



### President's Message

Summer is rapidly approaching and now is the time to get out and enjoy! Get outdoors and enjoy IWLA-Rockville (IWLA-R).

Summer archery is starting soon and while the classes are full, we always need qualified instructors and volunteers to help with matches. The outdoor shooting sports leagues are all up and running, but it is not too late to join, you just gotta get there!

The woods are great for hiking before July humidity kicks in. Be tick aware and take needed precautions to protect yourself. Ticks are just a fact of life in the woods so protect you, the kids and the dog!

Next time you are at the Chapter House, stop by the lower level and check out our new bar top. Chris Holler, the bar rebuild master, has finished a new inlaid bar top made with trees harvested on our property. A great big thanks to Chris!

And as always, we need your help! We are a volunteer-run organization and without you volunteering, the organization does not work! We have a couple of open youth leader positions, both the youth conservation education program and the Save Our Streams Programs need new leaders. The leaders rolling out are willing to help get you started so you will not have to do it alone. We will be calling for volunteers for the Nominating Committee at the May meeting. Please consider volunteering. And finally, if you are interested in serving as officer or director, please let someone know. None of our roles are done in a vacuum, there is plenty of support. Just let me know if you have interest at [president@iwl.org](mailto:president@iwl.org).

Our May General Membership Meeting is early in the month, it is Friday, May 1. **And we are bringing back the pre-meeting dinner at 7:00 p.m.** Come and join us for a delicious dinner of lasagna, rolls, bread, salad, and a homemade dessert. \$5 a plate. You can't beat it.

Tight Lines  
Noel Gollehon

There will be no Speaker for the May GMM, but as noted above, there will be dinner!

### Watersports to commence in June

An introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 6 from 9 AM to 3 PM at our Chapter House and lake. All kayak equipment will be provided, and the class will be held rain or shine. 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 - [iwl.org](http://iwl.org). To register, send an email to [iwlarwatersports@gmail.com](mailto: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 should send an email to the same address with your name and the hours you are available to help.

After the introductory class, river outings will take place on the following dates: June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, and October 10. The location of river outings will be announced approximately one week in advance. In general, early season trips are "easier" than later season trips; however, no trip encounters more than minimal distance Class II - III rapids dependent on water conditions.

Send an email to [iwlarwatersports@gmail.com](mailto:iwlarwatersports@gmail.com) with the number of people in your group to reserve a kayak and so that we may contact you in case of cancellation. Availability of Chapter kayaks is limited.

### IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

August 14 through 22 are the dates for the Fair this year. 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.

**3-D ARCHERY EVENT**

HOSTED BY THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE  
OF AMERICA - ROCKVILLE CHAPTER

18301 WARING STATION ROAD,  
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

**EVERY OTHER SUNDAY**  
JUNE 7 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Held Every Other Sunday  
June 7 & June 21  
July 5 & July 19  
August 2 & August 16 & August 30  
September 13, 2026

\$5 for IWLA members  
\$10 for non-members

All skill levels welcome!

Bring your bow, bring your family – fun outdoors for everyone!

Conservation & outdoor skills supported by IWLA –  
“Protecting our woods, waters & wildlife.”

membership@iwlar.org 301-916-9191 (Membership Secretary)

### Save our Streams Water Testing May 17 from 1 - 4pm

Identifying what is living in the water is one of the best ways to determine a stream’s overall health. Please join us as we collect macroinvertebrates from the Great Seneca Creek near the Izaak Walton League (Rockville Chapter) [lake](#). We will use portable magnifiers to identify water bugs, which will teach us about the water quality of Great Seneca Creek.

This event is geared toward ages 10+. Youth must be accompanied by a parent (no drop-offs). Please dress according to the weather and plan to get your feet wet. You must wear shoes to enter the water, and we recommend water shoes. Anyone wearing open-toed shoes may not go in the creek.

The event is limited to 40 guests, and registration is required, and you may register at this [Registration Link](#). This event is FREE and open to the public. **PLEASE SHARE THIS SIGN UP**. We also would appreciate if someone would photograph the event. Students wanting to earn SSL hours should bring their SSL forms.

Meet at the Izaak Walton League Lake located at 12057 Clopper Road., Germantown, MD 20874. The lake entrance is on Clopper Road between Waring Station Road and the entrance to Seneca State Park. Questions? Contact Phillip Mariscal.

### Environmental Management System (EMS) Goals

Goals for 2026 (items 5-10 will published next month).

1. RANGE SAFETY COMMITTEE, All firearms ranges. Continue pH testing and liming as needed to maintain pH in the lead zones between 6.5 and 8.0 in order to prevent the migration of lead on the firearms ranges. CONTINUE to monitor the silt fence and covers on the rifle range. (NEW) Beginning 2026, a new Range Report will be used for data collection and decision making.
2. ALL. Reduce the use of non-reusable plastics through the “Bring your own canteen” (water bottle) to all Chapter events and activities.
3. FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – A contractor will be used to control invasive woody plants and vines on the Chapter property. Members will continue to have education and work party opportunities to help monitor and/or control recurring weed problems.
4. FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Share 2026 Actions for stewardship of our forest, and continue the search for options to use and/or harvest deadfall.

### April 17 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

1. The annual First Responder Event is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday in May, 5/27. Joyce Buttrey is the lead.
2. Cindy Stevens updated the Board on the progress marking the property boundaries. Cameron Cool is the lead.
3. Phillip Mariscal reminded the Board that we will need an individual to lead the Save Our Streams Program in 2027.
4. Summer Archery registration is full! Volunteers are still needed to coordinate the queue and for other tasks to free up instructor time.
5. The Youth Conservation Education Program lead position is OPEN.
6. The 3D archery schedule has been entered in the Chapter calendar, starting on June 7.
7. The bridge over the creek has a loose cable that needs to be secured and adjusted.
8. The 2 leaking water heaters in the Chapter House have been replaced.
9. The aerator at the lake was repaired by the contractor and batteries replaced.
10. The new floating dock for the aerator equipment is being assembled. Watch the Google group for volunteer opportunities.
11. New range rules are in process.
12. The recent work party to improve the spectator area cover at the Pistol Range was well attended and good progress was made.
13. The Chapter has budgeted financial support to send several delegates to the National Convention which will be held from 7/16-18, if interested contact Noel Gollehon.
14. The phone has been switched to a new company at significant savings.

### Doing good at the Chapter



Thanks to Kevin Coates, Laurent Ricks, George McCoy, Thomas Chang, Krysztof Pietroszek, Walter Martin, CJ Tashman and organizer Paolo Amodeo for repairing the Spectators' tent at the Pistol Range on April 12.

### A Stop the Bleed Class is scheduled for May 9.

For detailed enrollment instructions see p. 3 of [https://iwl.org/wp-content/uploads/03-2026\\_IWLAR-Newsletter.pdf](https://iwl.org/wp-content/uploads/03-2026_IWLAR-Newsletter.pdf) and adjust the dates according or contact David Schwartzman.

### Doing good around the Chapter



Nearly 30 plus volunteers from the Chapter and the Friends of Seneca Creek and Patuxent River State Parks helped pick up trash near Clopper Mill on April 19. Special thanks to organizers Bonnie Bell and Cindy Stevens and Tom Vegella who covered much of the food for the barbecue after.

### New Members Recently Inducted

Stephen "S.J." Becker  
Jose Iglesia  
Mostafa Lotfi  
Brian Molina  
Helen Webster  
A warm welcome to all!