



President’s Message

At the May GM meeting I will be announcing our Nominating Committee. It is their responsibility to submit the names of candidates for each of the Chapter’s 7 Officers and 4 Directors in a report at the July GM meeting. Elections are held in August and then the new Board is installed in September. Officers terms are 1 year, and Director’s terms are 3 years. The Board meets once per month. Meetings are held in-person or via ZOOM. The responsibilities of each officer and the directors are found in the by-laws, which are accessible from the website iwlar.org.

I will not be running again as President. It has been an honor to represent the Chapter and I have enjoyed working with everyone over the past 3 years, but it is time for new leadership. There are also many Chapter Officer’s that have been in their positions for years, and would probably like a break as well.

Please consider getting involved in a leadership role within the Chapter. The Chapter cannot run without these leaders. Although it is a time commitment, you will have the opportunity to learn about all the aspects of the Chapter and work with other members. I highly recommend getting involved.

Susan Cassell

Save the Date!



Saturday, September 23, 2023

More info to come.

May Speaker Focus

May’s GMM will feature a discussion of solar power for residences from multiple angles. First, Bonnie Greer of Neighborhood Sun will describe “Community Solar” which is a way for homeowners to obtain solar energy without installing solar panels. Then long time Chapter members Rick Albert and Tom Perazella will describe their experiences trying to install solar power at their home, successfully for Rick but not for Tom.



Bonnie is a transplant from the Pacific Northwest. Before her position with Neighborhood Sun, she completed her Americorps VISTA service with The Spokane Tribe of Indians planning department and participated in an Arctic Canadian task force in Ottawa. Her passion for climate justice led her to Neighborhood Sun.



Rick and Tom held important positions in Chapter for many years before relocating to nearby states, Rick to South Carolina and Tom to Pennsylvania.

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 iwl.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.

Firearms Legislation in the 2023 MD Legislature

The 2023 Maryland Legislature enacted several pieces of legislation related to firearms. The following bill numbers are followed by the legislative synopsis.

Senate Bill 1: “Prohibiting a person from knowingly wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm in certain locations; prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm onto certain property unless the owner or owner's agent has given certain permission; altering certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Secretary of State Police to limit the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun at certain times and locations; etc.”

House Bill 824: “Altering the penalty for a violation of the prohibition on wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun; requiring the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to annually report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly; requiring the Department of State Police to transmit a certain summary of certain laws relating to firearms to certain persons; requiring the Secretary of State Police, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a certain curriculum; etc.”

Senate Bill 858: “Altering a certain provision relating to the storage of firearms and ammunition in a location that can be accessed by an unsupervised child; and requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide, with recommendations from a stakeholder committee.”

The National Rifle Association opposed all three bills, saying they would penalize or punish law-abiding gun owners.

Air Pistol League Champions!

The Air Pistol League concluded the season on April 4th with their Awards dinner. Congratulations to The Virginians as the 2023 Champions (Jeff Andrews, Isaac Booth, Susan Cassell, Jerry Holmes, Jose Marrone, Doug Smith, George Stimak, James Wardrick, and Taylor Wardrick). We also enjoyed gathering for a delicious dinner.



James Wardrick receiving his Championship trophy.

MD Division Leadership Nominations and Elections

Elections for leadership positions for the Maryland Division will be held on June 17th. This year's openings are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, each for 2 year terms, and two National Director positions each for 3 year terms. Information on position responsibilities can be found in Article VII of the Division by-laws at: <https://www.marylandiwl.org/constitution-and-by-laws>. If you know of someone that might be a good candidate, please send their name to your chapter president who will forward their recommendations to the Maryland Division. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 17th! Contact Cindy Stevens for more information on any of the positions and to volunteer.

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.

Chapter Newsletter Distribution

The Chapter has recently changed the Newsletter distribution options. Electronic distribution of the IWLA-Rockville Chapter Newsletter is now the default. Chapter members may still receive a hard copy but will be required to “opt in” to do so. To receive a hard copy only, contact Judy Danish.

If you do not receive the Newsletter in your email and wish to do so, contact David Schwartzman.

New Members Recently Inducted

Kevin Anderson	Rockville
Alex Cook	Silver Spring
Mike Edwards	Bethesda
Kyle Hitch	Rockville
Tara Mowbray &	
AJ Murch	Rockville
Brett Parker	Rockville

A warm welcome to all!

Unintentional Discharge Risk with Popular Pistol

In other firearms news, an April 11 article in the Washington Post said since 2016 more than 100 people claimed their P320 pistols discharged when they did not pull the trigger, of which 80 resulted in wounds.

The Sig Sauer P320 is one of the nation’s most popular handguns and is a standard-issue sidearm in the military. In response to questions Sig Sauer noted unintentional discharges are not uncommon and can occur with several types of firearms. The gunmaker also said improper and unsafe handling is one of the most common causes of unintentional discharges.

Experts quoted in the article said the risk tends to be greater for law enforcement officers because they are frequently trained to keep a round chambered in their duty weapon.

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 the third Friday of the month.