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 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA  
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## NEWSLETTER

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<b>Important Dates</b>	
Oct 02 – IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Pig Roast, 2pm Oct 13 – Board Meeting 6:30 pm Oct 13 – Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	Oct 27 – Sportsman’s Council 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 was a smashing success on 2 October at the AmVets Farm!! Family and friends who attended were very with the accommodations and the raffle prizes were excitedly received. Your support is & was greatly appreciated. These events give us all an opportunity to meet old friends and greet new members. Ya'll did great.

## CONSERVATION

The Conservation Committee met at the Chapter Shooting Pavilion on September 19th, 2022 at 6:00pm. The order of business for the Committee was to construct 10 Bluebird nesting boxes to be hung around the Chapter grounds in February 2023 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 by joining the rotation in checking box status and reporting brood population data.



Bluebirds are favored residents of farms because they eat many insects that damage crops. 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.

Members who constructed Bluebird boxes were Chris Barrett, Robert Patrick, John Gallo, Matt Lohaus, Ben Kelkye, Mike Morgan, Siamak Azhdahakosh, Preston Wood, and Marvin Gibson.



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

September's water testing event took place at Big Hunting Creek in Thurmont on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The site is near the bridge, Route 77 about 2 miles West of US 15 at the Headquarters Building on the North side of the road. Some notable testing results at Big Hunting Creek we are tracking are chloride levels have steadily decreased from 1.4 to 0.2 mg/L which we are very happy about. Also, the pH levels have risen from acidic 5 to a neutral 7. These are great numbers for the Creek, however, nitrate levels have risen from 0 to 1 mg/L. All numbers reported on are within acceptable levels, but we are keeping an eye on the data trend and will keep you posted. The Conservation Committee posts its data on Clean Water Hub at <https://www.cleanwaterhub.org/organization/123>.

Contact Stephen Meyer at [stephen.meyer7@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com) or call 240-604-7280 for for more information on our Save Our Streams program water testing and the current testing rotation.

Testing in October will be conducted in Thurmont at Big Hunting Creek, and back at Catocin Creek Nature Center in November. After November, we will resume testing in March along with macro-invertebrate monitoring. Equipment and permits are being staffed for the spring event. Invertebrate monitoring will occur twice a year, initially, and increase with greater participation support.

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 macro-invertebrate 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 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 <https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-101>. For further information on the Frederick Chapter #1 SOS program, contact Stephen Meyer at [stephen.meyer7@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com) or call 240-604-7280.



Chris Barrett testing water for our Save Our Streams program.

### Pollination Program

Nigel Wood, Boy Scout in Troop 796 Ijamsville MD, completed his conservation science project by planting two pollinator gardens on the Chapter grounds. Mike Morgan provided invaluable assistance by tilling the soil in both plots prior to planting. Part of Nigel's science project was determining the optimal process for cold stratification of Swamp Milkweed seeds. Swamp Milkweed seeds need to endure winter weather before they will germinate in the Spring; this is called cold stratification. Nigel determined that the cold stratification process can be sped up by refrigerating Swamp Milkweed seeds in moist soil for only one month yielding a 40% germination rate compared to the 30% germination rate in the wild. Nigel planted the Swamp Milkweed plants grown from his science experiment as a donation to the Conservation Committee's pollinator gardens.



Nigel Wood, left, planting Swamp Milkweed plants for the pollination garden at the Chapter. He is assisted by his mother, Elena Wood, brother, Rowan Wood, and his father, Preston Wood (not pictured).

The pollinator gardens will support our Mason Bee habitat program providing pollen as food for the Mason bees. Also, the Swamp Milkweed plants will provide breeding habitat for Monarch butterflies which are declining in population. Monarch butterflies prefer to lay eggs on Swamp Milkweed plants

which provides food for their larva. Our intention is to develop a robust garden of milkweed plants and eventually have butterfly chrysalises that will bolster the Monarch population and can serve as instructional tools for students. Our Mason Bee program made it into the [September Maryland IWLA Newsletter](#) that you can see on page 3.

If you have ideas for conservation projects or would like to participate in our current programs, please attend our monthly meeting, typically the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting is Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm on [Zoom](#). Please contact Preston Wood [woodpreston@yahoo.com](mailto:woodpreston@yahoo.com) if you would like to learn more about Frederick#1 Chapter Conservation Committee activities.

## **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: [Legendrider70@gmail.com](mailto:Legendrider70@gmail.com). 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.

## **Courses**

A Concealed Carriage Permit procedures course is taught each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Range Master for details and sign-up.

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** [FrederickIWLA Training Schedule 2022](#). 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!!



### **Editor Special Note**

A long-time member, Bob Taylor, died this past July and his widow, Gina, has submitted this tribute to her extraordinary husband...

Dear Ben & Members of the Frederick Izaak Walton League,

First, I want to thank all of you for the love and support that you extended to me during Bob's passing at a time when it felt like my entire world was crashing down. Seeing so many of you during the visitation and funeral touched me deeply knowing that Bob also touched your lives as well.

Bob especially loved the Hunter's Safety Education Programs, the gun and boating courses as the youth programs that the Izaak Walton League provided to the community. He had a deep passion for the rights of the sportsman, the nature around us that God created and importance of our Second Amendment rights.

Being a part of your Hunter's Safety Team was one of the greatest things in life that Bob truly enjoyed. He loved the mission, but most of all he treasured being with each of you and the fellowship that came from that. You were all extended family to him.

In honor of my beloved husband, Bob Taylor, I want to present a check the Frederick Izaak Walton League, Chapter #1 as a memorial and remembrance to him. It is my wish that this donation will be used to support and continue the hunter's education and youth programs that are so vitally significant to the future of our world.

Thank you again for all your wonderful support during Bob's passing. Bob will long be remembered by many, but for me – he was the most important thing in my life...my everything. He will never be forgotten and truly missed.

With Deep Appreciation,

Gina L. Taylor

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