



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

November 2024

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Important Dates

02 Nov – Internet Field Day, Hunter Safety, 7:30am	12 Nov – Membership Meeting, 7pm
04 Nov – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm	16 Nov – SOS Water Testing, Ballenger Creek, 10am
08 Nov – Range for Clay Target Shooting	26 Nov – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council, 7pm
10 Nov – Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm	22 Nov – Range for Clay Target Shooting
12 Nov – Social Committee Meeting, 5:30pm	24 Nov – Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm
12 Nov – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm	28 Nov – Thanksgiving



View of the gate and driveway circle in front of the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter clubhouse.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

New Measures for Membership Vote, November 12, 2024

There are three important action items that Members will be discussing and taking a vote on at the November 12th Membership Meeting. Please review the items below and attend the Tuesday, November 12th Membership Meeting to vote on the measures.

1) Automatic Front Gate Operator Motor Replacement

The automatic front gate operator at the entrance is no longer working. There is an initiative to replace the front gate operator that automatically opens and closes the gate. The Board has met with three different companies and received multiple bids. The bid that appears to be the best is from Justin's Garage Doors, and the cost will be \$6450.00. A vote will be held at the November Membership meeting to authorize this expenditure or pursue a different course of action such as manually opening and closing the gate.

2) Good Faith Privileges of Membership Amendment

A proposed amendment regarding a member may not profit from use of Chapter facilities.

A Chapter member may not profit, financially or otherwise (i.e., by gift or other consideration), from the use of and/or access to Chapter facilities, programs, activities and services at, in and of the Chapter, nor may a guest or guests of any member likewise profit, nor shall any member engage other members, guests or members of the public in any activity on Chapter property for which any consideration, financial or otherwise, is obtained.

The above verbiage was copied directly from IWLA Rockville Chapter and is recommended by the Frederick #1 Chapter Board to codify our existing Chapter practices.

3) Conservation/Recreation Tuesdays

A rule change to prioritize use of Chapter property for conservation and outdoor recreation purposes on Tuesdays.

Use of the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter property on Tuesdays for conservation and outdoors recreation will have priority over use of the gun range. The gun range may be used on Tuesday if the property is not currently being used for conservation or outdoor recreational use, but the gun range must be closed when members wish to use the property for conservation or outdoor recreational purposes.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Chapter President, Mike Morgan ml4wheeling@gmail.com. Please plan on attending the membership meeting on November 12th at 7pm.

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.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Maryland White-tailed Deer Experiencing Hemorrhagic Disease Outbreak in Some Areas

October 8, 2024

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advises hunters that [Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease](#) (EHD) has been confirmed in Maryland and is the likely cause of death for white-tailed deer reported in numerous counties across the state.

EHD is a naturally occurring disease that affects white-tailed deer and, rarely, domestic livestock. The disease poses no threat to humans. EHD is common throughout the eastern United States and outbreaks occur in Maryland annually at differing degrees.



Photo by by Freddi Weiner, submitted to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Photo Contest.

This year, confirmed or suspected cases of EHD have been documented in counties on the Eastern Shore, central and southern Maryland, and as far west as Garrett County. The largest outbreak in the state appears to be in Carroll, Frederick, and

Washington counties. The disease has also been reported in the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Source:

[Maryland White-tailed Deer Experiencing Hemorrhagic Disease Outbreak in Some Areas](#)

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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Reforestation Application Period Has Opened



FREDERICK, MD. – The Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment (DEE) has opened its annual application period for participation in the Creek ReLeaf reforestation program. Property owners interested in having native trees planted on their land for no cost may apply between October 1 and December 31, 2024.

Source:

[Annual Application Period Open for Creek ReLeaf Reforestation Program](#)

Frederick County Government website

Published: October 1, 2024

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 November 4, 2024 at 6pm. Next month, our meeting will be Monday December 2nd at 6pm.

Save Our Streams Water Testing



The 2024 [Save Our Streams](#) (SOS) season continues with chemical water testing conducted at Ballenger Creek, Saturday October 26 and Bush Creek on the [Gambrills Mill section of Monocacy Battlefield](#) Monday, October 28th. SOS team members Chris Barrett, Artemis Vendemmia, and Robert Vendemmia conducted the tests at Bush Creek.

The following data was reported for Bush Creek:

Dissolved Oxygen = 12 and at 9degC converts to 100% saturation
Ph = 7
Chloride = 1.8 Quantab Units or 41 (mg/L) Good Range
Nitrate = 1.5
Phosphate = 0
Temperature = 9 degC

All readings are in the "Excellent" range except Chloride at 41 which is "Good".

SOS team members Steve Meyer and George Klarmann conducted the tests at Ballenger Creek. The following data was reported for Ballenger Creek:

ph=7
nitrate=4
phosphate=.05
nitrate=1

Chloride and Nitrate were "Good". The rest are "Excellent". There was no oxygen or oxygen saturation results due to a malfunctioning thermometer.

Our Frederick #1 Chapter Save Our Streams program now has two separate teams monitoring streams monthly on Saturdays and Mondays. If interested in participating, contact Stephen Meyer at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com. Conservation credit is given for working on either team.

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 November 16, Ballenger Creek
- 10AM Monday December 2, Bush 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.



Each year, our roads are salted during the winter leading to saltier and saltier waterways due to runoff. That in turn can lead to detrimental effects to our environment, infrastructure, and drinking water! The Izaak Walton League needs your help measuring the impact road salt is having on our creeks and streams. You can be ready for Salt Watch by pre-ordering your [free test kit](#)

from the IWLA website. Instructions for testing and data reporting are included in the kit.

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. Our next meeting is Monday November 4, 2024, at 6pm. Next month, our meeting will be Monday December 2, at 6pm.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Our Club Holiday Party scheduled for Tuesday 12/10 is quickly approaching. The Social Committee will meet on Tuesday 11/12 at 5:30pm to plan for the event. We want to make this a successful party and would love to have your input. If possible, please attend our meeting on 11/12 to give your input and ideas. Dave Carlson

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 November thru December:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
Saturday, November 2, 2024	7:30:00 AM	Finish	Internet Field Day	
Saturday, December 21, 2024	7:30 AM	Finish	RSO	\$175.00
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@frederickiwa.org

Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group Muzzleloader Practice October 13 and 27, 2024







Northern Lights in Frederick Maryland, Oct 10th, 2024

Photos of the Aurora Borealis taken by Conservation Committee member George Klarmann October 10th in the Clover Hill area of Frederick.





CLASSIFIEDS / WANT ADS / NEEDS AT THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwla.org

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@frederickiwla.org.

Get Your Chapter T-Shirt



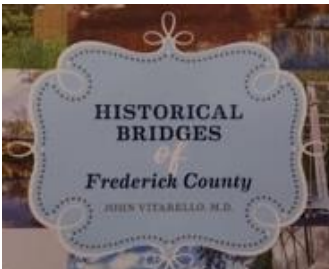
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

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@frederickiwla.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.