



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

I was struck by one of our potential new members at our Board of Director's meeting this evening. His question was simply "How can I get in my volunteer hours?"

My answer to him was simple: Get Involved. We have activities in the newsletter, on our Google group and by word of mouth. I encourage all new members to get involved – that's how you find out how our Chapter works. In the process you will also meet a lot of great people and, hopefully, make some new friends.

We're getting to that time of year when our Members ask "What can I do to get in my hours?"

It's an easy question and an easy answer – just look around. What needs to be done? Who can I help? How can I help? You will see something that needs to be done – take it upon yourself to do it.

Okay, some examples – We have 51 acres, are there grounds / lake projects that need attention. We have a lot of great youth programs, how can you help? Take something and "own" it. You will experience a satisfaction that comes from doing something for the benefit of others while you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing "I did that".

Lee Hays

## Public Input Sought

DNR is seeking "public input to help develop a work plan for the new State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund, which will provide \$1 million for each of the next three years to improve state-owned lakes." They will be focusing on 5 lakes including Clopper Lake. Meeting date for the Clopper Lake feedback is Dec 5 between 2-6 at the state park.

Thanks go to our Speaker Chair George Stimak for passing this news on.

<https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2018/11/05/public-input-sought-for-state-lake-funding/>

*Wanted* – a volunteer to research and install parabolic mirrors at our exit onto Waring Station and at the Chestnut Orchard. The Chapter will buy them. Please contact Kent Shaw to help.

## December Speaker Spotlight

In 2010 the Darnestown Civic Association (DCA) teamed with Seneca Creek State Park for an experiment. Longtime residents had observed major changes to the forest environment, apparently caused by the exploding deer population. A group of volunteers built two fenced areas within the park to see how the forest responds without pressure from deer.

After eight years the results are striking. DCA member James Wheeler will describe the motivations for the project and what has been learned so far, with before and after photos.



James Wheeler and his family live on a 5-acre woodlot in Darnestown that adjoins the forest of Seneca Creek State Park. Over the past 30 years they have seen firsthand the effects of deer overpopulation.

## New Shooting Coordinators Needed

Ed Compton and his son will not be available to run air rifle and BB gun next year and are looking for someone to take over the junior shooting program. The same person does not have to run both programs, but we need volunteers for both.

Those interested in taking over one or both programs should contact Ed so he can start getting them up to speed on what's going on.

## 2019 Range Officer Training Class Schedule

The 2019 Range Officer Training Class schedule has been finalized. Classes will be held March 23 and September 14 to train new range officers and recertify existing RO's due for recertification in 2019.

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 2019 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 23 and September 14, 2019 classes.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

## 2019 Firearms Training Schedule

The following firearms training will be provided in 2019.

3 Basic Pistol Classes

March 16

June 22

October 19

1 Basic Rifle Class

September 21

2 Metallic Cartridge Reloading Classes

February 16

November 16

All Classes will be all day and will be held at the Chapter House and/or the range. More details will be provided in the next edition of the Chapter newsletter.



## **IWLA Turkey Shoot December 2, 1-4 PM**

Don't miss the Turkey Shoot Sunday, December 2, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the shotgun range! Cook a hot dog and roast marshmallows over a fire, sip a hot chocolate, and enjoy good times while competing for prizes!

- \$1.00 per shot for chance to win \$10.00 cash prize (5 total prizes will be drawn)
- \$5.00 per shot for chance to win \$50.00 grand prize
- \$5.00 per shot for chance to win a Turkey

All ammunition is included to deliver fun contests. Bring your lucky 12 or 20-gauge shotgun. Youth and adult size 20-gauge shotguns are supplied to provide an exciting contest for all. The grand prize winner will be announced at 3:30 PM. The lucky winner must be present to claim the \$50. Members and their guests are all welcome!

### Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to John Dutton for providing wonderful pulled pork sandwiches with baked beans, green beans, and slaw at the November 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.

To sign up, send an email identifying yourself to [iwlar@googlegroups.com](mailto: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!

### 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.

### **A Fun Youth Event**

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, hot cocoa, s'mores, fall leaves and a beautiful day!! That's what the IWLA Jr youth conservation event enjoyed on Sunday, November 11th. Over 40 kids, teens and adults participated. They enjoyed a short hike to the chestnut orchard where they learned about how IWLAR is helping to find a blight resistant tree.



The kids had fun trying to pick up and hold the prickly chestnuts and were amazed when Ron Kuipers opened them to reveal the nuts inside. They then hiked to the lake to enjoy games, hot coco, and s'mores. We had fun roasting both American and Chinese chestnuts and having a taste test. Thanks to everyone that helped this event happen!! Jay Copsey, Tom Vegella, Ron Kuipers, Marion Lindenbaum and Jeri Crist. The next Jr. Youth event is scheduled for February. Watch for details in the newsletter and on email.

### **Financial Acumen Needed!**

There is still a need for a Treasurer-in-training, since Tom Perazella will be moving out of the area next year. Tom has everything documented, and the individual will work with Tom this year to see how things are actually done. They say "it's really not that hard." Please contact Lee Hays to volunteer.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Paul Carroll of Germantown  
Adam and Llama Fleming of Germantown  
Ricardo and Katie Rodrigues of Silver Spring  
Chienmo Wu and Harrison Wu of Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

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

#### *For Sale*

S&W Model 52-2, .38 caliber wad cutter pistol. Designed and built as an excellent competition target pistol. Now also considered a collectible. Lightly used and in very good condition. This model sells on the internet for \$800 and up. Selling this one for \$500. Interested parties should send a text message to 410-688-3948.

**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.