



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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Important Dates

01 Apr – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm	14 Apr – Sporting Clays Chapter Shoot Event – 4pm
02 Apr – Social Committee Meeting, 6pm	20 Apr – Annual Chapter Clubhouse Cleanup, 8am
06 Apr – Internet Field Day, Hunter Safety 7:30am	21 Apr – Youth Group Practice 12:30 – 4pm
07 Apr – Youth Group Practice 12:30 – 4pm	23 Apr – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council, 7pm
09 Apr – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm	28 Apr – Youth Group Practice 12:30 – 4pm
09 Apr – Membership Meeting, 7pm	29 Apr – Save Our Streams (SOS) Testing, 10am
14 Apr – Youth Group Practice 12:30 – 4pm	



L to R Logan, Jessica, and Trey Harrison, visiting our Chapter Youth Group practice preparing for the Youth Hunter Education Competition scheduled for June 21-23, 2024 at The Potomac Fish and Game Club in Williamsport, MD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Chapter Rules Changes & Reminders

The following are changes approved by the Board of Directors. Discussion and membership approval process will take place at our April Membership Meeting Tuesday April 9th, 2024:

Chapter Cancellation and Closure Guidelines

Current Policy

Inclement Weather: We will cancel any meeting when the Maryland Snow Emergency plan is in effect. Meeting cancellations will be posted on our home page and sent via email.

Proposed Policy Change

The Frederick Chapter IWLA will cancel scheduled events due to weather emergencies or power outages or if the safety and well-being of their members and guests are at risk.

When the safety and security of individuals of the chapter is compromised, it is advisable to close until the situation improves and it is safe for everyone to return.

The club will continue to align its closure policy with Frederick County school closures for consistency and ease of understanding. This is strictly a guideline.

The final decision on the opening or closing of the club will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Range Rules, Emergency Procedures, and RSO Report

Below are links to the Original Documents and the proposed changes to those documents. Please review and provide any comments to the club President, Mike Morgan ml4wheeling@gmail.com.

Click the links to compare the original with proposed changes:

Original Documents

[Range Rules 2016](#)

[Emergency Procedures 2020](#)

[RSO Report 2020](#)

Proposed Changes

[Range Rules 2024](#)

[Emergency Procedures 2024](#)

[RSO Report 2024](#)

The Frederick Chapter Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm just prior to the regular Membership Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to observe these open meetings which address the business of the Chapter. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting directly after the Board meeting.

2024 IWLA National Convention



[Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina](#) -

Cambridge, MD

Monday July 15 - Tuesday July 16

Early Bird Welcome Reception Sunday July 14

Optional day for field trips and group activities Wednesday July 17

Note About the Schedule: The convention will be held Sunday through Tuesday in 2024. This schedule dramatically reduces hotel room rates and ensures League members can travel to Maryland's Eastern Shore during off-peak summer hours.

The discounted hotel room rate for convention attendees is \$175/night (plus taxes). The special rate is available for three days before and three days after the convention dates (subject to room availability).

Reserve your room [online](#) or by calling the hotel directly at (877) 803-7534 and providing our group code (G-IZWL) to receive the League's discounted rate.

At the 2024 convention, the League will focus on our historic mission to protect the nation's great waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay, and discuss how we can take action today to secure a better future. We will also host a special event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the League's 1924 achievement of establishing the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

[Learn more at this 2024 Convention link.](#)

Maryland Pilots Statewide Applicator Training



In late 2023 and into early 2024, the Maryland Department of the Environment piloted a statewide salt applicator training to give private snow removal contractors the tools and information they need to treat roadways, parking lots and sidewalks with the minimum amount of salt needed to keep the public safe. Clean Water Program staff Sam Puckett and Abby Hileman both weighed in on the initial training materials and outline, and they also took the training course to ensure it is effective, accurate and scalable for the larger applicator community. Promising practices in Maryland, which the League supports, continue to provide an inspiring model for other states. [Learn more about IWLA successes at this IWLA.org link.](#)

CONSERVATION NEWS

On March 26, 2024 the container ship Dali in Baltimore's industrial harbor [struck an interstate highway bridge](#), the Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing it to catastrophically collapse. Eight highway maintenance workers were [thought to be on the bridge at the time of collapse](#). Two were [rescued](#), and two bodies [were recovered](#). Four workers remain missing, and are now [presumed dead](#).

Immediately after the collision, response operations include preventing environmental contamination. As the distressed cargo ship was departing to the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka, it had on board about [1.8 million gallons of fuel](#). Out of the thousands of containers being transported, [56 containers contained 764 tons of hazardous materials](#) including corrosives, flammables and lithium ion batteries.

Removing the damaged steel latticework of the bridge's trusses off the bow of the ship will be a challenging feat.

Debris now blocks navigation along the Fort McHenry Channel. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has started [underwater surveys](#) to assess what needs to be done for debris removal.

Sources:

[A human, environmental and economic emergency response to the Baltimore Key Bridge collapse](#)

Author: Beth Daley

Published: March 28, 2024 1:33pm EDT

[Ship that collapsed Baltimore bridge was carrying hazardous materials: NTSB](#)

Author: WTVD-TV

Published: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:17PM

IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Clubhouse



By the mid 1950s, Frederick #1 Chapter meetings moved to the Frederick Hotel in downtown Frederick. The State of Maryland granted the Articles of Incorporation to the Chapter. A few years later, Chapter member Lewis Battistone, county tavern, architect, and farm owner, gave the Frederick Chapter four and one half acres on Reels Mill Road for the purpose of building a meeting place. The gift of land to the Chapter inspired the members to plan a chapter house for meeting and other events. With the energy of the Building Committee, headed by "Buzz" Baumgardner, the Chapter house of stone and vertical cedar siding was constructed using mostly volunteers. It was also financed by bonds purchased by members. [Learn more about our Chapter history at this frederickiwla.org link.](#)

CHAPTER CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Our Chapter is dedicated to supporting the Izaak Walton League's [Mission Statement](#): "To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife."

Our monthly Conservation Committee meetings are normally held the first Monday of the month; all Chapter members are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6pm at the Chapter Clubhouse.



The Conservation Committee is in talks with Sophie Stern, Water Quality Monitoring Projects Manager, to partner with the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) River Trends program in performing chemical and macroinvertebrate testing. Our Chapter Save Our Streams (SOS) program was referred to Alliance by Abby Hillerman and Sam Briggs from IWLA National.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay River Trends Program is currently applying for a grant to expand their volunteer-based chemical water quality monitoring work in Virginia into Maryland. River Trends is essentially a sister program of SOS. Alliance is looking for groups who may be interested down the line in coming on board with this program in the Frederick area.

This will be a mutually beneficial partnership with Alliance who will provide us training, certification, and equipment, and they will receive our data from monthly water quality sampling. This will also augment our Chapter community outreach goals.



The 2024 [Save Our Streams](#) (SOS) season has resumed at Ballenger Creek Park and Tuscarora Creek near the C&O Canal occurring each month from March to November.

Our first chemical water testing this year was conducted at Ballenger Creek in Frederick County MD Ballenger Creek Public Park on Saturday, March 30th at 10am. This creek drains into the Monocacy River, and travels near residential developments, farms, and major roadways. There is light to medium vegetation, streambed gravel, and mud depth 6-10 inches.

All readings were good to excellent with exception of pH level of 6 being slightly acidic which is deemed "fair". You can see below compared to recent data; the creek tends to be pH neutral to slightly basic. However the March 30, 2024 reading is more acidic than in March of last year. We will keep an eye on this metric over 2024 to see if the creek reverts back to its usual pH. We're happy to see a drop in nitrates since last year, however we will continue to monitor and observe the impact of farm fertilizer run off on the creek.

Ballenger Creek Water Data tested by IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter cleanwaterhub.org

Survey Date	Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen Saturation	Water Temperature	pH Units	Chloride	Phosphate	Nitrate n	transparency
Mar 30, 2024	10	79	6.11	6	2.1	0.2	0	60
Oct 28, 2023	6.5	65	16.6	8.5	54	0	3	60
Jul 29, 2023	6	66	22.2	8	49	0.1	4	60
May 27, 2023	10	96	14.4	7	45	0	2	60
Mar 25, 2023	11	109	15.5	7	43	0.1	0.5	45

May and September tests will include macroinvertebrate biological testing. IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Save our Streams program provides testing and long-term water chemistry data on select streams in Frederick County Maryland.

Save Our Streams testing dates for 2024:

- 10AM Saturday March 30, Ballenger Creek
- 10AM Monday April 29, Tuscarora Creek
- 9AM Saturday May 25, Ballenger Creek, includes macroinvertebrates
- 10AM Monday June 29, Tuscarora Creek
- 10AM Saturday July 27, Ballenger Creek
- 10AM Monday August 26, Tuscarora Creek
- 9AM Saturday September 28, Ballenger Creek includes, macroinvertebrates
- 10AM Monday October 28, Tuscarora Creek
- 10AM Saturday November 16, Ballenger Creek

You can find these dates, and other events, and location on our [Chapter calendar](#). Please email stephen.meyer7@gmail.com if you wish to observe or participate.

Frederick #1 Chapter Forest Management



Two volunteers are needed to assist with forest stewardship on the chapter property. Primary duties include locating invasive plants, guiding work parties to selected areas of the property once or twice a year, and observing and reporting plant removal and herbicide application by workers. Later in 2024, volunteers are needed to help plan establishment of food plots for turkey and deer in cleared areas. Numerous YouTube videos are available to help with training in forestry. We also have access to several books on the topic. If interested please attend a future Conservation meeting, held the first Monday each month at 6pm. All work earns points for conservation. Please contact Steve Meyer with interest in participating in management of our forest and invasive species removal at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com.

If you have ideas for conservation projects or would like to participate in our conservation programs, please contact the Conservation Committee at iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com.

If you would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our monthly Conservation meeting at the Chapter. Next meeting is Monday, April 1st at 6pm in the Clubhouse.

Big Brother Ikes



Charlie and Leila Wiles from the IWLA Wildlife Chapter received endorsements from the Wildlife "Ikes" to serve as a big brother to the Frederick Chapter and assist in building new activities. By 1989, the Wiles' worked with Buzz Baumgardner, who had now served the Chapter for 35 years, began recruiting new members and sponsoring new programs. It was during this time that Hunter Safety programs were introduced with the help of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. The Chapter leadership was extended to the Maryland Division during the past several years as two-time past Chapter President "Buzz" Baumgardner, Jr. became State Vice President for Region I. Although still a small chapter, Frederick #1 Chapter has twice earned the Maryland Division Ike Builders Award for conservation and membership. Frederick Chapter #1 is located in fast growing Frederick County where recreational shooting is becoming more confined and restricted due to population growth. To help provide safe shooting facilities for members and the public, the Chapter embarked on a refurbishing of it's outdoor ranges. In 2011, the chapter build its current pavilion after twelve years of saving and planning to make this happen. [Learn more about our Chapter history at this frederickiwla.org link.](http://this.frederickiwla.org)

CHAPTER EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The [full schedule of courses](#) conducted at the Chapter Clubhouse is posted on the Chapter website. Proceeds from training classes support the Frederick#1 Chapter Youth Program. Contact Ben Kelkye (ben@kelkye.com) if you have any questions about the schedule or courses.

Below are courses offered at the Frederick #1 Chapter for April 2024:

**** Classes from January thru March will be cancelled and rescheduled during Frederick County Snow Emergencies ****

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
Saturday, April 6, 2024	7:30:00 AM	Finish	Internet Field Day	
Sunday, April 7, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Sunday, April 14, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Sunday, April 21, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Sunday, April 28, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	

Contact Ben Kelkye to schedule an appointment. Cell: 301-401-6262 Email: ben@kelkye.com				
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>Wear and Carry - 16 Hour Class for new applicant - MD or DC</i>	<i>\$275.00</i>
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>Renewal - 10 Hour Class - MD or DC</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>MD & DC - Wear and Carry - 16 Hour Class for new applicant</i>	<i>\$415.00</i>

AROUND THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwa.org

Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group marksmanship practice March 24 & 30, 2024.





CLASSIFIEDS / WANT ADS / NEEDS AT THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwa.org

Newsletter Requesting Photos



Photos wanted of Chapter clubhouse and grounds, Chapter activities, shooting sports, and conservation programs to be used for marketing and recruitment. Please send to newsletter@frederickiwa.org.

Get Your Chapter T-Shirt



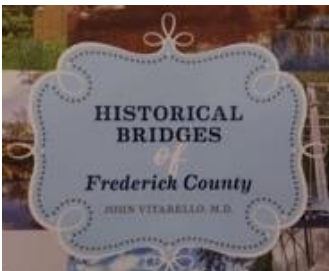
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

Nature Outings



Please let us know what you are doing in the outdoors, enjoying nature, and being a champion and defender of the nation's soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife. If you would like to participate in nature outings, please let us know at newsletter@frederickiwa.org.

Historical Bridges Book For Sale



On sale at the Clubhouse is the book *Historical Bridges of Frederick County*, written by Frederick Chapter member Dr. John Vitarello containing 99 pages of photographs coupled with information about each of the bridges and their connection to Frederick County's history. There are also driving, bicycle and fishing tour routes included to aid readers who will be inspired to seek out the bridges themselves. Each book is \$20. Purchase of each book helps fund the Frederick Chapter's conservation programs. According to Dr. Vitarello, "Individuals, service groups and charitable organizations alike have made an everlasting favorable impression on me to the point that I want to dedicate this book to local Frederick charities." Books can be purchased at the Frederick Chapter clubhouse. Please see Ben Kelkye.