



President’s Message

This month’s message is focused on the lake. In addition to being President, I am also a member of the Lake Committee. It is May so if you have not been to the lake to catch a trout, you better move fast! Trout do not survive in the lake after the water temp hits about 70 degrees. Obviously, the date that temperature is reached depends on future weather conditions, but it normally occurs sometime in mid-May. The trout that are left in the lake will expire and feed the bass, we would rather they feed you!

The big news at the Lake is that IWLAR has signed a contract with a construction firm to install an engineered settling pond along the main input stream at the north end of the Lake. (Look where the yellow boards are on the end of the Lake.) This is a big step forward in addressing the sediment problem in the lake. The settling basin is designed to provide a place for sediment to accumulate during high flows. The sediment now shoots into the lake. The project should capture about half the sediment inflow during high water events. The settling basin will have to be cleaned periodically, but it is a lot easier to deal with dry sediment than the material that flows into the lake. After this project is completed, we will be discussing dredging options to remove sediment from the north end of the lake.

All we know at this time is the construction will take a couple of months at most, and it will occur sometime this summer/fall. While the construction is ongoing, we may have to limit access to the lake area. There likely will not be camping or other overnight activities. We may still be able to have the lake open for weekend and evening activities, but we will have to work that out with the contractor. During construction hours there will be a significant amount of heavy truck traffic. While we will open the lake during construction as much as possible, the truck traffic and heavy machinery operation will necessitate partial or full closure. Please watch the website and the Google group for updates on construction timing and for closure announcements.

That is in the future. Right now—before it gets too hot—get out to the lake for some trout and to have a good time!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

Silent Auction for May GMM

The Chapter will hold a “silent auction” to help support our butterfly garden and the Lake Sediment Control Project. The wildlife in and around the lake through the years have left their mark on the long-term health of the three-acre Jim Berrier Memorial Lake. The lake is important not only to our members but is integral to our mission statement. Feel free to bring your friends, this will be open to the public. There will be no featured speaker this month.

Please bring cash. We will have Paypal for the larger ticket items such as the Total Wine & More tasting for 20, or the bucket list items which are Big Game Hunts in either New Zealand or South Africa.

There will be plenty of gift cards, slightly used items from other members, sports equipment, Orvis clothing, books, fly tying accessories and much more.

Volunteering around the Chapter!

Many thanks to Paolo Amedeo, Kevin Blanc, Angela Rini, Geoff Wilson, Joe Ober, Alan Cohen, Terry Dowdy, Walter Martin, and Sally Martin for working on the Pistol Range on April 7.



They installed the tarp on the spectators' tent, spread lime on and around the backstop area, cleaned up the range house and supply shed, and replaced the lane numbers at the 50 yd line.

Also, on April 7, the road the clean-up crew picked up 9 bags of trash from Waring Station Road. Eleven Ikes or family members participated. Thanks to Coordinator Ken Choi, his son Johan, Kyle Hitch, Matt and Jill LaCross, Mike, Tracey and Trey Ferrara, Todd Anderson, and Rudy Winkfield. The next Road Clean up will be in June.

Kayak Class

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 1 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 Water Sports tab under Recreation at our website - iwlar.org. 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.

National Convention News

Our Chapter is part of the IWLA Maryland Division that is hosting this year's National Convention on the Eastern Shore at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa And Marina in Cambridge, Maryland. The Convention is a two-day event (Monday July 15th & Tuesday 16th), with a separate Youth Convention too. For attendees arriving on Sunday, July 14th, the Early Bird Dinner and Auction is a lot of fun. If you want to be a Chapter delegate for the Convention, and eligible for at least partial reimbursement, you must coordinate with Susan Cassell. Group activities are being organized for the Wednesday following the Convention. Convention registration is now available on the IWLA National Web site <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/convention2024>.

There are a limited number of highly discounted rooms available at the Hyatt Regency - \$175 plus tax for a standard room, and upgrades are available. If you are interested in reserving a room, do it now as the discounted rooms are filling fast. Reservations can be made through the League website <https://www.2024iwlaconvention.org/hotel-reservations> or by calling and providing our group code G-IZWL for the discount rate.

HELP IS NEEDED! The Early Bird Auction is our major source of fundraising for the Convention. The Convention organizers are working hard to surpass all previous Conventions and want Maryland to be the best! You can help by attending the Convention, but also by donating items for the auction, placing an ad in our Convention program booklet, or by becoming a sponsor. Please donate new items or handcrafted items that would appeal to Ikes. Handcrafted items could be duck nesting boxes, bat or bird houses, a honeybee hive, custom wood signs, themed baskets, hunting or fishing accessories, etc.

Another option to help fund the Convention is to place an ad in the Convention program booklet or become a Sponsor. The ad could focus on your business or a personal note wishing the Maryland convention success. Full-Page Ad 7.5h x 4.5w = \$200 Half-Page Ad 3.75h x 4.5w = \$100. All Ads are full color. Send your ad request to Jeff Deschamps,

executive.secretary@marylandiwla.org with a PDF or a high-resolution image (TIFF, JPG, etc), or even a Word file. If you know someone who might be interested in being a Convention Sponsor, contact Cherie Aker, our Maryland Division President, at president@marylandiwla.org and request the Sponsorship Package that outlines sponsorship levels and the benefits received in advertisement in our local region and nationally. Sponsors will be listed in all electronic and published marketing and media. Sponsor recognition will also appear in the convention wrap-up issue of Outdoor America magazine and in the 2024 IWLA Annual Report. All donors will be listed in our convention event program. The deadlines are May 30 for becoming a Sponsor and June 1 for placing an ad.

April BOD Highlights

- Our new Convention Representative is Susan Cassell;
- We have a new committee under Finance Chair Rob McClelland to evaluate hiring a part time bookkeeper;
- The Chapter will donate a water bottle to each registrant;
- The Chapter will place an ad in the on-site Convention booklet;
- A keycard set for specific day and time of use will be provided to the Nimble Fingers president;
- Our Recording Secretary, Cindy Stevens, will be authorized to pull reports from our RBC accounts;
- Water stains on the ceiling in the UCH are being evaluated by the Chair, Jim Seach.

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.

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

August 11 through 19 are the dates for the Fair this year. The Rockville Chapter provides the tent, and coordinates with local chapters and others to "make it happen". It's a great opportunity to meet people from other chapters, enjoy the fair and promote the League.

Volunteers are needed (approx. 40+) for set up, "duty" and tear down. Each shift is 6 hours (one shift can satisfy your voluntary work requirement!), 10am-4pm or 4pm-10pm, and will feature at least two people. Tickets plus parking are provided by the Chapter, no experience necessary. The primary tasks are talking to those who stop by about League activities, hand out brochures on some of our events, and let the kids "fish."

Contact Bill Leaman for questions or to volunteer.

New Members Recently Inducted

Ed Adelman	Darnestown
Cameron Cool	Bethesda
Steve Day	Rockville
Chris Ryden	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

To place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box 2255, Germantown, MD, 20875, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by the third Friday of the month.