

FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

August 2022

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Important Dates

Aug 9 – Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Aug 23 – Sportsman's Council 7:00 pm
Aug 9 – Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	

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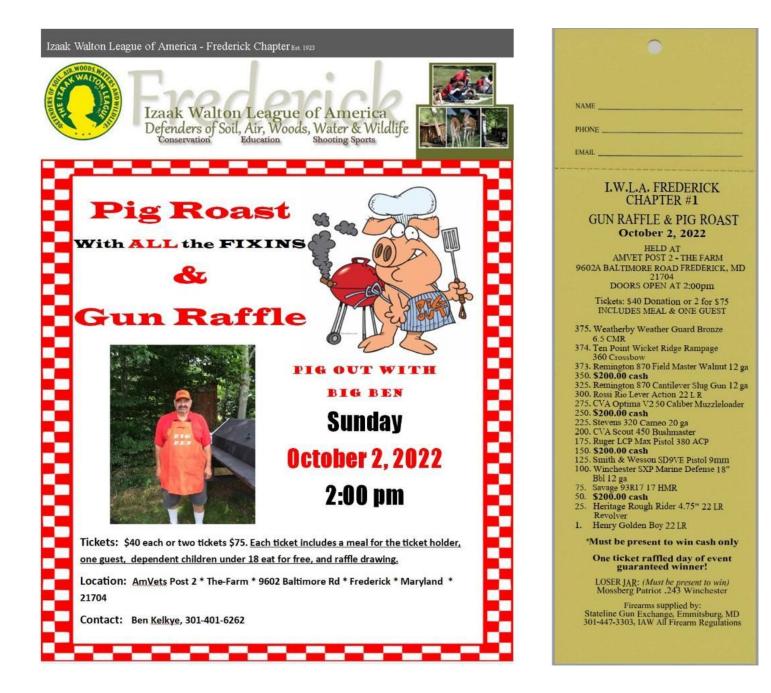
Board Meeting Reminder

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.

ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING

(Currently in need of Chair person/s)

The Annual Pig Roast is scheduled for 2 October at the AmVets Farm and will include the renowned Pig and other savory delectables as well as the Gun Raffle. Be sure to get your tickets and invite family and neighbors to continue spreading the word about the purpose and accomplishments of the Izaak Walton League.



CONSERVATION

Attend the Conservation Committee meeting online August 1st, 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom.

Topic: IWL Frederick #1 Conservation Committee Meeting Time: Aug 1, 2022 08:00 PM Eastern Time Meeting Link: https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/j/91510303853?pwd=d3kyZ1dPa0pDZEV2L29Ja3FkSFRKZ z09 Meeting ID: 915 1030 3853 Passcode: 066316 During the meeting we will review and establish our Conservation Committee Mission Statement and Long Range Plan, receive project reports, and introduce new business.

Save Our Streams (S.O.S.) Program

IWLA Save Our Streams (S O S) Program is the only nationwide program training volunteers to protect waterways from pollution and bring information about water quality to their communities. This month, Big Hunting Creek, will be chemically monitored for possible pollution. We would like to see our program expand to include biological monitoring of macro-invertebrates, and perhaps add a stream in south county. Generally, biological monitoring requires the year round involvement. Training is now online; with field training beginning in select locations. For national IWLA stream monitoring information see https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-101.

For further information on the Frederick Chapter # 1 SOS program, contact Stephen Meyer at <u>stephen.meyer7@gmail.com</u> or call 240-604-7280.



Steve and Chris at Big Hunting Creek. There is always room for new Trainees and Assistants on-site. Schedule a trip to the Creek in August and see how interesting this vital work is.

Conservation Projects

When you are scouting around the property or just enjoying the natural flora and fauna, you may notice boxes hung in the forest with paper straws and bamboo tubes to provide habitat for Mason bee larva. Eagle Scout Chloe Wood built, donated, and installed the Mason bee habitats for her Eagle Project which supports the Conservation Committee's pollination program. Much thanks to John Gallo, Steve Meyer, and Dave Carlson for their assistance with installation. In August, a pollination garden of Swamp Milkweed plants will be planted in the forest area behind the shooting pavilion to create a habitat for Monarch butterflies. Forrest management work is ongoing to build and complete a Chapter property perimeter road. Several dead and dangerous trees along the "ATV Trail" have been identified with orange ribbon and need felling. Another Eagle Scout Project by Rowan Wood is planned to create a system of trails in the back 40 acres. If you have ideas for conservation projects

or would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our August 1^{st} Conservation Committee meeting.

BOOK MANAGEMENT

Please contact Ben Kelkye for any Bridges of Frederick County book sales.

Facilities (Club House) Cleanup and Maintenance

Cleanup and sanitation are an ongoing requirement. Now, in these tenuous days of viruses and other "bugs", it is even more important that the facilities be kept clean and squared away. The better we do in the summer months, the easier it will be to gather a few good members during the winter to maintain our Club House. Join Robert on Wednesday mornings at 0900 through August for a 2-hour general cleanup detail. Bring your lunch and we can finish each workday with a meal gathering and conversation. During the hunting season and throughout the winter months, a revised schedule will be developed to accommodate needs. For more information call 717-752-9369 or email: Legendrider70@gmail.com. Any work hours will be applied to the annual requirement!

Grounds Maintenance

If anyone would like to mow the grounds or use any of the equipment in the shelter, please contact Jake Bise or Ben Kelkye to get an understanding how to use the equipment. Equipment has been inadvertently damaged due to inexperience of operation of the equipment. 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 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 your work hours and to report the status of any equipment needing maintenance or repairs.

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.

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.

Friday Shotgun

Monthly every 2nd and 4th Fridays, are for shotgun practice. (must attend a range rules update for shotgun shooting if you have not done that already)

Any questions please contact Ben Kelkye.

Courses

The full schedule of courses to be conducted at the Chapter house for the year **2022 has** been posted online at the **Chapter website at** <u>FrederickIWLA Training Schedule 2022</u>, 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.

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 (Under the Events menu) 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 it is Vice President – Tracy Hickman (tmanhickman@yahoo.com).



YHEC 2022 Competition

YHEC Champions

The Senior & Junior Teams took First Place in Maryland for the first time in Chapter history!!! Big shout-out to Coaches and the Team!! They set a high bar for the entire region to reach. Keep up the good work.



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