



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

Our past presidents have always handed over a well-working machine. I plan on continuing its smooth operation with maybe some oil in places. Thanks for a job well done.

September and October are for getting outdoors. Hunting/fishing day is thoroughly enjoyable, not only for our attendees but also, for we the teachers of outdoor activities. It's our mission to get everyone outdoors off the video screen. Unlike today our baby sitter was the TV, however, it was too big for the back pocket. I am of the opinion that screen time is inverse function to awareness of surroundings, more screen less observation of nature.

October is foliage season, and leaves dropping. Hunting is in full swing, fall fishing is at its best, and for exercise there is log splitting at the lake for fueling the firepit.

If weather permits, we plan on stocking trout at the end of October, early November time frame.

So, get outside and off your phone's video screen and look for the bear, turkey and mountain lion on the property.

Tom Vegella

Fly Fishing 101—October 24 at IWLA Rockville Lake

Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited is hosting Fly Fishing 101—Introduction to Fly Fishing on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake (12057 Clopper Road) The exact start time is TBD but it usually runs from late morning until 4 or 5 p.m., depending on instructor availability. This is a hands-on program designed for beginners as well as those looking to improve their skills. Our experienced instructors will cover everything from fly casting and knot tying to stream fishing techniques, providing you with the knowledge and confidence to enjoy this rewarding sport.

After the instructional sessions, you'll have the opportunity to practice your skills on both a lake and stream with expert guidance. Don't miss this chance to connect with nature and fellow fishing enthusiasts. All of the information will be on the SVTU website with a link on the IWLAR website. Lunch will be provided. Let's keep the plastic use limited. Please bring your own water bottle. You must register for the event. To sign up use the link <https://senecavalleytu.org/>

2026's last Watersports outing is on October 10

There has not yet been a specific trip selected, but by clicking on the Website Calendar entry, you can read all the details and requirements for any Water Sports trip.

New Members Recently Inducted

Nine new members were inducted into our Chapter at the September meeting:

Ravi Ramani	Clarksburg
Brian & Tori Wilkinson	Potomac
John & Judy Wilkinson	Germantown
Amrita Ghosh & Kiran Balsa	Olney
Mark & Nadia Menkis	Germantown

A warm welcome to all and we hope to get to know you better throughout the year. Our best advice: Get involved and enjoy all we have to offer!

October Guest Speaker

Our October speaker will be Katie Foreman, Division Manager, of the new Water Resources Protection Division for WSSC. She has over 25 years of expertise in water resources at the national, state and regional levels, with the most recent prior experience includes over a decade at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters' Office of Water where she directed several national drinking water programs including the National Source Water Protection program.

I'm sure that given the recent issue of the Potomac sewage spill, we will have some questions to ask Katie after she finishes her presentation.

But wait! – There's more! Bruce Koppel, a high-school student, was the recipient of a Natural Resources Conservation Camp scholarship that was provided by the Chapter this past summer. Bruce will give a short talk on his camp experience.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Renewals were mailed on September 23. Your mailed dues and reported volunteer hours (or \$150 in lieu of those hours) must be postmarked by 12/31/2026 to avoid the late fee. If you didn't receive your renewal envelope or have any questions, contact Susan Cassell.

Note: To receive your 2027 Range Sticker, you must also complete the Range Rules Certification Form at https://docs.snogle.com/farms/d/18tSwuVdcVG_kn1lvID0rhzsqXDK7cNrXwYwK5abCow4/viewfarm?edit_requested=true (Rockville Website under quick links)

Range Officers must submit their membership renewal and complete the range rules certification form above by Oct. 31st to receive their 2027 range stickers. Otherwise, as of 01/01/2027, your range status will revert to Range Approved.

Newsletter Policy Change

There are activities and important developments every month. Not all information or due credit can be covered by the paper version of the Newsletter. Starting this month all additional articles that do not fit the four-page format of the paper version will be made part of the Digital monthly email newsletter and Website Version only.

Rifle Range entrance steps greatly improved

Bill Leaman and Lyndon Thurner built an improved stairway with handrail that provides safer physical access to the Rifle Range House. Lyndon did the Chapter a service by obtaining high-quality wood from his employer that was used to build the stairway. Thanks, Mr. Leaman, for the many recent improvements to the Rifle Range House. Thanks, Mr. Thurner for providing some great lumber and working with Bill on this excellent build!

First Game Night of the Fall is on October 9

Yet another social event that Joyce Buttery created and continues to hold monthly. This one is on 10/9, starts at 7:00 p.m. and runs through 10 p.m. Poker, board games, Uno, and whatever you decide you'd like to play. Game Night is a great time to relax and have fun with Rockville members and perhaps their guest(s) too. Some food is usually provided at a nominal cost and others bring food and snacks and don't charge anything. It's simply fun!

Potential Danger – You need to know!

From now till the end of January 2027 there will be qualified Bowhunters on Chapter Property. If you intend to hike our trails, you'd be better off doing so in the late morning. It would also be good to wear bright colors with hunter orange being the best choice. If walking your dog, you should obtain a sweater of hunter orange for your dog's safety.

Pistol Range Maintenance

Pistol Range Chairman Paolo Amedeo, and a large group of Rockville member volunteers have done some great work improving the Chapter's Pistol Range. We benefitted from a donation of some very good lumber that was used to replace some of the railroad ties at the 50 foot and 25-yard target areas.

The lumber was placed on top of ditches that had been dug, lined with landscaping cloth, and filled with large/small gravel— all to prevent premature wet ground rot. All the new two-board stacks of lumber were drilled and joined with rebar, and received a coat of stain for preservation. Target stick holders were installed on the backside, and numbers that correspond to each of the shooting positions were attached on the top side surface.

Railroad ties that were removed and were in decent enough condition were used at the 50-yard target line to replace the severely degraded ties. Tremendous Work!

A big THANK YOU to; George Loope, Steve Adah, Todd Anderson, Keith Angerman, Dianne Babski, Susan Cassell, Steve Combs, Andrew Cooke, Alex Cook, Parker Dabbs, Terry Dowdy, Suzanne Duclos, Chris Eng, Bill Leaman, Doris Lee, Mark Lombard, Kevin Majane, Jim Seach, Christian Silva, Lyndon Thurner, Evan and Julian Walseng.

Air Pistol League starts Tuesday, October 6th

Air Pistol is a great way to keep up your shooting skills during the winter without having to freeze down at the pistol range. The air pistol league will begin Tuesday, October 6th. 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 clubhouse will be available for shooting each Tuesday from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. The league runs from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. It takes about 30 to 40 minutes to shoot and another 10 minutes for scoring. It is a 30-shot slow fire match, with 10 optional sighters. All scoring and socializing will be on the lower level. Please enter at the lower level.

The league runs for 23 weeks. Come as often or little as you want. You 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 you shoot against your average, so come on out and try it! Please bring eye protection. Any questions contact Susan Cassell.

Multi-Skilled Recording Secretary

The Chapter's new Recording Secretary did some great work. Terry Dowdy installed five automatic door closers on Chapter House doors. During this past year the Board of Directors grew tired of people using the building and leaving the outside doors open. This practice left the Chapter House unsecured and it also increased our electrical bill by affecting the building's usage of the heating and air conditioning. So, who would have thought that the person keeping the meeting minutes would be the same person that installed five auto-closers on four doors upstairs and one door downstairs. Thank You, Mr. Dowdy, for the fine work that makes the Chapter House more secure.

Old Fashioned Autumn Picnic was a Success

We had a great time at the Autumn Picnic on September 12. The dogs and burgers were first rate. The ticket in was to bring a side dish, and there were some very nice side dishes — Tom Meyer provided a Pheasant Salad that proved to be popular and Cindy Stevens made a Hummingbird cake that was excellent! There were other standout dishes — too many to list here. Beside the food there were games, conversation, a nature walk, fishing the lake and "Sabrina Watching". Ricardo and Katie Rodrigues's young daughter Sabrina was a real hoot to watch. Everyone appreciated the food and seemed happy to meet and spend time with their fellow Ike members. I'm looking forward to next year's picnic! Thank You, Joyce Buttrely, for sponsoring this great event.

Awards Ceremony Recap

The Rockville Chapter Leadership knows how important it is to acknowledge the volunteer work performed by members. For that reason, the Awards Committee presented members with certificates and small tokens of our appreciation for their important contributions as volunteers. This year's Awards Night was held on September 11 and was a good night for all that attended. Chapter Awards, State Division Awards and National Awards were presented to many of our members in attendance. A new award was presented to Susan Cassell for her work on virtually all aspects of the Chapter over many years.

Following is a list of the awardees:

Beyond the Call of Duty Award:

April Marrone, Bill Jackson, Bill Leaman, Cameron Cool, Daniel Bachenheimer, David Portas, David Schwartzman, David Whiteis, Deb Bearor, Derrick Tabor, Frank Mason, Gary Neubaum, Jay Copsey, Jenn Siegmans, Jeri Crist, Jim McGonigle, Jim Seach, John Young, Kent Shaw, Jon Musser, Joyce Buttrey, Kevin Blanc, Kevin Gray, Leslie Gollehon, Lotfi Mostafa, Marty Plante, Michael Snider, Noel Gollehon, Paolo Amedeo, Rodger Moran, Roudi Liu, Stan Peter, Tom Meyer, Tom Vegella, Tommy Bednar.

New Member of the Year Award:

Lyndon Thurner

2025 Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award

Cindy Stevens

2025 IWLA National Shooting Sports Award

Duval Crist

2025 National Hall of Fame Award

Chris Holler

2025 National James Lawton Childs Award

Rockville Chapter

2025 IWLA National Honor Roll Award

Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited

Legacy Builder Award

Susan Cassell

November Turkey Shoot

Join with your fellow Ikes and guests Sunday, November 8, for the 2026 Turkey Shoot. The November date was chosen to address the complaints of competitors about cold trigger fingers and other similar excuses.

The event will be held at the shotgun range (next to the archery range) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cook a hot dog and roast marshmallows over a fire, sip hot chocolate, and enjoy good times while competing for prizes!

Ammunition will be provided for all participants. Bring your own lucky shotgun. The grand prize winner will be a turkey (frozen of course). The lucky winner must be present to claim the top prize. Members and their guests are all welcome!

October 31—STOP THE BLEED® Class

More than 6 million people have learned how to STOP THE BLEED®. You can, too! This 90-minute class includes a lecture portion and hands-on training. By the end of the class, you will know how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and how to apply a tourniquet and hemostatic dressing to slow or stop the bleeding.

When: Saturday October 31, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Where: IWLA-R Chapter House Upper-Level

Fee: The price for the class is \$20 per person to be paid when you come to the class. Bring the money or checks with you, thank you. Class size is limited to 10 students.

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>

Follow the steps below to register for the class

- 1) You will first have to **set up a profile** which will then give you access to the registration.
- 2) The sign-up link is on the **left side of the site**.
- 3) After you have created a profile choose **Find a class**.
- 4) Make sure the ending date is **November 1 2026**.
- 5) Use the Zip code **20874**
- 6) Click on the information about the Chapter Class
- 7) Before you click on Enroll you will need to enter the Access code: **IWLARSTB197564**
- 8) Then click on **ENROLL**

You will soon after be contacted about the class by David Schwartzman.

Ikes Want Ads

Smith & Wesson, 45ACP, 1911, 5", Engraved, cased, new—\$1400

Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 6.5", target, 50th Anniv. Cased, new—\$1300

Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 4" Elmer Keith Commem; Cased, new—\$1700

Smith & Wesson, .38 S&W, 5" (rare), Break-top hammerless, 1909, LNIB—\$850

Mauser Broomhandle, 30 Mauser BOLO, Like New, all matching & Stock—\$3500

↓ Especially for IWLA Rifle Matches ↓

Ruger, 10/22, Volquartsen Trigger, Shilen Barrel, thumbhole stock with special open adjustable target sights for 25 yd. rifle match—\$700.00

Ruger, 10/22, Volquartsen Trigger, Carbon Fiber Barrel, Turner Stock with Leupold 3-9 x50 Scope focused for 50 yd rifle match—\$1000

Many more Colts, S&Ws, Glocks, etc. Call for information & photos. Terry Popkin.

New Kimber Micro 9, Stainless steel Walnut Grip, Unused — \$700 or Best Offer. Contact George Carter.

To place a non-commercial ad, you must be a Rockville member. Send your ad to Jay Copsey. If you can send it as an attachment in MS Word, you are obviously a fantastic member!

Out with the Old Lake Aerator Platform



And in with the Floating Aerator Platform



Pistol Range Repair and Maintenance



Pistol Range Repair and Maintenance



Awards Night at the September Meeting



Outgoing President Noel Gollehon awarding Rockville member Chris Holler his **President's Award**



Outgoing President Noel Gollehon presenting Rockville member Duval Crist with a plaque from IWLA National for achieving the **National Shooting Sports Award**



Outgoing President Noel Gollehon congratulating Incoming Rockville President Tom Vegella



Old Fashion Autumn Picnic Sept. 2026

