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NEWSLETTER
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Important Dates

February 9 – Board Meeting 6:30 February 9 – Membership Meeting 7:00	February 23 – Sportsman’s Council 7:00 pm
<p>The 2021 Training Schedule is now online. http://www.frederickiwla.org/files/FrederickIWLA-Training-Schedule.pdf</p>	
<p>Refuse To Be A Victim – February 20th – 10am to 2pm For a Description of the class go to: https://rtbav.nra.org/</p>	



Trip of a Lifetime
By Tracy Hickman

After years of dreaming and planning, I finally was going to Idaho for a western elk hunt. My best friend, John Richards and I set out early on Thursday morning, October 1, 2020 to drive to the Blackfoot Mountains of Idaho, right across the Wyoming state line. I had weighed the pros and cons of driving versus flying and decided that driving would be best. We could pack as much as we wanted, and if we had a successful hunt, we would be able to pack all our meat in coolers to bring home. Since I had never driven across the United States, I also figured I might not ever have another opportunity to see these parts of the country.

The trip out took us five days and over 2,200 miles via highway 90. We took our time and got to see a lot beautiful sights. Trip highlights included going through Madison, WI, Badlands National Park, SD, seeing Wall Drug Store in SD, Mount Rushmore, and Yellowstone National Park. We got lucky enough to stay at a historic, rustic, frontier cabin at the Yellowstone Lodge. We continued through the Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole and finally to the Spike Camp in Blackfoot, ID.

There were a total of eight hunters at the camp. We slept in western wall tents which were quite comfortable. The camp provided a cook who served up some awesome food! We certainly did not go hungry. The nighttime temperatures would drop to the mid-20s, but during the day, it would climb up into the 60s. Day one of the hunt was on Tuesday, October 6th. My guide, Brennan, was a young man from Montana who was extremely experienced. He has hunted all over the world. The first thing he told me was, "forget everything you know about east coast deer hunting." Elk hunting involves a lot of walking up and down mountains, glassing, and waiting patiently. Then walking, glassing, and waiting some more...

We did see some elk the first day but nothing close. The second morning we were back at it and did not see anything, so it was back to camp for lunch and a quick nap. That afternoon, we spotted a nice bull over a thousand yards away, so we came up with a plan to try to close the distance. We hiked down one ridge and up another. My lungs were burning as I tried to keep up with Brennan. He, by the way, was half my age. When I finally caught up with Brennan at the top of the trail, he told me to get down because there was another bull 200 yards down below!

We slowly worked our way down and around the ridge top to within 160 yards of the bull. This bull was a nice 7x7. I will never forget how fast my heart was racing and the dryness of my mouth. Brennan was able to settle me down and told me to wait and not rush the shot. He cow called one time and was able to get the big bull to turn broadside. I pulled the trigger on my 7mm Rem Mag and hit him right behind the shoulder. The bull dropped instantly in its tracks! I couldn't believe the range of emotions that ran through me. It was a dream come true. The entire trip leading up to this moment had been an experience of a lifetime. Now here I was standing over this magnificent beast that until now, had only been in my dreams.

At this moment, I was glad I had hunted with an outfitter. Brennan called for assistance on his radio. We field dressed and loaded up the elk on a gator and headed back to camp. The outfitter took care of all the skinning, quartering and transport to the butcher. The meat would not be ready until Thursday. We packed everything up Thursday morning, said our goodbyes and headed back to Maryland via highway 80. My goal was to get home as soon as possible because the meat and hide were packed in dry ice and that would only last for so long. I brought home close to 400 pounds of elk meat!

Join us at the Club on March 20 & 21, 2021, 9am Start Time each day.
CleanUp Day

There have been no changes for the past 5 months, of the CleanUp & Improvements strategic items list that the club is working on. These items are for the general beautification and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

The List is below....

Club CleanUp-Improvements
Status as of: November 1st, 2020
Prioritized Order

1. Emergency Items
 - ~~a. Repair Ramp to Club House~~ **Completed**
 - b. Remove Dead Trees - **Partially Completed**

2. De-Clutter
 - ~~a. Pavilion~~ **Completed**
 - ~~b. Utility Room~~ **Completed**
 - c. Entire rest of Basement – **Completed Partially**
 - d. All indoor and outdoor areas (range, sheds, etc.) – **Completed Partially**
 - e. Remove white barrels near pistol range
 - f. Define Storage Requirements

3. Area Beautification
 - a. Charlie Wiles garden
 - b. Clearing area behind tires – **50% Completed**
 - ~~c. Prepare cleared area for gravel~~ **Completed**
 - ~~d. Spread Gravel~~ **Completed**
 - e. Tire relocation – **Completed 80%**
 - f. Bush trimming
 - g. Identify and Mark property boundaries

4. Kitchen Clean up
 - a. Re-tile floor
 - ~~b. Install shelving~~ **Completed**
 - c. Level the sink
 - d. Stove cleaning

5. Building Maintenance
 - a. Power Wash & water seal exterior
 - b. Clean debris from gutters
 - c. Paint and Repair crack on outside foundation wall
 - d. Evaluate trees and overhanging limbs
 - e. Install basement ceiling
 - f. Paint steps leading to basement
 - g. Repair ceiling in small pavilion

6. Build/Buy a Shed
 - ~~a. Location has been identified~~ **Completed**
 - b. Clear location of all debris – **Partially Completed 50%**

Blast From the Past
February 1967

REGULAR MEETING
Feb 8, 1967

Due to weather conditions the regular meeting for February was cancelled.

There were a few members that did come to the club house and held a bull session for about an hour. Our regular or annual raffle will be held and the drawing will be on the meeting night of July 12, 1967.

Plans were made for a shrimp feed, venison banquet and a field trial. Dates for these events will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted

Austin Baumgardner Sr.
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Board Meeting Reminder

The Chapter Board of Directors meets each month just prior to the regular Membership Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to observe these open meetings which address the business of the Chapter. However, for the Board to effectively and efficiently conduct the meetings, members may not interact with the Board during the meetings. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

Range Change Notice Reminder Friday Shotgun

Monthly every 2nd and 4th Fridays, are for shotgun practice.

Rules for even Fridays for shotgun shooting will stay the same. (must attend an update range rules for shotgun shooting if you have not done that already)

Any questions please contact Ben Kelkye.

Grounds Maintenance

We rely on the efforts of our members to maintain the Chapter's property, and this is a good way to satisfy some or all of your work requirements. If the grass needs mowing and you have the time, please cut it. The mowers and trimmers are in the shed and the lock code is the same as for the gate. In addition to recording your time on your work hour's card, please use the clipboard in the shed to report all of your work hours and to report the status of any equipment needing maintenance or repairs.

Grounds Maintenance Committee

*** We have an opening for the Building and Grounds Committee lead. This committee serves as organizers for maintaining the grounds and buildings. Such activities and needs include building maintenance, grass cutting, snow removal, and light capital improvements to the building.

Courses

The full schedule of courses to be conducted at the Chapter house for the year **2021 will** be posted online before the **end of January** at the **Chapter website at [FrederickIWLA Training Schedule 2021](#)**. This training is conducted to support the Youth Program, and not all courses are endorsed or promoted by the Chapter. However, certain courses are required for members to use the range and hunt on Chapter property. The schedules are posted for the convenience of members in determining the expected status of the range at a particular time, and for selecting courses they may be interested in. Contact Ben Kelkye if you have any questions about the schedule or courses.

Range Status

The range is currently open as usual for members to use. Please remember that every Friday is reserved for Special Activities. Before heading to the range, members should always check the Calendar of Events under the Events tab on the Chapter website for current range status information. Range use is occasionally limited due to training classes and other events.

The 200-yard berm improvements are still not complete. Until this work is completed, the 200-yard range is not available for use.

Any guest using the range must be supervised by a Chapter member with Range Safety Officer credentials. A fee of \$5.00 for each guest is to be paid at the donation box under the sign-in box. **Only one bench may be used by the member and guest.** The same guest may visit the range only two times a year. The guest fee and two-visit limit do not apply to the immediate family of members.

MARYLAND WEAR AND CARRY PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS WENT ONLINE ON OCTOBER 1, 2019

For further information visit: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

NRA Membership

Would you like to join the NRA or do you need to renew your Membership? You can now do it On the Frederick Chapter website and the membership is only \$35 instead of the normal \$45. This is a win-win situation for you and the chapter because you save \$10 and the chapter will get \$12 for each new membership and \$6 for each renewal.

Chapter Work Requirement

The Chapter work requirement for individual and family memberships can be found on the Chapter website at [Join the Chapter](#). All questions regarding the work requirement should be addressed to Hiram Escabi at hiram.escabi@usa.net

Your Newsletter

Any time you have information or articles you think appropriate for the newsletter, or comments on the newsletter, send them to newsletter@frederickiwl.org.

We remind you to keep your postal and email address current. If you are reading this on the Chapter website and did not get an emailed link, then let us know.

Classified Ads Section

Item	Description	Cost	Contact Info

We are setting up a process to post on-line at our website also. Follow the link below.

<http://frederickiwa.org/classifieds.html>