



President's Message

I generally start my newsletter contribution with a rendition of all that is going on at the Rockville Chapter. This month I start with a HEARTY Thank You. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President of IWLA-R for the past 3 years. It has been a pleasure, some fun and a pain in the *** at times. That said, it was not just me—there was a whole team of people working to keep the Chapter running and activities going. At the September meeting we will install a new set of officers and directors. As that happens, I would like to thank all the officers and directors that have worked with me over the past 3 years.

We need you to come out and participate in the Chapter's activities. We are totally a volunteer organization and we need YOU! You can start by looking at the list of open leadership positions on the front page of the website. It is right there on the front page in big orange type. You will not have to do it alone as others will help you get started in one of these critical roles. We have ongoing maintenance issues with the grounds that can use you and your kids weed-pulling help. And, we have a need for volunteers that does not involve pulling weeds or moving logs. We need someone to manage the Chapter calendar that you see on the website. This is a volunteer duty that can be done at home on your computer.

Our biggest event of the year is coming up on September 26. That is our National Hunting and Fishing Day open house, where we allow the public to come in and see all that we offer. And does the public come in! Last year we had over 200 people move through the Chapter grounds. We need volunteers to help manage parking, people and activities. Watch for signup sheet notice on the Google Group e-mail. (A reminder that you need to contribute 6 hours of service and this is a good time to get it done!)

Our next Chapter meeting is on Friday September 11, 2026. While 9/11 will always have a special meaning, our 9/11 meeting will be fun! It is our awards night where we recognize a few of the volunteers that make the Chapter run. We will also install new officers and directors. So come out have and have a cookie and start the new officers' term out with a hearty cheer. Get out and enjoy IWLA-R!

Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon

Hunting and Fishing Day Coming Up

We are looking forward to another great Hunting & Fishing Day Open House this year, on Saturday, September 26. Volunteer signups were sent out via the Google group. All are welcome—share with your friends and family! ***Looking for a successor to take on H&F Day next year—please reach out if that's something you'd be interested in!***

Join us for a day of outdoor fun for the whole family! Try out air rifles, archery, canoeing, fishing, kayaking and more! Learn about American Chestnuts, beekeeping, nature, and conservation programs. Local exhibitors will be on site to showcase conservation efforts.

Come explore our beautiful property and see what the Izaak Walton League of Rockville has to offer! Open to the public 1-5 p.m., rain or shine. Contact Catie Wright at iwlaropenhouse@gmail.com for more info.

~Catie Wright~

New Chapter Administration

Elections were held at the August General Membership meeting. By and large, the nominees listed in the August edition of the newsletter (see page 2 of https://iwlar.org/wp-content/uploads/08-2026_IWLA-R_Newsletter.pdf for the list) that were elected. However, there were two changes: Tom Vegella went from 1st VP to President and Rodger Moran was added as 1st VP. Congratulations to the newly elected and returning officers and Directors!

The new officers and Directors will assume their roles at the September GMM.

Out with the Old in with the Older

Ten years ago, I took over the position as Chapter Newsletter Editor from Jay Copsey. It was a good ride, but it's time to do something else. Jay, being the "Tom Brady" of newsletter editing, is getting back in the game. He will be resuming editor responsibilities, either because he values the "high" pay, wants to enjoy the awesome power that comes with this job, or just takes pity on me, or some combination of all those reasons. This will be the last edition edited by me and future submissions should be sent to Jay.

~Todd Anderson~

Summer Archery 2026 is in the books

A dedicated group IWLA-R volunteers spent six summer Sundays teaching archery to members, county 4-H kids, and several non-member families. The weather was good this year, and the wasps pretty much left us alone.



I want to thank all of our instructors and volunteers for coming back week after week and year after year. The brain trust, Martha Patterson and Norma Kaweki; Ken Kee for grilling and instructing; Thomas Kawamura for safety assurance, Dale Kawamura and Yancy Bodenstein for managing the tower shooters; Rob Van Tassell for anchoring the youngsters' side of the line, Sam Poland, Channing Mahatan, and Marion Lindenbaum for handling a wide variety of personalities and skill levels; Tim O'Brien, Janet Davis, and Cristin Cash for joining as new instructors; Nico Gomez for filling in; Scott Binder for instructor certification; and Susan Epes, Ben Looker, and Brian Molina for handling a big gate crowd, checking for wasps, and searching for arrows.

Bring on Summer 2027!

Highlights From the August 21 BOD Meeting

The Board approved the collection of emergency contact information to be part of the membership renewal form and database (most Chapter events and activities open to the public already collect this information).

- Our prize checks for 4-H winners are at the fair for distribution.
- Leadership transitions are underway and the new officers and directors will be sworn in at the September meeting.
- A reminder that 2027 budgets are due soon.
- Membership renewals will begin with mailings about 9/18.
- An Autumn Chapter picnic is planned for 9/12 from 11-4. Watch for the signup.
- Helmets are suggested for the next Watersports float trip.

- The 50-foot and 25-yard wood replacement at the Pistol range is on track for August and September.
- An evaluation of a security camera at the lake pavilion is in process.
- Hunting qualification dates have been posted and emailed. You must be certified to hunt on the IWLA-R property every year.
- The downstairs auto-door closure is installed and working well.
- A new manager for the CALENDAR and Chapter House rentals is needed.
- We will place signs about the low wires across the main parking lot to try and keep trucks from turning in and tearing them down.
- The sign-ups for BB Gun and Air Rifle for member's children opened 8/1. It opens to the public on 9/1.
- There is a SOS event on 9/13. Great for kids of all ages that want to get in the stream. Check the calendar for details and registration.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is 9/26. It is not too late to volunteer!

Also in September!



Save Our Streams Event on September 13

Identifying what is living in the water is one of the best ways to determine a stream's overall health. Please join us as we collect macroinvertebrates from Great Seneca Creek near the Izaak Walton League (Rockville Chapter) lake. We will use portable magnifiers to identify water bugs, which will teach us about the water quality of Great Seneca Creek.

This event is geared toward ages 10+. Youth must be accompanied by a parent (no drop-offs). Please dress according to the weather and plan to get your feet wet. You must wear shoes to enter the water, and we recommend water shoes. Anyone wearing open-toed shoes may not go in the creek.

The event is limited to 40 guests, and registration is required. You may register at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FACA822A4FEC43-65299043-save>.

This event is FREE and open to the public. **PLEASE SHARE THIS SIGN UP.** Students wanting to earn SSL hours should bring their SSL forms.

Meet at the Izaak Walton League Lake located at 12057 Clopper Road., Germantown, MD 20874. The lake entrance is on Clopper Road between Waring Station Road and the entrance to Seneca State Park. Questions? Contact Phillip Mariscal.

Chapter 4-H award winners

The Rockville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America presented 4-H cash awards to the following young people.

- Eleanor Reynolds (Junior Winner – Nature Collections)
- Hannah Keller (Junior winner Nature Journal or Display)
- Darren Booth (Senior Winner Nature Journal or Display)
- Kellie Butts (Junior Winner - Nature Poster)
- Hannah Williams (Senior Winner- Nature Poster)
- John McKeon (Junior Winner – Hunter Safety)
- John McKeon (Junior Winner – Marksmanship)
- John McKeon (Junior Winner - Citizenship)
- Brent Korzeniewski (Senior Winner - Citizenship)
- Mathias Lee (Junior Winner - Citizenship)*
- Brent Korzeniewski (Senior Winner - Citizenship)*

*Mathias and Brent were both designated reserve champions in Citizenship.

New Members Recently Inducted

Daniel Booth

Don and Astrid Burrows

Bret Snover

Jason and Chaim Goldstein (via video)

A warm welcome to all!