



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ranchers need clean water for their stock, farmers need it for their crops, every employer needs it to stay in business, and every living thing needs it for life... The law needs to be clear to protect water quality and the rights of landowners.

Mark Udall

Take the "Clean Water Challenge". IWLA is making clean water our premier objective. Our organization has committed itself to monitoring 100,000 streams by 2022, our 100th Anniversary.

It WILL NOT happen without our help. We are ahead of many Chapters with our focus on SOS, but we need to do more – involve more members – monitor more streams.

Over the next few months, I will be enlisting you to help. We will establish a Clean Water Challenge. I'm asking Leslie Gollehon who is developing our new website to include a "Clean Water Corner" where we will have tips, suggestions and successes by our Chapter. Watch for it and Please Get Involved.

Lee Hays

January is Woodie Work Month

Every Sunday in January the Chapter will hold work outings to tend to our 75 Wood Duck nest boxes. So get the jump on your work hours for 2019 by joining one or more workdays. Most of the boxes are in the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area along River Road, west of Poolesville. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at a location in the field that will be announced by email the week before. Each workday, teams check the boxes, make repairs, log nesting data from last spring and prep each box for the nesting season, which starts in late March. The work is usually done by 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. each day.

The boxes are in wooded swamps and that requires wading in shallow water so chest waders or hip boots are ideal. For those who don't have their own, the Chapter has a few loaner pair. All tools and repair materials are supplied; you just bring the warm, willing body. To sign up for any Sunday in January – or all of them – contact Ryck Lydecker.

January Speaker Spotlight

For the January meeting, Park Ranger Erik Ledbetter will be presenting a living history program about the Civilian Conservation Corps, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Tree Army," and its impact on Maryland during the Great Depression.



Our speaker "in character"

Ranger Ledbetter will speak in character as "George Richter," a Germantown, Maryland teenager who signed up for the CCC in October 1933. George will tell about his family's struggles in the hard times of the Depression, joining the CCC, and his work and experiences as a member of CCC Company 352 at Camp S-52 in New Germany State Park in Grantsville, MD.

Reminder

The deadline for Renewal dues is coming up fast. Payment of dues must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2019 to avoid a late fee.

More info on 2019 Firearms Training

Below are the NRA Firearms classes that the IWLA Rockville Chapter will be offering in 2019. All class activity will be conducted at the Chapter. For more information contact Rick Albert.

Most of the students in the Basic Rifle and Pistol classes listed below are beginners or have been away from firearms for a long time and want to get refreshed on safety, gun handling, target acquisition, and accuracy. Some students have never touched a gun before the class and end up being pretty good shots by the end of the class. Range time has 1:1 coaching and class presentations provided by a group of NRA Certified Instructors, some of which are competition shooters and National Champs. Participants will be required to wear eye and ear protection when shooting. We provide a continental breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack as well. We will also provide soda, water, and coffee.

3 Basic Pistol Classes – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House & Pistol Range on March 16, June 22 and October 19. This class provides a full day of hands on firearms training including a section on MD Law as required to apply for an HQL. We provide both revolvers and semi-automatics for the students. If a student has a pistol they want to use they can do so but if it uses ammo other than a 9mm or .38 / .357, students would have to provide their own. We provide both 9mm and .38 Special ammo for the class. The class format has everyone firing 25 rounds from a revolver and 25 rounds from a semi-auto thus giving each student practice with both types of guns. HQL only requires 1 round fired so you get 50 times the requirement for live fire.

1 Basic Rifle Class – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House & Pistol Range September 21. This class provides a full day of hands on firearms training. We also will provide the rifles. If a student has a .22 rifle they want to use they can do so but with only .22 long rifle standard ammo, which we provide as well. The class format has everyone firing 10 rounds from each of the 5 positions; Prone, Sitting, Kneeling, Standing, and Bench Rest for a total of 50 rounds.

2 Metallic Cartridge Reloading Classes – 8 AM – 5:30 PM – Lower Chapter House February 16 and November 16. This is a beginning reloading class for anyone wanting to learn how to Safely reload ammo or if you want to brush up on your reloading skills. Topics covered include Safety; How Ammo Works; How to Clean, Prepare, and Reload Metallic Cartridges; Reloading Equipment including Presses, Scales, Dies, Power Measures, Calipers, Tumblers, Cleaners, and more. The class covers load development using reloading manuals and online resources. NRA course materials and certificate provided. Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, and Beverages provided.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Tetyana Razlivkina & Sergey Razlivkin and Natalia Usmanova for providing the wonderful chili, home baked bread, chips and salsa and banana bread at the December 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.

CPR Classes To Be Offered

The Chapter's annual CPR certification classes are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, February 9. If you or someone you know needs American Heart Association certification (or recertification), this is the opportunity. IWLA-Rockville chapter member and qualified CPR instructor, Sheila Colihan is again offering the class for \$35 (most classes cost \$85 to \$100) to cover materials but it's limited to eight students.

AHA certification is now only valid for two years so if you were certified in one of the classes that we offered in 2017 (or before), then you are due again. The class runs from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Chapter House, upper level.

Because we view this as a public service to the community, the class welcomes non-members -- friends, family, work colleagues -- who need certification at the member price.

This is training that quite literally can save lives. To reserve a slot, contact Ryck Lydecker.

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.

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. 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!

New Members Recently Inducted

Kory Engelke of Montgomery Village
Bryan Hays & Tham Nguyen of Damascus
Dave Luu & Nancy Beck of Rockville
James Tully of Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

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, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is not dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements
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

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday February 3, 2019 (10 AM at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House.

Douglas Smith

Amazon.com is the online store that has it all, and most of us use it from time to time. Next time you shop online, use the League’s new AmazonSmile page and Amazon will make a donation to the Izaak Walton League -- at no cost to you.

The premise is simple: You shop. Amazon gives. The AmazonSmile web site is the same Amazon you already know. It has the same products, same prices, and same service. The big difference is that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Izaak Walton League. Prices are not marked up to cover this donation. Amazon is sharing a portion of its profits with groups such as the League.

It really works and it really is simple. Just log on to smile.amazon.com and take it from there. Any and all donations will be much appreciated.

Possible Colder Winter Ahead

We’ve been blessed with mild winters the last couple of years, but that trend may be coming to an end. For more info, see https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2018/12/17/polar-vortex-could-unleash-winter-wallop-by-january/?utm_term=.974540386b66

Ike’s Want Ads

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.