



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1  
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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## NEWSLETTER

December 2022

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### Important Dates

13 Dec – Annual Holiday Dinner	23 Dec - 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.

**The Annual Holiday Dinner will be held on Monday, 13 December at 7:00 PM in the Club House. Please arrive by 6:30 for set up and introduction of new members and guests.**

**Listed below are the categories of items to bring  
by the First Letter of your last name:**

**A – H      Side Dish (i.e. Potatoes, Potato salad, Mac & Cheese, Beans, etc.)**

**I – P      Dessert (s)**

## Q – Z      **Appetizer, Salad (s)**

### **ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING** (Currently in need of Chair person/s)

### **CONSERVATION**

Our monthly Conservation Committee meeting was held November 7<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. Please attend our next monthly Conservation meeting at the Chapter this Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Please save the date! We will have a **Perimeter Trail Clearing Event Saturday, February 11, 2023** starting 8am. Please bring your chainsaw. We will cut trees that are laying across the perimeter trail around the back side of the property and connecting the trail to cross the stream. When done, we will have a roadway around the entire Frederick#1 Chapter property.

We are looking for Chapter member volunteers to **check the Eastern Bluebird Nesting boxes** starting March 2023. Commitment would be once a month from March to September, not to exceed one hour, visiting each of the 10 boxes checking for occupancy and brood size, if any, and reporting data collected. Please contact Preston Wood ([woodpreston@yahoo.com](mailto:woodpreston@yahoo.com)) to get on the rotation schedule.

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 by Steve Meyer, Chris Barrett, and Al Manus at Big Hunting Creek in Thurmont, Monday November 28 at 10am. Testing data was posted to Clean Water Hub (<https://www.cleanwaterhub.org/organization/123>). Most chemical test results for Big Hunting Creek are consistent with previous tests and data in the "Excellent" range. However, we've detected a 20% drop in Dissolved Oxygen Saturation and a noticeable increase in acidity from pH7 to pH6. Both readings are still in the good to fair range, but we'll keep an eye on this during our next test of Big Hunting Creek.

We will resume water testing March 25, 2023 at 10am along with macro-invertebrate monitoring. As of March, our 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](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com) or call 240-604-7280 to volunteer for the [Save Our Streams](#) program and participate in our current testing schedule.

This Winter, our Chapter will participate in National IWLA's Salt Watch program 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 testing schedule (All times are at 10:00 AM)

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](mailto:woodpreston@yahoo.com). If you would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our monthly Conservation meeting at the Chapter. Next meeting is this Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## **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](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. 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

**A special thanks to Mike Morgan and Ben Kelkye for their repairs on both bathrooms and other plumbing issues. Your dedication and expertise will be long appreciated into the future at the Clubhouse.**

**All furniture pieces will be available for inspection and/claiming at the Annual Holiday Dinner!**

**A reminder about firewood; the firewood stacked at the encampment area is for use at the encampment area, NOT for removal and personal use. Please honor the hard work already done to provide for these functions. Collecting "deadfall" from the property is / has been an acceptable practice.**

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