



President's Message

Summer is here, but there are no "lazy days" of summer at the Chapter. June starts off with a lot of new activities. Watersports has their Kayak Class 101 and the Summer Archery program begins. We also have the Sunday morning pellet shoots at the end of each month and a new Fly Rod Casting drop-in clinic. This June we will also be celebrating our 90th Anniversary. Some details are below. I hope you'll all be joining us for a fun celebration.

Susan Cassell

Do You Want a Scholarship?

We are offering six (6) \$2,000 scholarships to qualified Montgomery County, MD student applicants, high school seniors AND college students. This scholarship is available to students who will be pursuing their education in conservation or environmentally related disciplines. Applicants should use the form at <https://www.iwlar.org/wp-content/uploads/IWLA-Scholarship.pdf>. The application must be postmarked by June 15, 2023.

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". 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. Tickets plus parking are provided by the Chapter, no experience necessary. Contact Bill Leaman at 240-888-7600 for questions or to volunteer.

June 4th Road Cleanup

Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up for the April Road Cleanup. It was a big success with 13 volunteers, picking up 24 bags of trash, with lots of interesting items. Thanks to Ken Choi for leading the group consisting of Keith Angerman, Brian Umeda, Matt La Cross, Andrew Gerety, Brian Molina, Jen-Lien Fang, Aaron Rosenzweig, JR Catilo, Peter Vlantis, Susan Cassell, Ethan Snider, and Todd Anderson.

The next Road Cleanup will be on Sunday, June 4th from 1 – 3 pm. Meet in front of the Chapter house and sign-in, and pick up your grabbers, gloves, bags, and vests.

June Speaker Focus

Doug Norris became faculty at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology in 1999. He holds a joint appointment with the Department of International Health - the Division of Global Disease Epidemiology and Control. His research interests are focused on genetic diversity, behavior and ecology of arthropod-borne disease systems, with a concentration at the transmission interface. These studies aid in the understanding of the evolution and constraints of these vector-pathogen systems and may provide insight into how these cycles of disease may be disrupted. Current research activities include malaria in Southern and Central Africa, Lyme disease, Rickettsia and other tick-borne bacteria in the eastern United States, dengue, yellow fever and Zika in the Americas and the Caribbean, and novel autonomous arthropod trapping and surveillance technologies.



Dr. Norris will provide an update on tick-borne diseases in the mid-Atlantic region. His perspective as an outdoor enthusiast will include some basic disease ecology, approaches to prevention, current treatment and what the future may hold for these diseases.

Reminder: Introductory kayak class on June 3 from 9 AM to 3 PM at our Chapter House and lake. To register, send an email to iwlarwatersports@gmail.com with the number of adults and number of children and their ages.

IWLA National Resolutions

IWLA National has published five resolutions that will be voted on at the National Convention this summer.

- Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Enhanced Oil Recovery
- An Equitable Net Metering Program
- Transition from practice-based to performance-based compensation for federal agriculture conservation programs
- Incentivizing Non-Gasoline Powered Small Engines
- Dangers of PFAs and Microplastics

We will post detailed information on each of these resolutions to the iwlar@googlegroups.com as well as a survey to gather your votes for or against each resolution. When attending the convention, I will distribute our votes according to the results of the survey from the Chapter members.

Fox Kit at Pistol Range

A fox kit has been seen around the Pistol Range berm (note that the gopher is gone now). Please be aware of what is down range when firing. (Picture by Jim Williams).



90th Anniversary Celebration

This year is the 90th Anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America Rockville Chapter. Our Charter was signed on June 21st, 1933 with 42 Charter members. Originally, meetings were held at the Rockville Courthouse and at the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. Then, in 1935 and 1936 they built a Chapter “clubhouse”, also know as “The Shack”, at Violette’s Lock. Later, the Chapter acquired 35.5 acres of land off Clopper Road, generously deeded by Emma T. Strider on February 9, 1949, for the sum of \$10, with the stipulation that the land “To be forever used for the purposes of the conservation of the soil, waters, woods, and wildlife.” Although much has changed in those 90 years, the Chapter property has continued to be an oasis of nature within a growing suburban environment.

To commemorate our 90 years of history, we will have a **90th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 24th from 4 – 7 pm**. We will have BBQ and sides, desserts, and entertainment, along with games and raffles. Tickets for the event will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and up. Details on the event and how to sign up will be posted to the iwlar@googlegroups.com.

Also, to commemorate the occasion, we will be taking pre-orders for special 90th Anniversary T-Shirts. Details on how to order will also be posted to the iwlar@googlegroups.com.

History excerpts are from the Rockville Chapter History, written by Pete Grahn, available on our website under “Forms and Documents”.



Some of the original Chapter members

Learn to Cast a Fly Rod or Improve Your Cast

Are you interested in learning to cast a fly rod or improve your cast? Has IWLA-R got a plan for you! IWLA-R is partnering with Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited (SVTU) to bring fly casting instruction to the IWLA-R lake every third Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Mark your calendar for the summer sessions on June 19, July 17, Aug 21, and Sept 18, and come out and join us.

No fly rod? Not a problem, we will have some extras on hand so you can try casting without spending any money on equipment. Learning to cast is an important part of fishing using a fly rod and the more proficient you are at casting, the more pleasure you will get from your time fly-fishing. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced caster, there will be something you can improve working with David Cleaves, our resident, Certified Fly-Fishing International fly-casting instructor and IWLA-R and SVTU member.

This is a come and go event with no sign-up, just put it on your calendar and show up!

New Members Recently Inducted

Paul Austin and Duffy Austin

Seth Betaharon

KC Coates

Zack Groover and Brian Wilson

Ryan & Sarah Hill

Jeffrey & Karen Johnson

Moe Liss

Hari Singh

Beverly Stanley

Alex Sukhenko

Boysd

Rockville

Rockville

Germantown

Bethesda

Gaithersburg

Potomac

Gaithersburg

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Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

For those who missed it....



A snapshot of the recent "Old-fashioned" picnic!

Ike's Want Ads

To Place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson at 443-766-0433 or at Tander5526@hotmail.com. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.