



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

Albert Einstein

Many of us with the Izaak Walton League are teachers. There is true joy for those who put in the time to help someone learn a new skill. Can you imagine how many kids and adults have learned a new skill in the 85 years our Chapter has been in existence? Whether it's shooting, fishing, archery, conservation and so many other activities, each student takes home something new – a knowledge that they didn't have before. And every teacher / instructor / mentor takes home the joy of sharing their skills and the satisfaction of knowing they have helped enrich another person's life.

To all of you who help teach – be it formal or informal – Thank You. For those of you who would like to help, get involved. Just ask someone who teaches and they will welcome your enthusiasm.

Lee Hays

Clopper Mill Cleanup

On March 31 we will host a clean-up at the old Clopper Mill ruin in Seneca Creek State Park. You can see the brick walls still standing right along Clopper Road (just below Waring Station) but it's very hard to reach from within the State Park, making a much-needed clean-up difficult.

In partnership with the Friends of Seneca Creek State Park we will provide much easier access – and a lot of willing hands, I hope – from our property. We will meet at the Lake at 9 a.m. and teams will be able to hike in to the mill site, and bring trash out, via our swing bridge and a path under the Clopper Road bridge.

Friends, family, coworkers, other Ikes, all are welcome – and needed. Tom Vegella, our lake chairman, will have the gate open early and all tools will be provided. Just dress for the weather – it's likely to be muddy in places -- and bring work gloves if you have them.

*Reminder: Basic Pistol Class – 8 AM – 5:30 PM –
Lower Chapter House & Pistol Range will be held on
March 16*

March GMM Featured Speaker

Our Featured Speaker will be David F. Brinker, Regional Ecologist for the Wildlife and Heritage Service of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Mayfly Project



I am a new member of IWLAR and excited to learn about all the great activities offered by the chapter. I also take part in an important activity that I would like to share with other members of the Chapter.

The Mayfly Project is a non-profit organization that uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor youth in foster care. The Mayfly Project is designed to engage with foster care youth whatever their situation, introduce them to the great outdoors through fly fishing, and provide some fun during a most chaotic time in their lives. Our mentors understand that they can't change what foster kids have been through, but they can offer an opportunity for them to escape from the pressures of foster care, find solace in nature, and develop a love for fly fishing. We hope that every foster care child, who we mentor, leaves with not only a desire to be in nature and continue to develop their fly fishing skills, but that they know they are not alone.

The Mayfly Project is a 6-month program where foster youth learn about all aspects of fly fishing and fish at different regional locations. They also learn about conservation. At the conclusion of the program, the youth are presented with all the equipment they need to continue fishing. There is no cost to our partnering foster organizations. You can read more about our organization at www.TheMayflyProject.com.

We are excited that 2019 will bring a second foster organization to the Maryland Program and more foster youth. It would be helpful if we could recruit a few more mentors. The only requirements are that you be a proficient fly fisher (not an expert), enjoy working with youth and can attend at least half of the monthly Saturday outings. If interested, please contact me for more information.

~Rachel Dagovitz~

Mags for Vets Winter 2019

Thanks to all who dropped off their mags and books for our veterans recuperating at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Your donations will provide hours of reading material to help them pass the time during their recovery.



For our summer donation and pickup please remember:

- We cannot take bundles of mags that have a few current dates on top of older issues.
- We cannot take paper or plastic bags of reading material as they tend to tear and break; use strong twine.
- We cannot take plastic tubs filled with reading material in excess of 20 lbs.

Regards,

Douglas Smith

Volunteers plant 4,000 chestnut seeds

Armed with shovels and gardening gloves, about 30 volunteers with the American Chestnut Foundation planted 4,000 chestnut seeds Saturday in the warmth of a greenhouse at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park in Cockeysville. The foundation will study the saplings that sprout to pinpoint trees that are the most genetically resistant to the fungus. They ultimately hope their research will help restore wild chestnut trees in Maryland and beyond.

For more information see <https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/bs-md-chestnut-planting-20190209-story.html>

Reminder: Logs-to-Lumber Demo Day is March 2

The Chapter's "Logs-to-Lumber Demonstration," which was announced last month, is right on track for Saturday, March 2. Work should begin about 9 am and take place on the north side of the Chapter House where several logs are now lying on the ground, waiting to be turned into lumber.



Sawing boards from a cherry tree with a chainsaw mill

The demo is being done as a favor to the Chapter and in support of our conservation mission by Aerr Eltringham, a furniture craftsman who starts his projects with the tree itself. Aerr will show us how to use an Alaska Chain Saw Mill to rip planks and framing timber from the trunks of the four huge tulip poplars near the Chapter House that had to be cut down for safety's sake.

Speaking of safety, if you want to attend, please bring eye and ear protection. And, yes, we can certainly use a few willing hands to move logs and lumber around. Chapter members who would like to volunteer, please contact Ryck Lydecker for details.

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.

Natural Resources Career Camp

Each year, IWLAR sponsors one local high school student attendance at the Natural Resources Career Camp. This is an opportunity to join high school students from across Maryland at this weeklong camp in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. This partnership with Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service offers high school students a co-educational opportunity to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources.

Campers will:

- Focus on hands-on classroom and field activities in forestry, wildlife, ecology, fisheries, watershed management, natural resources management and conservation
- Talk with natural resource professionals and learn about college programs offered in their respective fields
- Use GIS, GPS, computer simulation, and other field tools related to careers in natural resources
- Stay in rustic cabins in the scenic mountains of Garrett County
- Become eligible for college scholarships designated for forestry, arboriculture, urban forestry and natural resources

This year, the camp will be held July 21-27, 2019. For more information on the camp and the application process, visit <http://marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm>.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Penny Dingels and GS Troop 3577 for providing a wonderful dinner of spaghetti, garlic bread and veggies at the February GMM.

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

Joe Randazzo of the District

A warm welcome to Joe!

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale!

1. S&W, Model 32 (Terrier); .38 S&W; 2" barrel, blue; New in Box \$695
2. S&W, Model 53; .22 Jet; 6" barrel, blue: NEW in box \$1,650
3. S&W. Model 40; .38 Spl.; 2" barrel; **case-color**/blue; New in Box \$950
4. S&W, .38 Hammerless, .38S&W, (rare)5", nickel, 4th chg, manuf.1909 \$750
5. Ruger, 50thAniv (.357 & .44); **S/N Matching Pair with Display Case** \$1,350

Call for information and photos contact Terry Popkin.

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.