



President's Message

How did it get to be September? Where has the summer gone? Just a while ago it was June, and kids were getting out of school and now they are back in school. Did you get out with the family this summer? It is not too late; we will have some more warm weather and IWLAR facilities are available for your enjoyment.

Speaking of facilities, construction on the project to reduce the sediment inflow to the lake has begun. Lake access may be limited depending on what the construction crew is doing on any given day. There will be a special section on the website with updates, and information will be sent via the Google group. Access will not be restricted any more than needed, but for safety you do not want to be there when specific activities are ongoing. (See the article on page 2).

Our September 6 General Membership Meeting is a very important meeting, and I encourage you all to attend in person. This meeting is dedicated to thanking those who have contributed to making the Chapter run. It takes a lot of volunteer time and effort to provide, maintain and update the facilities we all enjoy. Come out and thank those who work so hard for all our benefit.

Two important actions were taken at the August Board of Directors meeting that might be of interest to you. The Chapter has agreed to provide the facilities for three sessions of the Maryland Hunter Safety Course this fall. (Check details on the website and the newsletter). We also approved the proposal to begin the process to make IWLAR a certified "Stop-The-Bleed" educational provider. This is first-aid training that all can benefit from, because just like CPR you never need it until you do. Having both the Maryland Hunter Safety course and stop-the-bleed instruction available at IWLAR is evidence of our desire to provide services to members.

We still have plenty of activities ongoing. Check the calendar for the full list. As a reminder, the calendar is in the top menu (above the header) on the website <https://iwlar.org/calendar/>.

A special thanks goes to Kent Shaw, Chris Holler, and a group of dedicated volunteers who put many Sundays over two years to repair, replace cables and resurface the suspension bridge over Great Seneca Creek. Thanks guys!

President's Message (continued)

And it is not too late to think about volunteering at Hunting and Fishing Day, September 28. This is our BIGGEST outreach event of the year, and we have close to 300 guests who stop by. We need volunteers everywhere—from parking to helping kids' fish. Please mark it on your calendar and make plans to help. It is a great chance to earn your 2024 volunteer hours while having a great time. Sign up for a slot for a couple hours or stay the whole day! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545AFA62DA6F94-50308510-iwlar#/>

Get out and enjoy IWLAR!

Tight Lines

Noel Gollehon President

Upcoming Hunter Education Course

The Montgomery County Seneca Creek State Park Maryland Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Instructor Team is offering Hunter Education online courses with three field day workshops on September 8, October 5, and November 15, at IWLAR. The in-person field day workshops are conducted by certified Hunter Education Instructors to evaluate the student's understanding of the material learned during the online course, and include a pass/fail "trail walk" and live-fire safe firearms handling conducted under the direct supervision of Range Safety Officers on a certified shooting range. The online course portion is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/maryland/>. Field day workshops (attend one) from 10 AM to 4 PM are scheduled in the Lower Chapter House on September 8 (register at <https://register-ed.com/events/register/217462>) and October 5 (register at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/217463>). The registration link for the November 16 class will be announced on the IWLAR website at <https://iwlar.org/>. ~Rich Clement~

Jr. Air Rifle and Jr. BB Gun classes start in Sept.

If you have students interested in Jr. BB gun (ages 8 – 15) or Jr. Air Rifle (ages 12 – 18), please contact Susan Cassell if you are interested. The classes are limited to 8 students, with priority given to returning students, Chapter members, and then the public. There are only 2 spaces left in each class.

WATCH FOR YOUR RENEWAL PACKET
COMING TO YOU SOON BY USPS!

Lake Construction Project

After a long process to develop a plan and acquire the permits, construction will be starting on the lake inflow project the week of August 26. It is expected to take about four weeks (hopefully they will be finished before Hunting and Fishing Day). This project is a major construction effort with heavy excavators, trucks and other equipment. This will mean several changes to usual lake activities.

There will be stakes and flags placed in many locations – LEAVE THEM ALONE. If they are removed, we will have to hire the engineering firm to come back and re-stake. That could extend construction by days and cost \$1,000 or more.

The north end of the lake will be closed to all members and all traffic. (That is the far end of the lake as you drive in). So, if you wish to go to the pavilion, you will have to take the left fork in the road at the sign. The pier will be accessible from the right fork. You must exit the same way you enter.

Since the construction will be primarily using the right fork by the pier, if you do park there, please make sure you are well off the main road. (Walking to the pier from the pavilion might avoid a truck, please consider using your feet.)

On some days, when major excavation is ongoing, we may need to close the lake to allow full access by the construction crews. We do not know if, or when, closures may be needed. Notice will be sent via the Google Group and posted on the website.

We will place a notice on the front page of the website about construction activities and send notices via the Google Group. Please check the website or your google notices before planning an outing at the lake.

Finally, please be patient. We will have some short-term interruption, but it will be worth it.

Chapter Awards Night

Come to the September General Membership Meeting and congratulate your fellow members as they receive awards for their achievements. The awards will be a combination of both National and Chapter awards. These are the folks who make the Rockville Chapter a great Chapter – one that is well known in the National organization. Desserts will be served after the awards are distributed.

2025 Budget Requests due Oct. 1st

In order for the budget to be assembled by the Finance Committee, reviewed by the Board, and then approved by the General Membership at the Nov. GM meeting (or the Dec. GM meeting if we do not have a quorum in Nov.) Please email them by October 1 to the Finance Committee Chair Rob McClelland and copy Noel Gollehon.

If you do not submit anything, your budget will most likely be the same.

Rockville Ikes Compete in 2024 National Matches

Rich Clement from Maryland and Tom Willats from North Carolina (NC) reunited on the firing line to compete in the GLOCK Sport Shooting Federation (GSSF) Camp Perry National Challenge, part of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Matches.

The GSSF CMP National Challenge included four different pistol categories: Stock, Unlimited, Rimfire and MOS (Modular Optic System) and saw over 200 match entries. Rich placed 6th and Tom placed 8th Overall High Senior in the Stock Glock Division with a course of fire of 50 rounds timed-fire at five targets from 5 yards to 25 yards using open sights. Rich also placed 17th Overall in the Unlimited Glock and 24th Overall in the MOS Glock Divisions.

Although it was Rich's first time competing at Camp Perry, Tom has been competing at Camp Perry for 25 years, winning the 2013 Citizen's Military Pistol Trophy as the highest scoring civilian in the National Trophy Individual match.



Rich and Tom volunteered together as NRA Certified Pistol Instructors on the IWLAR NRA Training Team from 2013 to 2019, when Tom moved to NC. Good shooting Rich and Tom!

2024 Scholarship Awardees

Kathryn Deist - St. Olaf College - Conservation and Sustainability Management
Rose Bodie - UMBC - Environmental Science and Geography
Sienna Burns - Colorado State University - Wildlife, Fisheries and Forestry Conservation Biology
Maggie McNulty - University of Vermont - Environmental Science
Nathaniel Chen - UMCP - Engineering, Environment related
Shrusti Amula - Georgetown University - International Politics and Environmental Studies

They each received a \$2000 scholarship. The Scholarship Committee Chairs are Steve Brady and Maureen Williams.

New Board Elected at the August GM Meeting

The new Board was elected at the August GM meeting. Since the Treasurer position was vacant going into the elections, a motion was made from the floor, and seconded, to nominate Susan Cassell for Treasurer. The new Board will be installed at the September GM meeting.

President	Noel Gollehon
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Treasurer	Susan Cassell
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)

Thank you to the retiring directors Tom Selle, Joyce Buttrey, Jose Cabrita, and Martin Field for three years of service on the Board. Thank you to our continuing directors: Chris Holler, Bill Jackson, Frank Markus, Michael Snider, Ken Kee, Dan Reggia, Ilene Altman, and Philip Mariscal.

Ike's Want Ads

Drone for Sale: Brand new never flown Mavic 2 Pro with complete Package includes the following: DJI Mavic 2 Pro with Hasselblad camera, Deluxe controller (10 hours of use), Remote ID FAA compliant, 5 batteries, Charger for 4 batteries at once, Spare propellers, Tiffin neutral density filters, Bad Elf GPS device, Radio receiver, Custom backpack, Launch and landing round target, Tripod mount for controller, Leg extensions and Miscellaneous accessories



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