



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

February 2023

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Important Dates

06 Feb – Conservation Committee Meeting 6:00pm	23 Feb - Sportsman’s Council 7:00 pm
14 Feb – Board Meeting 6:30 PM	
14 Feb – Regular 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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

The comments and pictures for the Potluck /dinner were inadvertently omitted last month(!!). The Editor asks your deepest apologies and presents them here...



Hiram Escabi and John Gallo Evan, Holden, Dillon and James and a sister
 Brian Algots and Jesse Benton Mike Morgan and Ben Kelkeye
 YHEC parents and IWLA members and avid supporters!!

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

CONSERVATION

Our monthly Conservation Committee meeting was held January 2, 2023 at the clubhouse. Next meeting is Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6pm. We will discuss our upcoming February conservation events including planning for our Trail Clearing event (2/11) and making ready our Bluebird Nesting Boxes for the breeding season (2/12).



We will have a **Perimeter Trail Clearing Event Saturday, February 11, 2023 8am-12pm.** Please arrive at the Clubhouse by 7:30am. Please bring your chainsaw, branch loppers, and hedge

clippers. We will cut trees that are laying across the perimeter trail around the back side of the property near the horse trail and connect the trail to cross the stream by the ATV trail. This forestry and silviculture work is being done in accordance with our property Conservation Easement. When completed, we will have a path around the entire Frederick#1 Chapter property that is wide enough for an ATV.



On Sunday morning, February 12th at 9am, scouts from Cub Scout Pack 796 will assist us in making our Bluebird nesting boxes ready for the breeding season. Scouts will help taking off the wire mesh and thumb tacks allowing the birds access to the ten boxes around the property and the pond. We plan on splitting up into groups and need a few Chapter members to lead the Cub Scouts around the 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 visiting each of the 10 boxes checking for occupancy and brood size, if any, and reporting data collected. Inspection sheets to record data will be available. 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. 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. 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.



Our Chapter is participating 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.

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. 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 5th 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.

It won't be long before the YHEC training and competitions begin again. Be supportive in any way you can so that our Youth continue to grow in the knowledge of conservation of our natural resources and the safe shooting sports.

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 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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