



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Thank You....

Over my nearly thirty years as a Member and finishing up a tenth year as President, I'd like to thank all the wonderful people with whom I've worked. We have an outstanding Chapter with so many outstanding programs. YOU continue to make this possible.

I see a lot of good things coming in the future. Susan Cassell will be taking over the helm and I am 100% confident she will do an incredible job.

As we move forward I'll repeat one of my common refrains: "Get Involved". We need everyone to "Make The Time" to help our Chapter continue to be a leader in conservation, shooting sports and importantly – Youth Activities. If we get today's young people involved, they will grow into tomorrow's leaders.

Again, Thank You for the privilege of working with you and enjoying the many successes we have achieved together.

Lee Hays

## Giveaways

Watersports has four older kayaks which are beyond the beginner and intermediate proficiency we target. These boats are for expert kayakers; one needs to be barrel roll capable to use them safely. The shells are in good shape but the cockpits are bare. The markings show them to be:

- 1 Perception Pro-line Corsica, 10 ft 5 ins long, 25 ins wide
- 1 Perception Pro-line Piroutte, 11 ft 2 ins long, 25 ins wide
- 2 Perception Mirages, 13 ft long, 24 ins wide

Lee Hays, Tom Selle, and Ellison Withers have all agreed we have no use for these boats. Anyone interested in acquiring them can contact Fred Snead.

## New Officers and Directors

The following members will assume their duties effective the September GMM.

President:	Susan Cassell
1st Vice President:	Victoria Underhill
2nd Vice President:	Rich Clement
Treasurer:	Tom Selle
Membership Secretary:	Judy Danish
Recording Secretary:	Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Secretary:	Kent Shaw

## New Directors with a term expiring in 2023:

Channing Mahatan  
Mike Oxenford  
Joeffrey Eclarin  
Chris Wilson

## New Director with a term expiring in 2022:

Byron Holsten

## Continuing Directors with a term expiring in 2021:

Adam Fleming  
Rob McClelland  
Tom Meyer  
John Shea

## Continuing Directors with a term expiring in 2022:

Noel Gollehon  
Ricardo Rodrigues  
Greg Underhill

We continue to have the following critical openings:

- IWLA-R Representative for the IWLA booth at the 2021 Montgomery County Fair
- Chair to distribute 4-H Awards for 2021
- Hunting and Fishing Day Chair for 2021
- Chair for 3D Archery for this fall

The Chapter will have a pellet shoot at the pistol range on the first and last Sunday mornings in September and October from 9 am to 12:30 pm. For more information contact Tom Vegella.

## **A Brief Summary of Lake Repairs - 1981**

As has been noted in the Newsletter, plans are underway for the revitalization of the IWLA Rockville Chapter lake. The life of our lake has been threatened before, and an article has been prepared to provide some historical perspective on that event. With thanks to Vic Ezerski, who was Chapter president at that time, we have some of the Chapter's old newsletters so that we can reconstruct the main steps in the process.

In 1980, muskrat tunnels had weakened the dam to the point where the dam was failing and steps had to be taken immediately to prevent the entire loss of the dam. The lake was drained and plans were begun to restore the lake and lake dam. John Garner took primary responsibility for the repairs and by December, John's plans were approved and he was authorized \$5,000 to begin work.

John arranged with a friend of his to come in and dredge the years of silt out of the lake and also arranged with another friend of his to obtain several dump trucks full of blue clay from West Virginia with which to line the lake. The spoils from dredging the lake were used to fill in the area that is now the field behind the pavilion.

With the dredging complete, the overflow valve was shut, refilling the lake quickly. At that time, there were a number of very active springs coming in from the north and east sides of the lake. Unfortunately, a number of years later when WSC came through to lay their pipeline, the blasting that was required blocked off all but a small trickle from those original springs. We're now almost entirely reliant on rain and rain run-off from the state park.

The full article can be found on the Chapter's website, [www.iwlar.org](http://www.iwlar.org), under "Rockville Chapter History" segment.

*~Miles Greenbaum~*

## **Outdoor America on Climate Change (Part 2)**

Be sure and check out Part 2 the continuing series "Straight Talk on Climate Change" in the League's magazine *Outdoor America*. This part describes the impact of climate change on people. It discusses not only higher temperatures but also the impact of increased extreme weather events. There is a particularly noteworthy graphic that depicts the dramatic increase in flooding along the Mississippi River in the last decade relative to the last 140 years.

## **Forest Management Survey**

The Forest Stewardship Committee had their first meeting and is looking forward to reading the membership responses to the survey on how we use our property. Forest management plans are generally focused on identifying how the land will be used over 15 or more years and identifying priorities to meet those land use goals. Trees take a long time to grow to a harvestable age, and healthy forests help the health of streams be healthy. Here is the survey link:

<https://forms.gle/5teYvaqm2vDDT9sw7>. During our meeting, the committee identified the following objectives.

- Preserve the land that we have, thereby protecting the water.
- Address the invasive plants on our property.
- Address the runoff in the entrance/parking/Chapter House area as well as the declining tree canopy in that area.

*~Cindy Stevens~*

## **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 Judy Danish.

*~Judy Danish~*

*Membership Secretary*

### **Gun Safety Tips**

With a lot of folks staying home or mostly home and considering many Chapter members have firearms plus kids it's worth reviewing a few firearm storage safety suggestions (hat tip to George Stimak).

<https://www.vectorsecurity.com/blog/best-security-practices-for-home-gun-safety?>

### **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](mailto: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.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Aaron Dominguez	Chevy Chase
Del Grant	Germantown
Josh McCarthy	Gaithersburg
Noah Meltzer & Rodica Retezar	Bethesda
Kevin Sheridan	Monrovia
Cristian Silva	Rockville
John Zhang	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

### **Ike's Want Ads**

**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.