



President’s Message

How weird is this weather? We go from hot to cool to hot again. There is only one solution, just get outside and enjoy it whether you like it hot or cool.

We have summer archery ongoing and the 3D archery course is set. (Check the calendar for dates.) The outdoor shooting sports leagues are all up and running, 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!

Progress is being made to replace the platform in the lake that supports the aerator. The support posts under the old platform finally rusted away. It is being replaced with a new floating platform that will be anchored in the same location. The lake has had tough periods with low water and aerator problems. Hopefully the new platform will solve the aerator issues and remove that stressor on the fish. Now we just need rain to push water through the system.

We are approaching election time. This year we will elect a new President, Secretary, Treasurer and three new Board members. These are important roles to keep IWLA-R running and we need your help! If you have interest in serving in a leadership role in IWLA-R this is good time to let that be known to the nominating committee. None of these roles are done in a vacuum, there is plenty of support. Just let me know if you have interest in being involved at president@iwl.org Our June General Membership Meeting is Friday, June 5. Unfortunately, no one volunteered to lead the dinner preparation, so you had best eat before you arrive. Get out and enjoy IWLA-R!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

Calendar Highlights (see p. 3)

- June 5 – General membership Meeting
- June 6 – Kayaking Class
- June 13 - NRA Basic Pistol Shooting MD HQL
- June 19 – Board of Directors Meeting
- June 28 – Pellet Shoot

June GMM Speaker Focus

This month, Duval brings the Civil War back to life again (from his March 2024 appearance as a Union army private) with a living history program. It’s June 1863 - Confederate and Union forces were moving northward through Maryland that would ultimately clash in an epic southern Pennsylvania battle that profoundly shaped American history.



He’ll give you a first-hand glimpse of what a confederate infantry private would have looked like, complete with arms, accoutrements, uniform, and marching gear. He’ll share a few particulars that you won’t likely learn attending a living history event. As a bonus, an original 1862 Enfield rifle will be available to examine after the meeting - but unlike being behind museum glass, you can handle it (safely, of course) and experience how it felt to carry it as a soldier. He’ll also have other gear to pass around and further discuss after the meeting. This is a great opportunity to experience a fascinating piece of American history as our 250th anniversary approaches next month!

GMM meals

A big THANK YOU goes out to Kevin Williams and his lovely wife, Lutchia for providing a delicious Italian dinner last month. Kevin made lasagna pinwheels and Lutchia made a crisp tossed salad and homemade cookies and brownies. The dinner was enjoyed by about 30 IKES.

If you’re interested in finding out more about what it takes to provide a meal for the general membership meeting, please reach out to Jeri Crist.

Save the Date!



Highlights from the May 15 BOD

1. Cindy Stevens reported that Cameron Cool has successfully marked the property boundaries for our property. Thanks Cameron!
2. Phillip Mariscal reminded the Board that we will need an individual to lead the Save Our Streams Program in 2027. There will be SOS Training provided by IWLA National at the Lake on July 12. Go to the calendar to sign up.
3. The Board approved changes to the Range Rules as recommended by the Range Safety Committee with minor revisions. You can find the new Range Rules under the “What’s Happening” heading on the Chapter website.
4. The Youth Conservation Education Program lead position is OPEN. The position has people willing to help, but we need a leader!
5. Members interested in acting as delegates to the MD Division meeting on June 20 or the National Convention on July 16-18 should contact the President.

Watch for upcoming work parties at the lake.

Environmental Management System (EMS) Goals

These are the goals for 2026 (items 1-3 were published in the May edition).

4. FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Share 2026 Actions for stewardship of our forest and continue the search for options to use and/or harvest deadfall.
5. ALL LEADERSHIP, 2026 only: The EMS Manual and the Maryland Green Registry documents will be updated. Leaders will have the opportunity to review relevant sections of the Chapter’s EMS Manual.
6. GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Continue mowing and leaf blowing practices for protection from fire and tick hazards.
7. ALL: Protect the trees in the main entry area! Park on the large gravel area whenever possible, NOT under the trees.

(EMS) Goals (continued)

8. FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Follow the Caretaker’s Cottage checklist to update the insulation.
9. TBD: Complete the fence repairs between the railroad and just past the orchard entrance. The type of fencing should allow for easy and safe trimming practices.
10. LAKE COMMITTEE: Establish a plan to maintain the trees we had to plant for the silt retention area.

Watersports 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—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 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 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.

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.

New Members Recently Inducted

Nick Allera	Columbia, MD
Katie Bahr	Germantown
Jim Lowell	Frederick
Jeannine and Peter Mosca	Cabin John
Antoine and Erin Robinson	Germantown
Lyndon Thurner	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Bikes for sale, Helmets Included Cash Only

Specialized Crossroads—street bike	\$125
Giant rincom street and trail bike	\$125
2 bike carrier, fits trailer hitch	\$20

Call Ron Komara

New Barnett XP 400 Compound Crossbow with case

Never used, includes scope and 3 bolts, **\$350**

Want Ads (Continued)

1. Smith & Wesson, .45ACP, 1911; 5"; Engraved; cased; **new \$1,400**
2. Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 6.5"; target; 50th Anniv.; Cased; **new \$1,300**
3. Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 4" Elmer Keith Commem; Cased; **new \$1,700**
4. Smith & Wesson, .38 S&W, 5" (rare); Break-top hammerless; 1909; LNIB **\$850**
5. Mauser Broomhandle, 30 Mauser; BOLO; Like New; all matching & Stock **\$3,500**
6. Ruger, 10/22, Volquartsen Trigger, Shilen Barrel, thumbhole stock special open sights for 25 yd. rifle match; Custom **\$700**

Many more Colts, S&Ws, Glocks, etc.!

For information & photos call
Terry Popkin at 301-742-3131

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