



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Governor Hogan has announced that all emergency mandates and restrictions will be lifted as of July 1. Our last in person GM meeting was March 6th, 2020. By the time of our upcoming July 9th GM meeting, it will have been 16 months since we gathered in person for our General Membership meeting. For those unable to attend in person, we will continue the availability of virtual meetings. As it will be our first "hybrid" meeting, please be patient with us as we may have technical difficulties. Constructive criticism will be welcome to help us improve.

At the July meeting, the Nomination Committee will be announcing the slate of candidates for the elections in August. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor preceding the voting.

I look forward to gathering in person and seeing you all!

Susan Cassell

A Chance to do Your Part

Either side of Waring Station road near the Chapter is loaded with litter. Earn two volunteer hours working on the road cleanup, whether it takes two hours or not. Meet in the Chapter House parking lot from 1-3 pm on July 11th. Many hands make light work. Come join us!

~John Lawrence~

County Fair Sign up link

Volunteers are needed to help at our booth for the Montgomery County Fair from August 13th through the 21st. Shifts will be 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. Sign up here or contact Bill Leaman at 240-888-7600 with questions or to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AABAA2AA0FC1-mcfair> (If link doesn't work, please copy the whole URL into a browser)

July Speaker Focus

Codrin Lungu is a member of the Rockville Chapter, along with his family, since 2020. He has an interest in visual astronomy and will share some information about this wonderful hobby with the Chapter. The presentation will include some discussions about what amateur visual astronomy is, local and global opportunities, target objects, some discussion of the equipment, and it will hopefully also dispel some widespread myths.



Codrin lives in North Bethesda with his wife and 3 year old daughter, and for his day job he is a physician, and works in research at the National Institutes of Health. When he is not looking up at the sky or working, he loves spending time with his daughter, running, consuming good music or art, and exploring nature wherever available - including on the IWLAR grounds!

National Convention Coming Up

This is an opportunity for all IWLA members to be a part of a National Convention. Find out what is happening at the National level and how directions and priorities of the League are established. Learn more about State Divisions across the country at the annual Parade of States. These are evening meetings so it should be easier for everyone to attend. For more information on how to participate, and what programs are being presented on what day and time, go to: iwla.org/news-events/2021-national-convention. See you there!

Range Rules return to Normalcy

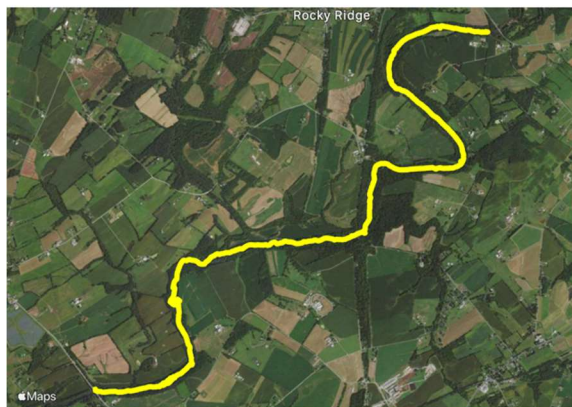
With Maryland's July 1 termination of all COVID emergency mandates and restrictions, the Supplemental Range Rules will be terminated effective July 1. In conjunction with the improved conditions, the 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday Duty Range Officer shift will be reinstated effective Saturday, July 3, providing 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday Duty Range Officer coverage. Please refer to the *Chapter Range Rules* for more detailed information concerning open range hours and the *Chapter calendar* for day-specific closures or restrictions to accommodate training classes or other Chapter sanctioned events.

The Chapter Range Safety Committee appreciated everyone's support and partnership with maintaining our enhanced safety posture throughout the pandemic and encourages everyone to enjoy the ranges to the maximum extent!

The Chapter Range Safety Committee: Paolo Amedeo, Susan Cassell, Rich Clement, Duval Crist, Shawn Healy and Bill Leaman.

Possible record turnout for first Watersports of 2021

As many as 22 Ikes and family members participated in the first Watersports event of the year. The group traversed the Upper Monocacy. The excursion began just east of Rocky Ridge and ended at the Woodsboro Creagerstown Rd bridge.



Distance: **7 mi** Duration: **03:20:02** Date: **Jun 19, 2021**

The kayakers were blessed with calm waters and mild temperatures and were undeterred by a few brief periods of rain.



The next watersports event will be on July 10.

2021 Summer Archery Returns

IWLAR's summer archery program was back in full swing starting Sunday, July 6. We had about 35 participants who had their safety training followed by a round of instruction and shooting. Each week participants will develop and improve their archery techniques on the static range, tower and potentially 3D. Summer archery continues through July 18.



Thank you to all our volunteer archery coaches helping out this summer including: Scott Binder, Rich Clement, Joeffrey Eclarin, Deb Franklin, Miles Greenbaum, Kim Guay, Dale Kawamura, Thomas Kawamura, Norma Kawecki, Jacob Patterson, Rob Van Tassell, Bud Worth, Gracie Worth and Ken Kee

~Martha Patterson~

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.

Ike Chapters going Solar

Interesting article in the latest edition of the League's magazine *Outdoor America* (the magazine is also online although the latest version wasn't available at the time of our newsletter's publication) about IWLA Chapters switching to solar as their power source. We have already done this down the lake and there are opportunities to do more although, as the article notes, trees in close proximity to a structure, such as our Chapter House, may prevent solar from being viable.

Meeting Night Meals

With the return to in-person meetings, we can restart our practice of providing a pre-meeting meal to attendees. 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 301-928-7075 or jeri5616@yahoo.com.

GS project planting

For those not in attendance at the last GMM, Troop 159 has a project planting vegetation on stumps.



New Members Recently Inducted

Barry Cooper	Germantown
Robbie Deibert	Bethesda
Prem Kumar	Germantown
April & Jose Marrone	Germantown
Jon Shimmons	Chevy Chase
Will & Christina Stonelake	Cooksville
Adam Sutherland & Deena Edwards	Boyd's
Cody Zoschak	Washington, DC

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Crossman Quest .22 caliber Air Rifle with scope.

Velocity 1100 fps with alloy pellets. Model 22RDN-999

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Cell 301 254-2787 or E-mail Rkomara@hotmail.com.

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