



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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As we go to press, it was just announced that all Chapter activities for the month of April have been cancelled. Consult the Chapter's online calendar for further updates: www.iwlar.org/calendar.

President's Message

We Do Live in Strange Times. All of us are experiencing our lives turned upside down. With the Corvid19 outbreak, we find it necessary to address it on a daily basis.

Most all of our activities have been put on hold. Meetings are on an "essential basis" only. But that doesn't mean our Chapter is closed. You are still welcomed to come out and get some fresh air, walk the property or try your hand at catching that elusive trout at the lake. I would be confident to say that if you or your family need help, reach out and your fellow members will step up. Don't hesitate. Put a note on www.iwlar.org or email other members. We need to be ready to help each other when and where we can.

Take care of yourself and your family and "go wash your hands".

Lee Hays

Clopper Mill Cleanup

On April 18 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 hopefully a lot of willing hands – 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.

Summer Archery registration is now open for IWLAR members. Summer archery runs on Sundays from June 7-August 9. Open to children ages 8-18 and member adults. \$50/participant. Choose between session 12:30-2pm or 2:00-3:30pm. For more information check <https://www.iwlar.org/archery/>

April Speaker Focus

For the April 3rd General Membership Meeting, Sam Droege, of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to be our Guest Speaker for the evening. Sam is a Wildlife Biologist and hunts wild bee species in the state of Maryland as part of his position in managing the USGS BMIL – Bee Management and Inventory Laboratory. These are NOT HONEY BEES! But you will find his presentation to be totally fascinating.



Sam has been spent most of his career at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He has coordinated the North American Breeding Bird Survey Program, developed the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, the BioBlitz, Cricket Crawl, and FrogwatchUSA programs and worked on the design and evaluation of monitoring programs. Currently he is developing an inventory and monitoring program for native bees, online identification guides for North American bees at www.discoverlife.org, and with Jessica Zelt reviving the North American Bird Phenology Program. His group maintains high resolution photographs of insects and other macro natural history objects at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usgsbiml/>

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.

Talking Trash

The Jr. Youth Conservation team talked trash at the “Let’s Talk Trash” event this past Feb 24th. The event was filled with fun and education about the importance of recycling and limiting single use plastic. Over 45 kids and adults enjoyed playing games made with recycled items (jars, tin cans, 2 liter soda bottles, paper wads and more) The highlight was making trashy art by nailing colorful plastic lids to large wooden shapes that will be displayed around the IWLAR property.



A guest speaker from Montgomery County Recycling center spoke to the group about how Montgomery County handles the trash and processes the recyclable items. Short videos gave guests an eye-opening view of the plastic world we’ve become, problems we are facing and suggestions to help. Everyone vowed to limit plastic usage and to recycle, reduce and reuse. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers that made this event a success.

~Jeri Crist~

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@iwlar.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.

Muzzleloader and Rifle Leagues begin in April

The Muzzleloader League will start on Wednesday, April 1st. Matches are held on the first Wednesday of each month, through October, at the pistol range. Arrive anytime starting at 4:30 pm up until about one hour before dusk. Arriving earlier is better, especially if it's your first time or if you want to shoot multiple times. Chapter membership is not required. If you don't have the required equipment, let us know, in advance, and we will supply it, with instruction.

The Rifle League will start on Wednesday, April 8th. Matches are held on the second Wednesday of each month, through October, at the pistol range. Arrive anytime starting at 4:30 pm up until about one hour before dusk. Chapter membership is not required. If you are a new shooter, we have all the equipment and ammo for the Introductory category, just show up.

Eye and ear protection are required. Cost is \$2 per relay for targets, awards, etc. You must shoot in a minimum of three matches in a category to qualify for an end-of-season award and for awards to be given there must be at least two qualifying shooters in that category. Match results will be published.

All shots (except sighting shots) must be held off-hand (no external support). NRA Pistol Rules apply when not superseded by this document, i.e., no wrist or elbow support, no gloves, no special jackets, etc. Slings are allowed.

Shooters under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent at each match and the parent must annually sign a liability waiver. Any questions, contact Susan Cassell

IWLA at the 2020 Montgomery County Fair

Each year the Rockville Chapter provides the tent, booth and set-up at the County Fair. Chapters and volunteers from the county provide information about IWLA at all levels. This year the Fair starts on 14th of August and ends on the 22nd. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or from 4 p.m. till 10 p.m. (6-hour shifts), and to set up and tear down. No experience is necessary just a desire to help. Tickets are provided for entry into the Fair. Contact Bill Leaman to sign up or for any questions.

Wood duck progress report

During January, 18 volunteers checked 58 wood duck nesting boxes at 4 sites in McKee-Beshers. 58% of the boxes were used for nesting during the spring of 2019 with 142 membranes recorded. 16 boxes were inaccessible or down. In 2019, 8 bluebird boxes were installed on the backs of the wood duck boxes to try to prevent the prothonotary warbler from nesting in the wood duck boxes. All 8 bluebird boxes has nests. 2 of the 8 associated wood duck boxes had pecked eggs. All this information was documented and communicated to Maryland DNR.

~Ryck Ledecker~

New Members Recently Inducted

Yuriy Yakusha of Rockville

Dapo and Ade Erujole of Montgomery Village

Jose Cabrera of Boyds

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale! Get them now before transfers have to go through a dealer!

- Japan manufacture Browning BPS Invector Field 10 gauge pump shotgun- excellent condition! \$600
- Beretta Silver Pigeon 12 gauge pump shotgun, nice older engraving designs on receiver, seems mechanically sound, finish is gray with age. \$250
- Ruger 77/50 bolt action in/line muzzleloader, beautiful condition. \$325
- NEF Pardner Tracker II single shot slug 12 gauge, with rifle sights and rifled barrel, near new condition \$120
- Mossberg Model 380 semi auto .22, tube fed through stock, would make a good "project gun" (finish is worn) \$80

Contact: Warren LaHeist

Want Ads (Continued)

Barbour field jacket, classic Beaufort, size: Large. Almost new. Worn once in the field, and has been in the closet since. Look it up on line.....great reviews. Sells for \$415. Asking \$250. For questions or further particulars contact seller

For Sale

- Remington 870 with 2 12 Ga barrels ,with case . 1 barrel 28 " with mod fixed choke + 1 Slugbarrel with scope & 10 rounds slugs \$ 475
- 2 Pieces of Bubinga wood for Rifle or shotgun stock 20 x 7,5 (3 3/4 on smaller end) and 2,5 " thick . Second piece 13 x 3x2.5 " . Tree was cut about 10 years ago , then cut up and air dried and is inside for about 4 years \$450.
- Beretta Shotgun 696 E ,12Ga, 30 " barrels ,extra chokes and case \$1,650
- Remington 11-87 , 20 Ga synthetic stock & forearm, extra chokes in gun sleeve \$275
- Winchester Big bore Mdl 94 XTR -375 (lever action) 20" barrel + 20 rounds Ammo \$575
- Stihl ST 200 fertilizer/ pesticides sprayer \$195

For more info, call or text : Holger Mueller