

# THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter

## Welcome 2018

### A Message From Your Chapter President



Hope everyone had a great Holiday, going into the new year we have many things to accomplish and working together we can. As always, we need more members to volunteer and participate in all our endeavors. Plan on being an active participant in all the activities we present as an environmental stewardship organization.

The first meeting of the year for our role in hosting the convention will be January 30th, I encourage everyone that has signed up to participate and anyone else that hasn't and may be interested to attend and get involved. We need many more members than we have at present. If you have any

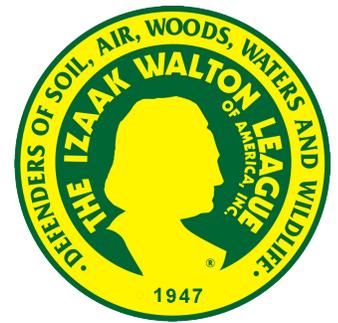
questions on this, please feel free to contact me. The convention dates are the week of July 17- 20, 2018.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities to help your Chapter; we always need help on workdays and what better way to meet your fellow members and help make the property look even better. We always have a good time, good food and fellowship. The Dog Mart is another way to give your time to help the Chapter. Darrell Schultz our Chairman in this annual and historical event needs and welcomes all help. If interested, please contact him. The event is always held the last Saturday of September. There are other events in the planning stages and should be announced soon.

Remember when there are any activities occurring on the grounds be extra careful while driving through.

Happy New Year to all fellow Ikes

Herbert Pritchett - President



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**Celebrating  
71 years  
1947-2018**

*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 renewals are at approximately 85% as of January 1, 2018**

**Don't become a dropout!**

**Renew your membership today!**



*THE ONLY THING CONSISTENT IS CHANGE...*

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

*[www.iwlafred-rapp.org](http://www.iwlafred-rapp.org)*

## IWLA CONSERVATION PLANNING

Great News for the New Year! The Board approved some additional resources for our conservation efforts! It's looking like 2018 will give us the opportunity to organize and participate in some exciting new conservation related endeavors - we just have to figure out what those are! On January 11th, at 6:30 pm, at the Clubhouse, it looks like we'll have a chance to gather your thoughts on some projects and sustainability efforts you would enjoy participating in the coming year. If you're all interested in how IWLA can promote conservation, and the wise use of our natural resources, I urge you to join us for our 1st conservation committee meeting in some time. Please come prepared to tell us what things you might enjoy doing as an IWLA group - maybe increase our recycling awareness, through educational sessions like learning composting techniques or even setting up a compost demonstration site, or how solar and other renewable energies can be leveraged to sustain our homes and businesses. It looks like we're going to have the ability to bring in various experts and guest speakers that can introduce us to a wider range of topics, and perhaps for good measure, we can plan out some fun, exciting conservation road trips - visits to U.S. Fish and Wildlife training facilities in WV, or

### Planning Meeting January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

small day hikes in the mountains to our west.

And if you're unfamiliar with our current conservation efforts, things like bee keeping, road clean-up, and our previous tree plantings, this would be a great time to come out and learn more, and consider participating in those activities as well. One of the main things we have to get organized is our Save our Streams and Creek Freak efforts that were kicked off last fall. We're at a point with both SOS and Creek Freaks, where we need to pick our stream monitoring sites, and get a few more volunteers to come out and join the certified stream monitors in our SOS efforts - this is a National priority for IWLA, and one that we hope you can help us with. I hope you're excited as me for what the New Year can hold for us and IWLA Conservation efforts, and that you'll make it a priority to help us get these efforts organized, and ultimately join us in learning more about our natural world!

IWLA Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter

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### 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](mailto:rodjacobson@me.com)

If anyone is 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

## 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](http://iwlafred-rapp.org/documents/20170502_IZAAK_WALTON_LEAGUE_OF_AMERICA_Range_Rules.pdf)

### RANGE HOURS

(Now thru Mar 10, 2018)

Mon-Sat 0800 - 1600

Sunday 1200 - 1600

(Starting Mar 11, 2018)

Mon-Sat 0800 - 1900

Sunday 1200 - 1900

## APIARY

This is a summary of the IWL Apiary's 2017 year. Overall, it was a good year: the number of volunteers working the hives grew: some of the original Beeks moved on while new members increased the group to 8 at one time. At its height, the Apiary contained 18 hives. Honey was harvested from three, 2-year old hives (we never harvest from new hives as the honey contained in them is from sugar syrup we've provided), and the Apiary ended the year with a total of ten hives going into the 2017-18 winter. We lost hives for a number of reasons: poor Queens, multiple swarms that left, small hives which couldn't overcome pests and just plain poor bee husbandry.



However, assuming the ten make it through the 2017-18 winter, there could be as much as three times the honey harvested last summer. However, potential loss of hives due to the prolonged period of freezing temperatures and the hives will be visually inspected from the outside until the temperature exceeds 60 degrees.

Our fingers are crossed. Among the new hives were 6 splits (hives created from existing hives) and, thanks to some sharp-eyed members of the ILW, 3 new hives from captured swarms.

The first inspection of the new, 2017 year, was a middle-of-the-week inspection that took advantage of the warm sunny weather: it was 72 inside the apiary! Six hives made it through to January. The next visit was on February 12 (66-degrees) and many bees with pollen/nectar were observed. The last inspection was in early December with 11 hives fed and secured for the 2017-18 winter.

IWL Beeks added new internal work and storage areas from donated material and two Eagle Scout projects provided an outside, covered work-area along with two new swarm and nuclear hives (nucs) each. The swarm boxes will be placed in trees near the apiary with the aim of collecting some of the expected swarms in the Spring. The nucs will be used to temporarily house the caught swarms.

Early 2018 has been uncommonly cold and prolonged so some loss of hives will likely result. Although the hives will not be opened to view the clusters until the weather permits, a visit on January 9, 2018 was encouraging as many bees were sighted outside hives (likely to relieve themselves) and pressing an ear to hives clearly revealed buzzing bees in nearly all hives. The temperature that day reached 50 degrees.

One of the hard lessons of beekeeping is that even if you've done everything you should: feed, medicate, split and provide more room for the hives, Nature rules and nothing is certain.

## HUNTER SAFETY

A VDGIF Hunter Education course was held at the Clubhouse on October 15, 2017. Eighteen students sought and received their certification through the course as well as several parents and grandparents who stayed through the course to receive a refresher on safety. There are two Hunter Education courses with the potential for integrated live-fire range instruction under consideration and development for 2018, as well as a potential International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) course and a Tree Stand Safety Course. Details on those to follow in the coming months



## MEMBERSHIP

In October, our highly skilled Membership Committee met at the Chapterhouse and spent the morning busily stuffing 600+ envelopes for the 2018 membership drive.

The Committee continued its efforts from October through the end of the year; putting in close to 300 volunteer hours in membership renewal processing activities.

## Eagle Scout Project

In November, Boy Scout Adam Johnson, along with members of his Troop, completed his Eagle Scout Project—that of constructing a pavilion for the Chapter Shotgun Range.

This is a welcome addition! Now members can truly enjoy the Range—especially in the summer—they can now wait their turn to shoot in the shade; and sit down and relax between shooting rotations.



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In the early fall, Nona Rector, our Family Activities Coordinator proposed to the Chapter Board the entry of a float in the annual Fredericksburg Christmas Parade. The Board, with little deliberation, eagerly allocated the requisite funding for the entry fee and for materials to design a theme for a float and obtain entry as part of the parade. Nona and her daughter, Kelly, attended some planning meetings with the management committee for the parade to learn the requirements and to obtain a slot for our float in

the parade. A week before the event we had a few days at the Chapter where concepts were communicated to the float work crew and the components were created and made ready for assembly by a small group of crafty creators.



Ian Littlejohn, a new member helped us secure the loan of a flatbed construction trailer we were ready for the assembly of the float which was done by the marching crew in the parking lot on the south side of the Fredericksburg Rail Station on Lafayette Street. We arrived at the lot at our appointed time mid-afternoon on December 2 and assembled the float from the individual parts we had prepared the week before. Our float's theme was a mix between environmental and Chapter symbolism with a live, decorated pine tree, some birds and bees, a small pond with a jumping bass, a fire pit, a bee hive, and a cradle with a young Izaak in swaddling clothes. At least 90% of the materials used in assembling the float decorations were recyclable.



We were in the last division of the lengthy parade and stepped off promptly at our appointed time. We were directly in front of the large County band and the final float conveying Old Saint Nick. Although several of our members had participated in the parade before, some of us had not. I had not marched in a parade for the last 50 years; not since I was in my high school band in a small home town in northern New York. I was not prepared for the Fredericksburg parade. Besides the long parade route through the main part of town and return, there were throngs of people lining each side of the street in some places 5- 8 rows deep.

Young and old and all bundled in warm clothing and sitting in folding furniture. It was a perfect night with clear skies, a full moon and not cold at all. The band marching behind us was excellent and their cadence allowed us to march smartly.

In less than an hour we returned to our starting point, partially tore the float apart and returned the trailer to the Chapter property where we further tore it down. The parade was in the history books for us and although we won no special mention we did some public advertising for our Chapter and the 2018 Dog Mart.

We all left the day's event a little weary but quite satisfied and wondering how we can make a better showing in the 2018 Fredericksburg Christmas parade and entice more members to be involved.



# NEW MEMBERS

## October 2017



Carter Cline



Richard Genaille



Robert Simpson

## November 2017



James Donaldson, along with Ian and Janet Littlejohns

## December 2017

No new members



# Safety Bulletins

**IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY,  
THESE PRODUCTS ARE BEING  
RECALLED.**

## RUGER SR9 PISTOL

We have determined that some Ruger® SR9® pistols manufactured between October 2007 and April 2008 could, under certain conditions, fire if dropped with their manual safeties in the "off" or "fire" position. The pistols will not fire if the manual safety is in the "on" or "safe" position.

### How to determine if your pistol needs the retrofit:

It is easy to determine if your pistol has been retrofitted by simply looking at it. Although both the old and new trigger group have a two-stage trigger, the original design had an inner "shoe" that was not visible and, therefore, appeared to be a single trigger (See Figure 1). The new trigger design incorporates a visible inner trigger of a blade design (See Figure 2).

If you own an SR9® Pistol bearing a serial number below 30000 (that is, 330-29999 or less) that has not been retrofitted, please contact us immediately to arrange return of the pistol.

Go to the following link for more info:

<https://ruger.com/SR9Recall/index.html>



Figure 1 - Old trigger group



Figure 2 - New trigger group

## A Message From Outgoing President



Greetings Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter Ikes!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and will have a great and successful New Year! It has been my honor and pleasure serving as Chapter President for the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter since September, 2006.

First, being Vice President the previous year, developing basic and successful communications, then moving to Chapter President, with the highest membership to date and outstanding improvements through 2017. Time has brought us looking to a second National Convention, and a much stronger Chapter in the Virginia Division and IWLA National.

I have had the honor to visit Izaak Walton's English cottage near Winfield's Castle in Suffolk, England. I served as a Roundtable President seeking new members and encouraging project volunteers; led financial support efforts for outstanding venues. I serve as Chapter Historian, a Civil War historian, and a liaison for conservation.

Much has changed and improved at our Chapter. We have proven to be a stronger conservation organization, with an established facility and more member amenities. We're more active in outreach, community service, and the overall improvement of our environmental abilities and contributions, as the League's pledge states.

It's with great pride that I thank my sponsored members, and all members, for your volunteering and continued efforts and participation supporting the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter of the IWLA.

Remember—"Members make Chapters!"

In Conservation,  
Greg Raines

## New Board Members for 2017-18



Left to right: Barbara Pritchett, Secretary; Herbert Pritchett, President, Larry "Sandy" Stanford, Membership Director; Ralph Kinch, Treasurer; Joe Webb, Vice President; Darrell Schultz, Director; and Jim Rector, Director. On the far right is Steve Kotowski who served as Parliamentarian. Absent from the photo was Terry Fellingner, Director.

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None to report

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