



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

In the fall, our Chapter is a magical place with all the beautiful changing colors of the leaves and the sun sparkling on the lake, but it is not maintained by elves or fairies. We are a membership of volunteers that take care of this 51+ acres. As November is a time of thanks, I want to thank all of you who volunteer your time, skills and efforts to make our Chapter the wonderful place it is.

3D Archery will be back in Summer 2021! A special thanks to Byron Holston and Gary Monroe for making plans to bring 3D Archery back. They will be having periodic work parties over the next few months to clear the trails for the archery course and will also need help running it in the summer. Please give them your support. It is a big job, and they can't do it without your help.

Michael Parker has agreed to be our Chapter's representative to the Montgomery County Fair. He will be learning the ropes from our long, long, long time representative Bill Leaman. Thank you Michael! Hopefully, we will have a fair in 2021.

Still open is the Chair to coordinate the activities for Hunting and Fishing Day.

Susan Casell

County Ranges Inspection

The Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee must inspect firearms ranges every three years. Upon successful completion of a comprehensive safety inspection, the Committee issues a certificate to operate. The Chapter's firearms ranges passed the Committee ranges inspection October 13 and will be issued a new certificate to operate until October 2023.

Refreshing and Organizing the Chapter House

The holidays are on the horizon and we thought this would be a great time to freshen up and reorganize the Chapter House, where needed. We would like to start with the lower-level.

On Thursday, Nov. 5th between 2-4pm, we will organize the kitchen area and discuss what else needs to be done. We need your help. If you would like to join us, please let us know.

Everyone will need to wear a mask and we will be social distancing as we work. For more info, contact Joyce Buttrey.

2021 Range Officer Training Class Schedule

The 2021 Range Officer Training Class schedule has been finalized. Classes will be held *March 20; May 22; August 21; and October 9* to train new range officers and recertify existing RO's due for recertification in 2021.

For *new* Range Officers, class prerequisites are that you must be Range Approved for at least six months; have a Range Officer Certification Card signed by three Duty Range Officers while using the pistol range on separate occasions before the class; and successfully complete a test on the Range Rules prior to the class. Upon class completion, new Range Officer candidates must successfully serve as the Duty Range Officer during the live fire portion of a Range Orientation Practical Training Class for new members held each month to receive their Range Officer credentials.

Existing RO's require recertification every 5 years, which consists of completing the RO Training Class and the pre-course test on the Range Rules. RO's requiring recertification in 2021 will be contacted in early January after membership renewals close for their class date preference.

RO's are granted the privilege of using the rifle and pistol ranges (see the Range Rules for specific times) when a Duty Range Officer is not present on weekends. With the privilege of greater range access comes a responsibility - you must serve as a Duty Range Officer for a three or four-hour weekend shift approximately twice each year.

For more information or to register for a class, contact Duval Crist. Also, look for specific newsletter announcements in advance of the *March 20; May 22; August 21; and October 9, 2021* classes.

Road Clean up Scheduled for November 8

The Chapter will conduct its bimonthly road clean up on Sunday November 8. Volunteers should meet at the Chapter House Parking lot around 1 pm. Gloves, bags, road vests and trasher grabbers will be provided. Participants can earn up to two volunteer hours, and will get credit even if clean up finishes early.

Range Cards Work Party: Sunday, December 13

Back by popular demand – the Range Cards Work Party! Approximately 450 2021 Range Card sticker (and range combination stickers for Range Officers) mailings will be prepared to persons whom renewed their 2021 membership and completed the on-line range rules attestation by December 11. Many hands make for light work.

Volunteers are needed from 10 AM to 2 PM. Like last year, the work party will be in the Lower Chapter House. Chili and cornbread will be served, the fireplace will be going, along with a game on the big screen. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Duval Crist.
~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

Important Renewal Information

Renewals were mailed out on September 17. 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~

Issues at the lake

I have had several reports of incidents at the lake. I have added the link to the lake rules, but just a couple of things to point out...

7. Fishing: Bass and catfish are catch and release only. Take limit for trout and sunfish is three (3) fish per day per member (includes guests' catch). No more than two (2) rods of any type per person.

16. Pets: Dogs shall be leashed and tethered to the owner during an event on IWLA-R property, or if requested by any present member or guest. At all times the dog shall be under the control of the owner who accepts full responsibility for the dog's actions. The owner shall cleanup after the dog under all occasions. Pets other than dogs are permitted with prior approval of the LC and must follow the same rules as for dogs.
<https://www.iwlar.org/wp-content/uploads/Lake-Rules.pdf>

~Susan~

Clean Water Challenge!

The ultimate goal of the Clean Water Challenge is to protect and improve water quality nationwide. Everyone can help achieve this goal. Runoff from farm fields, parking lots, industrial sites, and backyards across America threaten to carry pollutants and eroded soil into streams and other bodies of water.

Our **Forest Stewardship Team** is in the planning stages to work towards reducing runoff from our entrance area. Our first task is to map the area, marking the locations and health of the trees. We'll meet on Saturday November 14th in front of the Chapter House at 1 pm. Contact **Cindy Stevens** for more information.

Volunteers doing good around the Chapter

We are a volunteer organization and as everyone knows (or should know!) most of the good things come from dedicated volunteers.

The Bee Keepers had a work party to build some shelving in the bee shed to store all the equipment. Shown are Ellison Withers, Fred Snead and Maureen Williams.



In September, we thought we were all ready for the range inspection when Duval Crist and Bill Leaman held a work party to remove brush from around the range fence and repair any areas that needed fixing. On a recent walk around the range fence just before the re-certification, there was a newly fallen, very large tree. Amazingly enough, Bill Leaman was able to remove a large section of the tree and repair the fence. Thank you Bill!



Bonfire Recap

The Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast was held to the enjoyment of all who attended. Thanks to Deb Bearor and Tom Meyers for helping to set up, Tom Vegella for providing the generator to keep the food warm, and Jay Copsey for helping put out the fire (all pictured below).



New Members Recently Inducted

Jeff & Nicol Clark Kensington
Terry Dowdy Rockville
Bart & Rita Drinkard Kensington
Jonathan & Michal Helfgott Potomac
Anthony Labrosse-Ellis Gaithersburg
Mike Mentzel, Gaithersburg
Leo Mortimer & Melinda McIntyre, Germantown
Malcolm Wilson & Tommy Wilson, Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Wanting to purchase used cast iron cookware and misc campfire cooking accessories. Contact Ray Maczka.

Ike's Want Ads (continued)

For Sale

Mathews Halon 6 Black
28 inch draw compound (adjustable with modules), 50 - 60 pounds, Mathews drop away rest, HHA single pin fiber optic sight, wrist sling Like New Condition \$800

Hoyt Maxis 31 Bone Collector Edition Camo
28 inch draw compound, 60 pounds, Bone Collector QAA drop away rest, HHA single pin fiber optic sight, Hoyt camo quiver, Hoyt stabilizer, wrist sling Like New Condition \$600

Diana RWS Model Magnum
Break Barrel air rifle 22 cal pellet wood stock Like New Condition \$200

Diana RWS Model Magnum
Break Barrel air rifle 177 cal pellet wood stock Like New Condition \$200

Benjamin Marauder Black
25 Cal PCP air rifle Synthetic Stock Like New Condition \$325

Please call Ken

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.