



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

When I joined our Chapter many years ago, I noticed something. I was in my 40's and there were all these old guys involved in all the various activities. So, I did something – Like a lot of others, I got involved.

Fast forward – Now I'm one of the "old guys". Over the years, many of you have stepped up to "own" an activity and/or get involved. Hopefully each of you have enjoyed being part of our organization – it really is exceptional.

Going forward, we will continue to need people to get involved – as I say "Make The Time". I know from experience that it isn't always easy but it is rewarding. Find something you enjoy doing at the Chapter and make it better. Find something you have never done but are curious about and try it.

We won't have a chapter unless we all step up and help. Thank you in advance.

Lee Hays

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.

Registration is currently open for IWLAR members in good standing. 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.

Go to: <https://iwlar.org/archery-2/> 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.

April GMM Speaker

Samantha Briggs from National will speak on the topic of the League's clean water program,

Wood Duck Wrap Up

Just a few weeks ago Team Wood Duck* wrapped up our annual winter work days on the Chapter's nest boxes. Unfortunately, due to extremely high water levels in the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area where most of the boxes are located, we were not able to reach a number of them. (The water situation, we learned, wasn't due solely to high winter precipitation but to some very busy dam-building beavers as well.)

Some numbers:

- + Ducks nested in 52% of boxes last spring, below the average 60-65%
- + Volunteers counted evidence (membranes) of 35 hatchlings but doubtless a bunch more hatched.
- + Best number of all: 18. That's the total of Ikes who pitched in this winter – half a dozen who came out for most or all four workdays as well as some first-timers who are now hooked!

All of this means we are ready for spring nesting; just in time, too, with the ducks arriving from the south in the next few weeks. And whether you could participate or not this winter, I believe we've got us a program in which every Chapter member can take a lot of pride.

Thank you one and all!

~Ryck Lydecker~

*A great big tip o' the Camo Cap to last Sunday's crew: Kevin Blanc, Carolyn Bradley, Lindsey Browning, Terry Flynn, Scott Kovarovics, John Shea, Fred Snead, Riley Sutton, who brought his grandpa, Larry, and Tom Waesche.

IWLA Rockville Scholarships

We have had a scholarship program since 1996. Over the years we have distributed over \$100k to many deserving students. The program is open to students pursuing conservation or environmental studies at the post-secondary level. This year we will fund six \$2,000 scholarships. The application and instructions are on our website.

Jr. Youth Event, Animals in Winter

On Sunday, February 24, a full house of 60 kids and adults learned about migration, hibernation and the adaptation of local forest animals during the winter. Participants met and touched ambassador animals brought by our guest speaker, ECHOES of Nature.



Terrin Carpenter cuddles a possum

Jeri Crist spoke about local beavers and Terrin Carpenter spoke about hermit crabs. After the presentations older SSL volunteers helped the younger kids make a beaver lodge craft to take home along with picking out a forest friend figurine.



Jay Copsy is making friends with a black snake!

Jr. Youth Event (Continued)

Thank you to Terry Wambach, TC Carpenter, and to fellow IKES, Tom Vegella, Jay Copsy, Marion Lindenbaum, and Erica Crist for helping make the Animals In Winter event run smoothly. Watch for more events in the newsletter, FaceBook and emails.

Kayak Class Coming Up

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 1 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 2019 Water Sports Information at our website under Recreation and then Water Sports. To register send an email to watersports@iwlar.org with the number of adults, and number of children and their ages or call Tom Selle. 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.

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

Each year the Rockville Chapter provides the tent at the County Fair. Volunteers from the Chapters in Montgomery County provide information about their chapters as well as the State and National IWLA organization to those attending the County Fair. This year the fair starts on the 9th of August and runs through the 17th.

Volunteers are needed to help at our booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets and parking are provided to volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to promote the Izaak Walton League. This is a good way for IWLAR members to get their required 6 hours of volunteer time and have some fun. Contact Bill Leaman or come to any General Membership meeting and talk to Bill with questions or to volunteer.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Joyce Buttrey and Marion Wardrick for providing a wonderful dinner of ribs, coleslaw, baked beans and cookies for dessert at the March 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.

Outdoor Pistol League and More

The IWLA Rockville Outdoor Pistol League will be starting up on Tuesday, April 9th. For those who are interested, but have no experience in pistol shooting, it may be worthwhile to take the NRA Basic Pistol class. The course is a thorough introduction to basic safety covering both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols and ammunition. There is an upcoming NRA Basic Pistol class held at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of IWLA in Damascus.

NRA Instructor Lead Class - \$85

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course (Class room and Field)
April 20, 2019, Session 1, 8am to noon classroom
April 27, 2019, Session 2, noon ET to 5 pm ET Field
(Must attend session 1)

Also, the IWLA Rockville has several classes in 2019.

NRA Basic Pistol class
06/22/19 from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
10/19/19 from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

NRA Basic Rifle Class
09/21/19 from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

NRA Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading Class
11/12/19 and 11/16/19 (a two day class)
All of the pistol classes satisfy the class requirement for the MD HQL.

Outdoor Pistol League (Continued)

If anyone is interested, they can contact Jesse Lim for the WAC classes or Training@iwl.org for the Rockville Chapter classes.

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.

New Member Recently Inducted

Eric Price of Germantown
Welcome Eric!

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.