



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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Important Dates

02 Jan – Conservation Committee Meeting 6pm 10 Jan – Board Meeting 6:30 PM 10 Jan – Regular Meeting 7:00 PM	26 Jan - 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 Chairperson/s)

CONSERVATION

Our monthly Conservation Committee meetings are held the first Monday of the month. Our last meeting was held Monday, December 5th, 2022 at the clubhouse. We discussed preparation for our upcoming events:

- Install Mason Bee Hatching Boxes - Tuesday December 27, 2022 7:30am @Chapter property
- Salt Watch - Winter 2022-2023
- Perimeter Trail Clean Up - Saturday, February 11, 2023 8am @ IWL Chapter
- Ready Bluebird Nest Boxes for occupancy

- Water Testing - Saturday March 25, 2023 10am @ Ballenger Creek
- Need volunteers for March water tests @ Ballenger Creek

Next Conservation Committee meeting will be **Monday, January 2nd, 2023 6pm** at the Clubhouse.

On Tuesday morning, December 27, 2022, Preston Wood and John Gallo installed six Mason Bee hatching boxes positioned just below the habitat boxes and placed full bee tubes in the hatching box. In the Spring, when the weather gets warmer, the bees will become active breaking out of the bamboo and paper tubes and will escape out of a hole in the hatching box. We averaged about 5 to 10 tubes per box, and overall, it's estimated we raised approximately 180 Mason bees. It's outstanding results for just starting this wildlife conservation program. In the Spring, after the Mason bees have left, the empty tubes from the hatching box will be collected and destroyed to prevent the bees from reusing them thus curtailing the spread of parasites to new bees. The Mason Bee habitat boxes were built and donated to the Frederick Chapter through an Eagle Project from Eagle Scout Chloe Wood (former Fred Chapter Youth Group member) and ScoutsBSA Troop 3017.



Preston Wood checking Mason Bee boxes.



Mason Bee habitat with hatching box.



John Gallo installing a hatching box.

Along the way, some trail maintenance was conducted including checking property markers as we went along. Some of the safety tops on a few of the rebar markers were missing, found, and were placed back on the rebar.



John Gallo inspecting an IWLA property marker.

A large dead tree was found across the ATV Trail path (the entrance is located to the left of the clubhouse). If you have experience in cutting up a large timber like this, please contact Preston Wood at woodpreston@yahoo.com. We need help removing this fallen dead tree from the path.



John Gallo posing next to a fallen tree that must be removed from the "ATV Trail".

Please save the date! We will have a **Perimeter Trail Clearing Event Saturday, February 11, 2023** starting 8am. Please bring your chainsaw, loppers, and hedge shears. As part of our forest management and silviculture conservation program, we will cut trees that are laying across the perimeter trail around the back side of the property, remove small diameter trees that are competing and choking the mature trees, and move debris. Our ultimate goal is to connect the perimeter trail across the stream to the "ATV Trail" to make one long continuous trail. When done, we will have a trail around the entire Frederick#1 Chapter property which will allow better access to the property by members and emergency personnel.

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, visiting each of

the 10 boxes checking for occupancy and brood size, if any, and reporting data collected. Data sheets will be provided. Please contact Preston Wood (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.

We will resume water testing March 25, 2023 at 10am along with macro-invertebrate monitoring. **We are looking for two more volunteers to participate and train in chemical water testing procedures.** 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."

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 or call 240-604-7280 to volunteer for the [Save Our Streams](#) program and participate in our current testing schedule (all times are at 10:00 AM):

March 25, 2023
April 29, 2023
May 27, 2023
June 24, 2023
July 29, 2023
August 26, 2023
September 23, 2023
October 28, 2023
November 18, 2023

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 the IWLA National database.

If you have ideas for conservation projects, please contact Preston Wood 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, January 2nd 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. 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

After the Holidays, the Concealed Carry Permit procedures course will resume 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 **2023** has been posted online at the **Chapter website at [FrederickIWLA Training Schedule 2023](#)**, 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.

2022 YHEC Competition



2022 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, Ben Kelkey, and Hiram Escabi for setup, cleanup and leadership for the Annual Potluck dinner. Several members and guests attended the holiday event which included Turkey with all of the "Fixin's"!!

**All furniture pieces are available for inspection and/claiming at the Chapter House!
Contact Robert Patrick at : 717-752-9369 for assistance removing.**

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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