

FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

September 2022

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Important Dates

Sep 13 – Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Sep 27 – Sportsman's Council 7:00 pm
Sep 13 – 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

The Conservation Committee met online August 8st, 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom.

During the meeting we reviewed our Conservation Committee Mission Statement and Long Range Plan, received project reports, and introduced new business. Our September meeting is at the Chapter September 19, 2022 at 6pm for our Bluebird nesting box construction event.

Bluebird Nesting Box Construction event, 9/19/2022 6pm

The Conservation Committee is having a member event under the Chapter shooting pavilion on Monday evening September 19th at 6pm to assemble ten bluebird nesting boxes. Please join us for this important conservation program at the Izaak Walton League.



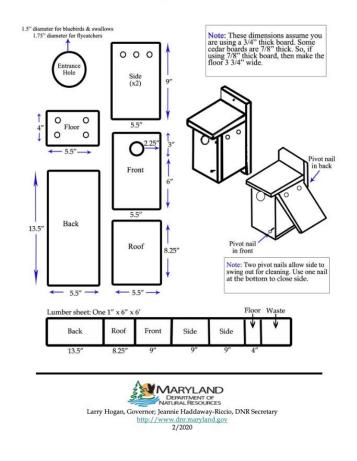
Construction materials will be present, and wood already cut up in "kits" to be glued and screwed together. Everyone needs to bring cordless drills to drill pilot holes and drive screws, screw driving bits, drill bit set, and some newspaper to put on top of the tables.

The Bluebird nesting boxes will be installed around the Chapter property to support the local Bluebird population per recommendation from the Maryland Ornithological Society. The Conservation Committee will organize rotations for maintenance and checking the boxes for brood populations. Data collected will be shared with the Maryland Ornithological Society and the Breeding Bird Atlas Program. You can support our Chapter conservation program through lending a hand assembling the nesting boxes, installing boxes, and/or joining the rotation in checking box status and reporting brood population data.

Eastern bluebirds are very common in farm fields and other open, rural areas where woods are found nearby. In the summer, Eastern bluebirds eat insects. They are favored residents of farms because they eat many insects that damage crops. Eastern bluebirds lay, on average, 5 eggs in early spring that hatch about 12 days later. Once the young are on their own, the Eastern bluebird parents will often raise one more brood before fall comes. By the 1950's and 1960's, the numbers of Eastern bluebirds dropped dramatically. In the early 1970's, the plight of the Eastern bluebird was recognized throughout the eastern United States and conservation programs were enacted to help restore their population.

https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/habitat/wabluebird.aspx

Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird and Great-Crested Flycatcher Nest Box



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

Join our September water testing event at the Catoctin Creek Nature Center, Monday September 26th at 10am. Contact Stephen Meyer at <u>stephen.meyer7@gmail.com</u> or call 240-604-7280 for details and the current testing rotation. Frederick County Schools are closed on the 26th, so this is a good day to introduce students to environmental water testing of our local streams.

Testing in October will be conducted in Thurmont at Big Hunting Creek, and back at Catoctin Creek Nature Center in November. After November, we will resume testing in March.

IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Save our Streams program provides testing and long-term water chemistry data on select streams in Frederick County Maryland. Future goals include continued stream monitoring for chemical contaminants, introduction of Salt Watch in the winter, and macroinvertebrate monitoring. The Izaak Walton League's Save Our Streams program is the only nationwide program training volunteers to protect waterways from pollution and bring information about water quality to their communities.

Currently, we plan to test through to November, then begin Salt Watch during the winter to determine the impact of road salt changing the salinity of our streams. Plan to help the IWLA in this

vital work supporting the League's strategic goal "To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife."

For national IWLA stream monitoring information go to <u>https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-101</u>. 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.





If you have ideas for conservation projects, please contact Preston Wood <u>woodpreston@yahoo.com</u> and would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our September 19th 6pm Conservation meeting at the Chapter.

BOOK MANAGEMENT

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

Facilities (Club House) Cleanup and Maintenance

Join Robert on Wednesday mornings at 0900 through September 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: <u>Legendrider70@gmail.com</u>. Any work hours will be applied to the annual requirement!

Excess furniture has been identified and will be posted for sale by donation. The intent is to lessen flammable material in the Club House as well as free up space for other activities (i.e. social gatherings in the Lounge, Birthday parties, Event/Competition celebrations). ... If anyone has a need for any of these items (2 China Cabinets, 1 Storage Dresser, 2 Gun Cabinets, 1 Steel Storage cabinet), please contact Robert at 717-752-9369. He can help arrange its loading and departure. Spread the word, funds gleaned from these items will be donated to the YHEC program; please be generous and let family and neighbors be aware of this opportunity.

Grounds Maintenance

As always, anyone planning 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. 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. 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.

Courses

In lieu of the Maryland State change of rules for Concealed Carriage Permit procedures, a course is taught each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Range Master for details and sign-up.

Rentals Unlimited has been a staunch supporter of the Chapter since it's inception and continues by enrolling its employees in the Concealed Carry Course here at the Chapter. Additionally, they supply lighting for night shoots and a large fan to keep the pavilion area "livable" during these sweltering afternoon events. Many thanks for your continued support.



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.

YHEC 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. This was the FIFTH consecutive year for the Senior team!!



Defenders Award

We were visited by Roger Moran, National Director, who presented us with the Defender's Award for 2021. Our Chapter was #41 of 212 in the National standings! Well done to all of us and the cumulative efforts which make this recognition possible.

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