



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

We have many opportunities each year to make a difference.

Many of you took advantage of those opportunities. Our Chapter has an excellent reputation for our many programs.

We have a strong conservation ethic that we show by the training, monitoring and reporting on how we are trying to help Mother Nature.

Our education programs are second to none. We are working with the youth to instill an interest in the out of doors. We have programs for anyone 5 to 85. We make learning experiences available to our Members, their families and the community at large.

Our recreational programs provide the time and opportunity for people to enjoy the competitive aspect of shooting. It may be the individual competition, seeing "how well can I do" or team or league competitions. As 2019 winds down, make the time to thank your fellow members for their friendship and help.

With the holiday season upon us, take the time to say "Thank You" to the people who run our Chapter and our programs. Our people are what make the IWLA Rockville Chapter the great place it is.

Lee Hays

December Speaker Spotlight

Tristan Engelke is a homeschooled, high school senior currently taking classes at Frederick Community College. This summer he attended the Natural Resources Career Camp hosted by Allegheny College and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. He is interested in becoming a Natural Resources Police Officer and hope to be accepted into their cadet program next summer. Tristan is also a licensed falconer and looks forward to sharing his experience at NRCC with us our December General Membership Meeting.



Range Cards Work Party: Saturday, December 14

Have you wondered how your range card year stickers (and range combination stickers for Range Officers) arrive in the mail? [Hint – approximately 450 are printed and mailed by a volunteer...!]. For the 2020 renewals, a work party will accomplish this – getting the stickers and letters ready & addressing and stamping envelopes for mailing. Many hands make for light work.

Volunteers are needed from 10 am to 2 pm. 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. What a way to earn chapter service hours! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Duval Crist.

NOTICE

2020 National Convention in Cambridge Make Your Hyatt Regency Hotel Reservations Now

The official dates for the 2020 convention are the three days Monday July 20 through Wednesday July 22. The IWLA group room rate applies three days before and three days after the convention, but room availability is only guaranteed for the three days of the convention and not for the three day extended periods before and after the convention. The Cambridge Hyatt Regency is a very popular luxury resort that normally sells out well before the beginning of the summer season, and if you are planning to stay at the hotel during one of the extended periods, you should make your reservation now, while rooms are available. Note: Most people arrive a day before the convention to attend the Early Bird social event held the night before the convention.

FINAL NOTICE ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!
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 ADDITIONAL MAILINGS TO REMIND YOU.

2020 Range Officer Training Class Schedule

The 2020 Range Officer Training Class schedule has been finalized. Classes will be held March 14; June 13; and September 12 to train new range officers and recertify existing RO's due for recertification in 2020.

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 2020 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 14; June 13; and September 12, 2020 classes.

~ Duval Crist, Range Coordinator ~

Turkey Shoot!



The Chapter's Annual Turkey Shoot was held on November 10 (No actual turkeys were harmed!).

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.

Youth Conservation Fall Hike

This past Sunday, November 3, over 38 participants enjoyed a fall hike through the foliage covered Izaak Walton property with the IWLAR Jr. Youth program. Several types of animal tracks were identified in the mud along the trail to the orchard and lake. The kids spotted many nests in the leaf bare trees and a bald-faced hornet nest. At the orchard they learned about the rain barrel project from an Eagle Scout. Lee Hays gave a brief talk on how honey bees survive the cold winter months.



A DNR ranger shared knowledge on the importance of animal population control and types of wildlife prone to rabies. At the lake kids enjoyed roasting marshmallows over the campfire, apple cider and nature related crafts. It was a beautiful day and we had a terrific group with inquisitive kids. Special thanks to Tom Vegella, Jay Copsy, Andrew Cooke, Maureen Williams and Jeri Crist for volunteering your time and making this event successful and to all our SSL student volunteers.

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.

Meeting Night Meals

Thank you to Jim Seach for preparing the November GM night meal of Chicken Curry over rice, served with a glass of Beringer white zinfandel to complement the dish, topped off with a Ghirardelli Triple Chocolate brownie for dessert.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

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

Deano and Josh Illinger of Gaithersburg
John Lawrence of Gaithersburg
Mike Oxenford of Germantown
Mike and Jess Robichaud of Germantown

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale!

1. Smith & Wesson, .357 Magnum, 6"; target; Model 66; LNIB \$850
2. Smith & Wesson, .45ACP, 5"; Engraved; cased; new \$1,250
3. Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 6.5"; target; 50th Anniv.; wood case \$1,250
4. Smith & Wesson, .22lr, 4"; Kit; Model 34-1; Nickel; LNIB \$850
5. Smith & Wesson, .38S&W, 3.25"; Break-top hammerless; 1907; LNIB \$900
6. Smith & Wesson, .38S&W, 2"; Model 32-1; "Terrier"; New in box \$650
7. Smith & Wesson; 22Jet/22lr; 6" Model 53; Cyl.Inserts; unfired in box \$1,550
8. Ruger;.357Mag/.44Mag; 50thAnniv Blackhawk Flattop; Glasscased pair \$1,250
9. Ruger; .44Magnum; Super Blackhawk (early); Leupold M8 scope: \$700
10. Beretta; .22short; 2"; 950BS "Minx"; LNIB \$300
11. Para-Ordinance; .45ACP; P14-45 Ltd.; custom ++; & accessories \$1,350
12. Walther; 9mm; P-38; WWII; German Proofmarks; action job \$750
13. Walther; .22lr; P-22; threaded barrel; LNIB \$350

Call Terry Popkin for information.

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.