



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

A few weeks ago, as I write this, two fairly new Chapter members each posted a really good question on the Yahoo list, basically: "how can I find out about volunteer opportunities and get enough information to follow through effectively?"

Well, sometimes it's easy when a posting pops up on the Yahoo list (and now we've a GoogleGroup, too – thank you, Kent Shaw!) and it asks Members to show up for a work party at a certain time and date to help with a specific physical task. And, of course, this newsletter does a great job of publicizing recurring volunteer needs or leadership posts (we still need a 3-D Archery Chair, btw).

But some Chapter projects and needs are a bit less well-defined and require a Member to take ownership while offering leeway to bring personal talents, skills and creative thinking to the assignment. So, here's one of those: we need someone who can create a system to organize and publicize volunteer opportunities on a continuing basis.

Call it "Job Jar General" or "To-Do List Leader," whatever you want but these days there should be a way (or ways) -- a system, if you will -- to answer the question posed above. (Special thanks to Matt Jans and Robert Adorian for asking it in the first place!) And we need an Ike to take it on. Interested? Or have thoughts to share? Let me know: president@iwl.org.

Ryck Lydecker

New opportunity those into biking

Rockville Chapter announces New Bike Group: Bike rides will take place in Maryland State Parks, C & O Canal Tow path, and Rail-to-Trail right-of-ways. First two bike rides will be August 4 and September 1 on the C & O Canal Tow path. Riders will meet at the Chapter House at 9:30 a.m. and travel to biking location.

August 4: Riley's Lock to Whites Ferry and Return
September 1: Carderock to Riley's Lock and Return

Contact: Ron Roberson.

A few more County Fair Volunteers Needed
Evening shift 4-10 pm, August 10 through 18. Contact Bill Leaman.

Mini Crisis at the Lake after record rainfall

A crisis at the lake was quickly avoided with the quick action of four dedicated members! After extremely heavy rainfall on Saturday, July 21st, the streams and tributary's around the IWLAR Lake were flowing over capacity. The IWLAR lake feeder stream was discovered to be blocked by forest debris and if not removed the waterflow could have easily taken out the gravel road that goes over the culvert that feeds into the chapter lake. Luckily a team of IKES literally jumped in and tackled the problem immediately.



Jay Copsy volunteered to climb into the overflowing feeder stream where the water was chest high and began clearing the culvert opening with the help of Tom Vegella, Bill Jackson and Bill Leaman. The team was able to remove most of the debris with the exception of a large fallen tree trunk.



With Bill Leaman at the tractor's wheel, the team secured a chain around tree trunk and successfully pulled it out of the feeder stream unclogging the culvert and reestablished the water flow. With the tree trunk and debris removed, the stream should flow as intended keeping the road around the lake intact.

~Jeri Crist~

Step up for National Hunting and Fishing Day

The Rockville Chapter's biggest outreach to the community is on the horizon and you can be a big part of it. Planning is underway for our annual National Hunting and Fishing Day Open House, Saturday Sept. 22, and we are lining up volunteers right now. It's the day we invite the public in to experience Chapter activities like shooting, archery, fishing, and more. But it's also 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.

We need volunteers to assist at the various activity stations (fishing, archery, paddling, etc.) as well as to help with set-up and clean-up, and the many logistical chores, like parking, that make this event a success year after year. You can help out for just a couple of hours, for the morning or the afternoon, or the whole day. This is a great way to log your annual volunteer hours, too, and the Chapter provides lunch for all volunteers.

The Open House is from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm but set-up starts earlier and of course we have many volunteer opportunities in all the planning and preparation activities in the days and weeks leading up to Sept 22. To volunteer, contact Ryck Lydecker and when it's all over, you'll be glad you had a part in it.

2018 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 Ryck Lydecker. The Hall of Fame Award is a very special award and has a stricter criteria. Chapter members who know individuals deserving consideration should send their nomination to Lee Hays no later than the August GMM.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Marie Perazella for providing wonderful Chinese Chicken Salad and Pasta dishes 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.

Ranges Short Shots

August Pellet Gun Shoots

As announced in the June 2018 newsletter, Sunday morning pellet gun shoots will be held on designated Sundays from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the Pistol Range as Chapter sanctioned events. Two shoots are scheduled for August: Sunday, August 19 and Sunday, August 26. Both events will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude by 12:30 PM. The below procedures apply:

- .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 shooting is fun and challenging! We look forward to seeing you!

Pruning and Trimming Needed Around the Rifle and Pistol Ranges Perimeter

The fence that encloses the rifle and pistol range impact areas has a walking path on the outside to facilitate fence maintenance. Trimming and pruning is needed once each year to maintain the walking path in traversable condition. A volunteer is needed to perform the pruning and trimming. This job is an excellent venue for meeting your six-hour annual chapter service requirement. A gas trimmer, medium sized pruning shears, work gloves, and 4 - 6 hours is needed to accomplish this task. Contact Duval Crist for further details.

September 15 Range Officer Training Class

Space remains in the Range Officer Training Class scheduled for Saturday, September 15 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 also 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 ~

New email distribution list

At our June Board meeting, the Board of Directors heard complaints of unreliable email distribution with our existing Yahoo "IWLAR" and "IWLAR-Board" email lists. As a result, email addresses of all current members and non-members from our Yahoo group have been loaded into a new Google group. Users have the option to remove their email address from the distribution list but we are hopeful that you would not do this because you will miss event announcements, work parties, and other similar chapter correspondence. If you are receiving duplicate email notices, then you may have submitted a different email address when you renewed your membership than you were using on Yahoo. Remove the address that you do not want to use. If you are not receiving email from the distribution list, then there are four possible causes:

- You did not submit an email address when you renewed membership,
- The email message you submitted or on record was not valid,
- You made an election on Google to not permit your email address to be used on Google distribution lists, or
- Your email messages are "bouncing" (we will attempt to resolve these with you if you are a current member).

The addresses to use are now iwlar@googlegroups.com and iwlar-board@googlegroups.com. If you wish to be added to the IWLAR distribution list then send first and last name and your email address to Lowell Von Egger.

~Kent Shaw~

New Members Recently Inducted

Sean Zhang	Germantown
Liwei Yu	Germantown

A warm welcome to both. Please take advantage of all we have to offer and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale!

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

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.