

President's Message

Welcome to Summer! As we move into the hot months of the year, don't forget IWLAR has a place to unwind and unstress. Come to the Chapter grounds for a chance to sit under the trees and absorb a bit of calm. Join one of the shooting leagues. Go fishing at the lake (catch and return only since the trout are gone). Or take a tent and camp at the lake. The options are yours to choose from.

As the summer progresses, I hope that you all have great plans that deliver a fantastic time. (I know that Leslie and I have some fishing excursions in our future.) If you are thinking of a local good time, consider the IWLA National Convention in Cambridge Maryland on July 14-17. It would be a great time to make some new friends and the convention is at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, and Marina. I hear the place is really nice and if you attend the convention the rooms rates are significantly discounted. You might want to vacation on the Eastern Shore.

If you want to work on your outdoor skill set this summer, there are the shooting leagues for those interested in firearm sports. For those that fish, IWLAR is partnering with the Seneca Vally Chapter of Trout Unlimited to conduct fly casting classes the third Monday of June through September. If you would like to learn to cast (or improve your fly casting skills) come out to the lake from 6-8 p.m. to work with our instructors. Even if you are not a fly fisherman (or woman) learning to cast a fly rod is one of those outdoor skills you will never forget.

Get out and enjoy the summer!

Tight Lines
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Silent Auction rakes in the dough

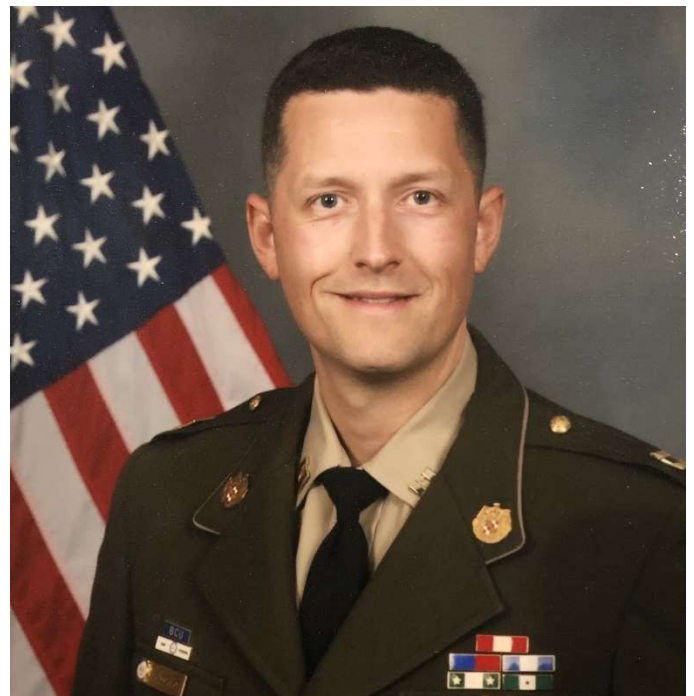
The Silent Auction held on May 3 raised \$1,670 in total, \$1,060 in individual donations and \$610 in corporate donations. In addition, the event was a lot of fun, despite bar fridge breaking down and leaving some participants with room temperature adult beverages. Many thanks to Deb Bearor for spearheading the auction!

Calendar Change Note: Rifle League Match #3 scheduled for *Wednesday, 6/12/24, will be moved to Wednesday, 6/19/24*

June Speaker Focus

As the commanding officer of the Special Operations Division within the Montgomery County MD Police Department, Captain Jason Cokinos leads with expertise and dedication. Currently overseeing a multifaceted portfolio, Jason manages SWAT, K9, Emergency Services Unit, UAS (Drones)/Drone as First Responder, Managed Search Operations, Civil Disturbance (Public Order Team), and Special Events Response.

In his previous role as the commanding officer of the Criminal Investigations Division, Jason directed district detective sections across police stations, handling cases ranging from robbery and burglary to auto theft and violent assaults. His leadership extended to overseeing financial crimes/fraud section detectives.



As a certified MPCTC instructor and graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP), Jason has expertise in areas such as Fair and Impartial Policing, Use of Force, Police Ethics, Criminal Enforcement/Interdiction, and Professional Policing.

A graduate of Central Penn College with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration, Jason furthered his education at Notre Dame of Maryland University, earning a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management.

Upcoming Kayaking Events

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.

The first Chapter sponsored kayaking trip for 2024 will be on June 15. The group will be traversing the Monocacy: MD Rte. 77 to Creagerstown Park. Paddlers will meet at the Chapter House parking lot at 18301 Waring Station Rd.

Those interested should send an email to watersports@iwlar.org with the number of people in your group in case of cancellation.

The minimum age of participants is 12. Those needing to use Chapter equipment should arrive at Chapter House parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The group will depart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. All day trips will float five miles (approximately two to three hours long), back at Chapter House around 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Bring water, lunch, sun protection, hat, and sunglasses and leave cell phones in vehicle or make waterproof.

What is IWLAR 3D Archery?

It's a shooting game in which archers walk a target course in the woods and shoot at 3-dimensional foam targets made to look like game animals - life size deer, bears, leopards, antelope etc. We have about 30 of them! Volunteers are needed help run the Shoots. The Shoots are on Sundays June 2 - Aug 25. Contact Brett Johnson for more information. Thank you for supporting 3D Archery ! 🎯

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.

H&F Day 2024

Please save the date for the 2024 Rockville Chapter open house. We will begin recruiting volunteers and exhibitors soon. Please reach out to Catie Wright, iwlaropenhouse@gmail.com, with any questions.



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.

Action Alert from National

A recent Action Alert from reads as follows: "Congress creates a Farm Bill, the largest legislative vehicle for private lands conservation in this country. But the name "Farm Bill" can really be misleading when we consider the enormous impacts this legislation has on resources that are important to all of us, like healthy food, clean water, and a stable climate. This legislation could have huge benefits for EVERY American if we push for a bill that lives up to its potential."

While the League's immediate concern was a recent Congressional Committee discussion, the debate is likely to be ongoing by the time this is distributed, so contacting your representative may still be useful. The suggested message can be seen at https://www.iwla.org/congressweb/farm-bill?utm_source=actionalert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=farmbillmay2024#/148/

Recent Firearms Legislation

Two bills were signed into law by the Governor on May 16.

-House Bill 947 allows civil causes of action to be brought against firearm industry members for alleged violations of the Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2024.

-House Bill 583 utilizes taxpayer dollars to fund a state-level program to push the Governor's gun control agenda.

Several other proposals were defeated this session including:

-Senate Bill 1097 mandated that all gun buyback programs must destroy any firearms or firearm parts submitted to them.

-House Bill 935 and Senate Bill 784 sought to impose an excise tax at a rate of 11% upon all transactions involving firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition.

-House Bill 430 would have required those with a wear and carry permit to obtain liability insurance.

-House Bill 1473 was an attempt to phase out lead ammunition across the State of Maryland.

New Members Recently Inducted

Joshuah & Sandra Ackiss	Germantown
Dan & Laura Hettich	Potomac
Casey Krasko	Rockville
Alan & Jill Tanenbaum	Bethesda

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

For sale: Springfield Armory Loaded 1911, "Black Stainless," .45ACP. Bought new in 2010. Maybe 250 rounds through it. In excellent condition other than a few cosmetic blemishes. Comes with two 7-round mags, textured grips, ambi safety, night sights. Model number is PX9152LP. If interested, email Chris Wright for more info.

For Sale!

1. S&W 1911, 100th year Commemorative .45; *engraved & cased* \$1,400
2. S&W, Model 38 Hammerless; 5" Nickel; Mint; manuf.1909 \$975
3. Colt 1911 *Custom Shop* Commemorative .45, 2011, New in Box \$1,350
4. Colt 1902 Army; .38 Auto; 1919, MINT
5. Mauser Broomhandle; 7.63x25, Post WWI Bolo; with stock; MINT

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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.