



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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****** The September Meeting Date has Changed ******

The September General Membership meeting date has been moved to the 8th due to the Labor Day weekend.

President's Message

Traditionally, September is back to school month but for our Chapter it's also back to business month. After a summer of a great many activities, this month's General Membership Meeting (moved to Friday, Sept. 8th in deference to the Labor Day holiday) your officers will be sworn in and the new Board members will step up to begin their three-year terms. Thus, it's a very important meeting so please be there.

Adding another bit of "business," that evening we will also present our annual awards to members who have made exemplary contributions to the operations, activities and reputation of your Chapter. So there's another reason to come: be there and help us honor these hard-working Ikes; it's a fun evening.

Officially, I will be taking up the gavel for a second one-year term as your president at the September meeting and the first year having passed with amazing speed, I can only expect this second year to go even faster, which brings me to this: It's not too early to be thinking about future leadership for our Chapter. Every year four seats on the Board of Directors turn over and the officer positions must be filled as well. Since I will not be standing for reelection next year, now is the time to begin your own thinking processes about Chapter leadership and start talking to fellow Ikes about stepping up to fill these important positions. And who knows? You may find that the best Ike for the job is -- You.

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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 cancellations. Don't get left out of the loop – sign-up for the email group now!

Awards Presentations at the September GMM

Please make the time to attend the general membership meeting on September 8th. On this evening we will be saying "Thank You" to a lot of our fellow Members who continue to donate their time and skills to keep our Chapter running smoothly. Our Chapter is recognized throughout the IWLA nationally for our achievements. This is because of YOU – our Members.

Junior Shooting Sports Program is Fast Approaching

It's that time of year again! The new season for the Junior Air Rifle Team's first practice will be Saturday September 9th. Air Rifle is for kids ages 12 to 18 and practices every Saturday from 7:30am to 10am in the Upper Chapter House.

The Junior BB Gun team's first practice will be Monday October 2nd. The BB Gun team is for kids about 9 to 15 and practices every Monday night from 6:30pm to 9pm. There will be an orientation meeting to people new to the BB Gun program on Monday September 25th at 7pm. For more information call Ed or James Compton. Please leave your name and a contact number on the answering machine.

National Awards

Our Rockville Chapter received a number of awards at the recent National Convention held in Sandusky, Ohio. The Chapter once again received the Defender's Award that recognizes the chapters that have fulfilled a number of conservation, community and youth criteria. Rockville also received the James Lawton Childs Award for our outstanding conservation programs and the award also included a gift of \$500 from the IWLA Endowment.

Individual awards - Conservation Awards were bestowed on two Rockville members, Jeri Crist and Paul Schimke, for their contributions to conservation in the name of the League. Meredith Smith received the Honor Roll Award – this award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in conservation, public education, and/or publicity in keeping with the League's goals. Meredith is with the 4H program at the MC Ag Fair and has worked with Bud Corazza on the awards the Rockville Chapter supports at the Fair.

David Schwartzman really worked some magic into his National Awards applications – very good work David.

Annual Bonfire & Roasted Marshmallow Night

Save the Date - Saturday, October 21 (rain date 10/28) from 5:30-8:00pm, join your fellow IWLAR members at the Lake for an evening around the campfire for roasting marshmallows and a pot luck dinner. IWLA will provide marshmallows for roasting, skewers, water, and paper products. Please sign up to bring a potluck food item to share. You can also bring your own fixings for s'mores (graham crackers and chocolate), favorite drinks, and folding chairs for comfort at the bonfire. R.S.V.P by Friday, October 13. For questions/info, contact Martha Patterson.

First Call for 2018 Budgets

Yes, it's time to look forward to 2018 and begin planning our 85th year as a Chapter. We plan to present a budget to the BOD by their October meeting. If you have spending plans in 2018, **you must get the information to the Budget Committee by the October 6th General Membership Meeting.** Send your budget requests to the Finance Committee.

New Members Inducted at the August GMM Meeting

Matt Ayers	Gaithersburg
Adam & Pamela Gardner	Bethesda
Parambir & Avneet Gill	Germantown
Mark Hochberg	Gaithersburg
Steve & Monica Marquina	Gaithersburg
Bruce Shoop & Tricia Britton	Olney
Parvinder Sodhi	Rockville
Sean Wu	N. Potomac

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!

Air Pistol League Starts in October

The air pistol league will begin Tuesday, October 10th. The upstairs of the clubhouse will be available for shooting from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. You can arrive any time between 4:00 - 6:30 pm. It takes about 35 - 45 min. to shoot (if there is an open position) and another 10 min. for scoring. We shoot a 30 shot slow fire match, with 10 optional sighters. All scoring and socializing will be on the lower level. Please enter at the lower level. The league runs for 23 weeks. Come as often or little as you want. You must attend at least 8 matches to be eligible for an award. The cost for the season is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. New shooters are welcome to come to any match to try it out. We have club air pistols for use. This is a handicap league based on how well you shoot against your average, so come on out and try it! Please bring eye protection. Any questions call Susan Cassell at 301-208-9018.

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.

It's Renewal Time!

You should receive your annual membership renewal in the mail soon. Please follow the renewal instructions provided. As always, you have until 12/31/2017 to get in your 6 hours. Note that this is 6 hours per membership, whether individual or family. Watch the Newsletter and the Chapter's Yahoo group email for volunteer opportunities. Participating in Chapter-sponsored conservation activities certainly counts towards your hours.

Hours are not pro-rated. You need to get in your six hours, or else pay \$75 in lieu of those hours. Also, remember that renewals postmarked after 1/16/2018 will incur a \$25 late fee plus another \$10 for a new access card.

If you have any questions contact Judy Danish. Please let Judy know ASAP if you don't intend to renew – you will save the Chapter stationery, postage expense and valuable time.

Lake and Trail Work Party Sunday September 10

To prepare for the Chapter's Hunting and Fishing Day open house (Sept 23) there will be a work party held on Sunday September 10. We will spruce up the lake shore, grounds and trails. Running from 12:30 to 4pm, there will be a small (before work) meal offered. Come out and get all six of your required volunteer hours making the Chapter property presentable for our visiting guests.

Volunteers Needed for Chapter Support

Two opportunities for volunteer hours supporting the Chapter;

A volunteer is needed to periodically access the Chapter's voice mail account and send that request information onto the appropriate Chapter leader.

A second volunteer is needed for helping out with the Annual Rockville Chapter Auction.

Contact Lee Hays to either volunteer or to get additional info pertaining to these two opportunities.

*** Bow Hunters will be on the Chapter Property ***

Beginning September 8 and running thru January 31, 2018, there will be qualified members bow hunting deer on the Chapter grounds, usually in the evening and/or morning. The pistol and rifle ranges are not within those areas where hunting is permitted. **BE AWARE!** Do not place yourself or pets at risk. If you still choose to walk the trails and woods during the time span listed above, wear hunter orange colored clothing and always keep your pet on a leash!

2018 Calendar Requests

If you anticipate a one or two time event at the Chapter in 2018, please go to our website and click on the "Calendar Request" under the Quick Links menu. If you are planning a recurring event or regular meetings, please send an email with those dates to calendar@IWLAR.org. Chapter events will take priority and other requests will be handled on a first come first served basis.

EMS Meeting on September 12

EMS Committee is holding a meeting on September 12 starting at 8pm. The meeting is open to all members. EMS stands for Environment Management System, and that system helps us practice what we preach in regard to responsible conservation. It encompasses everything on and the Chapter property and our activities.

Rockville Chapter Membership Software Committee

The Rockville Chapter is currently using an in-house developed custom membership tracking application. In order to integrate more completely with National and provide a means to work with other programs affecting Chapter members, the Board of Directors has authorized the formation of a committee - the "Membership Software Committee", with Tom Perazella as the Committee Chair. The goal of the committee is to study and document the current membership process and identify additional areas of assisting with Chapter activities.

The committee will solicit input from Chapter members who deal with the membership including committee chairpersons, compile that information, make recommendations for software enhancements, and work with the implementation process for whatever changes are ultimately approved. Volunteers are being solicited to work on this committee. Key skills needed are knowledge of process analysis, writing of requests for quotes, and implementation of new application systems including training. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact Tom Perazella.

Sign Up for IWLA National's Action Alerts

The Izaak Walton League and our members have advocated for conserving and enjoying our country's incredible natural resources for more than 90 years. But our successes are a collective effort. We can't do it without your help!

We'll help you speak out, whether it's to your members of Congress or local agencies, to make meaningful change.

<http://www.iwla.org/take-action/congressweb#/signup/go>

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Tom Meyer and Deb Bearor for providing delicious pulled pork barbeque sliders at the August meeting. Deb also did an excellent job filling in as bartender.

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.

Visit the Most Historic and Interesting IWLA Chapter and Chapter House/Hunting Lodge in the Country!

The Woodmont IWLA Chapter of Maryland is holding its annual open house on September 10, 11am to 4pm. Showcasing the picturesque and historic Woodmont Lodge, the annual open house enables visitors to explore memories of the early days of conservation in Maryland. Four US Presidents and famous celebrities like Babe Ruth hunted on the property. Located in Hancock Maryland, about an hour from Germantown, the drive isn't at all onerous. Directional signs will be on Woodmont Rd. For additional info. - Phone: 301-842-2155 or at http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Documents/FFSP_Events.pdf

Bow Hunting Qualification for Hunting on the Grounds

To bow hunt deer on the Rockville Chapter property you must qualify. The remaining qualification dates are; Saturday, 9/2 from 9am till noon, and Thursday, 9/7 from 5-7pm. There are no other qualification dates scheduled in 2017. The qualification consists of shooting five shots with broadheads between 10 & 30 yards shooting from the first level of the tower and scoring at least three hits in the kill zone.

When you come to a qualification shoot you **must bring your 2017/2018 MD hunting license, bow hunter education card, and current Rockville membership card.** Hunting on the Chapter property is from fixed stand or ground blind only. **You cannot bow hunt on the Chapter grounds without going through the qualification process.** Per QDM's 15" rule - all bucks taken off the Rockville IWLA property must have a spread of 15" or larger.