



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

In my first message in this newsletter upon taking on the job of Chapter president, in September 2017, I wrote "Outgoing president Lee Hays leaves big boots for me to fill." Now as I write this, my last President's Message, I know that we, as an IWLA chapter, have accomplished a lot in these two years but I'm not sure that I filled out those boots as well as I could have.

The challenge in this very rewarding job is not that there's lots to do – there is and there always will be – it's that the president has to keep up with, but not get in the way of, all that is going on at any given time. The Chapter has many moving parts, so to speak. And staying current on the many chapter activities engaged by the officers and Board of Directors, the committee chairs and all the volunteers is important. Executing certain more formal functions of regular chapter business is part of the job, as are building and maintaining relationships with other organizations, not to mention the Maryland Division and League itself.

Thankfully, I have had outstanding support and wise counsel from the officers and the board, and a steady flow of ideas, not to mention hands-on assistance, from the membership at large. And that's the way it's worked in the past under my predecessors, how it will continue as I hand over the gavel this month to Lee Hays and the model IWLA-R will continue under his successors in years to come. Thank you for letting me be a small part of it all in these past two years.

Ryck Lydecker

Next opportunity for the Chapter bike group:

September 1: Carderock to Riley's Lock and Return. Riders will meet at the Chapter House at 9:30 a.m. and travel to biking location.

Contact: Ron Roberson.

Bartender needed to serve up adult beverages after the General Membership meetings in September, October and November. No fancy mixology skills are necessary! Contact Jeri Crist for details.

2018 IWLA National Convention Recap

Several of us from the Rockville Chapter had an opportunity to attend the National Convention in Fredericksburg, Virginia from July 17 through 20. It was a busy but excellent week. There are meeting of the various Resolutions Committees, workshops to help members learn more about how to accomplish more with our Chapters and some really excellent guest speakers. We also held our annual National Officers' elections.



Kelly Kistner from the McCook Lake Chapter in South Dakota was elected National President. He is shown here with his wife Pat, center, and Karen Firehock on the importance of volunteerism. Karen worked for the IWLA National office many years ago and now works on getting volunteers to support water quality initiatives like SOS and the Clean Water Challenge. You can see her presentation at: <https://youtu.be/hzaNQEeByF4>.



Our own Tom Perazella is shown here with Meo Curtis and Ken Lefebvre. Tom is on the Energy Committee and Meo and Ken will be on the committee for the 2020 National Convention here in Maryland.

Speaking of the 2020 National Convention, we are working with the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay hotel to host the convention. Take the time to look up the hotel in Cambridge. It should be an incredible convention in a truly magnificent location. Oh, and yes, we will need your help as the Maryland Division will be putting everything together.

~Lee Hays~

Bowhunting Qualification

The Chapter will provide Deer Management Qualification opportunities on the following dates in September (earlier dates occurred in late August).

Saturday, September 1, 2018	9 to 12 AM
Sunday, September 2, 2018	9 to 12 AM
Thursday, September 6, 2018	5 to 7 PM
Monday, September 10, 2018	5 to 7 PM

We will be following Quality Deer Management's 15" rule. All Bucks taken off IWLR must have a spread of 15" or larger.

To Qualify, participants will need:

- 2018 Hunting License
- Current Membership Card
- Bow Hunter Education Card
- Must hit 3 out of 5 shots with broadheads between 10 and 30 yards, shooting from the first level of the tower.

For more information, contact Chris Holler.

New Season of Junior Shooting Sports

It's that time of year again! The new season for the Junior Shooting Sports program is fast approaching. The Junior Air Rifle Teams first practice will be Saturday September 8th. 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 teams first practice will be Monday October 1st. 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 for people new to the BB Gun program on Monday September 24th at 7pm. For more information call Ed or James Compton.

~James Compton~

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Matt McMillen for providing a delicious taco bar at the August meeting.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year (we have volunteers for September and October). Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

3D-Archery Chair Needed

You love the outdoors! You love animals! Put the two together and you can be our next 3D Archery Chair person. The Chapter is looking for a new Chair, please contact Ryck Lydecker at president@iwl.org.

Seneca Creek passes muster

Seneca Creek was examined by a Chapter organized group of volunteers on June 30. Ten attendees along with instructors sampled Seneca Creek, utilizing the Save Our Streams procedure. The results of the analysis indicates stream was in the fair range.

During lunch Maureen Williams demonstrated a unique microscope design and passed out one for each participant.



After lunch a demonstration of amateur radio from the local ham club was setup. The group was able to contact individuals from Canada to Florida from the lake.

Kayaking

The Chapter also had another event on June 30, a kayaking trip on the Monocracy River. It was a very hot day, over 90 degrees, however, the kayakers benefited from ample foliage that shielded much of the trip from direct sun.



Participants report the trip was very good. There were 11 paddlers, two of whom were 12 years old (which was the minimum age for participation). The group put its oars in the water at 11:15 and finished around 3 pm.

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.

Email Group (continued)

To sign up, send an email identifying yourself to iwlar@googlegroups.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!

Mags for Vets

Many thanks to those who dropped off their mags, books, and DVD's for our veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (aka Bethesda Naval Medical for us older guys and gals).



Your kindness is paying off and the vets now have access to many more types of media to help them pass the time while recuperating.

FYI - we almost set a record for the amount of mags, books and DVDs we collected and delivered.

Thank you IKEs - you done good
~Douglas Smith~

New Members Recently Inducted

Charlie Chang Silver Spring
Kevin Huck Gaithersburg
Karl Moline Germantown
Bernie Rod Potomac

A warm welcome to all!

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. *As most of you know, we are moving from Yahoo to Google newsgroups for email distribution. Effective October's edition, the electronic copies newsletter will only be distributed via the Google newsgroup list.*

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale

12 gauge Remington 870 Wingmaster chambered for inch magnum, 28 in. vent rib barrel, modified choke. New in box. Has a blue steel receiver and barrel. Comes with owner's manuals. These sell on gunbroker.com for \$540 and up but I'm willing to let it go to a Rockville Ike for \$350. Text Daniel McGunagle.

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.