



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

"Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife, are in fact plans to protect man."

— Stewart L. Udall

This is a message on which our Izaak Walton League was founded. One thing we each can do is make a concerted effort to help protect our earth, air, water, woods and wildlife. You have an opportunity to participate in a lot of conservation related activities through the Chapter. It can be as simple as picking up trash along the roadside or helping plant trees. Make the time to be involved.

On a side note, it has been my honor to have led our Chapter for ten of the nearly thirty years since I joined. My thanks go out to you and all the wonderful folks that I have met and worked with over those years. I feel very confident in the new slate of officers and directors. They will continue

I look forward to continuing to working with you to achieve our goal as good stewards of the earth, air, woods, water and wildlife.

Lee Hays

Important August Work Party Planned

A work party will occur Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM to trim and prune vegetation; perform minor fence repairs; and replace fence signage on the exterior fence that encloses the rifle and pistol range impact areas. The trimming and pruning will maintain the outside fence walking path and is needed for our October 2020 Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee ranges inspection. This job is an excellent venue towards meeting your annual chapter service requirement. Please bring pruning shears and work gloves; donuts and beverages will be provided. Please contact Duval Crist for further details.

On July 14 at pistol league, someone found a very nice men's ring, but not at the pistol range. It is a black tungsten ring with a blue stripe and is engraved on the inside. If you think this could be yours, please contact.

IMPORTANT RENEWAL INFORMATION

Renewals will begin in September. In view of the COVID restrictions and difficulties, the Officers and Board of Directors voted that renewals for the year 2021 be modified in the following ways:

1. There will be no \$75 payment required in lieu of volunteer hours. All volunteer hours accumulated during 2020 will be credited to the 2021 work hours requirement.
2. Because of the monetary hardships imposed on many of our members, any type of membership may elect to deduct \$25.00 from the renewal dues for 2021.

For those of you who have already volunteered many hours in support of our Chapter, please know that it is truly appreciated, as is any work done for the remainder of the year. Keep track of your hours and submit them with your renewal next year. For more info, contact me.

Judy Danish
Membership Secretary

Two New Opportunities

Consider joining our *New Forest Stewardship committee!* We're looking for people interested in reviewing our existing plan and/or helping out with taking care of our forest. Our Forest Stewardship Plan was most recently updated in 2009. There have been a lot of changes since our last evaluation. We'll review the existing plan, identify action items and establish a time line. Contact Cindy Stevens to get involved. Our first meeting will be a meet via Zoom to share ideas on August 18 from 8-9pm.

Also, Contact Cindy at the same email to be added to the new *Conservation Discussion Group*.

The Chapter range safety committee removed the requirement that guests be from the same household. Guest policy is now governed exclusively by the regular range rules. To see the existing rules and sign up to use the range, go to <https://www.iwlar.org/supp-range-rules/>

Rockville Ikes Conquer the Potowmack Canal

Ten hearty souls, 7 adults and 3 kids, participated in the Chapter’s July 11 kayak trip. The group started at Riley’s Lock and crossed the Potomac to the Potowmack Canal in Virginia.

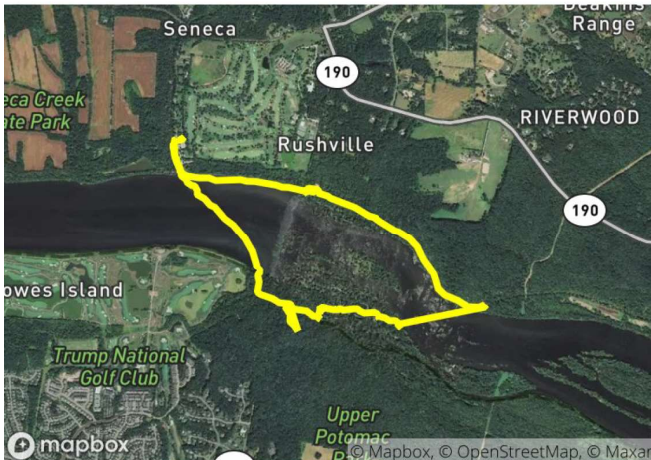


Just as the group departs Riley’s Lock. David Whiteis (standing) served as the group’s guide.

The Potomac was calm in the morning but the Potowmack had some rapids. One participant (who shall remain nameless) managed to capsize twice! The group took a break where the Potowmack met the Potomac again.

After crossing the river a second time, the group traveled up the C&O canal to its end and then carried the kayaks over land back the Potomac. The last stretch was probably the most demanding, paddling up stream on the Potomac into a fair bit of wind. Great workout!

Watersports Tracker
Kayaking 



Distance: **4.8 mi** Duration: **02:58:37** Date: **Jul 11, 2020**

*The time does not include stops.

Many thanks to Fred Snead for arranging the event and handling the logistics. The next float will be August 1 on the Potomac in the vicinity of Point of Rocks, Brunswick, or Shepherdstown.

2020 IWLA Rockville Scholarship Winners

Scholarship winners were announced at the July GMM. Each selectee was given a few minutes to introduce themselves and describe their academic plans. They also were granted Chapter membership. Congratulations to all!

Name	Attending	Concentration
Curreri, Eric*	Salisbury University	Environmental Science & Biology
Glendenning, Audrey	University of Montana	Resource Conservation (Masters)
Manzon, Jason	University of Maryland (CP)	Environmental Science & Technology: Natural Resources Management
Manzon, Phillip	University of Maryland (CP)	Environmental Science and Policy
Santos, Emil	George Washington University	Civil / Environmental Engineering
Victory, Andrew	University of Colorado (Boulder)	Environmental Engineering
Zhao, Emily	Duke University	Environmental Science and Policy

*Recipient of the Bud Corazza Special Recognition Scholarship

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.

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.

Due to the ongoing virus situation, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel our participation in Hunting and Fishing Day.

Nominations for New Officers for August Elections

<u>Office</u>	<u>Current Officers and Directors</u>	<u>Nominated Officers and Director</u>
President	Lee Hays	Susan Cassell
1 st VP	Susan Cassell	Victoria Underhill
2 nd VP	Rick Albert	Rich Clement
Treasurer	Tom Selle	Tom Selle
Membership Secretary	Judy Danish	Judy Danish
Recording Secretary	Cindy Stevens	Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Secretary	Kent Shaw	Kent Shaw
 <u>Directors</u>		
Past President	Ryck Lydecker	
Term Ending in 2020	Miles Greenbaum (1 year term) Tom Vegella (1 year term) David Schwartzman John Robertson	Channing Mahatan Mike Oxenford Joeffry Eclarin Chris Wilson Byron Holston (2 year term)*
Term Ending in 2021	Adam Fleming (2 year term) Rob McClelland John Shea Tom Meyers	
Term Ending in 2022	Rich Clement* Noel Gollehan Ricardo Rodrigues Greg Underhill	

*Byron Holston is being nominated to fill the two-year unexpired term of Rich Clement, who is moving to 2nd VP.

There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.