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NEWSLETTER

August 2024

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Important Dates

03 Aug – Internet Field Day, Hunter Safety 7:30am
 05 Aug – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm
 13 Aug – Social Committee Meeting, 5:15pm
 13 Aug – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm
 13 Aug – Membership Meeting, 7pm
 24 Aug – Bow Hunting Class

24 Aug – Invasive Plant Removal Conservation Project, 8am
 26 Aug – Save Our Streams (SOS) Testing, 10am
 27 Aug – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council, 7pm
 31 Aug – Invasive Plant Removal Conservation Project, 8am



IWLA Frederick Chapter Clubhouse East Side August 2024



Mallard Duck Display and picture of IWLA Frederick Chapter Clubhouse circa 1962

CHAPTER NEWS

Holden Kewalramani Wins 2024 USA Archery Maryland Outdoor U13 Championship



Holden Kewalramani, IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Ike and YHEC competitor in our Youth Group since 2021, won the 2024 [USA Archery](#) Maryland Outdoor championship in compound bow for the U13 men's division (boys aged 10-12) on July 6, 2024 at the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center in Parkton, MD. Holden's competition included 12 ends of 6 arrows each (72 arrows total) at a fixed distance target at 30 meters (approximately 32 yards to target). Holden got his start in archery under the mentorship of Coaches Ben Kelkye and Mike Moneyppenny in the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group program.



Holden Kewalramani at 2024 USA Archery Maryland Championships



Holden Kewalramani and mentors Ben Kelkye and Mike Money Penny at the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group Practice



Holden Kewalramani practicing with the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

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. Members get your tickets from Ben Kelkye, sell additional tickets to your friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and bring your family to the Pig Roast. See you there!

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**I.W.L.A. FREDERICK CHAPTER #1
GUN RAFFLE & PIG ROAST**

September 22, 2024

HELD AT AMVETS FARM POST 2
9602A BALTIMORE ROAD
FREDERICK, MD 21704

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00PM

Tickets: \$40 Donation or 2 for \$75
INCLUDES MEAL & ONE GUEST

375. Savage Axis II 6.5CM w/ Bushnell Scope Pkg.

374. ATI Cavalry O/U 12 Ga. Walnut/Blue

373. Browning X-Bolt Comp Stalker . 243 Win

350. \$200.00 cash

325. Hi Point Carbine 9MM

300. Charles Daly 301 Semiauto 12 Ga.

275. Henry .22LT Oct/Large Loop Walnut/Blue

250. \$200.00 cash

225. CVA Scout .35 Whelen

200. Mossberg 88 Camo 20 Ga.

175. Ruger LCP Max .380 Cobalt Blue

150. \$200.00 cash

125. Savage 93 BNS .22 Mag Minimalist Green

100. S+W Shield 9MM

75. Ruger 10/22 .22LR Blackpowder Coat

50. \$200.00 cash

25. Vortex 3.5x10x50 Scope

1. TISAS 1911 .45 ACP FDE "Raider Edition"

***Must be present to win cash only**

One ticket raffled day of event guaranteed winner!

LOSER JAR: *(Must be present to win)*

Rossie .357 Lever Action Cowboy Gun

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Guns provided by Stateline Gun Exchange

Tear this section off and drop in jar for free
door prize gun drawing. **Must be present.**

Vortex 4x12x40 Scope or \$200 Cash

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Ticket for the 2024 Gun Raffle and Pig Roast with prize list

New Members

Please welcome our newest member, Ron Hortie.

Safety Announcement

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

Board 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, but take care not to disrupt the meeting. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting directly after the Board meeting.

Pistol Range Announcement

Installed on the pistol range 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.



The pistol range backstop was refurbished by Ikes Jeff Pearson and Dave Carlson

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

CONSERVATION NEWS

New concerns raised over Frederick data center plans after pollution violations uncovered



ADAMSTOWN, Md. — Thirty-five environmental organizations are blowing the whistle on the Quantum Loophole [mega data center development in Frederick County, Maryland](#) after a new batch of pollution violations were reported by county and state inspectors. According to the reports, the drilling of a 41-mile fiber optic tunnel has resulted in the repeated release of harmful drilling mud into creeks leading to the nearby Monocacy River.

Source:

[New concerns raised over Frederick data center plans after pollution violations uncovered](#)

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Frederick County Residents Urged To Conserve Water Following Issuance Of A Regional Drought Watch



Frederick, Md (KM) Frederick County residents can help make sure that the current drought watch doesn't become a drought warning or drought emergency. That's how Shannon Moore, the Director of the County's Division of Energy and the Environment, describes the current drought watch across the region.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on Monday issued a drought watch for the region. That's the result of the drop in the flow of the Potomac River due to the lack of rainfall. Moore says under a drought watch, there are no mandatory water restrictions, but residents and businesses are encouraged to voluntarily use water wisely so supplies don't run low. "The drought watch is a precautionary measure. So that region's experiencing unusually dry conditions despite a little bit of recent rainfall," she says.

Under this drought watch, Moore says there are ways to help conserve water so that [water] supplies will continue to be adequate. "So one of the things that you can do is to use a car wash instead of washing your car at home. Car washes recycle water," she says. "You can also look at how much you're watering your shrubs and your lawn, and cut back on that."

Other suggestions include sweeping the sidewalks instead of hosing them down; reducing your shower length to under five minutes; turn off the water when brushing your teeth, and washing fewer but fuller loads of dishes and clothes. Also, repair any leaks, especially for the toilet and faucets.

Source:

[Frederick County Residents Urged To Conserve Water Following Issuance Of A Regional Drought Watch](#)

WFMD 930am Free Talk

By Kevin McManus

July 31, 2024 - 2:07 am

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, August 5, 2024, at 6pm at the Chapter Clubhouse. For September, our meeting is Monday September 9, 2024 at 6pm.

Invasive Plant Species Removal Service Project – Sat. Aug 24 and 31, 8am



In the morning Saturday August 24th and also August 31st 8am, the Chapter will begin a conservation project to remove invasive plant species on the Chapter property around the Clubhouse as part of our Forest Stewardship Program. The plan is to work in the morning and finish before it gets too hot. We will receive help from Boy Scout Troop 796 as part of Nigel Wood's Eagle Service Project. Nigel and the scouts from Troop 796 will help us remove invasive plants on the property including Japanese Barberry, the thorny bushes that plague our trails, as well as the invasive Wineberry, and vines that are constricting and choking native trees around the Clubhouse and camp site. The debris will be used to construct brush piles per DNR guidelines that will serve as habitat for birds and small animals. We need some Ikes to help spray herbicide on the plant stumps after the Scouts cut and remove the invasive plants. According to the DNR, this is the best time for efficacy of the herbicide. If you would like to help with this important conservation project, please contact the Conservation Committee at iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com.



Troop 796 Life Scout Nigel Wood and Conservation Committee Member Steve Meyer investigating invasive plant locations.

DNR Woodland Incentive Grant



The DNR Woodland Incentive Grant was approved on July 23, 2024. Our Boy Scout troop is scheduled to clear invasive plants on August 24 and August 31 beginning at 8AM. Volunteer help is always welcome. Conservation credit is given for this work.

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.

Conservation Trail Distance Markers



The Conservation team would like a member to help organize a project for the Chapter 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 IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter members and their guests can communicate a trail location to other members in the forest, work crews clearing trails, or even emergency personnel looking for those in need. If you would like to help with

this important conservation project, please contact the Conservation Committee at iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com.

Save Our Streams Water Testing



The 2024 [Save Our Streams](#) (SOS) season continues at Ballenger Creek Park and at Tuscarora Creek near the C&O Canal occurring each month from March to November. Chemical water testing was conducted at Ballenger Creek on July 27th. Our Chapter SOS Testing Team discovered PH is a little acidic, but otherwise Ballenger Creek was consistent with previous readings.

Save Our Streams has added another team. There are now two separate teams monitoring streams monthly on Saturdays and Mondays. If interested in participating, contact Stephen Meyer at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com. Upon finishing training, conservation credit is given for working on either team.

Next stream testing day is Monday August 26th at Bush Creek at [Gambrills Mill section of Monocacy Battlefield](#). Meet in parking lot 10am.

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 August 26, Bush Creek at [Gambrills Mill section of Monocacy Battlefield](#). Meet in parking lot.
- 9AM Saturday September 28, Ballenger Creek includes macroinvertebrates
- 10AM Monday October 28, Bush Creek at [Gambrills Mill section of Monocacy Battlefield](#). Meet in parking lot.
- 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.

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, August 5th at 6pm. For September, our meeting is Monday September 9, 2024 at 6pm.

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. Please note the **Bow Hunting class is moved to August 24th:**

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 24, 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>

AROUND THE CHAPTER

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

Internet Hunter Safety Class Field Day

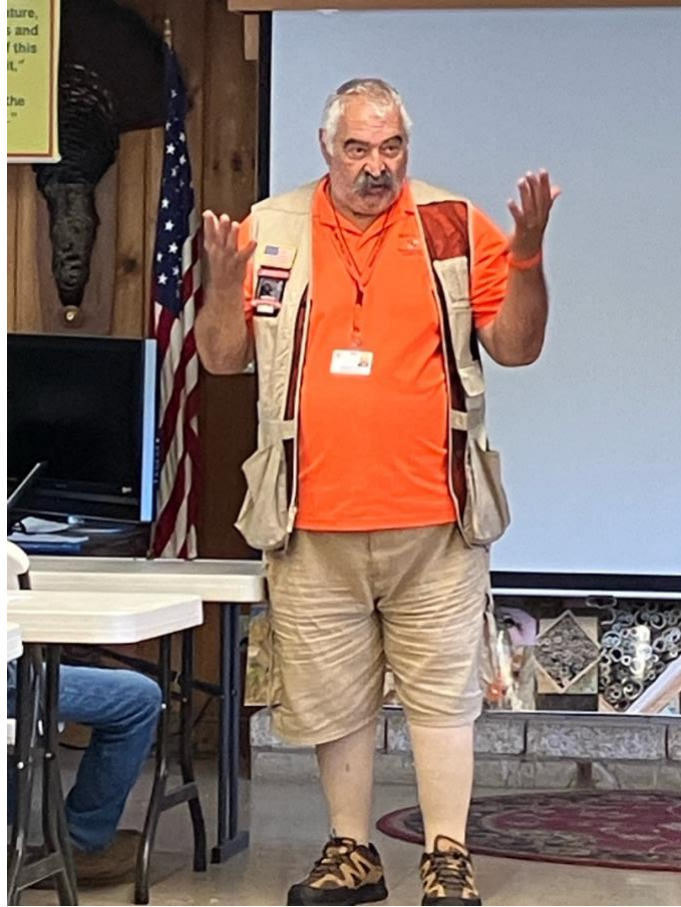


Hunter Safety classes are taught at the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter both in-person and online via the internet. All Hunter Safety classes include a field day consisting of in-person instruction and demonstration of hunter safety practices learned in the course. Below are pictures taken from the field day of the August 3rd Internet Hunter Safety Class taught at the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter. For over 30 years, the Frederick #1 Chapter has led the State in offering hunter and firearm education classes. Proceeds from the classes are used to support the Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group. Our Chapter's Junior Youth Team took First Place in the 2024 Maryland Youth Hunter Education Competition (YHEC) in Williamsport, Maryland.









Hickman Featured On Deer Management Program Guide

The Montgomery County Deer Management Program featured a picture of our Chapter Vice-President Tracy Hickman on the cover of their program guide for this year. Tracy has been volunteering in the program for the past twenty years. This photo is from Tracy's hunt at Little Bennett Park last year.



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Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwa.org

2024 IWLA National Convention



Let us know your about your experience at the 2024 IWLA National Convention held at [Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina](#) - Cambridge, MD July 15 - 16

Newsletter Requesting Photos and Chapter News



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

Get Your Chapter T-Shirt



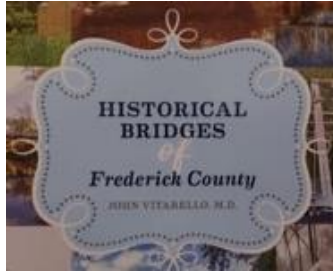
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

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.



IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter Membership Inquiries Welcomed