



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

We have a lot of good youth activities in our Chapter but we can always use one more.

I'd like to challenge you members and your children to come up with a good conservation program where young people take the lead. It could build on an existing program like Save Our Streams (SOS), Protect Our Wetlands (POW), a clean air program, recycling, outdoor ethics or any combination of activities.

The main thing is to have a program that the young people would "own". They would be responsible to organize, develop, refine and share the program. This type of program would provide an opportunity for the many young people in our suburban area to get in touch with nature.

I'm confident that our Chapter will be more than willing to support another good conservation activity—especially one that gives our young people a chance to take an active part in helping with a very important activity—conservation.

Please give it some thought. Drop me an email or give me a call to talk about how we can build another good program.

Lee Hays

Kayak Class

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 6 from 9 AM to 3 PM at our Chapter House and lake. All kayak equipment will be provided. This class consists of a classroom portion and then kayaking on our lake. It is for those who have never kayaked and those with limited experience. The session will cover safety, parts of a kayak, entry and exit, strokes and more.

Participation is for those 8 and up and will be limited to the first 15 who register. For more information see 2020 Water Sports Information at our website under Recreation and then Water Sports. To register send an email to watersports@iwl.org with the number of adults, and number of children and their ages. Chapter members are needed the day of to assist with transporting equipment to and from the lake and to assist participants while on the water. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours, volunteers please send an email to the same address with your name and the hours you are available to help.

March Speaker Spotlight

Julie Tucker will be our speaker and she will be discussing the Keeping Seniors Safe Program. Julie has 33 years with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, working with youth and families who have come in contact with the police or court system, supervising case managers, retired in 2013, including 10 years as part of a collaborative effort at Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission, under the auspices of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the State.



Ms. Tucker was a certified instructor providing in-service training to Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correction Services, and law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

She has been with Montgomery County Department of Police Keeping Seniors Safe program since May, 2017. Ms. Tucker is also currently participating in the Truancy Prevention Program through the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office.

Director Vacancy

Mike Brolly has submitted his resignation as a Director. Nominations from the floor followed by a vote to choose a replacement will occur at the March General Membership Meeting. The replacement will serve the balance of Mike's term through 2021.

2020 Firearms Training Courses

Below are the NRA firearms training and Chapter developed courses offered in 2020. All course activity will be conducted at the Chapter. Member and group discounts are available.

All NRA Basic Courses are beginning, full-day, hands-on courses. Course materials are provided and certificates are awarded upon successful completion. Past students have ranged from beginner to experienced shooters. Students are encouraged to bring their own firearm or they can use Instructor firearms. Some students have never handled a firearm before and end up being a pretty good shot by the end of the course. Everyone looks forward to going to the range and we make sure it is a safe, educational and enjoyable experience that boosts confidence. All course lessons are delivered by a team of volunteer NRA Certified Instructors. Individual coaching is provided during the classroom and live-fire exercises by experienced Instructors and even some competition shooters. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and beverages are provided.

NRA Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course (2 offerings). This course is presented in two sessions: 7 PM – 10 PM (Tuesday) and 8 AM – 5:30 PM (Saturday) on May 12 and 16, Lower Chapter House and Pistol Range. Students reload pistol (9mm) and rifle (5.56 NATO) ammunition, and then shoot their reloaded 9mm ammunition on the range. Components for reloading ammunition are provided.

NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course (2 offerings). 8 AM – 5:30 PM on March 21 and December 12, Lower Chapter House and Pistol Range. In this course, students fire 10 rounds using a .22LR rimfire rifle in each of the prone, standing (supported and non-supported), and benchrest shooting positions. Ammunition is provided.

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course (2 offerings). 8 AM – 5:30 PM on April 18 and August 22, Lower Chapter House and Pistol Range. In addition to the NRA content, this course includes a supplemental section on MD Law to satisfy the Handgun Qualification License (HQL) requirement for purchasing, transferring, or renting a regulated firearm in MD. Instructions on how to apply for an HQL are also provided. Students fire 25 rounds using a .38Spl revolver and 25 rounds using a 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Ammunition is provided. The HQL only requires firing 1 round so you get 50 times the requirement and shooting experience.

NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course (1 offering). 8 AM – 5:30 PM on October 17, Lower Chapter House and Pistol Range. As a prerequisite to this class, students must have successfully completed the NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course (proof of completion required). Students should bring a firearm and 100 rounds (minimum) of ammunition to shoot on the range. An extensive session on MD Law is provided by an attorney.

2020 Firearms Training Courses (continued)

Advanced Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course (2 offerings). This Chapter developed course is presented in two sessions: 7 PM – 10 PM (Tuesday) and 8 AM – 5:30 PM (Saturday) on July 14 and 18, and November 10 and 14, Lower Chapter House and Rifle Range. As a prerequisite to this course, students must have successfully completed the NRA Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course (proof of completion required). This advanced course focuses on precision reloading for long range rifle shooting and the techniques necessary to produce precision ammunition that consistently holds groups less than 0.5 inch at 100 yards (less than 0.25 inch is the preferred goal for 100 yards). Students test their reloads at the range and shoot through a chronograph to measure achieved velocity and compare against the expected velocity. Students should bring a .308 Winchester or 7.62 NATO rifle to shoot on the range.

Shotgun Slug Accuracy Clinic (1 offering). 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM on September 19. Lower Chapter House and Pistol Range. This Chapter developed clinic brings the techniques of rifle shooting to the rifled barrel shotgun. Safety, application of the fundamentals of rifle shooting, and testing ammunition for accuracy will be covered. Students should bring a rifled barrel shotgun preferably with a scope.

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 you'll 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-IWLAR member registration opens April 1 and is only available for children 8-18. The program runs on Sundays from June 7-August 9. 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.

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.

Volunteer Lead Needed for Pistol Range Lighting

The Chapter Range Safety Committee examined lighting the pistol range to provide additional shooting times for chapter sponsored events (e.g., Outdoor Pistol League, etc.) as daylight hours shorten during the Fall season. For example, persons have expressed interest in joining the Outdoor Pistol League but can't do so as early end of the matches (due to waning daylight) prevents them from participating because of difficulty getting to the range from work in time.

Currently, the shotgun range has four large short arc mercury lights that were used when trap matches were held. Since trap shooting was discontinued, those lights would be available for use on the pistol range. The Range Safety Committee conducted comprehensive tests of their ability to properly light the range and their impact on the surrounding area. The conclusions reached were that the performance of the mercury lights is sufficient to proceed with producing a plan for moving the lights to the pistol range.

To accomplish this, a volunteer is needed to produce and lead a detailed execution plan for moving and installing the lights. The plan would be presented to the Range Safety Committee, the Board of Directors, and the General Membership for approval as a special project. For more information, please contact Duval Crist.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

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.

Girl Scout collecting coats for a Silver Award Project

I'm doing a project for my Silver Award. This project is basically collecting coats for kids. I am then going to donate these coats to Montgomery County Schools. In order to get enough coats to donate, I put a box in the Chapter House. It would be very much appreciated if you donate any type of coat, in children's sizes. However, the coats have to be in good condition. Thank you in advance.

~ Brainy Akpala ~

Conservation Film Night

Please come join us in the Chapter House from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Saturday 3/21 for an evening of great conservation films. We'll be viewing three short films. "Monarchs - The Milkweed Mission" (2016) 9 min. The Milkweed Mission tracks the amazing year-long path of North America's main Monarch butterfly migration. "Elk River" (2016) 28 min. Elk River is a short film that follows scientist Arthur Middleton, photojournalist Joe Riis and contemporary artist James Prosek as they interpret elk migrations. "Untrammelled" (2014) 27 min. Untrammelled is an inspiring film about passing the torch for wilderness to the next generation. Filmed in Montana's Scapegoat and Bob Marshall Wilderness areas, it features Montana high school and college-age youth as they experience wilderness, some for the very first time.

New Members Recently Inducted

Keith Angerman of Rockville
Perry Hughes of Rockville
Len Shmunis of Rockville
A warm welcome to all!