



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

We are moving into a very busy time of year for our Chapter. I was just reviewing the calendar online and see so many great projects and activities coming up – training, youth activities, water sports, shooting sports and some conservation activities.

What I don't see, and it concerns me, are any meetings for the Clean Water Challenge. We need a member to take the lead and coordinate the CWC activities. The key word there is "coordinate" because none of us can do it alone. Contact me if you can make the time to handle a new challenge. It IS important.

On another topic, what can we do to get you to attend our General Membership Meetings? I appreciate that everyone is busy and there is a lot of competition for your time. But we need you to be an active part of the Chapter. Without a quorum, we cannot conduct business. Please let me know if you have recommendations on how to encourage more people to attend.

Enjoy your summer and enjoy all we have to offer through our Chapter.

Lee Hays

## Kayak Class

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](mailto: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.

## May Speaker Spotlight

Ralph Buglass will provide an illustrated presentation on the "Top 10" lesser-known spots in Montgomery County with historical importance, amazing natural beauty, or superlative in some other way. Learn about some famous residents' homes and houses designed by famous architects, spots with connections to events of national significance, oases of natural beauty, museums every bit as good as those on the Mall, still-standing relics of our past, and more.



Ralph is a Montgomery County native and avid history buff and has taught at lifelong learning institutes associated with Johns Hopkins and American Universities and Montgomery College. He speaks frequently to community groups, businesses, and other organizations as well as at national conferences. He is also a docent at Montgomery Parks' restored Kingsley schoolhouse in Clarksburg's Little Bennett Park. A graduate of Winston Churchill High School, he has a B.A. in American history from Cornell and an M.A. in journalism from American University.

### **Tobin Award Presented to Paolo Amedeo**

The Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award was presented to Paolo Amedeo by National Director Miles Greenbaum at the April GMM. Paolo was selected for the award based on his many years of service to the Chapter.



Paolo has been our Pistol Range chair since 2006 and has made many improvements in the operation and safety of the range, and has served on our Board of Directors numerous times. This is an award that is well deserved and long overdue.

### **Clopper Mill is a whole lot cleaner**

On March 31, a dozen Rockville “Ikes” joined our colleagues from The Friends of Seneca Creek State Park conducted our third annual Clopper Mill Trash Bash.

There was a total of 30 volunteers who collected more than 30 bags of trash from the stream bank near Clopper Mill Ruins. After the clean up volunteers were treated to grilled hamburgers and “fixins” down at the Lake.



*During the clean-up, Bonnie Bell gave an impromptu history lesson at the Ruins*

### **Clopper Mill (continued)**

We removed a similar amount of trash in previous years from that small patch of one side of the Great Seneca Creek. Some, perhaps most, of this is from those who litter but it also serves as a reminder for folks to secure their recycling and trash containers lest the winds carry their contents into the park.

### **Local Outdoor Recreation Opportunity**

Montgomery County Recreation operates a program for adults age 55+ called SOAR, “Senior Outdoor Adventures in Recreation.” This program features bus trips mostly originating from Olney Manor Park to various places of historical, entertainment, shopping and other interest in the Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York areas. Trips are typically one day in length.

One of last year’s General Membership Meeting speakers described the restoration project of Poplar Island where the ACE, MD State, and others have used dredge spoilings from the continual process of keeping the Baltimore Harbor shipping channel at depth have been used to restore this island back to its 1847 footprint from an eroded size of a few acres to currently over a 1000 acres at present with a few hundred more acres to go.

To sign up for a trip interested parties must register first at the Montgomery County Department of Recreation website called [activemontgomery.org](http://activemontgomery.org) as soon as registration opens on Tuesday May 14th at 8:30am. The SOAR Program offers a one day trip every two years and will be offering a trip to Poplar Island this year on two dates, Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at 7 am and returns at 5 pm. Trip cost is \$47/person. Trip numbers are Tuesday trip #62641 and Wednesday trip #62642.

### **2019 Summer Pellet Gun Shoots**

Sunday morning pellet gun shoots will be held the last Sunday of each month during the summer season (May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29) from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the Pistol Range as Chapter sanctioned events. The below procedures apply:

- .177 or .22 caliber lead pellets only (no BB’s)
- Eye protection required; ear protection optional
- Permissible targets include paper on existing target backings and positions or paper, empty aluminum cans, or empty plastic bottles suspended from a Field Target Holder
- All targets will be properly recycled or removed from Chapter property

The shoots are conducted under the supervision of Range Officer qualified members. If you’re a Range Officer and would like to supervise a shoot (and earn Chapter service hours), please contact Tom Vegella for more information.

### **Meeting Night Meals**

A big "Thank You" to Deb Bearor and Tom Meyer for providing individually-prepared plates of Thai Coconut Curry Shrimp noodle bowls and Asian salad with Thai peanut dressing at the April 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.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Dorothy Bunn of Montgomery Village  
Bobby Jindia of Boyds  
Mike Parker of Gaithersburg (New Cubmaster for 464)  
George Parrish of Derwood  
Taylor Wardrick and Billiejo Palmer of Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

### **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.

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

Ad # 1: Winchester Model 1894 Classif, 0.30-0.30, with 24-inch octagonal barrel. Shoulder stock has some "closet wear" but bore is pristine. Piece probably has never been fired. \$400, text 410-688-3948 for info.

Ad#2: Tom Willats is offering the following for sale:

1. Colt Series 70 .45 ACP Government Model pistol, custom modified for CMP Service Pistol competition by Brothers Custom Guns. This gun is fitted with BoMar low-mount sights, has a match trigger job, has the slide custom fit to the frame, and a BarSto match barrel. This is a "legal" gun for CMP service pistol matches and is quite accurate. Asking \$1200.

2. Colt Series 70 .45 ACP Gold Cup pistol, custom modified for NRA bullseye competition by Brothers Custom Guns. This gun is fitted with an Ultra-Dot sight, has a match trigger job, has the slide custom fit to the frame and a Kart National Match barrel. It is legal for NRA Precision (Bullseye) Pistol matches, but not for CMP service pistol matches. This gun is designed to shoot reduced-power bullseye ammunition. Asking \$1400.

For anyone who is interested, contact Tom.

**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.