



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As a child, I have fond memories of the Chapter: fishing at the Lake, eating hot dogs and drinking sodas (from the best soda machine ever), taking my first Basic Rifle class with Joe Seppy, being coached by Jim Hill, Marv Freund, and my father Chad Cox on the small-bore rifle team. As an adult, I joined the Chapter in 1993 and began participation in the pistol and air pistol leagues (after taking the Basic Pistol course taught by Mark Bjishkian).

I have been shooting almost every Tuesday since. Fortunately, I have been able to make similar memories with my children at the Chapter. Hopefully, in the future they will return as well and enjoy this special oasis of which we are fortunate to be members.

I would like to thank all the past leaders of the Chapter, especially Lee Hays for serving 10 terms as President. I will do my best as Chapter President. And try to make some memories here with your children now, because you never know when they grow up if they will return to the Chapter.

Susan Casell

Other Important Notices



Nick Fantle from BSA Troop 738 completed his Eagle Scout Project setting up little library and some seating on the woodland trail. It looks like it will be a nice place to have some Youth Conservation activities or just sit a spell, relax, and read a book.

Other Important Notices (Continued)

Thanks to Jim Seach for clearing the brush around the propane tank.

Outdoor pistol season ended on 9/22/20 with pizza and awards at the Lake. It was a short season with only about 16 shooters, but it was fun to be at the range and good to get out of the house.



Big thanks to Chris Holler, Frank Markus and Bill Jackson for moving all the giant logs left by PEPCO after taking down the dead tree near the power lines.

Thank you to John Lawrence for taking over the Road Cleanup from longtime Chair Jerry Czecha. Rudy Winkfield was a great help in showing us where all the equipment is and how to watch out for the cars. Turnout was low but maybe at the next cleanup scheduled on Sunday, November 8th we'll get some more help. I also want to thank Jerry Czecha for his many years on the Road Cleanup.

The 2021 Chapter Budget will be presented for BOD approval on 10/16/20. It will then be presented at the GM meeting on 11/06/20 for a vote. If you have any items for the budget, please get them to Lee Hays by 10/01/20.

Amazingly enough, we are starting to put events on the 2021 Chapter Calendar. If you lead an activity and need dates on the calendar, please get them to Susan Cassell. Events can be planned and then cancelled due to the COVID situation.

Indoor air pistol will start on Tuesday, October 6th. The season will be modified at bit due to COVID. It will be at Chapter or at Home shooting. For details, contact Susan Cassell.

35 Years Ago

From the Rockville Chapter Newsletter, October 1985:

County Approves Rifle Range!! Along with the approval, a Range Safety Officer program has been initiated. Absolutely no shooting will be allowed without the presence of a Chapter-approved RSO.

Meanwhile, Down at the Lake: Our beaver-in-residence is becoming a problem doing some severe damage along the banks. We may have to ask it to leave quite soon.

Dinner Dance Planned for November 8: Our Annual Dinner Dance will start with cocktails at 6:30 to be followed by grilled steak, baked potato, salad and music all for the low price of \$10.

Hot Damn, But We're Good: State and National awards were presented in September, including Chapter Appreciation awards to Ron Bordeaux and George Courtney. Man-of-the-Year went to Nemo Farmer for his work on the rifle range. Best youth work in the state went to Jim Hill, and Bob Montgomery was presented the Tobin Award.

At the National level, Rockville received recognition for our work in conservation and the Newsletter won the League's "Best Chapter Newsletter" award.

~Miles Greenbaum~

Seeking a New Chapter Caretaker

[This information was current as of the time the newsletter was sent to the printer].

Our current Caretaker has elected to not renew his lease. Accordingly, we are interested in interviewing any of our members that are interested in moving into the Caretaker house and performing the Caretaker duties. We would also be interested in interviewing referrals that may be interested who are recommended by our members.

The Caretaker house is a two-bedroom, one-bath house that will rent for \$1013 per month. The rent will increase annually in accordance with Montgomery County recommended rent increases. For more information contact Kent Shaw.

CBF to Sue the EPA

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and its partners will file a complaint suing the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for abdicating its responsibilities under the Clean Water Act. The agency has failed to require Pennsylvania and New York to develop plans to sufficiently reduce pollution as was required by the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint, established in 2010, and re-confirmed in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. The suit will be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Underscoring the damage this will cause for Bay restoration efforts, Attorneys General in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia will also file a separate suit in the District of Columbia Federal District Court.

For more background see <https://www.cbf.org/news-media/newsroom/2020/federal/cbf-to-sue-epa-over-failure-to-hold-pennsylvania-and-new-york-accountable.html>.

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 JudyDanish.

~Judy Danish~

Annual Bonfire coming up

The Annual Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast will still be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 4 – 8 pm. Come and socially distance at the Lake and enjoy the bonfire and some smores. To RSVP enter the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA4A6292-2020>

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

Ross Abdo N. Bethesda
Keenan Brown Potomac
Yanmin Chen N. Potomac
Patrick & Estella Eckart Gaithersburg
Fred Hendricks Bethesda
Brian Kingrea Gaithersburg
Ian Lacy & Mike Lacy Damascus
Waka Mahoney Silver Spring
Cliff Soon Germantown
A warm welcome to all!

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