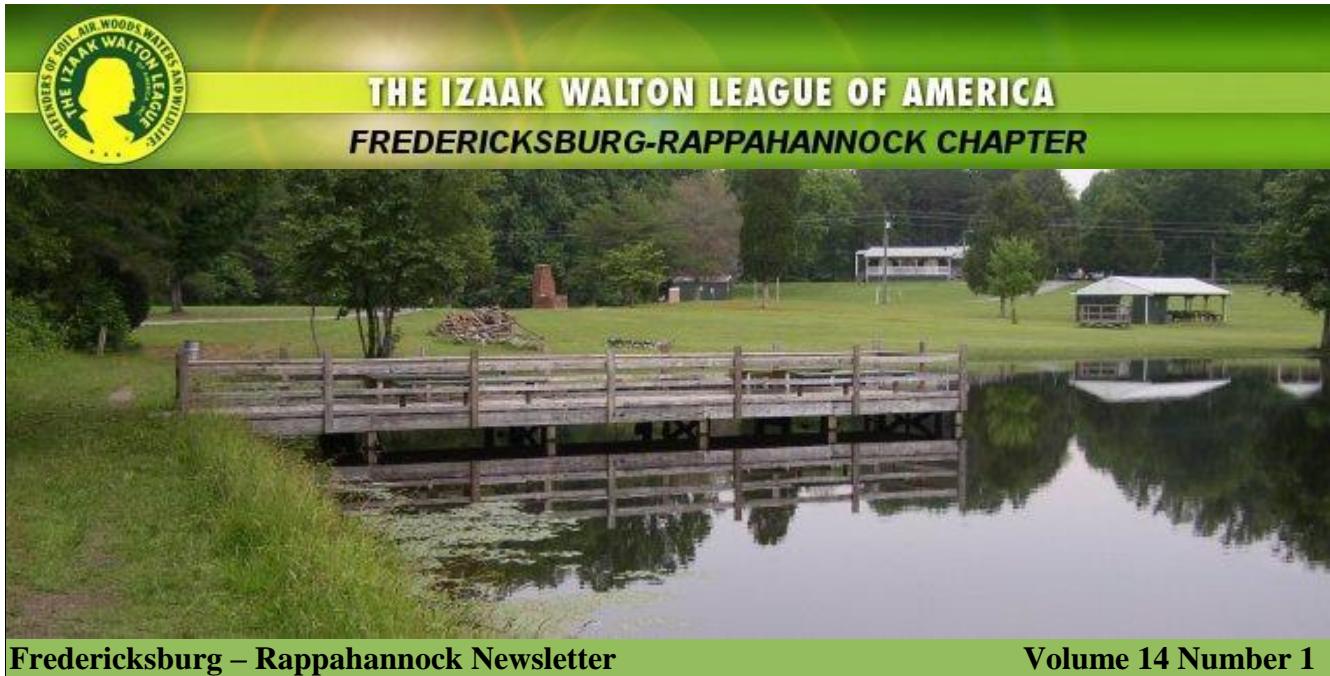


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Fredericksburg – Rappahannock Newsletter

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Do you believe it's 2014 already?

*This year promises to be an exciting and busy year for the IWLA.
Membership involvement is at an all time high, and so many are coming
up with and spearheading ideas to make this one of the best years ever!*

Note: Photo badges will be required of all shooters effective 1 April 2014.

*Check the chapter calendar for dates upon which we will be issuing
them.*

In this issue of the Waltonian you'll find:

- **2013 Year in Review**

Our President, Greg Raines, and our Vice President and National Director, Herbert Pritchett, reflects on 2013 and looks forward to 2014

- **Something's Missing**

What's different about this newsletter?

- **From our Membership Committee**

Everyone needs to read this.

- **Grass will be growing, and we need to get mowing**

A word from our Grounds Committee Chairman

- **Meet the lady behind the wreath party**

Our secretary and unofficial youth activities chair

- **Conservation**

It's what we are all about

- **Updates from the range committee**

Pew, pew, pew

- **Updates from the pond committee**

If it looks like a duck, and swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it must be....

- **Fredericksburg Rappahannock Ike lady Shooters**

Stay tuned for more information

- **Meet our Chapter's Principals**

Know your Officers, Directors, and Chairs

A Year to Remember:

Thoughts of the past from your Vice President / National Director

Just look around and think back a year ago at what the grounds and clubhouse looked like, what a difference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped this past year with the many projects that have taken place. Without your support and help none of this could have happened. To the faithful gang that shows up each week to cut the grass and maintain the grounds, to the many that helped get the grounds ready for the 2013 Convention which, by the way, is still getting praises for Chapter night.

A number of other projects have taken place as well: rebuilding the Berms on all the Ranges; additions to the shooting shelters - concrete floors (added thanks to a donation from one of our members); an aeration system in the pond to make sure it stays healthy for the fish; the rebuilding of the spillway runoff area and new piping, as well as new runoff areas and piping under the road behind the dam (Thanks to a Grant from National); rebuilding the pier with composite boards that were donated. We now have lights on our flag poles to honor Country and State twenty four seven.

A BIG THANKS to all who helped with the Convention - what a job well done, and there is no way that I can thank you enough for all the work that was done to make it one of the best ever. It was unbelievable the praises and complements we received during and after the Convention. When I went to the State ILWA meeting in September all there encouraged us to host the 2017 Convention, and up to the time I left people were coming up talking about the great time they had here. What an outstanding Chapter Night! Many thanks for that group of dedicated members. To those who spent a week painting and making the clubhouse

look like new, and what can I say about the Early Bird Group, the many hours collecting items to make it the best run and biggest auction anyone can remember. A very smooth and well run registration that had National looking at how it was done. To those who made the Youth Convention one that will be remembered for years to come. The states that are to host the upcoming Conventions leaving wondering how in the world are they going to come close to what we had done or come close to it. Look back and take pride in what we accomplished and how well we can work together for the Chapter.

Many thanks to the Ranges Officers who have this past year put in countless hours watching over the Ranges keeping them safe for all. When they approach you to ask questions, remember they are doing it for the best interest of the Chapter.

And finally to all our long time members, they are the ones that have brought the Chapter through rough times to what we have today.

Again thanks to all for your help and support to the Fred/Rapp Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

A big thank you to my wife Barbara who put up with me spending so much time this past year on club business and understating why, by the way, she is a member also.

Herbert

From the President,

A Happy New Year to All !

We have had a Very Busy and Exciting 2013. There are not enough Thanks I can give or say about ALL who have contributed to the success of such a Great Year !

Some said that it couldn't be done but, with a LOT of

hard work and Trust in our volunteers, Our efforts have truly made the difference for Our Chapter.

From all our improvement projects sprucing up and leading thru and after the Convention, a Major "Amen" is in store to all who have helped! From each Team Leader to all the Team volunteers, your Efforts deserve a pat on the back for a Job Well Done !

At the convention banquet, Our National President, Bob Chapman, said that The Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter was the most important Chapter in the room ! A standing ovation was given to Honor the chapter and a wonderful complement that was.

From our supportive chapter members to a Crew of Outstanding Volunteers, doing Outstanding Work. Results being a Stellar Early Bird Auction, an Awesome Best Chapter Nite in over 20 years, a successful Youth and National Convention, and then winning the Erosion Grant speaks for it all. Team Work !

To finish out 2013 having achieved long needed Improvements to the chapter pond, dam, ranges, berms, dock and safety Erosion concerns with New and improved membership programs, New Conservation Goals & Community Projects, and having Outstanding Leadership and Volunteers, have proven the Best Chapter Year since the chapter remodeled in the 90's.

A BIG THANK YOU from this President for all your individual support and Great Team Efforts for a Job Well Done for the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter !

Our Chapter has come out as one of the Outstanding Chapters in the League.

The efforts of Conservation, Community Outreach, Environmental Education and "**Conserving for**

Today's Tomorrows", has never before been as important as it is today.

The awards recognition to our chapter, that we brought home from the past conventions, prove we are making a difference.

As we go into 2014, some exciting New opportunities for Conservation Projects, Community Service, Fundraising and Membership Family Activity Programs are planned.

Up coming events are our Wild Game Dinner, a Wine Festival, Earth Day Planting Trees, Earth Day Old Mill Park, Earth Day Ft. A.P. Hill, Family Activities such as Our Annual Chapter Picnic, Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Motts Run Fishing Rodeo & Food Fundraiser, Hunter Safety & concealed Carry Classes (dates TBA), Facility Weddings, Scout & Family Camping, a Chapter Community Yard Sale, Water Sampling, Our Famous and Wonderful Family Dog Mart and Lots More !

The Chapter " Frils ", or Our Lady Ikes, will be active along with Our much improved

Range areas will be there as usual for Our Member Shooters this year.

Our Board wants our nearly 1,000 Members to be a part of a fun filled experience for the whole family.

Enjoying our Grounds and having an outdoor experience of beauty and a sharing of nature at the chapter is Our goal.

Watch your Email Reminders and Check Our Website Membership Calendar often to keep up with a much more active monthly schedule for Our Chapter.

More for Conservation, Community and Member Activities.

Our Board and Dedicated Volunteer Members Work hard to have a Beautiful Chapter and a better place to enjoy Nature and our Chapter Facilities and Grounds.

Always remember, New ideas are welcome.

You never know what might work for Our chapter.

From this President,

I want to Thank ALL Board Members,
Committee Team Leaders, Members that Volunteer,
and those Supportive Members that help make Our
Chapter one of the Best in the Izaak Walton League of
America !

I cannot thank You enough for what you do for the
Chapter ! !

Respectively,

Greg Raines

Chapter President

What's Missing Here?

If the look and feel of this edition of the newsletter seems a little different, you're right.

As with all organizations run by volunteers, we all do what we can, where we can, when we can. Some have more time, some have less time. Some go the extra mile, and some above and beyond. And at some time, the reins of a position must pass to someone new.

After countless hours serving the Chapter by photographing events, meeting with committee chairs, correcting spelling and grammar, staying up late nights to assemble, edit, and publish arguably the most informative, entertaining newsletter it has been our privilege to read, Mr. Ed Hlywa has passed his pen on to a new editor. I pray I can continue to provide some semblance of the newsletter we've all come to enjoy.

Thanks for all the work, Ed. I'll try to make you proud.

Drake

An important message from the Chairman of the Membership Committee

From the Membership Committee; at the end of 2013, we had 729 memberships and 986 members. Instituting the \$5.00 fee for lost membership cards had a great effect, and number of membership card losses dropped substantially. On a less than positive note, by the end of 2013, we had only 60% of memberships renewed for 2014. What this means is the late fees kicked in effective January 2, 2014.

Because of Chapter Dues not being paid on time, and the additional costs and man-hours of these late

payments to the Chapter, a new Dues Policy was approved by The Fred-Rapp Chapter Board on August 29, 2011.

Key items from the Dues Policy:

- As stated on the back of our Membership Cards, dues must be received no later than December 31st of each year.
- If due are not paid by December 31st, a late fee of \$10.00 per month will be added for up to three months until the dues are paid.

If your dues renewals arrive after January 1, 2014, you will receive an e-mail from me indicating you need to pay the additional \$10.00 late fee. This can be done one of two ways. You can mail me a check made out to IWLA. My address is below. Or, you can pay me when you show up to get your Shooter's Photo ID. I'm there with my laptop verifying that members have paid their dues and shooter's fee. Please take steps to pay your late fees as soon as possible.

Larry R. Stanford

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Another matter for the start of 2014 is Chapter Service Hours. As you know, all new members joining the Chapter after January 1, 2013 are required to put in 20 hours of Chapter Service within the first year of joining. Family memberships required that both husband and wife serve 20 hours each, or a combination to total 40 hours. If this was not met, there would be a \$150 fine for individual, and \$300 for family memberships. If the fine is not paid, the member or members' membership(s) would be terminated at the end of their first year. The Board of Directors (BoD) may, at their discretion, waive, or extend time, for undue circumstances.

To date, many of you have not made satisfactory progress toward meeting your Chapter Service Hour requirement. I stay in contact monthly with Jamie Branham on this, as he keeps track of the hours you've contributed. Please contact Jamie for your specific hours contributed. Otherwise, here are your options: Paying your fine, terminating your membership, or appearing before the BoD. For those of you who wish to terminate your membership, and you've paid your 2014 dues, you will forfeit your dues to the Chapter.

Larry (Sandy) Stanford,
Chairman, Membership Committee

Grounds Committee Update

I will be looking for people's help with the weed-eating, beginning in the spring (especially the bank). They can contact me on my cell at: (540) 220-0706.

I can meet volunteers during the week, to assist those wishing for other-than-Saturday opportunities to satisfy their work obligations. Just give me a call and let's work it out.

Jimmy Miles,
Chairman, Grounds Committee

A note on behalf of our busy secretary

As you all know, Pat Aubert stepped up to fill the empty secretary position in the Chapter. I wonder if she knew she was grabbing a tiger by the tail?

In addition to heavy workload of secretary, Pat is constantly finding time to contribute to the Chapter. Family oriented activities which include our children are a priority with her.

She recently organized a Christmas wreath making party for the children which was a tremendous success. My kids refuse to take theirs down!

It's only been a year and change?

And what good is an editor who doesn't provide some editorial?

So it was October, 2012 at a Cub Scout Campout at the IWLA, and I was sneaking away from sight of my scouts to have a smoke, when I came across some gentlemen about to declare war on a mower deck.

I offered to help, and when done, they asked how they could repay me. "Someone could sponsor me" I replied, and inducted I soon became.

Never in my life have I met such a great bunch of folks as the IWLA "regulars". They made me feel so welcome, it was a pleasure to get involved.

Lawnmower maintenance led to Range Safety Officer (though Jamie still hasn't given me my bullet to carry around in my pocket), which led to me being able to work on this newsletter.

It's great being involved in an organization where everyone is so appreciative of contributions, no matter how small.

I encourage you all to give it a try. Whatever you can do is enough, and it's always appreciated.

The 2014 Conservation program is off and running already – so get involved!

As with previous years, we have a busy and exciting schedule of conservation events. In addition to conserving the environment, beautifying the county and Chapter property, our conservation program provides a learning opportunity to scout groups, 4-H clubs, and other civic groups wanting to make a difference.

So what is in store for 2014?

Adopt A Highway



All Fredericksburg/Rappahannock Chapter Izaak Walton League members, we have a great program to assist us in promoting conservation of our land. Our Chapter has a two mile stretch of roadway on Orange Plank Road to support the Virginia effort to keep our highways free of trash. This piece of highway is our part of the State Adopt-A-Highway Program. Our stretch of road is identified by signs and begins at the intersection of Longstreet Drive and Orange Plank Road (Rt 621) and goes for two miles toward the Orange County line. The end of the two mile stretch is also identified by a standard Adopt-A-Highway sign. Our responsibility as part of the program is to organize a cleanup, as a minimum, four times a year. The VDOT will supply the bags, safety vests and notification signs for each cleanup effort. I will be the point of contact. This effort can be joined by other organizations as well. If the Boy Scouts or other groups would like to schedule a service project at a date and time of

their choosing, we can accommodate that as well. Conservation is important and this is just one way to provide a needed service to our community as well as taking care of our beautiful roadways.

The scheduled Adopt-A-Highway clean-up dates for 2014 are:

- April 5
- June 7
- August 9
- November 8

Safety and comfort details

1. All must wear a bright orange safety vest for visibility (vest are provided by VDOT and issued to the IWL POC).
2. The IWL POC must place the VDOT road pickup signs on the route prior to beginning the clean up.
3. We will clean just one side of the road at a time for safety purposes.
4. Orange bags will be provided to the POC for distribution.
5. When a bag is full, just tie it off and leave it on the side of the road.
6. Please stay a safe distance off the road to avoid traffic.
7. Wear appropriate personal clothing to protect you from the elements and the environment. - Recommend long sleeve shirt and long pants, hat, gloves, boots, bottle of water and an energy bar. Also bring a pick up stick for ease of lifting items.

We will always meet at the Izaak Walton League clubhouse at 0900 on the morning of the events and convoy as a group over to the location. Once in the parking site a quick safety brief is conducted and bags and vests are distributed. We usually work until about noon depending on the weather. We have a good time and get to meet other members of our chapter. I look forward to the next event. See you there! Thanks,



2014 Community Planting



Each Year in the March time frame the State Department of Forestry has provided trees to organizations such as ours to plant and beautify or regenerate areas in our nearby community. The date of the tree distribution is usually done on short notice (about a week's notice). We have planted trees on the Rappidan and Rappahannock Rivers in the past couple of years and hope to do the same again this year. Please keep some weekend space on your calendar for **approximately 21 March** to come out and help us make our slice of this earth a little better.

Gathering Acorns/Seeds



Save some time on your calendar to replenish our supply of native trees in Virginia. The Virginia Department of Forestry asks for our help the last week in September and October to pick up acorns and nuts from our Virginia trees. The Forest Service then uses these acorns to regenerate trees for planting in our community and on forest lands. These are the same trees we use each year to plant along our rivers. Please bring your boxes/bags of nuts to the October monthly meeting.

2014 Earth Day Tree and Shrub Planting



Member Earth Day Celebration/Planting - **Saturday, 19 April**. Let me know NLT March 15th if you and/or your family would like to plant a tree or shrub on the Izaak Walton grounds. I purchase plants based on the needs of our property and the number of people interested in planting and maintaining a plant on our Chapter property.

A new Apiary, it'll be the bee's knees!

Honey Bee Keeping Initiative, 2014

I want to introduce Jim Ashcraft to all of you. He is our Fred/Rapp Chapter lead in getting our Honey Bee Keeping efforts up and running. Jim and I attended the December Chapter Board meeting and Jim presented the Bee Keeping

plan. The Board liked the idea, the location and the plan. They unanimously accepted the proposal for keeping honey bees on our property.

Jim currently has three other members interested in taking an active role in our bee effort. We are always looking for more people to get involved. If anyone else would like to participate, please see me or Jim Ashcraft. It will be a fun educational program for our chapter. Jim's e-mail is: jashcraft@comcast.net

Conservation Quarterly Speaker Program



(1st QTR) Feb 6th Mr. Dick Barnett (Fly Fishing) Bring the kids!
(2nd QTR) April, May or June - TBD
(3rd QTR) July, August or September - TBD
(4th QTR) October November or December - TBD

If you have an idea regarding a group or an individual, please let me know and I will contact them to see if they may be interested in being a speaker at one of our monthly meetings.

Michael J. Sullivan
Conservation Chairman
Fred/Rapp Chapter
Izaak Walton League

Updates from the Range Committee

Improvements in process

Much has been done to improve the ranges in 2013, such as concrete, pavilions, and a skeet thrower. We're continuing into 2014 with improvements to the rifle range.

Your Range Safety Officers

We've trained a number of new range safety officers over the last year, enabling us to increase coverage at the ranges. As a result, we've not had a safety incident, and abuse of your ranges has been decreased dramatically.

Please remember, when your RSOs approach you, they are doing so for your own benefit, by ensuring your ranges are not being abused, or used by trespassers.

Shooters' photo badges

We're continuing to issue photo badges to all shooters. Please check the chapter calendar for schedules. All shooters should have a photo badge by 30 March 2014. **You will not be able to shoot come 1 April without a photo badge, so please check the [calendar](#) for the most up to date schedule for having a badge made.**

The Range Rules

Several changes were made in 2013, so please check the Chapter website to ensure you are in compliance. A hard copy of the range rules is available in a binder on the porch of the club house. Please review them if you have not seen them recently.

Jamie Branham
Range Safety Chairman
Fred/Rapp Chapter
Izaak Walton League

Updates from the pond committee

We have a new aeration system

The ducks you see out there are the markers for the pond's aeration system. Please don't touch them or try to pull them up as you are fishing. We're hoping our new aeration system yields a much healthier pond in 2014.

And on the subject of erosion..

You can all see we have added a fence around the dam, and seeded the bank. Due to all the recent rain, the ground is very soft in that area. Please steer clear – even foot traffic has a high impact right now.

can experience. (To be nice, you may want to assist with ammo cost.)

For FRILS who would like to bring a friend, neighbor or associate, there will be a \$20 fee, per meeting, for those who are not members of the Izaak Walton League. For members who would like to bring their daughters, we encourage it, but if they are 18 or over, they will be asked to pay the fee.

Stay tuned for more information on the FRILS' 2014 program.

Fredericksburg- Rappahannock Ike Lady



Shooters (FRILS)

In each get-together we try to learn new skills or improve the ones we have. We have people with all levels of experience: some are new to firearms and others are expert target shooting competitors. As FRILS, we strive to lift each other up, encourage each other, and hit our targets. Where I am weak, you may have a strength to share and vice versa. Please join us when you are available.

Remember, you do not have to have the specific firearm we are working with for each meeting. There's always someone willing to share, so you

Your National Directors

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For Further Info & Emails please see Our Chapter Website @ www.iwlafred-rapp.org

Our Website and Email reminder Messages contain all the current IWLA News and schedules of events.
Our General Membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Chapter's Clubhouse.

Workdays are on the following Saturdays starting at 8:30 am.

There are plenty of opportunities to help our cause and to bank your obligated service hours.



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