



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

July 2024

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Important Dates				
01 July – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm 02 July – Social Committee Meeting, 6pm 04 July – Independence Day 06 July – Internet Field Day, Hunter Safety 7:30am 09 July – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm		09 July – Membership Meeting, 7pm 15- 16 July – National IWLA Convention 23 July – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council, 7pm 29 July – Save Our Streams (SOS) Testing, 10am		

2024 Youth Hunter Education Competition, Williamsport, MD IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Junior Team First Place



Winning Frederick Junior Team 1 (J-7) – (l to r) Joseph Cruzan, Jonathan Cruzan, Coach Brian Algots, Dalen Ogg, Dylan Stambaugh, and Levi Steben



On June 21-23, 2024, IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter sent two Youth Group teams (J-7 and J-8) to compete at the annual [Maryland Youth Hunter Education Challenge](#) (YHEC) competition held at the Potomac Fish and Game Club in Williamsport, MD. Our J-7 team was awarded First Place overall in Junior Division competition. We did not have a Senior team this year. Both our Junior Division teams competed in eight categories including rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, archery, game ID, orienteering, hunter responsibility exam, hunter safety trail, and orienteering taking an impressive First Place in four of the eight categories and First Place overall in the Junior Division.

Frederick Junior Team 1 (J-7)

Jonathan Cruzan
Joseph Cruzan
Dalen Ogg
Dylan Stambaugh
Levi Steben

Coach - Brian Algots
Coach - David Cruzan

Frederick Junior Team 2 (J-8)

James Algots
Johnny Boisvert
Sophie Hanson
Logan Harrison
Holden Kewalramani

Coach - Vineet Kewalramani
Coach - Eric Hanson



Shenandoah Valley/Frederick Junior Combined

Charles (Trey) Harrison
Coach - Jason Knupp (Frederick)

Frederick IWLA coaches that helped with the 2024 Maryland YHEC event included head coach Ben Kelkye, Michael Moneyppenny, Duane Ausherman, Vineet Kewalramani, and Cameron Moneyppenny.



Notable finishes of Frederick teams or participants:

Overall Junior Team winners –

Frederick Junior Team 1 finished in First Place by a significant margin.

Overall Junior Individual winners -

2nd overall, Levi Steben
3rd overall, Joseph Cruzan



Overall junior individual winners – (l to r) Joseph Cruzan (3rd) and Levi Steben (2nd)

Team Event winners -

- 1st place Rifle, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 3rd place Shotgun, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 3rd place Muzzleloader, Shenandoah Valley/Frederick Junior Combined
- 1st place Archery, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 1st place Wildlife Identification, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 1st place Hunter Responsibility exam, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 3rd place Hunter Responsibility Exam, Shenandoah Valley/Frederick Junior Combined
- 2nd place Safety Trail, Frederick Junior Team 1
- 3rd place Safety Trail, Frederick Junior Team 2
- 2nd place Orienteering, Frederick Junior Team 1

Individual Event Winners

Rifle -

- 2nd place, Joseph Cruzan
- 4th place, Levi Steben
- 5th place, Jonathan Cruzan

Shotgun -

1st place, Levi Steben

Muzzleloader -

4th place, Joseph Cruzan

Archery -

3rd place, Dalen Ogg

5th place, Levi Steben

Wildlife ID -

1st place, Dylan Stambaugh

3rd place, Levi Steben

5th place, Dalen Ogg

Hunter Responsibility Exam -

1st place, Holden Kewalramani

3rd place, Levi Steben

Safety Trail -

4th place, Jonathan Cruzan

Orienteering -

1st place, Jonathan Cruzan

2nd place, Levi Steben

Sophie Hanson received a special Good Sportsmanship award and a \$125 gift certificate.



Below are the Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group team (J-7 & J-8) scores as posted on MDYHEC.org:

<u>EVENT</u>	JUNIORS			
RIFLE:	1st	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	760
	2nd	J-6	New York Junior	630
	3rd	J-3	Cumberland Junior	620
SHOTGUN:	1st	J-6	New York Junior	500
	2nd	J-5	Mayberry Junior 2	360
	3rd	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	340
MUZZLE:	1st	J-1	Shenandoah Valley Junior	660
	2nd	J-2	Shenandoah Valley/Frederick Jui	540
	3rd	J-3	Cumberland Junior	1020
ARCHERY:	1st	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	860.05
	2nd	J-3	Cumberland Junior	814.03
	3rd	J-1	Shenandoah Valley Junior	745.03
WILDLIFE:	1st	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	690
	2nd	J-3	Cumberland Junior	590
	3rd	J-1	Shenandoah Valley Junior	540
HR Exam:	1st	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	1008
	2nd	J-1	Shenandoah Valley Junior	990
	3rd	J-2	Shenandoah Valley/Frederick Jui	906
SAFETY TRAIL:	1st	J-5	Mayberry Junior 2	710
	2nd	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	695
	3rd	J-8	Frederick Junior 2	675
ORIENTEERING	1st	J-3	Cumberland Junior	680
	2nd	J-7	Frederick Junior 1	680
	3rd	J-1	Shenandoah Valley Junior	595

Below are the Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group individual scores as posted on MDYHEC.org:

<u>EVENT</u>		JUNIORS		
RIFLE:	1st	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	260
	2nd	J7-3	Joseph Cruzan	230
	3rd	J6-2	Zachary McCormick	220
	4th	J7-5	Levi Steben	210
	5th	J7-2	Jonathan Cruzan	210
SHOTGUN:	1st	J7-5	Levi Steben	140
	2nd	J6-4	Cayden Bowman	140
	3rd	J6-3	Jayden Sutfin	140
	4th	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	120
	5th	J6-1	Kenneth Kailbourne	120
MUZZLE:	1st	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	300
	2nd	J4-2	Dylan Frushour	300
	3rd	J1-3	Ethan Ritenour	300
	4th	J7-3	Joseph Cruzan	300
	5th	J3-5	Evan Burkett	300
ARCHERY:	1st	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	250.01
	2nd	J6-2	Zachary McCormick	198
	3rd	J7-1	Dalen Ogg	198
	4th	J1-3	Ethan Ritenour	190.01
	5th	J7-5	Levi Steben	188.01
WILDLIFE:	1st	J7-4	Dylan Stambaugh	190
	2nd	J2-4	Landon Dirting (SV)	160
	3rd	J7-5	Levi Steben	150
	4th	J1-3	Ethan Ritenour	140
	5th	J7-1	Dalen Ogg	140
HR Exam:	1st	J8-4	Holden Kewalramani	240
	2nd	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	234
	3rd	J7-5	Levi Steben	234
	4th	J6-1	Kenneth Kailbourne	228
	5th	J6-4	Cayden Bowman	222
SAFETY TRAIL:	1st	J6-1	Kenneth Kailbourne	215
	2nd	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	200
	3rd	J5-1	Bentley Straightman	195
	4th	J7-2	Jonathan Cruzan	190
	5th	J1-5	Leigha Dirting	190
ORIENTEERING	1st	J7-2	Jonathan Cruzan	210
	2nd	J7-5	Levi Steben	185
	3rd	J3-2	Holdyn Raines	180
	4th	J3-1	Keegan Rodeheaver	170
	5th	J1-3	Ethan Ritenour	165

NRA's Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) provides a fun environment for kids 18 and under to improve their hunting, marksmanship and safety skills. Through its simulated hunting situations, live fire exercises, educational and responsibility events, YHEC helps build upon skills learned in basic hunter education courses and encourages safer, lifelong hunting habits. From rifle, bow and muzzleloader shooting at life-sized targets, to wildlife identification, map and compass orienteering and more, YHEC participants can get hands-on training in eight skill areas, giving them expertise in all methods of take and all types of game.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Save The Date: September 22, 2024 Annual Gun Raffle Pig Roast



The IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter's annual Gun Raffle Pig Roast will be held at Amvets Post 2 (9602 Baltimore Road, Frederick MD 21704) on September 22, 2024

New Members

Please welcome our new member, Leroy Crouell.

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.

Meetings

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.](#)

CONSERVATION NEWS

New Housing Development Being Built On Contaminated Soil Near Fort Detrick

A new housing development is going up near [Fort Detrick](#), Maryland, and the [Army](#) is considering a series of engineering efforts to protect the homeowners after it contaminated adjacent land throughout much of the 20th century by testing biological weapons.

Many of the homes next to what is known as the Area B section of the base (north of Montevue Ln and west of Rosemont Ave) are already built -- some of them for sale -- and single-family properties are selling for about \$640,000, which is roughly the median price for the area. One of the nearby developments is Waverly View. That nearby 399-acre section of Fort Detrick was once a proving ground for the Army's biological warfare program and used as a disposal site for chemical,

medical, and radiological waste, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.



Technicians work in a laboratory at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., in the late 1960s under the offensive biological weapons program that the Army ran there from 1943 to 1969. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

Decades ago, the Army was frequently testing biological weapons on the outskirts of the Washington, D.C., area, and those grounds are still heavily contaminated. Fort Detrick served as the center of the Pentagon's bio-weapon development, until those weapons were outlawed by President Richard Nixon.

Army Installation Management Command said in a statement that the main environmental concern for the new housing development is trichloroethylene. That chemical

compound was also a main pollutant of water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for decades, and prolonged exposure can cause kidney cancer among other health complications, [according to the National Cancer Institute](#).

Trichloroethene and tetrachloroethene, two volatile organic compounds, have also been major chemical constituents found during groundwater testing, according to the EPA.

The contamination can potentially impact dozens of new residential real-estate developments in the area, based on internal documentation from the Army Corps of Engineers. Army officials canceled a scheduled Military.com interview with Fort Detrick's environmental official.

Source:

[A Maryland Housing Development Is Going Up Beside Army Land Polluted by Bio-Weapon Testing](#)

Military.com | By Steve Beynon

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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, July 1, 2024, at 6pm at the Chapter Clubhouse. For August, our meeting is Monday August 5, 2024 at 6pm.

Conservation Trail Maintenance

On June 19, 2024, Frederick #1 Chapter Ikes Mark Davies and Preston Wood took about an hour to clear a section of the Conservation Trail from trees that fell over the path near the kennels on the part of the trail that starts to descend toward the railroad tracks. The Conservation Trail is a mile long trail that travels mostly along the



Frederick Chapter Ike Preston Wood

Among the fallen logs was a walnut tree that would be valuable for wood working purposes if a member would like to get it. It's on the side of the trail.

Mark and Preston also started the process of injecting herbicide into one of the large invasive Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) trees on the Chapter property near the property entrance beside the pond. Once dead, this tree will be removed along with other invasive tree and plant species in our forest per our Forest Stewardship Plan from the Department of Natural Resources.



Frederick Chapter Ike Mark Davies

perimeter of the Chapter property that can be used for activities including hiking, nature walks, and emergency access. Please contact iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com if you encounter any blockage along the Conservation Trail.





The Conservation team would like a member to organize a project to create and install distance markers along the Conservation Trail. The distance markers would be used to identify specific locations along the mile long trail so that members can communicate a trail location to other members using the forest, work crews clearing trails, or even emergency personnel looking for those in need. If you would like to organize this helpful project, please contact the Conservation Committee at iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com.



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.

Thanks to the addition of several interested stream monitors, the chapter Save Our Streams program is forming two separate teams for testing. While there is presently no increase in the number streams tested, we have now additional flexibility in planning for future Save Our Streams events. Chris Barrett is well on his way to becoming certified for macroinvertebrate monitoring and will be our second team leader.

Chemical stream testing occurred on Saturday, June 29th at Tuscarora Creek. Chemical test revealed the following data:

LATEST READING	
Color	Category
Green	Excellent
Yellow	Good
Orange	Fair
Red	Poor
Grey	No Threshold
6.5mg/L	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
18.3°C	Temperature (Degrees Celsius)
68%	Dissolved Oxygen (%saturation)
8pH	pH Units
23mg/L	Chloride (Cl) (mg/L)
0.4mg/L	Reactive Phosphate (PO4X3) (mg/L)
4mg/L	Nitrate (NO3) (mg/L)
60cm	Transparency (cm)

Most tests showed improvement over our May tests revealing progress in pH, chloride, and nitrate levels, while phosphate and transparency scores dropped. A notable result was the large drop in dissolved Oxygen plummeting from 98% to 68%. While the current dissolved oxygen level is still considered "fair", this will cause a significant impact on the creek's ability to support stream wildlife. We will keep an eye on this metric for our next test.

Next stream testing day is Saturday July 27th at Balenger Creek, 10:00am. Park in the Ballenger Creek Park's Dog Park parking lot.

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 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



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 a course: "The Woods in Your Backyard" that can help us understand how our land offers recreational and wildlife possibilities, and how to manage projects to help meet our goals. Please contact Steve Meyer for information about the Save Our Streams program or the chapter Forest Stewardship Program 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, July 1st. In August, our meeting is August 5th 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 courses offered at the Frederick #1 Chapter for Summer 2024 and into September:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
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	
Sunday, September 8, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Saturday, September 14, 2024	7:30 AM	Finish	RSO	\$175.00
Sunday, September 22, 2024	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth Program	
Thursday, September 26, 2024	7:45 AM	Finish	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
Friday, September 27, 2024	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
Saturday, September 28, 2024	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Hunter Safety Classroom	\$0.00
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>

Pistol Range Refurbishment

Frederick #1 Chapter Ikes Jeff Pearson and Dave Carlson rebuilt the 10-yard pistol backstop over the weekend of June 29-30.



Installed on the backstop are red lines that are placed directly over the vertical supports holding up the frame. The top and bottom of the red lines indicate where the top & bottom horizontal supports are.

Per our Chief Range Safety Officer, Ben Kelkye:

1. Do not shoot the red lines.
2. Keep all shots landing between the red lines in front of your pistol stall.
3. Do not cross shoot into other target areas.
4. Attach targets inside the red lines to prevent destroying the supports with bullet impacts

AROUND THE CHAPTER

Let us know what you are doing. Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwla.org

Frederick Chapter Gun Raffle Promotion at Baker Park

At Baker Park on July 4th, Ben Kelkye was promoting the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Gun Raffle and selling tickets to the event scheduled for September 22, 2024, 2pm at the Amvets Post 2 "The Farm" located at 9602 Baltimore Road, Frederick MD 21704.



Many thanks to:



[Trick Trucks](#) (5702 Industry Lane, B-1Frederick, MD 21704)



[99.9FM WFRE Free Country](#) and,



[930AM WFMD Free Talk](#)

for supporting the Chapter by donating booth space at Baker Park to promote our September Gun Raffle fundraising event.

41 Miles on the Monocacy River in a Kayak

By Jake Bise, Frederick #1 Chapter Member

On June 5, 2024, fellow club member and good friend John Gallo and I completed our goal to kayak and fish the 41-mile Monocacy River Scenic Water Trail running through Frederick County. What started as just a day trip to fish a section of the river turned into a desire and commitment to float and fish the entire 41 miles of the Monocacy from Route 77 to the Potomac. This is our story:

John has 2 fishing kayaks and had been trying to persuade me to get in one and fish a section of the Monocacy River. I had no experience at all in a kayak and so, I was a little hesitant to jump right in and it took some persuading before I said "let's do it". We decided to fish a section from Route 77 to the Legore Bridge. We parked a truck at the take-out location at Legore Bridge and drove the second pickup with the kayaks to the put in location at Route 77. We got an early start arriving just after sunrise and it looked to be a perfect day for fishing with slightly overcast sky and not too hot.



Jake Bise

I got to admit that I was a little nervous as I put on the life jacket and climbed into, or rather fell into, the kayak (at 68, getting in and out of a sit in kayak can be a little challenging) but, with John's coaching it really wasn't that bad. Once in I pushed back from the bank and floated out into the river. John gave me some basic tips on how to paddle, turn, slow down and stop the kayak. He also reassured me that the kayak was very stable, and I would really have to work hard to flip it. After some practice we headed down stream on a 3.25-mile float.



John Gallo

It didn't take long before John caught the first fish, a nice sized catfish and soon after I caught a small mouth bass. We caught a lot of fish on that float (20+) and it didn't take long before I was hooked on kayak fishing and the Monocacy. John talked about the 41-mile Monocacy River Scenic Water Trail and the more we talked about the river the more we became interested in float fishing the entire 41 miles and eventually set a goal to do just that.



John Gallo



Jake Bise

fishing the river and traveling the

water in canoes. Wildlife is abundant along the river and during the 41-miles we saw Bald Eagles, Blue Heron, geese, several species of ducks, deer, muskrats, snakes, turtles and all types of birds. We caught tons of fish, mostly small mouth bass but also some largemouth bass, catfish, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, blue grill, redear sunfish. And although we didn't catch one, we saw huge carp swimming under our kayaks. All the fish we caught we released.

We divided the river into manageable sections which were about a 3–5 mile distance and averaged about 4-6 hours to fish and float. We used the Monocacy River Scenic Water Trail as a guide but didn't necessarily follow it exactly. River access points and parking availability was the

deciding factor that determined the length of a particular section. We divided the river into 8 separate sections and fished the river at our leisure with no time frame set to complete our goal. Hunting season, family commitments and water level conditions all affected time spent on the river. It took us about a year and a half to complete all the sections.

Our last section to kayak was from the Route 355 bridge to the Park Mills Road bridge. We saved this section until last because of having to navigate the ruins of the Buckeystown Dam and the Greenfield Rapids. We were just a little apprehensive about

what to expect and unsure of our ability to tackle these two spots. I can tell you we did more than one recon mission to these locations to explore our options from the safety of the riverbank as well as using google earth satellite images.



L-R, Jake Bise, Mike Money penny, Dan Neuland, John Gallo

On June 5, 2024, we decided to go for it and invited our good friends Mike Money penny and Dan Neuland to join us. Mike is a fellow club member and Dan is the Western Region Coordinator for Maryland's Hunter Safety Education Program and a well-known writer for The Frederick News Post Outdoor column. They were eager to join us and so we developed a plan and decided to meet around 7am at the Route 355 bridge.

John and I were in our kayaks and Dan and Mike were using Dan's two-person inflatable pontoon boat. This section turned out to be our longest float at around 10 miles and around 9 hours to complete, much longer than we anticipated. In hindsight breaking this float into two sections would have been more comfortable but we managed it with no problems.

About 5 miles into the float, we finally reach the ruins of the Buckeystown Dam. Dan and Mike led the way and picked the line while John and I stayed back and observed.



Dan Neuland and Mike Money penny

Dan's inflatable glided over the rapids with ease. Dan is not your average river runner, he has considerable experience in river fishing, in canoes, kayaks and his inflatable pontoon fishing machine so he has a keen eye for reading the water and picking a line to travel safely over the rapids. Next was John's turn and then me. I will admit that it was a tense moment but we both shot through the rapids with no problem and crossing the ruins of the dam wasn't as bad as some of the other areas encountered.

For me the Green Field Rapids were probably the worse not because of any problems getting through but the water splashing over the bow made for a wet ride. We finished our 41-mile trip by floating the last 2 miles in a heavy down pour and got soaking wet. But it was a hot day and the rain felt refreshing and a welcome relief from the heat. We

completed the 41 miles without a flip although there were some tense moments when a swim felt imminent but we managed to avoid it. At its deepest the water was maybe 5-8 feet and John's famous saying, "if you flip just stand up and walk to the bank"!

Kayak fishing the 41 miles on the Monocacy was a great experience. Floating in a Kayak gets you up close and personal with the river and the wildlife it supports. You gain a greater appreciation for its unique beauty and the importance of keeping it wild and protected for future generations to enjoy. It was sad to see trash in a few places left by some who fished from the bank and knowing that it was just as easy for them to carry it out as it was to carry it in left me wondering why!

I owe a big thank you to John Gallo for talking me into getting on the river and for his guidance on kayaking and how to read the water. If you decide to kayak the 41-miles or for that matter any section of the river, I give you these tips; go with a friend and preferably someone with river kayaking experience, always wear your life jacket, learn to read the water, respect the power of the river, remember the river flow never stops, and anything floating in it is flowing with it!

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



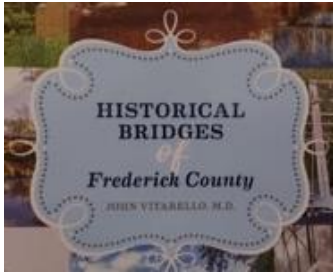
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

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.