



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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T. Anderson, Editor



President's Message

"If you believe in something, be willing to give back a small part of what you get."

We have an excellent group of volunteers helping run our Chapter as Officers and Directors. We are approaching the time of year when we ask our members to step up and help us run our Chapter.

In July we should have a slate of officers and directors to announce. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have identified a volunteer to be our Recording Secretary. After several years of doing an excellent job, Miles Greenbaum is stepping down. We may also need a volunteer or two to be Directors.

Very importantly, at our August General Membership meeting we will have elections. It will be critical that you make the time to come to that meeting and support the folks who step up to help by voting.

If you can make the time to help us run the Chapter, please contact me. It's an important job and you can help us make a difference.

Lee Hays

Stream Sampling Coming Up

Join the JR. Youth Conservation team for our annual stream sampling of Seneca Creek is July 14 from 1pm till 4. We will evaluate stream health by evaluating the macro-invertavates present in the water. If time allows we will assemble a portable microscope and look for micro organisms such as amoebas. Identifying what is living in the water is one of the best ways to determine the overall health of a lake or stream. This event is free to members, their guests and the public, and will take place at the IWLAR lake. Please register at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20F0C48A9A6229-save1> Questions? Email or call Jeri Crist.

Reminders:

*The next water sports event will be on July 20.
The Lake is currently trash free. Let's keep it that way!*

July Date Changes!!!!: The **July** General Membership Meeting has been moved to the **12th** and the Board of Directors Meeting has been moved to **July 26**. Submissions to the Newsletter still need to arrive by the third Friday of the month, the **19th**.

July Speaker Spotlight



Nick Spero is a retired entomologist who conducts wild edible walks for the Natural History Society of Maryland, located in Rosedale, Maryland. Nick also leads walks to vernal pools to discuss and look at the amphibians that come to the pools to spawn in the spring. Nick also presents programs for several local nature centers on various nature related topics.

Change to Chapter Fee Structure

At the May Board of Directors meeting, Judy Danish presented a motion to bring to the membership a change to our fee structure. The motion specified that the Chapter initiation fee would be waived for active duty military, police, fire fighters and other first responders. The motion was approved by the Board.

Judy made this motion to the General Membership Meeting and it was seconded by Mike Slingluff. There was discussion regarding the motion and, while there appeared to be general agreement of the concept, it was noted that without a quorum there could not be a vote so the motion was tabled.

The vote on the fee structure change will be held at the next General Membership Meeting and, in accordance with Chapter By-laws, the members present at that meeting will constitute a quorum for the purpose of a vote on this issue only.

Scholarships Presented:

Six \$2,000 Warren Fisher Conservation Scholarships were announced and three of the recipients were present to receive their checks:



Chapter President Hays presents checks to the Awardees

- Elizabeth Cassell, will be studying Environmental Science at Dickerson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
- Audrey Glendenning, is currently studying Environmental Science and Policy at the University of Maryland in College Park.
- Alison Ransom, will be studying Biology/Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

The other three, who will be receiving their checks in the near future, are:

- Kaitlin Desmond, is going into pre-veterinary medicine/environmental science at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.
- Mercedes Horn, will study Environmental Science at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont.
- Peter Walls, will be studying Environmental Science at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland.

The Scholarship Committee was made up of Lee Hays (Chair), Jackie Seppy, Evan Keto, Judy Drengwitz, Carl Udler and Lauren Vaughan.

Chapter Newsletter Via Google Group Mail

The Rockville Chapter Newsletter is available in PDF format sent to your email account. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email only contact David Schwartzman and include your name so that we can confirm your membership.

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.

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

On Sunday, June 9th, 30 young explorers (plus adults) left no log, rock or leaf unturned as we looked closely and discovered the amazing world of bugs! Everyone found something to put in their bug jar as we walked along the tractor path to the orchard. At the orchard, every bug was examined, identified, discussed and released. In the meadow we captured butterflies, moths, cicadas, bees, dragonflies and more with nets. We learned that bugs need plants to eat, lay eggs, live and pollinate, so we planted bug friendly plants in the Chapter's pollinator garden.



At the Chapter House there was a large bug collection to touch and examine with magnifying glasses. There was even a huge hissing beetle that kids were able to hold. Each child took a small flowering plant home, made a lighting bug craft and received an "Introduction Guide to Bugs" booklet to help them learn more and explore bugs and insects at home. This event could not have happened without IWLAR bug expert Andrew Cooke, Ali Ransom (2019 IWLAR Scholarship winner) and the help of Tom Vegella, Marion Lindenbaum, Cindy Stevens and Jeri Crist. Special thanks to the IWLAR chapter pollinator gardeners; Nancy Romain and Juanita McMullan for getting the garden ready for us to plant. Please visit the Chapter's Facebook page for more photos.

~Jeri Crist~

First Watersports event for 2019

Due to unusually high-water levels at Monocracy, the Chapter's first kayak trip of 2019 was moved to Clopper Lake.



The water level at Monocracy was more than 2 feet higher than normal and that increased the risk to kayakers. About 10 Ikes and their family members came along. It provided the opportunity to familiarize those who are new or rusty with kayaking skills in calm waters. The next water sports event is scheduled for July 20 when participants will be kayaking from Sandy Hook to Brunswick.

New Members Recently Inducted

Kirstin & Mindy Martone-Gulling of Silver Spring
Alexander & Dianne Oroz of Bethesda
Charles & Kate Rollins of Potomac
A warm welcome to all!

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.

Ike's Want Ads

2 rifles for sale.

-Browning Bar .22 Grade II – gorgeous highly-figured stock, dense checkering and greyed receiver with hand-engravings of a squirrel on one side and rabbit on the other. A real gem, asking \$1,850.

-1975 Weatherby Vanguard 30.06 with handsomely figured stock and Weaver scope. Only used once. Like new condition, asking \$1,200.

Roy Hull

For Sale!

1. S&W, Model 53; .22 Jet; 6" barrel, blue: NEW in box \$1,650
2. S&W, Model 32 (Terrier); .38 S&W; 2" barrel, blue; New in Box \$695
3. S&W. Model 40; .38 Spl.; 2" barrel; **case-color**/blue; New in Box \$950
4. S&W, .38 Hammerless, .38S&W, (rare)5", nickel, 4th chg, manuf.1909 \$750
5. Ruger, 50thAniv (.357 & .44); **S/N Matching Pair with Display Case** \$1,350

----many other target and hunting handguns for sale....call with requests.

Call for information and photos

Terry Popkin

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.