



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

November 2022

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Important Dates

8 Nov – Board Meeting 6:30 pm	24 Nov – Sportsman’s Council 7:00 pm
8 Nov – 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)

CONSERVATION

The Conservation Committee met on Monday October 3rd, 2022 and planned our upcoming events including installation of the Bluebird nesting boxes, Salt Watch water salinity testing, Mason Bee larva

collection, and construction of the perimeter trail. The **next Conservation meeting** is first Monday of the month, **November 7th, 6pm** at the Chapter Clubhouse lower level.

On Saturday morning, October 22, Chapter members installed the ten Eastern Bluebird nesting boxes built last September. Chapter members in attendance were Marvin Gibson, Ben Kelkye, Preston Wood, and Mike Morgan. Seven boxes were installed in trees around the Clubhouse grounds, and three around the pond. This is in preparation for the Bluebird nesting season that starts by the third week of February. We need members to help with our schedule of monitoring the nest boxes to record number of eggs, number of nestlings, and number of broods. We will also be watching for parasite eggs that many have been laid in the nest and invasive species of birds attempting to nest (House Sparrows). Eastern Bluebirds can have 1-3 broods per season from March to September. Birds can fledge in 21 days. We will clean out a nesting box right after all birds fledge to prepare for the next brood cycle. Here are some links to Eastern Bluebird information:

<https://www.onthefeeder.com/eastern-bluebird-nesting-habits/>

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



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

IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Save our Streams program provides testing and long-term water chemistry data on select streams in Frederick County Maryland. 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.

Chemical water testing was conducted Monday, October 24th at Catoctin Creek Nature Center, and scheduled for Big Hunting Creek in Thurmont Monday November 28 at 10am. November will be our

last formal chemical test before resuming in March 2023 along with macro-invertebrate monitoring. Testing data is posted to Clean Water Hub (<https://www.cleanwaterhub.org/organization/123>). As of March, monthly water testing will move to Saturday at 10am to better accommodate member schedules so we can get more help with testing events. Equipment and permits are being obtained for March. Invertebrate monitoring will occur twice a year, initially, and increase with greater participation support.

Please contact Stephen Meyer at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com or call 240-604-7280 to volunteer for the [Save Our Streams](#) program and participate in our current testing schedule.

Starting in December, our Chapter will participate in National IWLA's Salt Watch program during the winter to determine the impact of road salt changing the salinity of our streams. **We're asking each member of our Chapter** to go to the National IWLA website (<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/salt-watch>) and order your free Salt Watch kit to test salt levels in your local waterways and add your findings to a national database.

Frederick Chapter 1 Save Our Streams schedule (All times are at 10:00 AM)

October 24, 2022 Chemical Testing. Catocin Creek Nature Center
November 28, 2022 Chemical Testing. Big Hunting Creek Thurmont
March 25, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
April 29, 2023 Chemical and Biological Testing. Big Hunting Creek Thurmont
May 27, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
June 24, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
July 29, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
August 26, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
September 23, 2023 Chemical and Biological Testing. Big Hunting Creek Thurmont
October 28, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD
November 18, 2023 Chemical Testing Location TBD

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."

If you have ideas for conservation projects, please contact Preston Wood woodpreston@yahoo.com and would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our November 7th 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 Thursday evenings at 1630 through March for a 2-hour general cleanup detail during the hunting season and throughout the winter months. This will accommodate removing leaves and mud tracked into the Club House and still allow classes to proceed during the day. For more

information call 717-752-9369 or email: 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. A suggested donation is \$75 each or \$300 for all five. The steel cabinet is a bonus to whoever takes the greatest number of pieces!!

Courses

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

To date, several dozen applicants have successfully completed the course.

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 Notes

Gina Taylor was the "lucky loser" at the Pig Roast!!! Congratulations!!!

It has come to my attention:

Firewood is being taken from the Chapter compound... Many hours of hard work have gone into preparing that wood for use by the Scouts. Please avail yourself of "deadfall" within the woods and reserve the firewood already split for the encampments and other functions at the Chapter.

The brass collected after ANY EVENT is usually left in containers at the pavilion. The containers have recently been emptied by someone thinking that the brass is of no use to the club. That ain't so!! Leave all brass collected on the range for disposal by the Range Master!

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