



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I cannot believe December 2020 is here. It has been a difficult year for us all and we have had to adapt to our "new norms", but we are fortunate to have a place where we can get out of the house and enjoy outdoor activities and socially distance at the same time.

Although this year we have not been required to put in our volunteer hours, we have accomplished many things. We held a virtual air pistol league during the lockdown. Like most, we adjusted our meetings to ZOOM. We opened the pistol and rifle ranges on Memorial Day weekend, adhering to County requirements. We had the Outdoor Pistol, Rifle and Muzzleloader Leagues. We have had NRA Basic Rifle, Pistol, Reloading and Personal Protection in the Home courses. We have welcomed new members and trained them on our range safety rules. We have made our bridges safer with non-slip treads. We have maintained and stocked the lake. We have cleaned up Waring Station Rd. We have supported Eagle Scouts with their projects.

I have probably missed some accomplishments, because there are so many, but they have only been accomplished because we have such large group of wonderful volunteers that put in their time and efforts to make it all happen.

Wishing you all the best for a Holiday Season,
Susan Cassell

Don't forget to renew!

Your renewal must be postmarked by December 31st. After this date your membership will expire and your access card will be deactivated. If you renew after this date, you'll have to add a \$25 late fee +\$10 for a new access card. Any questions about renewals, contact Judy Danish.

State Division Meeting News

The Maryland Division met on October 17 at the Mt. Airy chapter for the fall division meeting. This meeting was the first in-person state division meeting since the beginning of the pandemic.

The chapter house was set up to ensure social distancing and masks were worn by all participants unless presenting. A quorum was present.

The key discussion of the meeting were proposed changes to the Maryland Division by-laws. The proposed changes were intended to achieve the following:

1. Focus on creating consistency in terminology and responsibilities for delegates, Chapter Directors, and National Directors.
2. Specifying who is responsible for making assignments and setting actions. Trying to avoid passive tense from 'it shall be done' to active tense 'xxx shall do'.
3. Eliminate Corresponding Secretary position for Division and move duties to Executive Secretary
4. At the end of the document, condensing section with adoption/amendment dates to a format that is more like that used by National.

Minimal changes were made to the draft by-laws and the changes were approved unanimously.

At each division meeting, items of interest are brought up by attendees that may be of interest to the division. One topic of interest that was introduced to the State Division is the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan which, has been put together to address issues with the Conowingo Dam and drainage from the Susquehanna river into the Chesapeake Bay. The dam is on the Susquehanna river and has acted as a barrier blocking pollution from the river entering into the bay however, because of sediment buildup, the dam is no longer able to effectively prevent pollution from spilling into the bay.

Bridge Repaired

We had a very successful work party on Saturday November 14 on the suspension bridge over Great Seneca at the lake. It is a safer place as a result. When you get the chance take a stroll over the bridge and experience the more secure footing for yourself.



I would like to thank the work-party crew who put in the effort to make it happen; Leslie Gollehon, Tom Vegella, Kent Shaw, Rich Wilkinson, Lee Hays, Bart Drinkard, Dan Reggia, John Shea, Bill Jackson, and Judy Danish. Without them it would not have happened.

~Noel Gollehon~

Eagle Scout Helps Out

Matthew Milam completed his Eagle Scout project by repairing and painting the 3D Archery shed. Here are some before and after pictures.

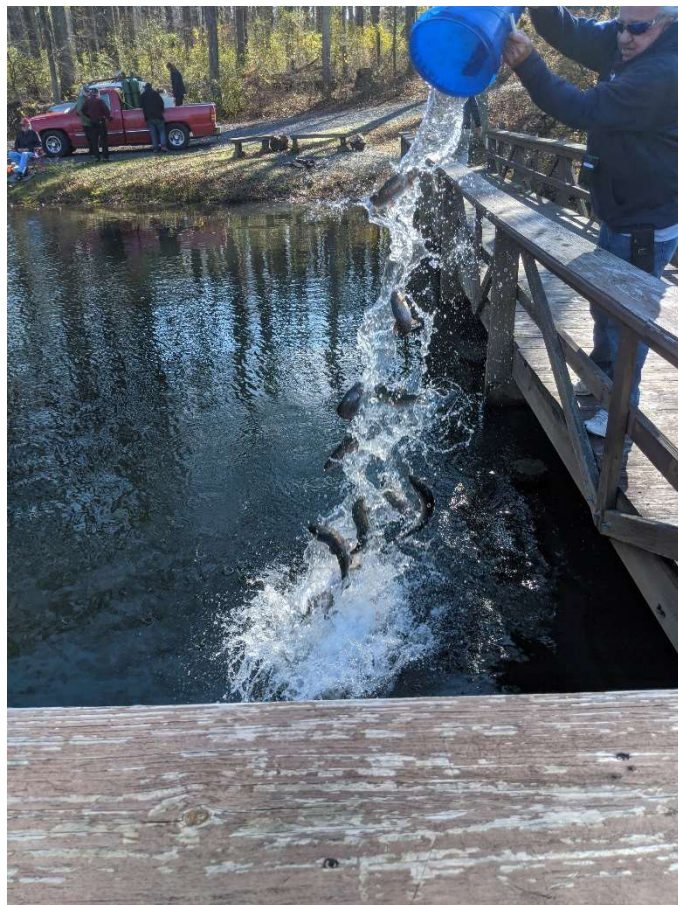


Chapter Newsletter Via Google Group Mail

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.

Lake Restocked

Thank you to Tom Vegella for obtaining the permits and ordering the stocking of the trout. They were delivered on Friday, Nov. 13th. Good luck trout fishermen.



No fancy technology needed!

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

If and when we go back to in person meetings, volunteers will be needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

“Firewise” Living in Maryland

The increasing threat of wildfires to life and property and the continual spread of the population and the wildland urban interface areas throughout the state puts a strain on the local and state resources to suppress wildland fires. The suppression efforts in the wildland urban interface are complicated by the need for the simultaneous suppression of both structural fire and wildfire. The suppression agencies are actively involved in fire prevention efforts with communities but are not solely responsible. It is important for the homeowner to recognize and understand that they are living in a fire prone environment.

Homeowners have a responsibility to prepare for a wildfire before it occurs in order to minimize and/or prevent losses when a fire occurs. Creating defensible space – an area of at least 30 feet surrounding the home and outbuildings – serves as a safety zone around the structures. Within this area, the vegetation should be controlled and the area free of dead debris, leaves, and flammable vegetation in order to prevent a wildfire from traveling from the forest to the structure. Maintaining a green space landscaped with fire resistant vegetation improves the safety zone. The roof, exterior, and attachments to the structures (decks, porches or fences) should all be constructed with fire-resistant materials. Homeowners should also plan for and maintain the access routes to the home for emergency vehicles. In addition, each household should prepare a disaster plan. For more info, see, <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fire/firewise.aspx>

New Members Recently Inducted

Dan Bachenheimer	Silver Spring
Ben Churn & Billie Cullipher	Rockville
Tony DeYoung	Silver Spring
Lee Hickman	Germantown
Steve Langston	Silver Spring
Anton Ogorodnikov and Natalya Ogorodnikova	Gaithersburg
Johannes Strattner & Jackie Freye	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

Ike’sWant Ads

Crosman G1 Extreme .177 caliber Air Rifle with scope.

Velocity 1000 fps with alloy pellets.
One Hammers air rifle scope 3-9X 32.
Selling both for \$100 cash.



Contact Ron Komara.

Bowflex m5 Max trainer exercise machine for sale or trade contact Jim Adams.

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.