



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Be Part of Something Big

If this is August then September is just ahead of us, which means National Hunting and Fishing Day is on the horizon and it's time to start planning our annual Open House event on Saturday Sept. 23.

This is the Chapter's opportunity to localize a national event by inviting the public in to experience activities like shooting, archery, fishing, and more. But it's also annual our opportunity to help them understand the enormous contributions that hunters, anglers, archers and boaters make to conservation in this country, and the League's role in all of it.

Yes, it's "something big" so we need a lot of volunteers to make it happen. You can help at one of the activity stations (fishing, archery, paddling, etc.) or with the many logistical chores, like parking, that make this event a success year after year. Help out for just a couple of hours, the morning or the afternoon, or all day. This is a great way to log your annual volunteer hours, too.

The open house is from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm but set-up starts earlier and of course we have volunteer opportunities in the planning and preparation leading up to Sept 23. To get started, send a message to or speak to the Chapter President (If you know where you'd like to serve, please note that.) And when it's all over, you'll be glad you had a part in it.

Ryck Lydecker

IWLA and the Montgomery County Fair

Each year the Rockville Chapter provides the tent, and other Ike chapters in the county provide additional manpower and displays at national, state and local levels in order to educate the public about the IWLA. This year from 11 to 19 August volunteers are needed from 10 AM to 4 PM or from 4 PM to 10 PM. Tickets are provided and no experience is necessary. It's a good way to get your hours and have some fun. Contact Bill Leaman for more details or to volunteer.

New Separate Range Cards Coming Next Year

For 2018, separate range identification cards will be issued to Archery Approved, Range Approved, and Range Officer qualified members to use the chapter ranges. The Izaak Walton League national membership cards used to identify chapter members will not have range qualified stickers affixed to them. This practice is similar to other Izaak Walton League chapters to identify range use and will increase efficiency once fully implemented.

Range cards will be color coded for ease of identification with the range classification designation and shooter name prominently displayed. The expiration year will be displayed via an annually-issued sticker. Effective February 1, 2018, the new range cards will be required for use on all ranges. During this transition, range qualified members must retain their 2017 membership cards displaying their range use designation, as they will be honored until February 1, 2018.

The Range Use Cards will be generated via chapter equipment. A volunteer is needed to be responsible for chapter range access to generate and issue the initial cards, annual validation stickers, cards to new members, and members changing range status (e.g., Range Approved to Range Officer).

This is a critical job and we **MUST** have a member step up and volunteer to perform this task. Interested persons may contact Duval Crist additional for more details.

Duval Crist
Range Coordinator

A Blast from the Past

I will be on vacation for part of July and August. During this period Editor Emeritus Jay Copsey will briefly return from his well-deserved retirement to help with the Newsletter. Please send submissions for the September newsletter to both myself and Jay.

~Todd Anderson~

Attend the August Meeting – Your Support is Critical

The annual election of officers and directors is to take place at the general membership meeting on **Friday, August 4, 2017. Participation and good turnout for this meeting are critical for the success of the election.**

In addition to those candidates selected by the nominating committee, nominations can be made from the floor. If you know a member that you feel would be an asset to the chapter's leadership, please raise your hand when nominations from the floor are called. Members that are elected will be sworn in at the September general membership meeting.

The Chapter's Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates:

Candidates for Officers - Term ends 2018

President	Ryck Lydecker
1st VP	Tom Vegella
2nd VP	Rick Albert
Treasurer	Tom Perazella
Rec Sec	Mike Brolly
Member Sec	Judy Danish
Corresponding Sec	Kent Shaw

Four Board of Director Seats Open – Term ends 2020

David Schwartzman

Tom Selle

Cindy Stevens

(The forth director will be nominated from the floor)

September 16 Range Officer Training Class

Space remains in the Range Officer Training Class scheduled for Saturday, September 16, to train new range officers and re-certify existing RO's. The class runs from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM with lunch provided.

For new Range Officers, class prerequisites are that you must be Range Approved for at least six months, have a Range Officer Certification Card signed by three Duty Range Officers while using the pistol range on separate occasions before the class, and successfully complete a test on the Range Rules prior to the class.

****Upon class completion, new Range Officer candidates must successfully serve as the Duty Range Officer during the live fire portion of a Range Orientation Practical Training Class for new members held each month to receive their Range Officer credentials.****

Range Officers are granted the privilege of using the rifle and pistol ranges when a Duty Range Officer is not present on weekends. With the privilege of greater range access comes a responsibility – you must serve as a Duty Range Officer approximately twice each year.

For more information and to register for the class, contact Duval Crist.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

Summertime Collection of Mags for Vets

Thank you to the members of the Rockville chapter that donated magazines, books, and DVDs for our vets. Your kindness helps our vets pass the time during their treatment and recovery. See you in Dec for our next donation and pick up! ~ Doug



This summer's haul with Coordinator Doug Smith.

It's a dirty job but somebody has to do it

There are a lot of Volunteer opportunities through the Chapter. Members are told this when they join, but for those who concentrate on a narrow number of activities, it's easy to forget. Some opportunities are on occasional work parties, such as the recent effort to install security cameras on the Chapter property and others occur regularly, such as trash pickup on Waring Station road.



Claire Usilton and Jerry Czecha collect trash on Waring Station Road

Many, but not all, volunteer projects allow members to accumulate their minimum 6 hours of annual volunteer time. Roughly half the Chapter membership performs their hours and the remainder pay an additional annual fee in lieu of volunteer hours. So, members who volunteer can actually save money and dues and also do something good for the Chapter and/or the community!

Stream Monitoring Event on July 30 Was Canceled

The Rockville Chapter was hosting a stream sampling of Great Seneca Creek on Sunday July 30, 2017 from 1-4 pm, but due to excessive rain leading to high run-off levels in Seneca Creek, the event was canceled.

Native Flowers/Plants and Gardeners Wanted!

The Butterfly/Pollinator Garden, located in our Chestnut Grove, is expanding. If you will be thinning out your flower garden this fall and would like to donate to the garden, contact Juanita McMullan. Native species are preferred, but as long as it is not an invasive, we'd like to add to the variety and color of the Butterfly/Pollinator Garden.

You could bring your plants/tubers/bulbs/rhizomes to the Chapter's October general membership meeting, or better yet, arrange to meet us at the garden and plant them yourself! Other gardening help is also welcome and appreciated; let us know if you are interested.

Chapter Newsletter Via Yahoo 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.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Christina Shioutankon for providing delicious submarine sandwiches (your humble editor ate three!) at the July 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.

Eagle Scout Project to make Interpretive Nature Trail

A recently proposed Eagle Scout project will turn the trail created by a previous ES into an interpretive nature trail. Still in the planning phase, the project will be completed by the end of the year.

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. To sign up, send an email identifying yourself to iwlar-owner@yahoo.com. This is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancelations. Don't get left out of the loop – sign-up for the email group now!

New Members Recently Inducted

Bill Carroll	Takoma Park
Penny Dingels	Olney
Brian & Nicole	
Zimmerman	Germantown

A warm welcome to all and we hope to get to know you better throughout the year. The best advice we can give you: Get involved and enjoy all we have to offer!

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