



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Will Rogers once said "a stranger is a just friend I haven't met yet" and that's a great way to think about attending the Izaak Walton League of America annual convention next month in nearby Fredericksburg, VA. The site of this annual gathering of Ikes from around the country moves from state to state each year – last year it was Wisconsin and South Dakota in 2016 -- and this year's convention will be held in Fredericksburg, VA.

As all Rockville Chapter members know, we are part of a much larger, national organization but it's easy to forget that as we focus on local activities and devote our energies to supporting the Chapter (thank you!). Now here's an opportunity to get up close and personal with the "big picture" of the League. All members are eligible to attend the annual meeting – this is the 96th! – and in this case, you can take advantage of the reduced room rates that National has negotiated in a great resort setting. (The League rate is good for three days before and three days after the convention, by the way, in case you want to explore more of this very historic corner of Virginia.)

As a bonus, the host chapter, Fredericksburg-Rappahannock, has arranged two pre-convention tours on Tuesday July 17th. Pick from a Rappahannock River paddle trip or a Civil War battlefield tour and get a jump on getting to know some news friends who share your conservation vision as an Ike. In many ways, that's what the convention is all about so mark your calendar for July 17-20. For details and to register, go to iwla.org/news-events. (Got questions? Need more encouragement? Just ask: president@iwlr.org.)

Ryck Lydecker

Upcoming pistol classes

Pistol Classes will be held at the Chapter on July 21 and October 13. The one-day course costs \$175 (\$150 for Chapter members). The classes are for both first-time shooters and those who want to improve their accuracy or are out of practice. The training will include both indoor classroom and 50 rounds of live-fire instruction at our outdoor range. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. Advanced registration is required and students under 18 must enroll with a parent or guardian (pre-approval required). For more info contact Rick Albert.

June Speaker Spotlight

Joli McCathran is a member and Treasurer of the Montgomery County Forestry Board and the Champion Tree Coordinator, along with Joe Howard, for Montgomery County. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Maryland Big Tree Program. Joli is also a member of American Forest's National Cadre of Tree Measurers. She is the Mayor of the Town of Washington Grove and is an officer in the Maryland Mayor's Association. She is also a member of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Garden Club. She resides in Washington Grove with her husband. Her hobbies include camping, sewing, canning produce and playing with her grandson.



Ikes National Convention in Our Backyard

The Izaak Walton League of America will hold its 96th annual convention next month and it's right in our Chapter's backyard – in Fredericksburg, VA – making this a great opportunity to get to know the League better and to meet fellow Ikes from around the country.

The Convention, set for July 17-20, will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center, just a 60-mile drive from the Rockville Chapter, making this a great opportunity for a fun family summer outing among like-minded folks. The meeting starts with a "early bird" party and auction on Tuesday night, the 17th, and continues Wednesday through Friday with conservation speakers, workshops, awards dinners and features a Thursday evening BBQ hosted by the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter at its grounds, complete with a lake, dock, and walking trails.

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National Convention (continued)

The convention also includes sessions to conduct official League business and as a bonus for families, a youth convention that includes Young Ike activities like searching for prehistoric shark teeth along the Potomac, a day at Kings Dominion, and outdoor recreation and conservation activities at the local Chapter.

Details are in the current issue of Outdoor America or you can download a convention packet at iwla.org/news-events.

Upcoming Jr. Youth event

On Saturday, June 30 the IWLA Jr. Youth will be holding a SOS "Save Our Streams" event from 10am - 12pm, followed by an Amateur radio demo from 1 to 3pm. If you're planning on staying the whole time bring a bagged lunch. All welcome. We will be meeting at the lake pavilion. For more info, contact Jeri Crist.

Ranges Short Shots

Pellet Gun Shoots - The Chapter's Governing Body recently approved a chapter sanctioned pellet gun shooting event at the pistol range. Announced pellet gun shoots will be conducted on designated Sundays from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM under the supervision of a Sanctioned Event Range Officer. The pellet gun shoots will be governed by the following procedures:

- .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

Pellet gun shoots will be conducted during the summer and early fall months. This is a great opportunity to improve your shooting techniques and skills and have fun! Be alert for Rockville Email Group announcements (sign up if you haven't done so) and upcoming Chapter newsletter articles announcing the dates.

Shotgun Patterning on the Pistol Range - Have you wanted to pattern your shotgun with that turkey choke with high power turkey loads? In October 2017, special patterning procedures (by appointment only) were approved by the Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee and documented within our Chapter Range Rules (refer to Pistol Range Rule 12, page 10, for detailed procedures).

Designated Range Officers will be available Saturday, June 2, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (following the Practical Range Orientation class) to supervise shotgun patterning per the range rules. No appointment is needed; just bring your shotgun, ammunition, and target.

~ Duval Crist ~

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Witold Golab for providing a wonderful fried pork sandwich and chips at the May 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.

Ed Compton Wins Tobin Award

National Director Miles Greenbaum presented the 2017 Judge John W. Tobin award to Rockville Chapter member Ed Compton for his decades of service teaching air rifle and BB-gun to hundreds of youth over those years.



Ed's teaching has always focused on safety and sportsmanship, followed by marksmanship and competition. He has selflessly given of his time to take Rockville teams to many competitions, and those teams have always done very well. Some of his students have gone on to scholarships and to the junior Olympics. He has served many times on the Chapter's Board of Directors. Ed is an outstanding example of what it means to win the Tobin Award.

League Offers Bowhunting Instructor Workshop

As an add-on to its national convention next month, the League will offer a one-day Explore Bowhunting workshop to anyone interested in becoming a bowhunting instructor. To be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the IWLA Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter in Spotsylvania, VA, the cost is \$30, which includes lunch plus instructor materials valued at \$65. Any League member who is a state hunter education instructor, certified archery instructor, or avid archer/bowhunter and willing to share his or her outdoor experiences can become a trained bowhunting instructor. Discounted overnight accommodations are available at the convention hotel in Fredericksburg and you do not have to attend the national convention to attend this workshop.

Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program

This is the 6th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Items to Donate:

1. Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, sports of all types, etc.
2. CDs: any and all types of music, including 'books on tape'
3. DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
4. Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order with all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge.
5. Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery:

1. All magazines must be clean and current, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements
2. All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – no boxes or paper bags
3. All items must not be dropped off prior to the designated time and location

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday July 1, 2018 (12 noon at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House.

Douglas Smith

New Members Recently Inducted

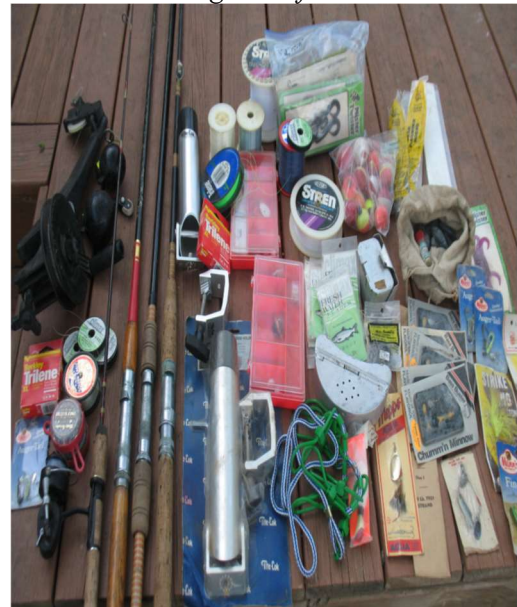
Brenton & Lekha Knuffman Gaithersburg
William Tarello Germantown
A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Contractor Needed

Are you a qualified home improvement contractor? If so, you might be interested in bidding on a job for the Chapter. Please request details from: president@iwl.org.

Fishing Gear for Sale



Fresh and saltwater tackle and rods that were donated to the Chapter are up for sale. Three saltwater rods, one light-action freshwater spinning rod with reel. Many snelled hooks, plastic baits and lures never used. Lots of new fishing line. One downrigger with weights. Best offer for the lot. All monies go to the Chapter's Lake Fund. FFI or to make offer: president@iwl.org.

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.