



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

In May we begin the process for electing our Chapter Officers and Directors by naming the Nominating Committee at the General Membership (GM) meeting. It is their responsibility to submit the names of candidates for each of the Chapter's 7 Officers and 4 Directors in a report at the July GM meeting. At the August GM meeting, additional nominations can be made from the floor and then the elections are held. The new Officers and Directors are then installed at the September GM meeting.

1st VP Victoria Underhill will be leading the Nominating Committee with 2nd VP Rich Clement and Lake Chair Tom Vegella.

Although the last three years of participating in the Chapter leadership as a Director, 1st VP and now President have been busy, they have also been very rewarding. I have learned about all the various aspects of the Chapter and have had the opportunity to work with a lot of members I had not known previously. I highly recommend getting involved. If you are interested in a leadership position within the Chapter, please contact Victoria or myself.

Think about it!

Susan Cassell

Mother's Day Swamp Romp is back!

After a hiatus of several years, the Chapter will host the Mother's Day Swamp Romp, an opportunity to check out one of our outstanding conservation programs and to spend a few hours enjoying spring in the woods.

We'll meet at 10 a.m. Sunday morning May 9 at one of the locations in McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area where the Chapter maintains 65 artificial nest boxes for wood ducks as a way to assist these beautiful waterfowl with the business of procreation. This area is very accessible so a good place to bring kids or older folks (but please, no dogs; they scare the ducks) for just an hour or two, so you'll still have time to celebrate Mother's Day with family.

Details and exact location will be announced via the Chapter's Google Group.

Questions: contact Ryck Lydecker.

May Speaker(s) Focus

We will have two speakers in May. Juanita McMullan and husband Rick joined the Rockville Chapter of the IWLA back in 2016. They are the parents of 5 sons, all Eagle Scouts, that they raised in Germantown. For many years Juanita enjoyed being a stay-at-home Mom. Now that they are "empty nesters," she is a Middle School Paraeducator in the Montgomery County Public School system.



Shortly after joining the IWLA Juanita volunteered to "help" with the pollinator garden and wound up being in charge! The garden continues to grow as a work in process. That will be the subject of her discussion.

Juanita will be joined by Carla Morris who will speak about the work of a naturalist.

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 13th of August and runs through the 21st.

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 with questions or to volunteer.

Save Our Streams - Recruitment

It's time for a new Save Our Streams (SOS) leadership team! The League's SOS program began in 1969, when water pollution problems were easy to see – like massive oil spills and burning rivers. By the 1980s the League was offering trainings to volunteers on how to assess the stream environment and collect and evaluate a sample of stream insects to determine the health of a stream. These benthic macroinvertebrates are exposed to the temperature changes and sediment and chemical pollutants in the stream. Some of the organisms are tolerant to poor conditions, others are sensitive.

The IWLAR has a simple-to-use matrix for assessing stream health that considers the number of species present in the sample as well as whether they are sensitive or tolerant to poor conditions. The League has developed the Clean Water Hub where anyone doing stream sampling can easily post their results. This work of SOS volunteers creates a critical record of water quality over time, making it possible to quickly identify pollution problems that develop.

At our Rockville Chapter, the SOS Team responsibilities are to coordinate at least 3 dates (March/April, July, Oct) with the IWLAR calendar, recruit participants for each event, make sure there's a trained event leader present at each event, and a safety talk, fill out the SSL hours form for youth participants, maintain the equipment (upper shed storage), enter the results in the Clean Water Hub (easy!), submit a budget request in Sept and copy the Finance Chair & Conservation Activities Chair, and finally send a short report to the Conservation Activities chair and BOD each year.

There's lots of help available including from the current chair, Tom Vegella, as well as from Cindy Stevens who oversees the Chapter's Conservation Activities. The July event is combined with the little Ikes Conservation Education program run by Jeri Crist, and National's staff is right around the corner and often looking for reasons to get outdoors.

~Cindy Stevens and Tom Vegella~

Public Comment Sought on Lakeforest Mall Plan

The public is invited to comment on the Lakeforest Mall Master Plan Amendment draft in advance of a Mayor and City Council and Planning Commission Joint Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Comments received in writing prior to May 21 will be included in the public hearing packets for consideration. Email lakeforestmp@gaitersburgmd.gov. Public comment is also welcome at the hearing and also while the Planning Commission and Mayor and City Council records remain open. Registration is required to speak at the meeting. Instructions will be posted here closer to the meeting date.

IWLAR Recreational Drone Program

The Board of Directors recently approved creation of a recreational drone program to begin in May and run until Labor Day. Members, their families, and Scouts affiliated with our Chapter may participate. Flights will be allowed on Sundays from 10:00-12:45 near our lake and will be supervised by licensed Remote Pilots from our Chapter.



Drones must weigh less than two pounds and registered with the FAA (if over .55 pounds [25 grams]). Participants who have never flown a drone before can be paired with experienced users who can help you get started. Prior to start of the program, participants must complete a safety seminar to cover the new IWLAR drone rules and FAA requirements. To sign-up for the safety seminar, please fill out the form distributed by the IWLAR Google Group.

Kayak Class

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 5 from 8:45 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 and 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 ages 8 and up and will be limited to the first 15 who register. For more information see 2021 Water Sports Information at our website under Recreation and then Water Sports.

To register, send an email with the number of adults, and number of children and their ages to watersports@iwl.org. 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.

In addition, check the Chapter website under Watersports for more details about the class and the kayak schedule of trips for 2021. In past years we've had several trips to surrounding waterways from June to September.

~Tom Selle~

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.

For Owners of M1 Garands

The Civilian Marksmanship Program advises shooters to not use .30/06 ammunition in M1 Garands, 1903s, and 1903A3s that is loaded beyond 50,000 CUP and has a bullet weight more than 172-174gr. These rifles are at least 70 years old and were not designed for max loads and super heavy bullets. Always wear hearing and eye protection when firing an M1 Garand, 1903 and/or 1903A3 rifle. For more info, see <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/>

New Members Recently Inducted

Cristina & Nestor Molano	Gaithersburg
Kyle DeSoto	Boyds
Bob O'Brien	Derwood
Alan Robbins	Bethesda
Jake Soffronoff & Jill Taricani	Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

For sale:

1. Swiss long rifle, 1911, in perfect condition, very accurate. \$ 300.00 / offer.
2. Swedish Mauser type short carbine, 1938. Some small stock modifications, otherwise in perfect condition. \$400 or best offer.

There is some ammo for both rifles to go with it.

Rolf Tschudin at "grietzzi@verizon.net".

For sale:

1. Orvis carry all \$125.00
2. Simms 3 rod carrying case \$75.00 never used.
3. Danvise rotary fly tying vise \$50.00
4. Regal Fly tying vise. THE INEX VISE
5. Graphite fly rod 9 ft. 0" for 7/8 weight line. \$45
6. Kunnan 8 ft 6" fly rod 7/8 weight line. \$25.00
7. Albright 14 ft. 0" for 9/10 weight line. \$100.00
8. Reddington Predator Fly Rod 9' 0" 8 weight 4pc New never used \$275.00
9. Cabela's C.G.R. 876-3 Fiberglass fly rod 7 ft. 6" fly rod for 7/8 weight \$50.00
10. Bullet for reloading Sierra .45 Caliber (.451) 200 gr. FPJ Match Bullets #8825 \$160

Anyone interested in any item please send email to

vicez175@yahoo.com.

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.