



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

"Nature is by and large to be found out of doors, a location where, it cannot be argued, there are never enough comfortable chairs."

Fran Lebowitz

It's "that time of year" again – the time to get outside and enjoy the things that are spring. This has been a busy spring thus far. This Newsletter recaps a lot of our Chapter activities. Each is an opportunity for you to get outside and get involved – we need your help with the conservation activities, youth programs, shooting sports, training programs and more. You don't have to be involved in everything. None of us has the time for that. So choose something that you enjoy and join in. Or try something you haven't done before. There are also a lot of opportunities to help us maintain and improve our Chapter. It takes a lot of effort to support our leagues, to clear brush and plant trees, to build fence around the Chestnut orchard, to keep the lake and ranges looking good and to keep our house and grounds in good shape.

We can do it together – come out and help out – get involved. When the work is done, we'll find a comfortable spot under a shade tree, relax and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Lee Hays

Clean Water Challenge

Healthy streams are vital to healthy communities. It's where our kids play and dogs splash. And some of these streams provide the water we drink. But is the water in these streams clean and safe? The truth is, for most local streams, no one knows. That's a problem – one the Izaak Walton League can help you solve with the Clean Water Challenge.

Our goal is to monitor water quality at 100,000 more stream sites nationwide by 2022 and improve water quality across the country.

There are lots of ways you can get involved, from taking a photo of your favorite stream to measuring stream health!

Space Still Available for NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course on June 22. See p. 2 for more information.

Clean Water Challenge (Continued)

Step 1: [SNAP A #STREAMSELFIE](#)

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. So is your Stream Selfie! You can help us create an inventory of stream sites – and focus stream monitoring where it's needed most. And we'll feature the best Stream Selfie each week on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more! **START SNAPPING**

[Step 2: GET YOUR FEET WET & CLEAN UP A STREAM](#)

Clean-ups are about more than making communities look good. When trash accumulates in streams and rivers, it damages fish habitat, blocks out sunlight vital to underwater plants, and depletes oxygen in the water (which all aquatic animals need to survive).

Step 3: VOLUNTEER AS A STREAM MONITOR

You don't need a background in science or expensive equipment to be a volunteer stream monitor. With simple tools plus targeted training from the League, you can start testing water quality in your community today! Here's how:

Visit the League's Save Our Streams web page at iwla.org for stream monitoring video tutorials, equipment lists, and tips for beginning stream monitors.

Attend a hands-on workshop where League staff will teach you how to monitor water quality. Visit the League's [Clean Water Workshops page](#) for information on upcoming workshops or put in a request for training.

Enter your stream monitoring data into the [Save Our Streams national database](#) to create a stream health report card and share your data with others.

Share solutions to local pollution problems you discovered through stream monitoring. Your successes will encourage new stream monitors. E-mail sos@iwla.org.

Step 4: MAKE A DONATION

With your support, the League can provide more trainings for stream monitor, get more kids outdoors, and provide more tools and tips for everyone who cares about clean water! [DONATE TO THE LEAGUE TODAY](#)

Upcoming Water Sports Events

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 with the number of adults, and number of children and their ages or call Tom Selle. 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.

Chapter kayak trip on June 15, Monocacy River to Potomac River. Arrive at the IWLAR parking lot at 8:30AM to pick out kayak, PFD and paddle. This is an all day trip, about 5 miles (2-4 hours) on the water. We attempt to arrive back at the chapter about 4:30PM. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, hat, and wear clothing that can get wet (preferably non-cotton). Anything water sensitive leave in your car or protect in a waterproof container (plastic zip bags work well).

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 9th of August and runs through the 17th.

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 or come to any General Membership meeting and talk to Bill with questions or to volunteer.

“What's Bugging You?”

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs! Bugs are great, come find out why on Sunday, June 9 from 1pm - 4. We will meet at the Chapter House to check in, before going to the Chestnut Orchard and Pollination Garden.

Our guest speaker will share his knowledge about different types of bugs and why they are important!

“What's Bugging You?” (Continued)

We will add bug friendly plants to the chapters pollinator garden and plant one to take home. There will be a fun “lighting bug” craft that will glow.

Dress for the weather. We will be outside, playing in the dirt and taking a short hike.

Wear your garden gloves if you have some!

Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A6229-whats>

Questions, call Jeri Crist - Sponsored by the IWLAR Jr. Youth Conservation Group.

The Work Goes on!

A big thank you to: Katie and Ricardo Rodrigues, Bruce Curtis, Alan Cohen, Even Walseng, Noah Blumberg, and Bernie Rod for braving the rain and working hard.

Given that the roof was slippery from the rain, we decided to postpone scrubbing it. However, we were successful in trimming all the weeds, spreading pelletized lime, cutting cardboard and doing some general cleanup.

I am not sure when I will be able to organize the next work party, but there is plenty to be done and, after we were done with the hard work, we discussed some of them.

I'm still looking for volunteers to spearhead the coordination of the following projects:

1) Installing fans at the shooting positions (to pull smoke away), revamping the electric plan (we need to wire for the fans and, while doing that, we will install a few power outlets as well), and replacing the baffles between positions.

2) Reroute the perimeter fence to run on the inside of both sheds.

3) Drainage and landscaping.

If you are interested in any of the above projects, please, send me an e-mail and I will provide you with more details.

~Paolo Amedeo~

Basic Pistol Class June 22

The class provides a full day of hands on firearms training including a section on MD Law as required to apply for an HQL. We provide both revolvers and semi-automatics for the students. If a student has a pistol they want to use, they can do so but if it uses ammo other than a 9mm or .38 / .357, students would have to provide their own. We provide both 9mm and .38 Special ammo for the class. The class format has everyone firing 25 rounds from a revolver and 25 rounds from a semi-auto thus giving each student practice with both types of guns. HQL only requires 1 round fired so you get 50 times the requirement for live fire. For more information contact Rick Albert.

2019 Awards

The Chapter will be considering awards for the following topics.

- Conservation
- Special Appreciation Awards
- President's Award
- New Member of the Year
- Member of the Year
- Hall of Fame
- Safety Training
- Youth Activities
- Harry Crow Leadership Award
- Clean Water Challenge

The President's Award needs to be coordinated with Chapter President Lee Hays. The Hall of Fame Award is a very special award and has strict criteria. Chapter members who know individuals deserving consideration should send their nomination to Ryck Lydecker and Lee Hays no later than the August GMM.

Meeting Night Meals

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

Diane Black of Rockville
Carla Morris of Hyattsville
Sergio Oliver of Brookeville
Kevin Pugh of Rockville
Ray Shipe of Germantown
Rich Wilkinson of Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

Jerusalem Mill "Water/Ways"

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is proud to be partnering with the Smithsonian Institution and a number of other sponsors on a traveling exhibit titled "Water/Ways", while the exhibit makes an appearance at The Historical Society of Baltimore County (HSBC) in Cockeysville. HSBC will be the first of six Maryland sites to host Water/Ways, brought to the state by the Maryland Humanities' Museum on Main Street program. The Water/Ways exhibition dives into water, exploring water's effect on the landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. The Maryland tour showcases the state's unique water stories and history in locally-generated work. They will be displaying our newly updated grist mill model at this first stop of the traveling exhibit. Water/Ways will be open to the public in the historic Almshouse in Cockeysville for six weeks, from May 25 to July 6, 2019, during HSBC's 60th anniversary year. For more information on the program, visit the web site: <http://www.hsobc.org/waterways/>. Be sure to stop in to visit the exhibit and see our mill model in action.

Friends of Seneca Park In Need

The park is underfunded by the state legislature and they are in constant need of individual members to join the Friends group that provides support and volunteer work for the Park for a very modest annual fee of \$25. Chapter members should consider becoming a "Friend" as well.

Ike's Want Ads

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.