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Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter

Spring 2018

A Message From Your Chapter President



"We are fast approaching the 2018 IWLA National Convention to be held here July 17 through July 20, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality Hotel & Conference Center in Fredericksburg, VA. As most of you know the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter is hosting the convention.

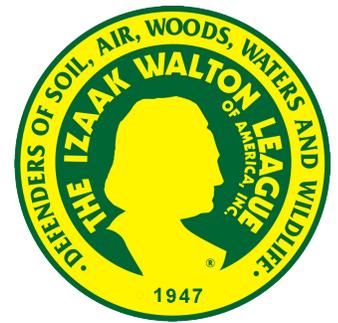
There are many opportunities for anyone who needs services hours to get them during the next three months, working on the grounds, painting the Chapter house inside and out and many other chores to make our Chapter a showcase when we host Chapter night on July 19. However, you do not

have to have a need to acquire services hours to come out and help with these activities. All members are welcomed and encouraged to help. It is a great honor to host our National Convention and what better way to experience the excitement of it by doing your part in making sure it is successful.

Please be sure to check our Chapter website and calendar regularly for additionally assigned workdays over and above the Saturday workdays normally scheduled for May, June and July and Chapter ground closures during the grounds work and preparation events. There will be times when it will necessary to make last minute decisions on closures, but we will make every effort to provide advance notice.

I want to thank all of our members who have stepped forward and volunteered to help with the Convention."

Herbert Pritchett - President



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To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it.

Current Membership

as of

April 5, 2018

is

808

Registered Members



THE ONLY THING CONSISTENT IS CHANGE...

Please check the website for the most up-to-date information

www.iwlafred-rapp.org

TICKS! Pesky Ticks!

TICKS! It's safe to say that almost no one likes these small, biting, parasitic insects. As we enter the warmer months, we also enter tick season. Ticks not only feed on the blood of their hosts, they also can transmit diseases. Lyme disease is a chronic illness that can cause joint and muscle pain, lethargy, and a reduced quality of life. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a flu-like disease that can potentially be fatal. Central Virginia is the epicenter for Alpha-Gal syndrome, a disease that inhibits the body's ability to digest meat making those infected allergic to all mammalian meat (beef, pork, venison, and others).

Please be safe this season. Ticks generally encounter their hosts on lower extremities or via contact with low vegetation but can drop onto potential hosts from overhanging vegetation as well. Long pants and long sleeves are a deterrent, but the best defenses against ticks are repellants such as DEET and Picardin, and insecticides such as permethrin. Please use caution when using these chemicals, use them in accordance with recommended applications, and use responsibly.



After each adventure outside, check yourself and especially children for ticks. If found, remove carefully and completely. While most tick-borne diseases need the tick to remain attached to the host for 24-48 hours, others take less time. The best defense is to keep the ticks from biting in the first place, and then to remove them as quickly as possible when exposure does occur.

Tick Removal - Grasp the tick firmly with the tweezers as close to the skin as possible without crushing the tick. Apply gentle pulling motion upward until the tick comes free. Twisting or turning the tick does not make removal easier because the mouthparts are barbed; in fact, such actions may break off the head and mouthparts, thereby increasing the chances for infection.

IWLA Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter

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Please be advised, there is an additional 2% surcharge



NEWSLETTER CONTENT

If you have corrections or information regarding your committee, group or event relating to The Izaak Walton League Of America, and would like that information included in the next newsletter, please write a brief summary about the event and email it to Rod Jacobson at rodjacobson@me.com

If you are interested in helping with the Newsletter please contact Rod Jacobson at 540-412-5812

Check the website calendar for current events and changes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APIARY

REC Members Round Up, Provide the Power of Change to a Local Apiary

(Article reprinted from the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) newsletter)

What do our residential electricity bills and beekeeping have in common?

The Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc recently received \$3000 from The Power of Change program to continue its program for providing pollinator's (bees) in the region near its Spotsylvania property on Herndon Road.

The Power of Change receives its funding from the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) members who volunteer to have their electric bill rounded up to the next highest whole dollar. If the REC provides your power, REC asks that you consider supporting The Power of Change to help others in need. Once enrolled, the extra change from your electric bill will be dedicated to charitable causes. Members can sign up by visiting REC's website (<http://www.thepowerofchange.org>) or by calling 800-552-3904 for more information. The average member contribution is approximately \$6.00 per year and is tax deductible. An annual statement of your charitable contribution will be mailed to you.



For 10 years, the nation's beekeepers have had a concern about the declining health of the native honey bee population in our country. The local chapter of the Izaak Walton League acted in 2014 to establish an apiary on its property to help reverse the effects of the declining population of bees. Using an original grant from the National Izaak Walton League headquarters, the apiary was built, populated, and now flourishes within the Chapter's 123-acre property, that lies between the edges of the Civil War Chancellorsville and Wilderness battlefields.

The Chapter's volunteer Beeks (as beekeepers call themselves) look forward to expanding the local apiary in 2018. Although the early months of 2018 saw some unusually cold weather, which can cause damage to the hives, the Chapter's volunteers are cautiously hopeful for this season. As soon as the region experiences some warmer, spring-like temperatures, the bees will begin pollinating local flora including a bee garden planted on the property as well as some apple trees that accent the front property line. The bees, now occupying 11 active hives, will forage far and wide, beyond the confines of the Chapter, to pollinate plants and trees in the western region of Spotsylvania County.



The Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is extremely appreciative of its selection as a recipient of a grant from the REC's Power of Change® and is also proud of its efforts in reversing the effects of the decade-long decline of the bee population and pursuing the League's goals which are grounded in conservation of our natural resources. The grant is key to providing additional pollinators within the Spotsylvania region. As the Chapter's lead Beek has recently said, "One of the hard lessons of beekeeping is that even if you've done everything you should: fed, medicated, split and provided more room for the hives, nothing is certain." The grant will reduce the risk inherent in managing the apiary and enable a positive change for the community.

HUNTER SAFETY

We are preparing a Hunter Education Course to be held later this year. There are plans being discussed to expand this course to include a live-fire component on the rimfire range, as well as possibly an International Bowhunter Education Program course and a treestand safety course. Paul Rauh, chapter member, completed the Hunter Education Instructor training at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in March.

We now have two certified instructors within the Chapter. Courses generally require four to five certified instructors facilitating, so additional instructors would be of benefit. For further information on how to become an instructor, or questions about upcoming courses, please contact Sean Clarkson at sean.clarkson@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP

We had another successful membership renewal year. For the second year in a row, we had a 96% renewal rate, for which the Committee thanks you very much for your support of the IWLA, and the Fred-Rapp Chapter.

As an aside, this is the second year of renewals using our “All-in-One” card meaning that after the receipt of the snail mail with renewal fees, the extension of membership is automatic and happens when the dues payment is processed. In other words, only one mailing per year.

Indicators of successful renewal include the processing of a renewal payment (cancelled check in your bank account), an unimpeded ability to access the Chapter grounds, and an uninterrupted receipt of Chapter e-mails. Renewals made earlier in the cycle, and prior to the end of December, make the operation so much easier on the volunteers that process the payments, and members can relax knowing that their membership is uninterrupted, and they have no late payment fees to make.”

Tips for Parents

Unstructured outdoor play – from a game of hide-and-seek to watching the clouds – helps kids find nature on their own terms. It also helps them appreciate that the “outdoors” isn’t a far-away place – it’s in their backyards, a neighborhood park, or a little creek down the road. Even more important, it shows kids that nature can be FUN!



Structured activities, in which you are leading the way, can have benefits too. Just be sure to build a sense of accomplishment into the experience. For example, teaching a child how to identify a flower or tree based on shapes or number of leaves can make the outdoors feel more familiar and a little intimidating. Not sure how to ID plants

yourself? There’s an app for that! (As well as plenty of great guidebooks.) Check out:

- [Leafpoint](#) (free for iPhone and iPad): Identifies trees based on a photograph of the leaves.
- [LikeThat Garden](#) (free for iPhone): Identifies flowers based on a photograph.

**COME TO THE CHAPTER
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
ALL MEMBERS INVITED**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

9:30 - 11:30 am



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING



EMAIL : IWLAFREDRAPP@GMAIL.COM
or CALL PAT AUBERT 540-895-7059

RANGE REPORT

While using the range, members must wear their IWLA ID so it is visible to a range safety officer (RSO) from a reasonable distance. This helps the RSO more easily identify authorized users without the need to interrupt your range usage. The color of your ID was chosen to be able to see that is a shooter's badge and different from the several other variations used.

Please review the Range Rules and Guest Policy on the website at:

http://iwlafred-rapp.org/documents/20170502_IZAAK_WALTON_LEAGUE_OF_AMERICA_Range_Rules.pdf

RANGE HOURS

(Mar 11 thru Oct 3, 2018)

Mon-Sat 0800 - 1900

Sunday 1200 - 1900

(Starting Oct 4, 2018)

Mon-Sat 0800 - 1600

Sunday 1200 - 1600

Tumultuous spring weather at the Chapter

- Jim Lloyd

In early March, the Chapter grounds suffered some tree damage from the incessant high winds that blew through the area. In fact, the March 3 workday had to be abandoned due to lack of electrical power.

Although no electrical lines on the property were damaged, two tall pine trees came to rest on the power lines coursing through the property. After the emergency crew removed the trees, power was eventually

restored to the property. But the mess of

downed trees remained in various locations around the site. Most of the visible tree damage was at the edge or in the right-of-way. See photos.



On April 7, we had another wintry day at the Chapter but an intrepid group of volunteers cut up and moved the downed trees and debris from the open areas of the property. The work party removed all the downed trees and reset the fence rails around the cemetery. Meanwhile, several members replaced the handrails on the handicap ramp and the adjoining stairs, a project long planned but delayed by cold and the power outage. Our group of volunteers, including Dan Erndle, Larry Gosnell, John Davison, Allen Payne, Ron Hopchak, Butch Morris, Greg Raines, Terry Fellingner and Jim Rector, completed the needed work in the midst of rain, frigid temperatures, and snow squalls.

REUSE
REPURPOSE
RECYCLE

Thanks to our April workday volunteers!

NEW MEMBERS

January 2018



Arnel Armendral (Family), David Erndle (Regular), Chelsea Klatter (Family) and John Davison (Regular) (absent for photos was Marisha Lecea (Family))

February 2018

Randall (Neal) Lauderman
(photo not available)

March 2018



Larry Gosnell, Allen Payne & Jason Thompson



Safety Bulletins

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY

SIG SAUER - P320 Pistols

There have been allegations that a Sig Sauer P320 can fire if dropped at a certain angle.

SIG SAUER is offering a voluntary program for P320 pistols. This will include an alternate design that reduces the physical weight of the trigger, sear, and striker while additionally adding a mechanical disconnecter.

All P320 pistol owners are eligible. Sign up online and get your P320 upgraded at no cost to you.

Your P320 serial number can be found by looking on the right side of the pistol grip. The serial number will be stamped into the receiver.



With some exceptions, most U.S. Domestic Consumer P320 serial numbers begin with "58A", "58B", or "58C", followed by six numbers.

For more information, go to the link below

<https://www.sigsauer.com/support/p320-voluntary-upgrade/us-consumer-p320-voluntary-upgrade-program/>

Spring has Arrived ... really!? Terry Fellingner

The buildings at IWLA have weathered the winter in good condition. The new swing set that was erected seems to be working well and withstanding the rigors of young ones climbing all over it. Even the repaired port-a-potty door is still intact after the recent wind events. Let's hope it lasts, the door not the wind! The hinge was completely replaced as an earlier wind event shredded it.

As we prepare for the spring if you see anything around the IWLA grounds or buildings that needs some TLC please don't hesitate to bring it up to one of the Board Members or Officers, so we can address the situation. Feel free to mention it at a membership meeting or an email to one of the individuals listed in this Newsletter would be fine.



I plan to use the composite handrail material for the top rail of the ramp leading into the club house this coming workday in April if the weather allows. Once the weather has cooperated we may start a few other projects that I will keep you updated on as I will be looking for volunteers, to help and enjoy a day at the Chapter with fellow IKES!

COME ON 75 degrees!

NEW CHAPTER VAN

Thanks to the efforts of one of our members, we have a vehicle that we can use for chores around the Chapter, and to support our activities off-site.

The Chevrolet E3500 van looks and runs like new and was donated to the Chapter by Dominion Electric.

The decals were added so that we can be visible in our community and project our image of Conservation and community service.

The van will become very useful in July when we need to transport cargo to the site of the National Convention we are hosting in Fredericksburg.



OBITUARIES



- **Capt. Darrell A. Ferrell**, 89, of Stafford County passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2018



- **Nancy D. Buhite**, wife of Ron Buhite, 73, of Fredericksburg passed Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- **Carl Frederick Rice**, 58, of Spotsylvania County passed away Thursday, March 1, 2018
- **John (Jack) Leo Keaveny**, of Unionville, Va was reunited with his wife of 70 years, Eleanor, on March 5, 2018

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