



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Great things are done by a group all pulling in the same direction.

At our General Membership Meeting on September 6th, we will recognize some of the wonderful volunteers that make our Chapter a great place to enjoy. We recognize these people knowing that they had help along the way.

Join us at the General Membership Meeting to hear of some of the great work done by our members. For many of you, you will know the joy of having helped them accomplish the tasks they were given. Join us in recognizing and thanking the award recipients.

We are an all volunteer organization. The success of our Chapter rests with you. Make the time to come out and join a "group all pulling in the same direction."

Lee Hays

New Season for Junior Shooting Sports

The Junior Air Rifle team will have their orientation meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 9 am – 11 am in the upper level of the Chapter house. Parents should plan to attend. The Air Rifle team is for children ages 12 – 18 and is open to members (\$50) and non-members (\$55). The season runs until the end of May.

The Junior BB Gun team will have their orientation meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1st from 7 pm – 9 pm. Parents should plan to attend. The BB Gun team is for children ages 8 – 15 and is open to members (\$45) and non-members (\$50). The season runs until the end of May. For both teams, the Chapter provides all the equipment. Students need only bring eye protection (ear protection optional), a shooting shirt (a roomy fit button down, long sleeve), a small secure container to hold BB's/pellets, and bag to put it all in. This is not needed for the orientation.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cassell.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS

Renewals will be sent out in September as usual. But your renewal form and check must be postmarked no later than 12/31/19. THERE WILL BE NO SECOND MAILING IN DECEMBER TO REMIND YOU.

ATTENTION Fires Left Burning at the Lake!

Four times in the last two weeks there have been fires left either smoldering or fully burning – and UNATTENDED.

This is NOT ACCEPTABLE. If you have to make a fire, ensure that is fully extinguished before you leave. There are water buckets on both sides of the lake for this purpose. USE THEM!

No one wants to be responsible for a fire getting out of hand. Be smart about it and douse it well when you leave.

~Lee Hays, President~

Election of Officers and Directors:

The Nominating Committee had reported the following slate of nominations for officers and directors:

Officers:

President	Lee Hays
1 st Vice President	Susan Cassell
2 nd Vice President	Rick Albert
Treasurer	Tom Selle
Membership Sec'y	Judy Danish
Recording Sec'y	Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Sec'y	Kent Shaw

Directors:

Rich Clement	Three year term
Noel Gollehon	Three year term
Ricardo Rodrigues	Three year term
Greg Underhill	Three year term
Adam Fleming	Two year term
Miles Greenbaum	One year term
Tom Vegella	One year term

President Hays thanked outgoing directors Jerry Czecha, Leslie Gollehon, Johnny Haney and Lauren Vaughan for their service.

There being no nominations from the floor, President Hays called for a vote and the nominated officers and directors were approved without dissent.

It was explained that three previous board members are now elected as officers, and the one- and two-year terms were to fill those individuals unexpired terms.

Note: Ranges will be closed all Saturdays in September

Addressing Climate Change

In the coming year, Congress is likely to focus on a broad range of policy options to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve carbon storage, and protect people and communities from the impacts of a warming climate and rising seas.

Policy options could range from tax incentives for renewable energy development, limiting emissions from power plants and vehicles, and promoting carbon storage in the soil. However Congress chooses to address climate change, the League must be prepared to engage on this important issue.

In November 2018, the federal government released a report by scientists from 13 federal agencies summarizing the most up-to-date climate science. See <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>.

The report's conclusions closely track the conclusions of the vast majority of peer-reviewed science regarding human-driven climate change. Four main takeaways from the report are:

- Climate change is already happening. The impacts of climate change are already being felt across the country. More frequent and intense weather and climate-related events including droughts, tropical storms, wildfires, and flooding are affecting communities across the United States today and damaging our infrastructure and natural resources.
- Climate change is going to get worse. Even with a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the future, many of the effects of climate change and sea-level rise will still occur because of the damage already done to the atmosphere. The number of communities dealing with sea-level rise is going to increase by the middle of this century.
- Climate change is going to cost Americans dearly. Because climate change will adversely affect our economy, public health, and natural resources, the negative economic impacts will be substantial. Projections for continued growth of greenhouse gas emissions at historic rates (i.e., if we do nothing to curb emissions) forecast economic losses reaching hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of this century, more than the gross domestic product (GDP) of many states. Impacts will be interconnected. For example, damage to energy-related infrastructure in Louisiana and Texas will drive up energy costs. The worst impacts will affect disadvantaged populations that do not have the resources to implement adaptation measures, such as elevating structures to counter increased flooding or sea-level rise.
- We can still do something about climate change. Many of the worst impacts of climate change can be avoided or mitigated with adaptation and aggressive reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Addressing Climate Change (continued)

Future risks largely depend on decisions we make today. This assessment shows that more substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are needed now to avoid the most severe consequences in the long term. Adaptation actions that can counter the effects of climate change, such as flood plain restoration, can help mitigate the worst impacts while providing additional benefits such as improved air quality, restored ecosystems, and increased community vitality.

League members have adopted a variety of conservation policies that address climate change. These include reducing greenhouse gas pollution with market-based incentives; promoting a rapid transition to renewable sources of energy; dramatically improving the energy efficiency of vehicles, the power grid, homes and buildings, and consumer products; and developing new technology to more effectively and efficiently store and distribute electricity generated by wind and solar.

The threats to people, communities, natural resources, and outdoor recreation are clear. The League is closely following climate action in this Congress and engaging lawmakers, partners, and our members to implement solutions supported by our member-adopted conservation policies.

~Adapted from <https://www.iwla.org/publications/outdoor-america/article/outdoor-america-2019-issue-2/izaak-walton-league-policy-priorities~>

Less Risk of slipping on the bridge

The non-skid tape has been installed on the bridge over Great Seneca Creek. Leslie and I worked on it for a couple of hours on August 9 and figured out how to install it and got a start on the project.

We went back on the next day and were joined by Harold Gelfand, a new member that joined in June, to complete the project. Harold was at the range on Saturday morning and then took a walk. He wandered down to lake and volunteered to help us out. Thank goodness he did!

We used 5 rolls of the tape. One roll is left that will likely be stored in the container at the lake.

It took a total of 13 person hours to sand the boards, cut and then install the tape. I am pleased with the results and I hope you will be as well. I think the bridge is much safer now.

~Noel Gollehon~

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Tom and Marie Perazella for providing a wonderful Greek-style shish kabob with salad and dessert at the August 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.

H&F Day Help Needed

Our annual Open House to mark National Hunting and Fishing Day is set for Saturday, September 28, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. This is your opportunity to log some volunteer hours while helping the Chapter welcome 300-400 members of the public who need to learn about the links between conservation and outdoor recreation, and have a lot of fun doing it.

To make volunteer assignments easy and organized, we are again using SignUp Genius (Thank You, Matt Jans!). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4AAAAE29A0FA7-iwlar1>

Once you select an assignment, either Ryck Lydecker or the Team Leader for the particular activity will get back to you with details. Even if you've already contacted Ryck about volunteering, please use the SignUp link so that we can avoid confusion.

And don't forget, lunch for all volunteers (11:00-12:00) is provided. So please take a look and see where you can lend a hand and help make this the best "family fun day" Open House yet!

If you can help with the parking detail contact George Stimak.

New Members Recently Inducted

Tom Berlin of Bethesda

Tom Chang of Gaithersburg

Eric Lee of Gaithersburg

Mark Lombard of Gaithersburg

Andy & Jennifer Smith of Germantown

Peter Swiek and Mike Swiek of Bethesda

Bryan Young of Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

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.

Ike's Want Ads

Projectiles for Sale:

Box lead swaged 146 gr. .38 wadcutter box of 500 \$40

The following are .308 caliber, copper jacketed or partially copper jacketed and are \$10/box of 100:

- 165 gm, hollow point boat tail
- 220gm Matchking hollow point
- 110 gm hollow point

Also available are:

- .451 caliber 200 gm, jacketed hollow point, \$10/box of 100
- .45 long colt, 240 gm hollow point, \$10/box of 100

Winchester Model 1897, 12 gauge pump shot gun. Manufactured in 1942. Bluing on exterior of barrel is scratched. Bore is clean. \$400

For projectiles or the shotgun, text 410-688-3948.