

**President’s Message**

Fall is a great time to enjoy the Chapter, so I hope you’ll take some time to do so. Come on out to our Annual Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast on Oct. 22nd.

Planning has begun for next year. We are working on 2023 budgets to be presented at the November GM meeting for approval and starting to put 2023 events on the calendar. So, if you are looking for funding for an activity or want space in the Chapter House or at the Lake, get those items turned in.

Susan Cassell

**Seeking a Shotgun Range Chairperson**

The Range Safety Committee is seeking a range officer qualified member to serve as the Shotgun Range Chairperson. The chair is responsible for range maintenance (organizing work parties to keep the range trimmed and in good working order) and for organizing and overseeing special events such as the annual Turkey Shoot and periodic Rabbit Runs. Additionally, the Shotgun Range can be used for patterning by special appointment, under the supervision of the range chairperson and other range officer qualified members designated by the chairperson. The Shotgun Range Chairperson serves on the Chapter Range Safety Committee, which meets monthly to discuss range maintenance issues/actions and maintains the Chapter range rules. Please contact Duval Crist, Range Coordinator for additional information.

*Duval Crist  
Range Coordinator*

**It’s Renewal Time!**

Renewals were mailed on September 27 and a notice was posted to the Google groups shortly after that date.

Your mailed dues and reported volunteer hours (or \$75 in lieu of those hours) must be postmarked by 12/31/2022 in order to avoid the late fee.

If you have any questions contact Judy Danish

**October Speaker Focus**

John Lawrence is a software developing nature loving guy with an obsession for creating fun tools and applications. He has been coding professionally for the last 23 years for various industries (automotive, education, gaming and lately government work) and wants to help build the future with the Chapter.



*John with a couple friends*

At USDA's Code & Innovation Fest John put together a map-based cross-platform application that gives a broad overview of the status of our nation's counties from an ecological, economic and industrial perspective by combining dozens of data sets produced by USDA and other agencies that host data on data.gov. It's called CLDSC (or Cul-de-sac out loud) which stands for "County Level Data Set Comparison" tool and the work has been open sourced so any of you can do whatever you want with the code and assets involved.

**4-H Awards at the Montgomery County Fair**

At the Fair, our Chapter provides \$25 awards in 14 4-H categories. This year, there were six awards presented to the following:

- Junior and Senior Champion in Citizenship - Jayson Lee and Kayleigh Morris
- Junior and Senior Reserve Champion in Citizenship - Claudia Fumagalli and Brent Karzeniewski
- Senior member, first place in Hunter Safety - Andres Guerra
- Junior member, first place in Nature Poster - Claire Reed

In addition, our Chapter was awarded a Blue Ribbon for The Best Non-Profit Booth.

Again, many thanks for Bill Leaman for organizing and all the volunteers who manned the booth.

## **The “Rush” of Kayaking**

Chapter watersports events are mostly calm affairs, where the paddlers move down a placid stream, but occasionally there is excitement. The September 17 trip on the Potomac from Harpers Ferry to Brunswick featured a number of rapids. Twelve Ikes and family members hit the water for the three hour trip.

The water was not more than a few feet deep in most locations, the current is generally slow, and the drop in elevation going over the rapids is usually measured in inches. However, navigating the rapids can be tricky. For a brief moment, it feels challenging and one can get an adrenaline rush.



*Shankar Dhanara, Jose Marrone and Tom Selle execute “recovery operations” on the Potomac (photo courtesy of Jeri Crist).*

Several of the paddlers (including your Editor!) on the Harpers Ferry trip either capsized or were submerged at some point. It isn't remotely risky, but it can feel like is, which is why our core group of paddlers keeps going out at every opportunity.

The next excursion will be on October 22 and the group will travel from Fletcher's Cove to Columbia Island. This route doesn't feature much in the way of rapids but it has posed its own challenges in the past.

## **Meeting Night Meals**

A big "Thank You" to Rob Van Tassell and his wife, Zea for providing a wonderful Vegetarian chili, salad, chips, cookies and water along with all the chili toppings at the September meeting.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

## **Annual Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast**

The Annual Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 8 pm. Bring a chair, something to share, and some good cheer! We'll enjoy an evening of potluck, roasted marshmallows and smores. Try the signup genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA4A6292-2022> or contact Susan Cassell.

## **Air Pistol League starts Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Air Pistol is a great way to keep up one's shooting skills during the winter without having to freeze down at the pistol range. The air pistol league will begin Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will continue with the @Home and @Chapter options. Shoot at home and email/text me the targets each week or shoot at the Chapter. The upstairs of the Chapter House will be available for shooting each Tuesday from 3:30 - 7:00 pm.

Participants can arrive any time between 3:30 - 6:30 pm. It takes about 30 - 40 min. to shoot and another 10 min. for scoring. We shoot a 30-shot slow fire match, with 10 optional sighters. All scoring and socializing will be on the lower level. Participants should enter at the lower level. The league runs for 23 weeks.

Everyone can come as often or little as they want. Participants must attend at least 8 matches to be eligible for an award. The cost for the season is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. New shooters are welcome to come to any match to try it out. We have Chapter air pistols for use and .177 wadcutter pellets. This is a handicap league based on how well one shoots against their average, so come on out and try it! Please bring eye protection.

Any questions call Susan Cassell.

## **Save Our Streams (SOS) Water Quality Testing**

The next SOS will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Identifying what is living in the water is one of the best ways to determine a stream's overall health. We'll collect samples from the Great Seneca Creek stream bottom near the Izaak Walton League lake. Then we use portable magnifiers to identify macro-organisms such as water bugs to learn about the water quality and condition of Seneca Creek.

The event is geared for ages over 10. Youth must be accompanied by a parent (no drop-offs). Dress according to the weather. Plan to get your feet wet in the stream. Shoes are a must.

Limited to 30 participants. Register at Sign up Genius: Registration required at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A6229-sossave4>

This event is FREE, open to the public, IWLA members and their guests.

Students wanting to earn SSL hours should bring their SSL form.

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

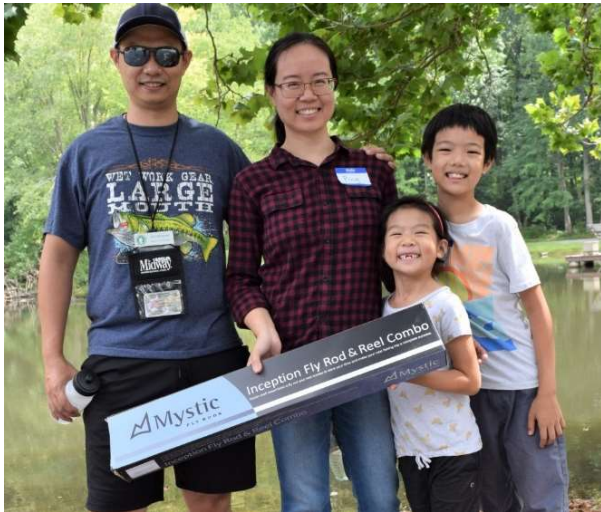
Questions? Contact Phillip Mariscal.

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### Teach a Man (or Woman) to Fish...

IWLA-R and Seneca Valley TU (SVTU) organized and conducted a Fishing 101 class on Saturday, September 10. The class had 20 students that were exposed to a wide range of topics addressing fishing with artificial lures and flies, including: 1) fishing access in Maryland, 2) fishing ethics and resource protection, 3) what fish eat, 4) rigging and knots and 5) learning how to cast both a spinning rod and a fly rod. Instructors for the course were IWLA-R and SVTU volunteers.



*The winner of the fly rod combo, Ping Jiang is pictured with her husband Jacob Song and their children Albert Song, and Arielle Song.*

SVTU furnished a spin fishing rod and reel combo and a fly rod and reel combo as prizes in a drawing for the students of the course. Ethan Lee had the winning ticket for the spinning combo and Ping Jiang won the fly rig combo. We hope they use their new fishing gear to apply what they learned in the class.

### New Members Recently Inducted

Joe Asiedu & Colette Tano	Germantown
David Baker	Gaithersburg
Chris Chavez	Silver Spring
Susan Epes	Montgomery Village
Rupinder Singh	N. Potomac
Ethan Snider	Germantown

A warm welcome to all!

### The latest on Thrive 2050

Last month's GMM featured a presentation on *Thrive 2050*, a long term planning proposal for future county zoning and land use. It was expected that the County Council would vote on the proposal some time in October, but County Executive Marc Elrich as come out against it, which may delay the proposal in its current form.

### Ike's Want Ads

*For Sale:* Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, cal. 7mm-08, \$800; Marlin 336C, cal. 35 Rem, \$600; H&R Ultra Slug Hunter, 20 Ga., \$500, with 2X Leopold shotgun scope; Savage 340E, cal. 30-30 WCF, \$325. Plus all of the loaded ammunition, reloading dies, and components on hand. Email Shawn Healy at [healysluck@gmail.com](mailto:healysluck@gmail.com).

*For Sale:* New Smith & Wesson SD9 VE 9mm Luger Never used \$300 / Make offer George Carter 301-412-1809 or [ggc350@verizon.net](mailto:ggc350@verizon.net)

**To Place a non-commercial ad**, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.