



### President's Message

It has been a cold February, but March is on us and hopes of spring emerge. Baseball is in spring training, new trout are coming to the Lake, shooting leagues start soon, so winter must be over! Right?

As activities pick up at your IWLAR Chapter now is the time to make plans to get involved. Engage with Archery or enjoy shooting sports, pistol, rifle, or black powder. Get down to the Lake and catch a trout or two (limit 3), fire up the grill and have a picnic. Go for a hike and while you are hiking, pull a few (or many) invasives. The point is whatever your outdoor activity happens to be, now is the time to carve out the time and commit to getting out and enjoying your favorite outdoor event. Don't let half the summer go by and then say, "I wish I had..."

Thanks to all those who participated in the Wood Duck Nesting Box Program and especially to the leader, Joe Walther. My understanding from the preliminary count is that the IWLAR boxes provided evidence of record nesting success and hatch rates. Watch for the final report and Joe's presentation at an upcoming membership meeting.

For those with time on the morning of March 6, we will be stocking the lake and Great Seneca Creek next to our property with trout. Watch the website for the exact time (it depends on truck route) but we generally gather about 8:00 am and are done by 10:00. As a reminder, the lake is closed to fishing for 24 hours after stocking, so bring your rod down on the 7th. Come help us stock on the 6th but leave your fishing rod at home.

Our March General Membership Meeting will be on our normal first Friday, March 7. Please join us in person or via Zoom.

Get out and enjoy IWLAR!

Tight Lines  
Noel Gollehon

### Rockville Izaak Walton Honored by Boy Scouts

The four Izaak Walton League Chapters of Montgomery County were honored by the National Area Council of the Boy Scouts on February 20, 2025. The Scouts presented each Izaak Walton Chapter with a plaque and sincere thanks for sponsoring Troops, providing facilities, encouraging Eagle Scout projects and advancing outdoor activities. Next time you are in the Rockville Chapter House take a look at the plaque.

### March Speaker Focus

Ken Freeman was raised in the Washington area. He went to Montgomery College before he joined the Army Reserves. He and his wife Carole have lived in Montgomery Village for the last four decades.

Ken is a long-time member of the Jaycees and the Montgomery County Citizens Academy.



Ken worked in retail management and commission sales before he retired in 2016.

Ken has a personal goal of speaking to or interacting with the following organizations which include the Izaak Walton leagues, Rotary, Lions clubs, and the Olney Farmers' Market. He is also going to work together with the Community Engagement office with Captain Jordan Satinsky and get on social media and a podcast at headquarters. He will speak about the Montgomery County Citizen Academy and the Alumni Association

### Learn Archery This Summer!

If you or your kids have ever wanted to learn the fundamentals of archery or improve your skills, IWLAR's Summer Archery is the program for you. You'll learn proper shooting form and fundamentals in a safe and family-friendly environment from our USA Archery trained instructors.

All equipment is provided. IWLAR members can register their children ages 10-18 and member adults.

Sessions will take place on Sundays June 1-July 13, 2025 (no session on July 6) from 12:30PM - 2:00PM. IWLAR member registration opens March 1 on a first come, first served basis. Member rate: \$55/person.

For more information and registration, go to: <https://www.iwlar.org/archery/> or contact Kevin Blanc at [archery@iwlar.org](mailto:archery@iwlar.org).

## **Chapter Junior Air Rifle Excels**

On February 8th two of our Junior Air Rifle team members went to the Finals for the Robert Inness Match at the IWLA - Damascus Wildlife Achievement Chapter.



We were represented by Jemma Gruber and Sofia Lee. The competition was mostly Navy JROTC students and our Jr. Ikes did really well placing 6th (Jemma Gruber) and 7th Place (Sofia Lee) out of 38 competitors! We are all be very proud of them!

## **Security System Upgrade Changes Policy**

All Rockville members need to be aware that the Chapter has purchased a new outdoor security system. It has more cameras and improved coverage relative to our old system. The new system has audio capability too. The cameras run 24/7 catching the racoon, deer and lost drivers as well as members coming and going. Cameras that cover the ranges (archery, pistol and rifle), the parking lot, and exterior of the building. The cameras will only be used to spot check (for example open back door, possible source of water alarm, activity levels at ranges, etc) or for investigative purposes when a complaint is filed. There will be no one watching the cameras and monitoring live activities. There are no cameras inside any building except the pistol and rifle houses. The audio associated with all the cameras will be used for the same purposes, except the audio for the cameras covering rear social areas of the Chapter House will be disabled so that private conversations remain private.

Signs have been posted to inform those entering the grounds that video and audio monitoring is occurring. Access to the system is currently limited to Chapter Leadership. The camera recording is stored for about 6 weeks then destroyed.

## **Summary of February Board of Directors Meeting**

The IWLAR Board of Directors met on February 21 in a lengthy but productive meeting. Highlights include:

- The internal audit is March 24, volunteers are always welcome for an evening of chasing numbers. (email [president@iwlar.org](mailto:president@iwlar.org) if interested in assisting)
- The next Member Social is March 14. Come out and have some fun with your fellow members.
- The BoD approved a letter of support for a Bill in the Maryland House to require covering of outdoor salt piles to reduce the salt flow into waterways.
- The BoD approved a letter of support for the effort to make the North Branch of the Potomac, from the Savage River confluence to Pinto, a coldwater refuge for improved trout habitat (technically making it a Maryland Class III stream).
- IWLAR received an award from the National Area Council of the Boy Scouts, (see article).
- The Range Safety Committee presented their ideas on the process we'll use for restarting the firearms training classes.
- Trout have been ordered to stock the lake and will arrive on March 6.
- An energy audit of the Caretaker's House was conducted by an outside expert. We are waiting for the report, but some areas for energy and comfort improvement have already been identified. Warmer weather conditions are needed before addressing.
- We need an Awards Committee Chair! IWLAR has competed very well in National and Division Awards in years past, so we have a template for anyone wishing to organize this committee. Award nominations are due this summer. The Chair is the organizer, others do the heavy lift.
- We voted to continue our membership and support for the Friends of Seneca Creek State Park with a \$100 donation.
- We heard a presentation and demonstration from the Committee charged with investigating a new outdoor security system. The BoD adopted policy on how the system was to be used and the role of audio (see article).
- The President and Treasurer presented a comparison of actual income and expenses to the 2024 budget line items.
- We will be establishing a 'physical security' committee that will coordinate management of our mechanical locks, access cards, and cameras
- January minutes were approved.

## **Keepin' the Road Clean**

Many thanks to the volunteers Roger Glendenning, Cameron Cool, Will Rush, Susan Epes, Barry Cooper, Rick Ducey, Rudy Winkfield, Ken Choi, and Todd Anderson who participated in the February 9 Road Clean. Nine bags of trash were collected.

### **Our 2024 Bylaws Review is complete!**

The recommended changes will be posted on the Google website in advance of the March General Membership meeting. The committee report with recommendations and a markup up copy of the Bylaws including the recommended changes will be shared with members via the Chapter's Googlegroup email in advance of the March General Membership meeting. Voting on the changes is scheduled for the April General Membership meeting. Most of the changes resolve confusion about the name of the addendum that contains the membership dues information.

The recommendations of the 2024 Bylaws review committee address the following findings. A document containing specific details will be emailed at the beginning of March to Google group with a copy of the marked Bylaws document.

No recommended changes to the Constitution.

- (Items 1 & 2) The committee was tasked by the Board to incorporate two motions recommending changes to the fee in lieu of volunteer hours and policy regarding use of access cards. These are both addressed by added text to the membership dues Addendum A.
- (Items 3, 16) Inconsistencies about authorization for the President, Treasurer and Finance Chair to disburse Chapter funds, and the addition of numbering for clarification.

### **2024 Bylaws Review (continued)**

- (Item 4) An inconsistency in the duties of the Corresponding Sec'y position.
- (Items 5, 6, 8-11) The Bylaws contained several redundancies and inconsistencies regarding the name of the Addendum where membership dues, fees and charges are listed.
- (Items 7, 13) Details regarding meeting attendance and quorum rules.
- (Item 12) Updates to the Standing Committees.
- (Items 14, 16) A concern regarding inventory requirements for Chapter assets and the addition of numbering for clarification.
- (Item 15) Revision of the Revision History and deletion of superfluous information from the end of the 2019 Bylaws.

Send all comments and questions to Cindy Stevens. Members who do not receive notifications from the Chapter Googlegroup should contact Cindy so she can send you the documents for review.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Yancy Bodenstein & Laura Cole Gaithersburg  
David & Shelley Caramanica Gaithersburg  
Patrick Guyse Silver Spring  
Lewis Houlton Germantown  
Max Raeder Rockville  
A warm welcome to all!