

### President's Message

"Wilderness is not a luxury but necessity of the human spirit."

**Edward Abbey** 

One of the most important things we can do is to convince our young people that being outdoors is fun. Make certain you help them enjoy the wilderness, even if it is near civilization.

Over the last couple of years we have made good progress in providing young people the opportunities to be involved, to try a new sport, to learn about nature and to drown a few worms. It's really satisfying to see a spark of interest grow into an activity they will always enjoy. It's our job at the Chapter to help make simple outdoor opportunities available in a world too much driven by technology.

With the September meeting, we welcomed a new team of Officers and Directors to the Chapter. They will bring new ideas, new programs and new activities. But at the core of things, they will continue the programs that work. Get involved, make the time to help them continue our current activities and try something new.

Lee Hays

### 2019 IWLAR Bonfire & Roasted Marshmallow Night

Join your fellow IWLA-Rockville members for an evening around the campfire on Saturday, October 19th from 4 - 8 pm.

IWLA will provide the marshmallows for roasting, skewers, water, paper products and eating utensils. Please bring a potluck food item to share. Be sure to bring any necessary serving utensils and hot pads.

If you'd like, BYO fixings for s'mores (graham crackers and chocolate) and favorite drinks. Bring a folding chair for comfort at the bonfire and lanterns for the tables.

A sign-up genius link will be sent out on the iwlar@googlegroups.com.

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS**

You should have received your renewal in the mail by now. Your renewal form and check must be postmarked no later than 12/31/19. THERE WILL BE NO SECOND MAILING IN DECEMBER TO REMIND YOU.

## **October Speaker Spotlight**

Diseases of White-tailed Deer

Deer diseases have become a growing concern for biologists and outdoor enthusiasts, alike. The increasing frequency and distribution of certain deer diseases, particularly the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) worldwide, nationwide, and in Maryland, has heightened public concern over the management of the deer resource. CWD has not been found to have human health implications, but it is emerging as one of the most significant diseases of white-tailed deer in the U.S., and of particular concern for hunters and conservationists.



George Timko is the Assistant Project Leader for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife & Heritage Service, Deer Project. He is a graduate of Frostburg State University and he has worked for DNR since 1992 on projects ranging from non-game to nuisance wildlife to deer. Since 2002, he has worked under the Maryland Deer Project on assorted deer related issues. He currently deals with a diversity of challenging deer management issues, including suburban deer management, nontraditional deer management options, and deer diseases. George has experience with various diseases that affect Maryland's deer herd, including CWD, hemorrhagic disease and various other deer diseases. He will share his knowledge of deer diseases in the PowerPoint that follows.

#### **Awards Presentations**

Awards Chair Ryck Lydecker and President Lee Hays recognized the following:

- Special Appreciation to Joeffrey Eclarin for ongoing support of our NRA Training and Archery Programs.
- Special Appreciation to Susan Cassell for ongoing support of our Chapter shooting programs.
- Special Appreciation to Rich Wilkinson for ongoing support of our Chapter conservation programs and nature trail.
- Special Appreciation to John Shea for ongoing support of our Wood duck conservation and nest box program.
- Special Appreciation to Andrew Cooke for your outstanding contributions to our Chapter Youth Conservation Program.
- Special Appreciation to Penny Dingels for your time, dedication and leadership of our Girl Scout Troop 3577.
- Special Appreciation to Sheila Colihan for ongoing support of CPR Certification and maintaining our AED/First Aid Equipment.
- Special Appreciation to Todd Anderson for ongoing support of Chapter communications as Newsletter editor.
- Lifetime Achievement Award to Frank Markus for your many years of leadership and support with our most sincere thanks and appreciation.



Frank Markus Receiving the Life Achievement Award

- Harry Crowe III Leadership Award to George Stimak
- Clean Water Award (new to our Chapter this year) to Maureen Williams.
- Hall of Fame Award to Tom Vegella for his years of outstanding service and dedication to the principles, programs and ideals of the IWLA Rockville Chapter.
- New Member of the Year to Adam Fleming.
- Member of the Year to Jay Copsey.
- President's Award to Leslie Gollehon for your dedication and commitment to the Rockville Chapter of the IWLA.

## 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.

#### Air Pistol League Start Up

The air pistol league will begin Tuesday, October 1st. 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 Chapter 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.

# **Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program**

This is the 7th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

#### Items to Donate:

- 1. Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, sports of all types, etc.
- 2. CDs: any and all types of music, including "books on tape."
- 3. DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
- 4. Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order with all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge.
- 5. Books (hardback/paperback)

# Requirements for donation and delivery:

- 1. All magazines must be clean, and current
- 2. All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each clean and dust free boxes/paper bags OK NO PLASTIC bags.

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday Dec 8, 2019 (10 AM at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House. For more info, contact Douglas Smith.

## **Meeting Night Meals**

A big "Thank You" to Chris Boyles for providing pizza, salad, and lemonade at the September 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.

### **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.

## **New Members Recently Inducted**

Ben Miller Germantown
Jim Seach Potomac
A warm welcome to all!

## **Ike's Want Ads**

#### For Sale

- 1. Charter Arms, .38, "Undercover", 2 inch barrel, 5 shot, stainless steel. New in box comes with wood and rubber grips and two speed loaders. \$260.
- 2. S&W Model 48-4, .22 magnum, 6 inch barrel, in original box with unused S&W cleaning kit, user manual and other factory written material. Lightly used but not abused. \$700.

### For Sale by Steve Adah

1. Marlin Model 60 .22 caliber rifle with peep sights. \$100.

## For Sale by Steve Adah (Continued)

- 2. Gamo Whisper break action .177 pellet rifle with scope \$80.
- 3. Rifle case for AR-15 type rifle. Fits rifles to 36 inches. \$30.

Contact Steve.

# For Sale by Tom Perazella

1. Savage 93H17 BTV rifle with thumbhole stock. Caliber .17HMR. Included Tasco 10-40 power 50mm scope and three extra magazines. \$300.



2. 600 rounds Hornady 17HMR Varmint Express ammo. \$100.

## For Sale by Holger Mueller

- 1. Stihl SR 200, fertilizer/pesticide / herbicide sprayer. Used one season, paid \$398+tax, will sell for \$195.
- 2. Remington 870, synthetic stock & forearm with rifled scoped slug barrel & extra 28" fixed mod. choke barrel, all that cased and 2 boxes of slugs. Used but not abused \$500. Text or call Holger.

**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.