world that goes on outside of their hospital rooms.

New this year were books on CD's (tape is an outdated media format). These are uniquely popular to those vets who are visually impaired.

Thank you again for help in this worthwhile volunteer effort.

~Douglas Smith~

## 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 7-August 2. All equipment is provided.

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

## Priorities for Key Environmental and Gun Rights Groups for the 2020 Maryland Legislature\*

### Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) Priorities

Heading into the 2020 General Assembly session, Maryland is at a key point in its work to meet the 2025 pollution-reduction goals spelled out in the state's Clean Water Blueprint.

Already, the state has made significant gains in reducing Chesapeake Bay pollutants such as phosphorus and nitrogen by upgrading wastewater treatment plants and implementing a popular annual cover crop subsidy program for farmers. Those investments are key reasons why the state is on track to meet the 2025 goals.

However, the state has reached a turning point where most of its wastewater plants have been upgraded and most farmers use cover crops to reduce polluted runoff from leaving their fields. This means state officials will need to shift their focus to different practices to reduce pollution from the state's farms, cities, and towns.

To help make this transition, CBF is putting an emphasis in this year's General Assembly session on legislation to promote investments in natural filters like trees and oysters. On the land, CBF hopes to incentivize farmers to add streamside forest buffers, restore wetlands, and convert row crop fields to permanent pasture.

In the water, CBF will continue our strong support for oyster restoration efforts. Adult oysters can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day, a process that removes algae and clarifies the water. However, oysters have been struggling in Maryland. Overfishing, pollution, and disease have led to Maryland's oyster population declining from about 600 million oysters in 1999 to about 300 million in 2018, according to Maryland's oyster stock assessment. For more information, visit <https://www.cbf.org/>

### Proposed Firearms Legislation Noted by the NRA

- House Bill 4 would ban many sales and transfers of rifles or shotguns in Maryland between private individuals without first paying fees and obtaining government permission.
- Senate Bill 39 would add the Anderson Manufacturing .223 Caliber AM-15 and .300 Caliber AM-15 to Maryland's list of regulated firearms.
- Senate Bill 55 allows tax-payer dollars to fund gun buyback programs in Maryland.

For more information see <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200114/maryland-gun-control-bills-scheduled-for-committee-hearings-in-both-chambers>



Maryland Capitol Building

### Sierra Club Priorities

The Maryland Sierra Club is planning a lobbying Day on Monday, February 24, 2020 to lobby Delegates and Senators in Annapolis to pass Sierra Club priority bills. The Sierra Club's legislative agenda this year aims for concrete, significant actions to mitigate the climate crisis and reduce plastic pollution.

- Transitioning off of coal consumption.
- Climate-Based Decisionmaking by the Public Service Commission (PSC).
- Funding Public Transit and Opposing Huge Highway Expansions.
- Ban almost all disposable plastic shopping bags, require payments for other disposable bags, and initiate a work group to study and make recommendations on additional actions to reduce plastic waste.
- Other important climate bills including: fixing problems with the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act; authorizing local governments to establish their own "community choice" energy plans; ending state financial support for energy generated from incinerators and the burning of black liquor (paper mill waste); expanding support for rooftop solar; and converting bus fleets to electric buses.

For more info, see <https://www.sierraclub.org/maryland>

*\*The views expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Izaak Walton League.*

### **Volunteers Still Needed**

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**

**County Fair**

**Hunting and Fishing Day**

Please consider applying for one of these positions. Those who volunteer can be assured they will receive robust support from fellow Chapter members. Contact Lee Hays for more info.

### **Meeting Night Meals**

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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Steve Brady	Rockville
Martin & Kristin Field	Darnestown
Matt McGuire	Olney
Barry Nel & Heather Kulp	Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!

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

**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.