



President's Message

A lot of projectiles are flying around at the Chapter. Between 3D archery, summer archery, outdoor pistol league, rifle league, muzzleloader league, the pellet shoot and our regular range hours there is a lot of people shooting a lot of things. But we do it safely and have great fun in the process. Come out and join in the fun! (As a side note, the ranges are CLOSED on July 4, no firearms shooting is permitted. Check the calendar for more details.)

The woods are great for hiking but 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!

We hope to have the aerator anchored on its new floating platform soon and operating normally again. I am sure the bass will appreciate the extra oxygen as the water warms into the hot summer. We still need rain to improve lake health. We need to get water flowing through the discharge into Great Seneca Creek.

Our Chapter elections are coming up fast. Please watch for notices about the candidates and when votes will occur. Just like National, State and County elections, if you do not vote you have no right to complain about the outcome.

Our July General Membership Meeting is Friday, July 10. Note that is on the second Friday of the month. We moved it back a week to avoid the July 4 holiday weekend.

Get out and enjoy IWLA-R!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

2026 National Convention information

The 2026 IWLA Convention will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota.

- Dates: July 17 -18, 2026
- Early Bird Welcome Reception: Evening of July 16, 2026
- Where: Bloomington, Minnesota
- Venue: Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425
- Register for the convention and book at room: iwla-getitdone.org

July GMM Speaker TBD

At the time of publication, we didn't have a scheduled speaker.

Upcoming Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee Report to be presented at the July 10th GM meeting. The report will present a list of candidates for the Officer (1 year term) and open Director (3 year term) positions up for election at the August GM meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the election.

Currently, we have volunteers for each position, **except for Chapter President**. If you have executive skills running meetings and delegating tasks, **WE NEED YOU!**

We are an all volunteer organization, and we cannot succeed without those willing to lead. Please contact Susan Cassell if you are considering this position. **THANK YOU!**

New Stop the Bleed class

This class is being held Saturday July 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the IWLAR Chapter House Upper Level. The price for the class is \$20 per person. Payment will be due at the class by either cash or check.

To take the class you will have to sign up on the Stop The Bleed Coalition Training Management site at <https://training.stopthebleedcoalition.org/dashboard>. (see picture below)

You will first have to set up a profile which will then give you access to the registration.

- The sign-up link is on the left side of the site.
- After you have created a profile choose Find a class
- Make sure the ending date is July 26, 2026
- Use the Zipcode 20874
- Click on the information about the Chapter Class
- Before you click on Enroll you will need to enter the Access code: IWLARSTB197564
- Then click on ENROLL
- You will be contacted about the class by David Schwartzman

Looking forward to seeing you there.

David Schwartzman

Great Photo

In June 2024, at an IWLAR nest box near the lake a pair of tree swallows were observed making several trips to and from a nest box intended for eastern bluebirds. In May 2026, IWLAR bluebird nest watchers have documented the same nest box is now occupied by eastern bluebirds, as intended.



Captured by Derrick Tabor

First Water Sports Activity of 2026

The 2026 water sport season kicked off strong Saturday, June 13, 2026. On a sweltering Saturday, we had new friends join this trip down the Monocacy river that offered a welcome escape.



The 5.85-mile float from Buckeystown Community Park to the Park Mills Road Boat Ramp is an easy Class I run — unhurried and scenic, winding through wooded banks and open farmland in the heart of Frederick County. The stretch has just enough character to keep things interesting. A solid half-day paddle for all skill levels, and a fine way to spend a summer Saturday on one of Maryland's designated Wild and Scenic Rivers.

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 at for questions or to volunteer.

Highlights from the June 19 BOD Meeting

- The Board approved selling the soda machine sitting next to the archery range since IWLAR does not use it.
- A reminder that members should **READ AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR RECYCLING!** Too much hand sorting of the recycling bins is needed to meet county specifications. Please put your trash in the appropriate container! And if in doubt, throw it out!
- Several projects to improve the chapter's grounds are underway; including the pistol range spectators' tent; replacement of railroad ties on the Pistol Range; repairing potholes in the main driveway; and getting a contract to address woody invasives in our forest.
- We continue to need volunteers to step up to be officers and directors and serve as the organizer for Youth Conservation Education Program events and the Save our Streams Program Chair for 2027.

Police Appreciation Day 2026

Many thanks to those who helped host and/or participated in Police Appreciation Day at the Chapter on May 27, 2026.



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 Weiss and Liz Montano	Gaithersburg
Stuart and Laura Davis	Rockville
Mike and Evelin D'Amico	Germantown
Drew Biederman	Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

To place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box 2255, Germantown, MD, 20875, or contact Todd Anderson at. Ads must be submitted by the third Friday of the month.