



President's Message

It has been a HOT summer and very dry! If you are hiking be careful of the heat. If you are fishing on the lake, release the fish as quickly as possible to avoid mortalities in the warm water (it has less oxygen). Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued an advisory for cold/cool water fishing recommending very careful handling of trout, even in the catch and release areas

If you are going to go to fish in cold/cool water, make sure to take a thermometer with you to check the stream temperature. DNR recommends avoiding trout when water temperatures exceed 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Catching trout at these temperatures can be lethal. At temperatures between 65 and 67 degrees, minimize handling, and keep the fish in the water as much as possible due to heat stress on trout.

I just returned from the IWLA National Convention in Cambridge Maryland held July 14-17. (Talk about someplace HOT!) It was my first IWLA National Convention and it was both informative and fun. The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, and Marina is a really nice facility. IWLA elected national officers, voted on policy resolutions, and announced the location of next summer's convention (Green Bay, Wisconsin).

We sought member input on the two resolutions. Our Rockville membership was supportive of both the resolution to require best dredging practices and the phasing out of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment (except chain saws). The delegates at the convention voted to accept the best dredging practices and reject the phase out of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment. The back story on the best dredging practices comes from the Upper Mississippi Basin where the dredging activities are filling back channels and covering mussel beds damaging the river ecosystem.

There are plenty of activities ongoing this summer. Check the calendar for the full list. As a reminder the calendar is in the top menu (above the logo) on the website <https://iwl.org/>. Check out the many options.

And it is not too late to think about volunteering at the Montgomery County Fair (August 9-17). We always need staffing for our Izaak Walton booth. If you go to the fair be sure to stop by and say hello. Nor is it too early to think about what you would like to do on Hunting and Fishing Day, September 28. This is our BIG outreach

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event of the year, and we have close to 300 guests that stop by. We need volunteers everywhere from parking to helping kids' fish. Please mark it on your calendar and make plans to help if you can.

Get out and enjoy the summer and stay cool and hydrated!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

Summer Archery Wrap Up

We had 35 students who came out on Sundays from June 2 to July 14 to learn the basics of archery or to improve their skills. On the last Sunday, we had a fun afternoon of games and fun targets, including balloons, a 3D dinosaur, gremlin and zombie.

I'd like to thank all our instructors who helped out including Scott Binder, Kim Guay, Sam Liu, Deb Franklin, Dale Kawamura, Thomas Kawamura, Rob Van Tassel, Bud Worth, Norma Kaweck, Ken Kee, Marion Lindenbaum and Lee Hays. Also, thanks to Bill Jackson for coming by each Sunday to check on the range.

~Martha Patterson~

H&F Day Update

Our Chapter's annual Hunting & Fishing Day Open House will take place on Saturday, September 28. We are now actively doing outreach to get volunteers and exhibitors to commit. Are you interested in being an exhibitor, or know someone who might be? Space is offered to local "companion organizations" with missions of stewardship and conservation overlapping that of IWLA. We provide tables, chairs, electrical hookups, and shade, as well as free lunch for representative(s). Organizations are encouraged to bring a display, literature, or other interpretive materials for communicating information about your organization, particularly to families with children. This is a great venue for sharing information about your organization with the local community. We always have a great turnout. Even from our membership, we anticipate a large attendance this year, as our numbers have grown substantially since last spring.

We also need lots of volunteers and team leads! If you are interested in getting involved, please email Catie Wright at iwlaropenhouse@gmail.com. A volunteer signup list will go out to the Google group in August.

Officer and Director Nominees

The Nominating committee is putting forth the following slate of candidates for the elections to be held at the August GM meeting. **We are still looking to fill the one-year term of Treasurer.** If you have any experience or background in this area, please consider volunteering for this position by contacting Susan Cassell. Nominations for all positions can also be made from the floor. The installation of all the newly elected board members will be at the September GM meeting.

Position	2024-2025
President	Noel Gollehon
1st Vice President	Tom Vegella
2nd Vice President	Jay Copsey
Treasurer	Nomination from the floor
Membership Secretary	Judy Danish
Recording Secretary	Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Secretary	Kent Shaw
Past President Director	Susan Cassell
Director	Ricardo Rodrigues (2027)
Director	Terry Dowdy (2027)
Director	Jim Seach (2027)
Director	Kevin Blanc (2027)
Director	Chris Holler (2025)
Director	Bill Jackson (2025)
Director	Frank Markus (2025)
Director	Michael Snider (2025)
Director	Ken Kee (2026)
Director	Dan Reggia (2026)
Director	Ilene Altman (2026)
Director	Philip Mariscal (2026)

Retiring Directors

Tom Selle (2024)
Joyce Buttrey (2024)
Jose Cabrita (2024)
Martin Field (2024)

3D Archery Update

It's been going strong all summer, with 6-10 participants each week. Coordinator Brett Johnson says there are additional targets on the course and that has brought the total number of targets up to 47 or 48. We are also now allowing crossbows and kids under 12 can shoot for free.

So far, Brett has had enough volunteers to staff the desk on Sunday mornings. The lure of donuts seems to help.

In addition, participant Nicolas Gomez recently recorded his progress through the course. It can be viewed at (copy don't click the URL)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14tKsWvdREzdGHe_KUFWBiGRyFgc7Qmxx/view

Drones Galore!

On noon Saturday, we had our first joint drone flying event with the DC Area Drone Users Group. It was well received and we hope to schedule another one soon. We had about 15 participants and three participants from our chapter (AJ Murch, David Whiteis, and myself). The location was a Montgomery County Park in Boyds, MD, created for skateboarders. The field was large with only a few trees and some power lines that flyers had to watch. Two pilots were flying the new DJI Avata first person view (FPV) drones. The pilot of those drones wears high-definition 3-D goggles linked to the high-definition camera on the drone. This gives the pilot the illusion that they are on-board the drone as it flies around obstacles. This is quite an experience. The manufacturer recommends that you remain seated when flying these.

The drone pilot uses a hand motion controller to control the flight. These are fairly intuitive to use and requires very little training. Rotating the wrist to the right or left will result in a turn, tilting up or down results in a climb or descent, and pressing a button on the control can automatically land the drone. If you want to see an FPV drone in action watch <https://youtu.be/Tvkot4jGLWU> or <https://youtu.be/E3OC9eeYsF8>. David Whiteis also brought one of his home-made racing drones and his remote-control airplane. Those are always fun to watch. Attached is a photo that David took at the event. He also has a video that he may send out later. Join us for the next one.



Photo courtesy of David Whiteis

If you have never flown a drone before, join us tonight at the chapterhouse lower level at 7:00. We will have a drone simulator that you can try and some Tello drones. We will set them up and get you started.

~Kent Shaw~

Updates from the May-July BOD meetings

- Formation of a 2024 Bylaws Review committee with Cindy Stevens, Derrick Tabor and Jim Seach. This was done because it is time, and because National requires a periodic review.

BOD Updates Continued

- The May 3, Support is Sprouting auction resulted in almost \$1,600 for Chapter activities.
- There is a 3D archery fee of \$5 for non-members (free for members).
- The summer Archery Program has been operating under the same leadership for several years, but the current leader is moving on to other activities, we have a critical need for Summer Archery program leaders.
- IWLAR provided each registered attendee of the IWLA National Convention with a free, refillable water bottle, to both advertise our work and to reduce plastic waste. We used \$350 from the Convention budget for this purpose.
- The Range Safety Committee was asked to develop information about the use of our ranges for NRA Firearms Training Courses to help the Board understand the need for waivers to the range rules to conduct specific elements of certain classes.
- In an attempt to increase the volunteer hours, the board approved an increase in the cost of not completing the six hours of volunteer time. The annual contribution in lieu of volunteer time will go from \$75 to \$150 effective 2026. This Board approved change will go to the Bylaws Review Committee and be combined with other possible Bylaw changes to come before the General Membership in the fall.
- The BoD approved Zane Marrone's eagle scout proposal to install a First Aid station in the Lake Pavillion. The approval was for the concept only.

BOD Updates Continued

- The Board also approved an addition to the Bylaws clarifying that members may not give their access card to a non-member, not even a family member, without possible consequences including loss of access privileges. This Board approved action will also come before the General Membership in the fall.
- Established a temporary committee to determine location, policies for use and oversight for the gas fire pit table behind the CH. There is a game night planned every second Friday Sep-June (Joyce).
- Rockville is hosting the MD Division Meeting on October 5.
- Some of the extra water bottles with the Rockville logo that we passed out at the National Convention will go to Fair volunteers.
- AED has new batteries and pads (and I hope we never need to use it), thanks to Eric Tehrani for making sure it is up to date.
- Vice President Tom Vegella will preside at the August 5 meeting

New Members Recently Inducted

Leo Canseco & Jinhee Kim	Potomac
Jim Deigan	Brookeville
Bruce Lawhorn	Gaithersburg
David Litwack	Olny
Andy & Megan Shapero	Germantown
Boris Velasquez	Cheverly

A warm welcome to all!