



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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*All Chapter activities, including shooting at the range and fishing on the lake, remain cancelled until further notice. As such, this edition of the Newsletter does not contain a copy of the Calendar. Consult the Chapter's online calendar for further updates: [www.iwlar.org/calendar](http://www.iwlar.org/calendar).*

## President's Message

We Do Live In Strange Times (continued)

Things continue to be on "hold" at the Chapter and in most parts of our lives. Hopefully we will get back to normal – SOON, but "soon" is a nebulous date.

Our meetings continue 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. Fishing, per Maryland DNR's order, is not permitted unless you must fish for subsistence. For simplicity sake, we are not allowing any fishing 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](http://www.iwlar.org) or email other members. We need to be ready to help each other when and where we can. You can contact for help.

Take care of yourself and your family. Find "family" things to do. Be safe and stay away from others if you can.

Lee Hays

## 2020 Convention Update

The Maryland IWLA Convention committee and National HQ staff met and discussed plans for the convention scheduled in Cambridge, Maryland this year. It was decided that the most prudent thing and the safest thing to do is **cancel the Convention**. Thus, there will **not be a convention this July**.

We have been discussing the possibility of hosting the convention in three years but we will need to discuss this in the future.

## No Mags for Vets

Mags for Vets will not be held this June as planned - please watch our newsletter for future updates.

~Douglas Smith~

Terry Popkin has numerous firearms for sale of various manufacturers (Colts, S&Ws, Glocks, Sigs, etc). For more info, contact him at 301-742-3131.

## Board of Directors Recap

The monthly Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was conducted online on April 17. Among other things, the BOD approved motions to keep the ranges closed and prohibit fishing at the lake until further notice. The decisions are based on Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's March 30 order closing recreational activities to limit the spread of the coronavirus and the interpretation of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Feedback has been received from Chapter members.

Details of DNR's interpretation can be found at <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/03/31/frequently-asked-questions-about-governor-hogans-stay-at-home-order/>.

## Air Pistol "Goes Postal"

Susan Cassell is organizing a virtual or postal air pistol league. Members can set up a range at home with a cardboard box filled with newspaper, cardboard, or styrofoam packed in. They can use their .177 cal air pistol and shoot their targets (10-meter air pistol targets) and are shooting at 25 ft or whatever distance is available to participants inside their home. If participants don't have targets, Susan has a pdf file that they can print out to use. It is a 30-shot slow-fire match, 1 min per shot. Participants may shoot 5 or 10 shots per bull, but if shooting 10, they must be scoreable.

The shooting position is one-handed, standing. The 25 ft distance is measured from the firing line to the face of the target. Participants' feet may be up to, but not over the firing line. If they do not have the option to shoot at 25 ft. they should let Susan know and the distance can be reduced to accommodate everyone.

Participants will shoot each week until it is over. Members are welcome to join up at any time. When it is over, the plan is to celebrate at the lake with a picnic.

The targets should be emailed or texted to Susan. She will be scorekeeping and will send out weekly emails with results to those participating. Those with additional questions can contact Susan. Also, remember to HAVE FUN!

### **35 Years Ago:**

From the Rockville Chapter Newsletters, February and March, 1985

**Range Coordinator Report:** During recent months, numerous flagrant violations of range procedures and safety rules have been reported to our Range Coordinator, Nemo Farmer. These infractions must cease right now. Those of you that are disregarding our approved range procedures are putting our ranges in jeopardy of being closed permanently. It would be unfortunate if this Chapter had to make an "example" of violators in order to bring home the message of how seriously we take this issue.

**New Picnic Benches:** Thanks to the efforts of Win Drissel and Tom Hartley, we now have six beautiful new picnic benches behind the Chapter House and down at the lake. And a very workmanlike job they are, too. Thanks, guys.

**Juniors Report:** Steve Roth's BB-gun course is providing shooting education for 25 to 30 youth. He is assisted by Tom Shope, Frank Quinn, George Brill, Janet Haines, Dr. Mantel, Randy Lawson and other parents. *(Ed. note: George Brill is still an active member of our Chapter.)*

**Food Patches Pay Off:** Warren Fisher reports that the food patches planted last June for local wildlife are paying off. As the snow covers the weed and wild berry seed on the ground, the taller plants such as millet, milo and sorghum are still standing and providing life sustaining food above the snow.

**Lake Report:** John Garner reports seeing a pair of loons on the lake in early January, the first ever. Also, he notes that the next time the lake is stocked, he will include about 100 4" pickerel.

### **Doing Their Part**

IWLAR members and their families are doing their part to help combat the spread of the coronavirus. Jeri Crist and her daughter Erica have made close to 400 face masks since March 16. Their goal has been to provide health care workers and high-risk individuals with much needed protection. Masks have been donated to recipients such as nursing homes, vet clinics, pediatric offices, health clinics, essential workers and people with compromised immune systems.



Many people gave donations for the masks, which has been used to purchase more materials. An electronic message was sent out to the IWLAR members and placed on a local neighborhood list serve called "Next Door." The support from many Chapter members and the community has been overwhelming. Erica was asked to donate her pattern, story and a few masks to the Montgomery County Historical Society Museum for the preservation of this trying time and the community's response during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.