



President’s Message

Outdoor Conservation, Education, and Recreation summarizes the Izaak Walton League, but there is a whole country that is dedicated to that called New Zealand. It is filled with beautiful scenic hiking trails, beaches, lakes, and rivers.



The “Kiwis” are very focused on the stewardship of their country’s natural beauty. If you ever get the chance to visit, I highly recommend it. I am enjoying these sights right now, as I write my President’s message.

Regards,
Susan Cassell

Come attend the Chapter’s “Old Fashion Picnic”

An “Old Fashion Picnic” is a great way to celebrate family and friends and recall simpler times. Join us on April 29 from 11am-3pm at the Lake. Bring your family meal and the necessities (we will have charcoal for the grills (to be shared)), blankets/chairs to sit and relax, and please bring a dessert to share with everyone.

We will have activities such as sack races, ladder toss, horseshoes, and much more, (don’t forget your fishing equipment) for a “funtastic”, nostalgic celebration at the lake. For more information, contact Joyce Buttery.

New Coordinator for Road Cleanup

Every other month, Chapter volunteers gather to help clean up the shoulders of Waring Station Road both to the north up to bridge across the railroad tracks and south to Clopper Road. John Lawrence is stepping down after managing cleanup for several years and Ken Choi has volunteered to take over. Our next cleanup is scheduled for April 2, please volunteer to help with this worthy task. For more information, contact Ken.

April Speaker Focus

A native of Texas, Emily Huang received her BA in physics and a PhD in neurosciences. She then spent 20 years working in the field of biomedicine before realizing that she wanted to work in actual fields. Emily joined the staff at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, where she gained expertise in all things ornithological, including leading bird walks, nest box monitoring, and small raptor handling. In 2020, Emily became a county coordinator for the 3rd Maryland-DC Breeding Bird Atlas, a 5-year project to document all bird species nesting and breeding in the state of Maryland (and DC), and in 2022 she became Vice-President of the Montgomery Bird Club.



The Montgomery Bird Club is a county chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Our primary mission is to welcome anyone interested in wild birds and the natural world. We encourage the enjoyment, study, and conservation of these birds through club meetings, member led walks, organized bird counts and studies, funding and management for nest box trails, and youth activities. Emily will describe some of these activities, in particular the MD-DC Breeding Bird Atlas, illustrating with her photographs of Montgomery County’s native birds.

Outdoor Shooting Sports begin in April

April starts the beginning of our outdoor shooting sports.

-Muzzleloader league starts Wednesday, April 5th and runs the 1st Wednesday of each month through Oct. Relays start at 4:00 pm until 1 hour before dusk. Course of fire is 10 shots in 40 minutes. Fee is \$2 per relay.

-Rifle league starts Wednesday, April 12th and runs the 2nd Wednesday of each month through Oct. Relays start at 4:00 pm and run approx. every ½ hour. Course of fire is the National Match Course (10 slow, 10 timed, 10 rapid). Fee is \$2 per relay

-Pistol league starts Tuesday, April 11th and runs every Tuesday until the end of Sept. Relays start at 3:30 pm and run approx. every ½ hour, but there is a signup, walk-ons allowed if space is available. Course of fire is the National Match Course (10 slow, 10 timed, 10 rapid). Fee for the whole season is \$30 for rimfire or centerfire or \$40 for both.

-Pellet Gun Shoot will be the last Sunday of each month from 10:30 – 12:30 pm.

Details for each league will be posted to iwlar@googlegroups.com or you can contact Susan Cassell.

Susan Cassell

Natural Resources Career Camp

Each year, our Chapter funds one Montgomery County high school student to attend the Natural Resources Career Camp. This year's camp will be held Sun, July 23 - Sat, July 29, 2023 in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. Use the link below to learn more about the camp and how to apply.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/NRCC.aspx>

Quilt Sale on April 16

Nimble Fingers Quilt guild which meets on the first Wed at IWLA is having a fabric, quilt, yard sale on Sunday 4/16 from noon to 4:00PM. Tons of fabric at \$8/pound which is about 4 yards. There are notions, patterns, silent auction items, & our raffle quilt. Credit cards cheerfully accepted. Please call Laura Markus if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Weeds Away!

May 6 will be our first Weeds Away! work party of the year. We will be joined by volunteers from the Chesapeake Women Anglers from 1-4. At 1pm Cindy Stevens will do a brief tutorial on identifying the invasive weeds we will target and how we control them without using herbicides. Wear long sleeves and long pants and bring a water bottle or cup. Leather gloves are recommended. Meet near the lake pavilion. Contact Cindy for more info.

2023 Summer Archery Program

If you or your kids want 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 USAA-trained instructors. All equipment is provided. The program will run on Sundays June 4-July 16, 2023 (no session on July 2) from 12:30 to 2:00pm. The cost for IWLAR Members will be \$55/person. IWLAR Members can register their children ages 10-18 and member adults. IWLAR Member registration opens March 1, 2023

Find out more and register: www.iwlar.org/archery/
For more information, contact archery@iwlar.org

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.

Individuals will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when they become a member unless they request not to be added. Members can remove their address from the list anytime, but we are hopeful that they will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

Troop 32207

Troop 32207 is a Daisy Troop that meets at the Chapter House and is accepting new members.



The Troop meets on Sundays, usually the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, from 5 to 6 pm at the Upper Level of the Chapter House. This troop is open to girls in the First Grade. If any member has a relative or neighbor who is interested in joining the troop, please have them contact Penny Dingels at pdingels@yahoo.com.

Introductory Kayak Class

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 3 from 9 AM to 3 PM at our Chapter House and lake. All kayak equipment will be provided. This class consists of a classroom portion followed by kayaking on our lake. It is for those who have never kayaked and those with limited experience. The session will cover safety, parts of a kayak, entry and exit, and more.

Participation is for those age 8 through adult. For more information see the 2023 Water Sports Information at our website iwlar.org/water-sports/. To register, send an email to iwlarwatersports@gmail.com with the number of adults and number of children and their ages. Chapter members are needed that day to assist with transporting equipment to and from the lake and to assist participants while on the water. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours. Volunteers, please send an email to the same address with your name and the hours you are available to help.

New Members Recently Inducted

Gary & Mads Bagai	Rockville
Warren Black	Clarksburg
Pocho & Wisdom Caraos	Rockville
Sanka Madduma	Germantown
Brian Molina	Rockville

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Glock Model 43 Subcompact handgun with two Glock magazines (one is extended to make a "longer" hand grip) and one aftermarket extended magazine. It has the OEM Glock sights. The gun is in excellent condition and has not had many (probably less than 150) rounds shot through it. Sells for \$460 and up new. Asking \$380. Happy to meet at IWL range to show it. Mark Lombard, email: pkdude2@verizon.net

For Sale!

1. Smith & Wesson, .45ACP; 1911-2011 Engraved Commem; wood case \$1,350
2. Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 6.5"; target; 50th Anniv.; wood case \$1,350
3. Ruger; .44 Magnum; Super Blackhawk (early); Leupold M8 scope: \$ 750
4. Beretta; .22short; 2"; 950BS "Minx"; LNIB \$350
5. Colt, .45ACP; 1911, 5", 100th Anniversary of 1911; Custom Shop \$1,350
6. Browning Medalist, .22lr Target with case, barrel weights, tool \$1,300

Call Terry Popkin for information at 301-742-3131

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.