



President's Message

Spring is in full bloom and you are missing out if you are not taking advantage of the outdoors. Your IWLA-Rockville Chapter facilities are here to help you out. Now is the time to go outside and enjoy!

As you are wandering the grounds look for invasives. It is the perfect time to pull garlic mustard. Trout in the lake will not last much longer due to the heat. (They do not survive in warm water.) So, stop by the lake and catch some dinner.

The Lake construction project is nearing completion. All that remains are the final inspections and they will be scheduled soon. The Lake Committee is planning a workday for some time in May. This is a great chance to work some volunteer hours.

There are other opportunities to work volunteer hours too. Bill is taking names to staff the Montgomery County Fair booth. Cindy can always use weed warriors. But if pulling invasives is not your preferred activity, the 3-D archery needs help staffing the registration table. Point is, there are plenty of opportunities to get your volunteer hours completed this spring and summer.

Our May General Membership Meeting will be on our normal first Friday, May 2. Please join us in person or via Zoom.

Get out and enjoy IWLAR!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

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Please save the date for the 2025 Rockville Chapter Open House. We will begin outreach to exhibitors soon. Stay tuned for announcements and email iwlaropenhouse@gmail.com with any questions.



May GMM Speaker TBD at time of Publication

Volunteers Needed for 3-D Archery

Volunteers are needed to act as Marshalls for the 3-D archery shoots. No experience is required. The minimum requirement is to be able to sit in one area for the duration of a 3-D archery shoot! This is an easy way to earn up to your 6 hours in one day.

Dates: June 8, 22, July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 31

Tasks:

- Working as a team of 3.
- Arrive around 7am.
- Block part off the parking so shooters will have a place to park.
- Set up the sign in/out table near the 3-D archery shed by 7:45 am.
- OPTIONAL - set up the pop-up tent for shade.
- Collect \$5 from member participants, and \$10 from non-member participants. Participants under the age of 18 are free.
- Remind participants that they need to check out with you before noon.
- Put the table, chairs and the popup tent away.
- Pass the money collected and the event report to the Team Leader who will turn it in to the Treasurer.
- Experienced Marshalls may be asked to walk the course in advance and be ready to deal with fallen branches, etc. and verify that the Trails Closed signs are in place
- Experienced Marshalls may be asked to patrol the course and keep an eye on the shooters and check the targets.
- Make sure lights in Chapter House are off and all doors are locked (unless another group is meeting there).
- Report any issues or problems to the Team Leader who will report them to the 2nd Vice President.

Call or email Bill Jackson about which Sunday morning(s) you want to sign up for. Three volunteers are needed for each shoot, and you may volunteer for multiple Sundays.

Things May Not Always Be as They Appear

The contractor that created our Silt Capture system at the Chapter Lake had previous relationships with the Chapter President and our Lake Chairman. So that probably led to our contractor being mischievous and putting the remains of what was an old 3-D Alligator target into one of the two pipes that will expel water from the top surface of the silt capture pool.



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When asked by the President to take pictures of the finished system for the contractor, our expert Chapter member photographer did just that. When he got home and looked at his pictures, he became concerned that some type of beast was in the pipe and sent out the pictures to some of the Chapter leadership. After we realized what we were looking at we all had a good laugh and our expert photographer was much relieved to learn what that was in the pipe.

"In Lieu of Work Hours" Payment to Increase

The new, updated Chapter Bylaws were approved at the General Membership Meeting on April 4th. As part of the changes to the Bylaws, the amount charged in lieu of the annual requirement for six volunteer work hours was increased from \$75 to \$150. The increase will take effect at the membership renewal process beginning this September for calendar year 2026.

Range Officers Please Note: In order to plan and schedule RO assignments without interruption, ROs are required to renew and have their work hours completed by October 31st or run the risk of incurring the \$150 fee.

Our Chapter on Maryland Charity Campaign List

If you're a state employee and participate in the Maryland Charity Campaign, the "Rockville Chapter Izaak Walton League of America" will be on the list of charities for the 2026 campaign, which opens in the late fall. Like the federal government's "Combined Federal Campaign," the state allows employees to make direct payroll deductions to the listed charities of their choice.

Passing of an Ike

Member Jack Toomey passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025. He loved being a part of the IWL and he and his son and grandchildren loved fishing at the lake when Jack would take them there. Volunteering for the Chapter was a very meaningful experience for him and gave him a lot of purpose in his older years.

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

August 8 through 16 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 setting 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 is 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.

Highlights of March 21, Board of Directors Meeting

- A physical security committee has been established to help define who will have access to the security camera system and who will maintain the locks, keycodes, and keys for the Chapter.
- The Chapter's logo is now listed on the Maryland Forestry Foundation's webpage as a sponsor for the Natural Resources Careers Camp <https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/programs/students-educators/nrcc/>.
- The IRS-990 has been completed and submitted.
- Employees of the State of Maryland can now donate to the Chapter through the 2025 MD Charity Campaign.
- Spraying for difficult to control invasive plants will take place in limited areas in early April.
- Hazardous trees above the camping area at the lake will be taken down soon.
- The tree planting for the silt reduction project is being planned. A workday will follow.

Annual Kayak Class

Our annual introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 7 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 times you are available to help.

New Members Recently Inducted

Ezra Casteel	Silver Spring
Corey & Bethany Clemmons	Rockville
Ben Looker	Gaithersburg
John & Mary Maddox	Barnesville
Josh Stewart	Montgomery Village

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Inflatable 12-foot Sea Eagle kayak.

Seats 2, never used, still in the original canvas bag.
\$300 Contact Ron Komara

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.