



### President's Message

The end of the year tends to make you look back at the accomplishments that occurred throughout the year. Our Chapter provides many different activities such as monitoring Wood Duck nest boxes, SOS stream monitoring, Jr. Youth Conservation activities, Road Cleanups, NRA classes, youth and adult shooting sports, archery, fly fishing, kayaking, and many more. All these activities are run by dedicated volunteers. So, be sure to thank those who are running the activities. Even better, get involved and see what you can do to help them.

Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season!

Susan Cassell

### Turn in your 2021 receipts

If you have receipts to turn in for 2021, please get them in before the end of the year. Although, they can get processed next year, we don't yet have a Treasurer, so there could be a delay in processing.

### It's Renewal Time!

You should have received your annual membership information in the mail by now. You have until 12/31/2021 to complete your six hours of Chapter volunteer time. Your volunteer hours and dues must be postmarked by 12/31/2021 to avoid the late fee. So watch the Newsletter and the iwlar Google group emails now for volunteer opportunities.

Special thanks to Leslie Gollehon, Lauren Vaughan and Miles Greenbaum for their help with renewals!

If you haven't received your renewal information or have other questions, contact Judy.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer needed to provide food prior to the December 3rd General Membership meeting. Contact Jeri Crist.

Range Card Work Party scheduled on December 12. For more details, see p. 4.

### December Speaker Focus

Poplar Island is an environmental restoration project located in the Chesapeake Bay in Talbot County, Maryland. The beneficial use project, started in the 1990's, relies on dredged material collected from the approach channels to the Baltimore Harbor to restore lost remote island habitat within the Chesapeake Bay. The project partnership between Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Maryland Environmental Service has been in place for over 20 years and has seen the restoration of almost 400 acres of wetland habitat. Upland habitat and additional wetland habitat are planned and the island is slated to be completed in the 2040's. Over 400 different species of wildlife have been documented and over 30 different birds have been confirmed as nesting onsite.



Learn about Poplar Island's unique story and continuing habitat successes at this talk given by Kristina Motley from Maryland Environmental Service (MES). MES was established by the General Assembly in 1970 to assist with the preservation, improvement, and management of the quality of air, land, water, and natural resources, and to promote the health and welfare of the citizens of the State.

### **Treasurer Position is still OPEN**

As mentioned last month, our Treasurer Rich Wilkinson, has turned in his resignation. He will not be continuing his duties after 12/31/21. If you can help, please contact Susan Cassell.

## Turkey Shoot!

A fun time was had by all at the Chapter's Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Shawn Healy and all the great volunteers that helped run the event: Keith Angerman, Joe Ober, John Shea, Dick Chiapparoli and his grandson Landon, as well as Jeri and Duval Crist. We had lots of fun shooting at paper turkeys, roasting hot dogs, and marshmallows, and drinking hot apple cider. Congratulations to the winners!

Ken Kee            1 \$10 award  
Jeff Nygaard      2 \$10 awards  
Jose Marrone     2 \$10 awards  
Jose Marrone     1 \$50 award  
Steve Brady won the Butterball Turkey!



## A Summary of Recent Conservation Activities

- SOS: Phillip Mariscal has completed his SOS training from the League. He reported that the League's new Mid-Atlantic SOS Coordinator led a great class. He also reported that the Oct 24 SOS event went really well with about 20 kids split into 3 groups for sampling. The results have been loaded onto the [CleanWater Hub](#).
- EMS - The EMS annual meeting was held this past Monday. A report will be shared at the next BOD prior to publishing the 2022 environmental objectives in the newsletter. The 2021 version of the EMS Manual is close to the final editing stage. Contact Cindy Stevens to volunteer to help with the final editing. *The EMS Committee is a standing executive committee of the IWLAR that oversees the environmental impacts of Chapter activities on our property.*
- The ONLY hunting permitted on the Chapter property is bow hunting for white-tailed deer by members who have passed the Deer Management Qualifications screening held August- September. See the Google group email from Aug 12, 2021 from Frank Markus for details. Deer hunters help maintain the health of our forest, and monitor and control our deer population.

## A Summary (continued)

- Training opportunities. Maryland Extension offers [The Woods in Your Backyard](#) (online, repeats fall and spring) and [General Forestry Course](#) (online, fall, challenging). The Maryland Water Monitoring Council's Annual Conference: 'Environmental Justice in a Time of Climate Change' (online) is coming up on Dec 2-3. *Conservation Activities has a limited training budget for training reimbursement. Members who are interested in participating in a conservation-related training may qualify for reimbursement of some expenses. They MUST receive pre-approval from the Conservation Activities chair and complete a suitable Chapter-oriented volunteer project.*

## Youth Programs

- Announcing **Nature Unlocked 2022**. The Chapter's Nature Unlocked program is designed to get teens outside and to support the goals of teens who are preparing for the annual Envirothon competition (<https://mdenvirothon.org/>). Teens in grades 9-12 work in teams of 5 to learn about the 4 recurring areas of Aquatics, Forestry, Soils and Wildlife. The 2022 Current Issue is [Waste to Resources](#). Please contact Cindy Stevens if you know of a member with expertise that would be a good 'teacher' for this half-day event. Nature Unlocked 2020 was introduced in early March of 2020. Our own Noel Gollehon did a fab job with the 5th topic and Cathy Kiefer led the winter forest ID skills. 2021 was cancelled due to covid-19.

## Trails

- Caution in the forest. Always look up and check for loose branches. A forest can be dangerous, especially under windy conditions. Wear orange during [bow hunting season](#) which runs between September 10 and January 31.
- Parents of young children. Check out the small **library box located along the Woodland Trail**. There is an open area under towering trees with benches and a little library box.

## Mags for Vets Update

A personal "thank you" to all of you that donated books, mags, and listening material for the Mags for Vets Project this year in November.

We collected hundreds of books, mags and a dozen music CDs to help our veterans pass the time while recuperating at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Another job well done IKEs, see you again in late Spring of 2022.

Regards,

~Douglas Smith~

### **Meeting Night Meals**

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.

### **Range Cards Work Party: Sunday, December 12**

Have you wondered how your range card year stickers (and range combination stickers for Range Officers) arrive in the mail? [Hint – approximately 450 are printed and mailed by volunteers...!]. For the 2022 renewals, a work party will accomplish this – getting the stickers and letters ready & addressing and stamping envelopes for mailing. Many hands make for light work.

Volunteers are needed from 10 am to 2 pm. The work party will be in the Lower Chapter House. Chili and cornbread will be served, the fireplace will be going, along with a game on the big screen. What a way to earn chapter service hours! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deb Bearor.

### **The Rockville Email Group**

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters. You will be added to [iwlar@googlegroups.com](mailto:iwlar@googlegroups.com) automatically when you become a member unless you request not to be added. You can remove your address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that you will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

### **Chapter Newsletter Distribution**

The Chapter has recently changed the Newsletter distribution options. Going forward, electronic distribution of the IWLA-Rockville Chapter Newsletter will be the default. Chapter members may still receive a hard copy but will be required to “opt in” to do so. To receive a hard copy only, contact Judy.

If you do not receive the Newsletter in your email and wish to do so, contact David Schwartzman.

### **New Members Recently Inducted**

Francois Bates	Rockville
George Carter	Derwood
Mike & Yuliia Nosovskyy	Silver Spring
Robby Siu	Rockville
Kradak Thomas & Karen Fang	

A warm welcome to all!

### **Ike's Want Ads**

For Sale Number 7 lead shot, 5 bags 25 lbs each, \$10/bag. Text Dan at 410-688-3948.

Hi-Point 9mm Carbine rifle. Black. Like new, less than 25 rounds fired. \$275

WWII Russian SVT 40 Tokarev semi-auto rifle in 7.62 x 54r caliber. Very good condition with magazine and scope mount. \$2,300.

Email Jim @ [jimshog@aol.com](mailto:jimshog@aol.com)

**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.