



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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Important Dates

02 June – Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm
 03 June – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm
 04 June – Social Committee Meeting, 6pm
 06-08 June – Hunter Safety Classroom Sessions
 09 June - Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm
 11 June – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm
 11 June – Membership Meeting, 7pm

15 June - Range Safety Officer Class, 7:30am
 16 June - Youth Group Practice 12:30pm
 21-23 June – Maryland Youth Hunter Education Competition, Williamsport MD
 25 June – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council, 7pm
 29 June – Save Our Streams (SOS) Testing, 10am



Archery instruction at the Chapter Youth Group practice. Our Chapter Youth Group is preparing for the [Youth Hunter Education Competition](#) at Williamsport, Maryland June 21-23, 2024.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Chapter Rules Changes & Reminders

Elections

We will have elections for officers at our June membership meeting, Tuesday June 11, 2024. See Board Member Ben Kelkye if you wish to run for office.

New Members

Please welcome our new members Jason Knupp, Chris Tucker, and Jeff Pearson.

Safety Announcement

When using the woods on our Chapter property, the Yellow and Red range lights must be on, and then turned off when you are back to the Clubhouse.

Chapter Cancellation and Closure Guidelines

The Chapter has new guidelines for Chapter closure due to inclement weather which were approved by the Board and voted on at the April 2024 Membership Meeting:

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

The following are changes approved by the Board of Directors. Discussion and membership approval process will take place at our June Membership Meeting Tuesday June 11, 2024:

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](#)

[Proposed Changes](#)
[Range Rules 2024](#)

[Emergency Procedures 2020](#)

[Emergency Procedures 2024](#)

[RSO Report 2020](#)

[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.](#)

5 Stand - IWLA Mt. Airy Shotgun Shoot June 23rd



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, June 3, 2024, at 6pm at the Chapter Clubhouse. For July, our meeting is July 1, 2024 at 6pm.

Bluebird Nesting Box News

While checking our nesting boxes, Frederick Chapter Ike Al Manus discovered a Tufted Titmouse family had moved into box #10 on the northern end of the property on May 2nd.



- [Tufted Titmouse](#) took up residence and three eggs were discovered May 2, 2024
- Three baby birds discovered in nest May 17, 2024
- Empty nest discovered May 31, 2024, birds presumed fledged

The incubation period for Tufted Titmouse eggs is between 12 and 14 days. After hatching, a young Tufted Titmouse remains in the nest until it reaches 15 to 16 days, by which time it is ready to fledge. The Bird Box team will consider increasing checks on a box when birds are present to not miss documenting stages in bird development. The Nesting Box Team is looking for an endoscope or bird box camera to take pictures of bird occupants without opening the box.



The 2024 [Save Our Streams](#) (SOS) season has resumed at Ballenger Creek Park and at Tuscarora Creek near the C&O Canal occurring each month from March to November. The SOS Team is in the process of applying for an 18 month federal permit to conduct chemical tests in Monocacy Battlefield National Park's Bush Creek. This is the same creek running just across the road at the Frederick Chapter. Bush Creek receives runoff from the Frederick County Landfill.

Chemical and Macroinvertebrate stream testing occurred Saturday May 25th at Ballenger Creek. Six members of the Frederick Chapter SOS team were present. The site is 60

feet from the bridge behind the Ballenger Creek Dog Park. Two tables were set up to do both chemical and macroinvertebrate testing. Chemical test revealed the following data:

- **Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)**
8mg/L
- **Temperature (Degrees Celsius)**
16.7°C
- **Dissolved Oxygen (%saturation)**
80%
- **pH Units**
7.5pH
- **Chloride (Cl) (mg/L)**
68mg/L
- **Reactive Phosphate (PO4X3) (mg/L)**
0.1mg/L
- **Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L)**
2mg/L
- **Transparency (cm)**
65cm

Biological readings were just fair with chloride levels up. Macroinvertebrate testing identified 35 mayflies, 3 caddisflies, 2 stoneflies, 2 worms and 2 beetle larvae. The SOS Team will consult with a biologist for an explanation, although experimental error may be present accounting for the low count for two samples. We're not sure why chloride levels would be higher since road salt has not been applied in months; we were expecting higher nitrate levels due to farm fertilizer runoff.

Next testing day is Monday June 29th at Tuscarora Creek, 10:00-10:45am. Park near the overpass at the dead end of New Design Road. Steve Meyer will bring a water sample in jars to the parked cars as before. No need for boots.

IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Save our Streams program provides testing and long-term water chemistry data on select streams in Frederick County Maryland. The remaining Save Our Streams testing dates for 2024:

- 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 Chapter #1 Forest Stewardship Program



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.

The new Forest Stewardship Program has greatly expanded our potential for further conservation work. A healthy forest adds so much to the overall environment that we need only look to our own property to meet our mandate to preserve our water, land and air. The University of Maryland Extension Service offers several affordable online courses each spring and fall that involve forestry. If only a few members self-educated themselves in how to improve our woodland, we could set our chapter up for conservation successes for the foreseeable future.

Stephen Meyer
Conservation Committee

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, June 6th. In July, our meeting is July 1st at 6pm in the Clubhouse.

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 pictures from the Hunter Safety Class, June 6-8 at the Clubhouse. Instructors were Ben Kelkye, Rick Lushbaugh (President of Tuscarora Archers), Matt McCartney, Mike Money Penny, John Gallo, Norman Layton, Bob Ikler, Jon Long, and Siamak Ashdehakosh.



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

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
Thursday, June 6, 2024	7:45 AM	Finish	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
Friday, June 7, 2024	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
Saturday, June 8, 2024	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
Sunday, June 9, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Saturday, June 15, 2024	7:30 AM	Finish	RSO	\$175.00
Sunday, June 16, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Saturday, July 6, 2024	7:30:00 AM	Finish	Internet Field Day	
Saturday, August 3, 2024	7:30:00 AM	Finish	Internet Field Day	
Sunday, August 11, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Saturday, August 31, 2024			Bow Hunting	
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

Our Chapter Youth Group is preparing for the [Youth Hunter Education Competition](#) at Williamsport, Maryland June 21-23, 2024. Coach Ben Kelkye invites all members to come see Youth Group practice and check out what they are doing. "They are really flourishing", said Kelkye. Below are pictures from their May practices.









It will be difficult to find this level of personal instruction anywhere else in the area.

CLASSIFIEDS / WANT ADS / NEEDS AT THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwla.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@frederickiwla.org.

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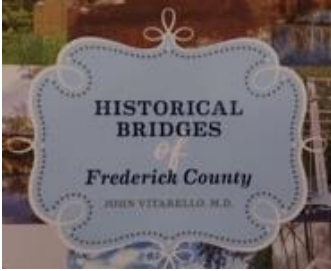
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

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.