



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving 2017 will be a recent and, I hope, fond memory for all of us. And that can only mean that the Christmas holidays and a new year are headed our way in quick succession. With 2017 winding down, if you haven't contributed your six hours of volunteer service to the Chapter, there's still time.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about several opportunities to volunteer and if you are signed-up for the Chapter Yahoo Group (I certainly hope you are), there may very well be a Work Day or two announced in the next month.

But if you are interested in getting involved in Chapter operations on a regular basis, there are a couple other important opportunities announced in this newsletter as well, so please read on.

Everything this Chapter is and does depends upon member/volunteers; that's you, you make it all work – and that's something I'm thankful for all year long. Enjoy the holidays!

Ryck Lydecker

Help Wanted!

State Division Meeting Coordinator: The Rockville chapter has agreed to host the Maryland State Division meeting this coming June. The tentative date is Saturday June 9. We are looking for volunteers to organize the food and setup the chapter house for the meeting. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours in for 2018. For more information, contact the Steve Adah.

Marketing Coordinator for the Chapter's new NRA Training Committee. Contact Rick Albert.

The lake is restocked

The Chapter put in 475 fish of length between 12 to 16 inches on November 15. We only lost only 5 fish due to transportation stress. Many thanks to Tom Vegella for coordinating the restocking. *The lake is loaded, so come on down and catch your dinner!*

December Speaker Spotlight

Liz Haney is a 17-year-old senior at Catoctin High School. She grew up in Boyds, Maryland and now resides in Thurmont, Maryland. Liz has always enjoyed being in nature, and she has taken interest in hiking, fishing, reading, and biking.



During the previous summer, Liz had the opportunity to attend a natural resources and careers camp in Allegany County, Maryland. At this camp she learned about forestry, chainsaw safety, sawmill operations, animal biology, soil types, and many other topics. Throughout the week all the campers worked to create a forest management plan. The forest management plan is a guide that shows landowners how to manage their lands to promote the forest health and achieve the landowner's goals. In Liz's case, her plan had to be modeled for a hypothetical forest and land owner. She worked with a group to create a model plan that incorporates the key components of a genuine forest management plan. Liz will present the results of her plan during her presentation at the December General Membership meeting.

Reminder

The deadline for Renewal dues is coming up fast. Payment of dues must be postmarked no later than January 16, 2018 to avoid a late fee.

2018 Range Officer Training Class Schedule

The 2018 Range Officer Training Class schedule has been finalized. Classes will be held March 10 and September 15 to train new range officers and recertify existing RO's due for recertification in 2018.

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 2018 will be contacted in early January 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 10 and September 15, 2018 classes.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

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@yahoogroups.com. This is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancelations. Don't get left out of the loop – sign-up for the email group now!

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.

2018 Budget Approved

The Chapter's proposed budget for 2018 was approved during the November General Membership Meeting. The Chapter expects to spend \$230,000 in 2018, just slightly below what will be spent in 2017. Some key highlights for next year's budget:

- We continue to fund our Juniors programs. There is an allowance for BB gun team to go to the National Competition if they continue to do well.
- Lake maintenance continues at prior year rates. We are reducing the fish stocking to once a year.
- Additional funds were added for improvements to the pistol range.
- Plans are in place to replace some of the Summer Archery equipment that has been in use over 10 years.
- Utilities and general chapter support continue to be a substantial part of the budget.
- The Chapter House Renovation loan will be paid off in 2018.
- Funds were approved to do a major lake project if needed. Funds would be transferred from our reserves.
- Funds for an alternative to the John Deere tractor were approved. The BOD is tasked with selecting what type vehicle that will be.

Examples of the New Range Cards for those who are Range Approved (white and blue), Range Officers (white and red) and Archery Approved (white and green).



Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program

This is the 6th 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, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements. 2) All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – no boxes or paper bags 3) All items must not be dropped off prior to the designated time and location.

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday January 7, 2018 (12 noon 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.

CPR Training

The Chapter has offered American Heart Association Certification CPR training several times in the past couple of years with great success. The Chapter is considering offering this training again if there is sufficient interest. The classes are four hours long, \$35 for Chapter members and \$50 for non-members. Interested members should contact Ryck Lydecker.

Meeting Night Meals

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.

New Members Recently Inducted

Randy & Denise Hughes	Boys
Dusty & Alice Joplin	Rockville
Mark Sanchez & Leslie Delmundo	Gaithersburg

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!

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.