



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

*Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless,
but because they are priceless.*

Anonymous

Throughout the year we read about the various programs, projects and activities in our Chapter. You volunteer to help – to give of our time and talents to make our Chapter a success. In the process, you get something that is beyond price – the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a contribution and a difference.

We open our doors to the community on Hunting & Fishing Day – Saturday, September 28th. We need to get our Chapter in shape. When there, make some time to clean up / straighten up indoors and out. These are special activities – in addition to our normal programs.

We need a lot of volunteer help. There are more details about these activities and others elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please *make the time* to come out and help.

Lee Hays

Additional Shooting Class

The Chapter is offering a Basic Rifle Shooting Course on September 7 from 8 AM to 5:30 PM. This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for safe rifle shooting. Students learn the NRA's rules for safe gun handling; rifle parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest, standing, and prone positions; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development. A full day of hands-on firearms training is provided by our Chapter's own volunteer NRA Certified Instructors with one-on-one coaching during range time while learning to shoot .22LR rimfire rifles and improve marksmanship. This is a beginning class and there is no prerequisite. Rifles and ammo are provided. Course fee is \$175 (discounts available for Chapter members). For additional course information or if you are Range Officer and would like to assist (and earn Chapter service hours) please contact Rich Clement.

Upcoming Elections

At the August meeting, we will be holding our annual election of officers and directors. Officers will serve one-year terms; directors are elected for three year terms. The Nominating Committee, under Steve Adah, has nominated the following slate of officers and directors:

Officers:

President Lee Hays
1st Vice President Susan Cassell
2nd Vice President Rick Albert
Treasurer Tom Selle
Membership Sec'y Judy Danish
Recording Sec'y Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Sec'y Kent Shaw

Directors:

Greg Underhill
Ricardo Rodrigues
Rich Clement
Tom Vegella
Adam Fleming

Of course, nominations may also be taken from the floor. Chapter President Hays noted that there are still two Director positions open and asked that anyone interested in volunteering for those positions should contact him.

County Fair

Last opportunity to participate/volunteer for the Montgomery County Fair, August 9th thru the 17th. Evening shifts are still open (4 to 10 pm). Contact Bill Leaman for any questions or to volunteer.

H&F Day Coming Up

The Chapter annual Open House marking National Hunting & Fishing Day is set for Saturday, September 28 and we'll start recruiting volunteers in August. A SignupGenius will be up soon (watch the GoogleGroup) but you can contact chair Ryck Lydecker to volunteer anytime.

Heat Index > 100° Doesn't Deter Rockville Ikes

Nine Ikes and family members kayaked from Harper's Ferry to Brunswick on July 20. Although the official temperature was in the mid-90s and the heat index was in triple digits, they weren't deterred. The occasional breeze and mild humidity helped a lot.

Map of the route (courtesy David Whiteis)



The trip was 5.7 miles traveled and took 2 hours and 48 minutes (including a lunch break of 20-30 minutes).



Group leader Tom Selle was kind enough to give us the opportunity to engage in an unplanned kayak recovery exercise!

The next Water Sports event will be a trip from Violets Lock to Old Potowmack Canal on August 24.

Hunting and Fishing Day Open House Parking Volunteers

Parking Volunteers are needed to help Chapter Members, Exhibitors and Guests with parking and to help manage traffic in the vicinity of the Chapter House. About 15 volunteers are needed to cover three shifts morning 8am-12pm (need 4 persons), mid-day 10am-2pm (need 5 persons), and late afternoon 1pm-5pm (need 5 persons). For those interested please send your contact information (name, email, cell phone number) to Ryck Lydecker and/or George Stimak. If you prefer to volunteer over the phone call George.

Your help with parking is appreciated.

~George Stimak~

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Todd Hayton and his wife, Erica for providing wonderful Pulled pork BBQ, slaw, baked beans and a brownie for dessert 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.

Nominations Needed for 2019 Chapter Awards

Do you know a Chapter member who's made contributions to our programs and successes this year? The Chapter leadership needs your nominees for the following awards, to be presented at the September annual meeting.

- 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 a stricter criteria. Chapter members who know individuals deserving consideration should send their nominations to Ryck Lydecker no later than the August 2nd General Membership Meeting.

Junior Shooting Sports will begin in the Fall

The Junior Air Rifle team will have their first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 9 am – 11 am in the upper level of the Chapter house. The Air Rifle team is for children ages 12 – 18.

The Junior BB Gun team will have their first meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1st from 7 pm – 9 pm. The BB Gun team is for children ages 8 – 15.

Both first meetings will be an introduction for both the children and myself (as I will be new to this). We will start with basic safety rules.

I am also putting out a call for help. I will need volunteers to help in spotting, scoring, and other tasks. Any time put in will count towards your volunteer hours.

A special "Thanks!" to Ed and James Compton for running this program for such a long time and for working with me to get me started.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cassell.

~Susan Casell~

Scholarship Presented

Kaitlin Desmond, who is going into pre-veterinary medicine/environmental science at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, was present to receive her \$2,000 scholarship from Chapter President Lee Hays at the July General Membership Meeting.



This year, the Chapter announced six Warren Fisher Conservation Scholarships being awarded to Montgomery County students.

New Members Recently Inducted

At the July GMM, the following new members were introduced.

Joel & Miriam Bader of Potomac
David Fosse of University Park
Harold Gelfand of Rockville
Moshe Haven of Potomac
Kevin May of Bethesda
Eric Wang of North Potomac

A warm welcome to all and please make use of everything we have to offer.

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.

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale:

Japan manufactured Browning BPS Invector Field model 10 gauge pump shotgun- excellent condition! \$650

Bereta Silver Pigeon 12 gauge pump shotgun, nice older engraving designs on receiver, seems mechanically sound, finish is graying with age. \$300

Charter Arms AR-7 explorer .22 rifle- overall condition very good, at one point an Armalite buttstock rear cover was put on it (before I got it). \$225

Ruger 77/50 bolt action in/line muzzleloader, beautiful condition \$400

NEFPardner Tracker II single shot slug 12 gauge, with rifle sights and rifled barrel, near new condition \$150

Warren LaHeist

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.