



Fredericksburg-Rappahannock VA Chapter Izaak Walton League

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Membership Family Picnic Day June 26th

9am till 3 pm.

**FREE for ALL MEMBERS AND
FAMILIES!**

**Each member bring a covered dish.
Enjoy games, good food, fishing,
demonstrations and just
GOOD IWLA FELLOWSHIP!**

SCA EVENT

The IWLA Park was closed on March 27th for a Canton of Sudentorre SCA Event called "Defending the Gate". The Canton of Sudentorre is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). The SCA is a non-profit, international, educational organization dedicated to the study and recreation of life in the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. They try to emulate these times as they should have been. Sudentorre is based in Virginia and comprises the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg. The Canton is a part of the Barony of Stierbach, in the Kingdom of Atlantia. Members of the Canton participate in a wide variety of activities, such as archery, fencing, combat, music, dance, glasswork and cooking. Our events include tournaments, competitions, performances, classes, feasts, activities for the children, and Court. Their website is <http://sudentorre.atlantia.sca.org/>

**" REMEMBER..... Get your NEW
Chapter IWLA Hats ,Tees ,and Hooded
Jackets for sale on Meeting Night !!! "**



GREG RAINES RECEIVING SPOTSWOOD AWARD

DOG MART VENUE STILL UNCLEAR

The Dog Mart committee is still working with the venue for the 2010 Dog Mart. They expect to have a decision made by the July Meeting. The option of having the Dog Mart in Downtown Fredericksburg at the new River Front Park is being discussed. There are still multiple issues that need to be worked out for that option to materialize. There are 4 months until October and many plans to be made for our Dog Mart to be a success.

In Memoriam: Mike Williams (1942-2010)

Mike Williams, National President of the Izaak Walton League of America, passed away in the early morning hours of March 2, 2010, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was champion to the very end, resolute in his passion to protect our wetlands, native prairies, and open spaces and in doing so echoed our mission statement "to strive for the purity of water."

He was a conservationist, a sportsman, a diplomat, a leader, and a friend. He impacted the life of everyone who knew him and made the world a better place to live. Recalling our days of hunting or fishing when he would have the bigger prize, he would often say, "It's good to be the king." And so, I salute you, my friend. You were the king in so very many ways.

-- Jim Madsen, IWLA Vice President

Conservation Corner

At our monthly meeting on the 6th of May 2010, we had an exceptional guest speaker. Delegate Mark Cole who represents the 88th District which includes Parts of Fauquier, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties was our guest speaker. Mark has represented the 88th District since 2002. Mark said the House session has now ended where many significant challenges were addressed as well as many still before us. Mark discussed the budget process and how the balanced budget process works in Virginia. It is apparent that the challenges over this upcoming year and beyond will be significant. He indicated he does not believe in raising taxes and fees in this economy to get the budget back on track and that is why he voted against the budget as proposed. He also talked to the group about the way the state manages the budget. His thoughts were very insightful. Mark also discussed the process of how gun legislation was passed and what significant changes to the laws are soon to be enacted. He went into significant detail regarding the concealed carry law. Mark also discussed his thoughts regarding his support for off shore drilling for energy resources. One of the questions from the group regarding Federal fees for fishing the Chesapeake was brought up and Mark explained how the fee came about and why it was passed. There were quite a few questions asked by the 43 members in attendance. Mark covered those topics and more. I want to thank Mark Cole on behalf of the Fredericksburg/Rappahannock Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for his candid remarks on the topics covered this evening.

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MANAHOC BOWMAN CORNER

Saturday, June 12, 3D SHOOT

Membership NOT required for participation in any organized shoot. Come out and shoot or simply stop by and see what we are doing.

The Manahoac Bowmen After School Archery Program Beginner Program runs from May 25-July 13. It will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. Contact Jerry Wenzel for information.

Some new signs and targets are now set up and ready for use on the "Practice Range". The practice range consists of the crossbow, Brodhead, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 yard targets. These targets are available for use by all Izaak Walton Chapter members, courtesy of the Bowmen. All other range and 3-D targets are for the exclusive use of Manahoac Bowmen members only.

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This is camping season at the IWLA Park - Let's Welcome our Boy Scout Visitors!



IWLA PRESIDENT – GREG RAINES HONORED

Three honored for their service

Three Spotsylvania residents win Governor Spotswood Award for their community service

[By DAN TELVOCK](#)

Spotsylvania County residents R. DuVal and Ann D. Dickinson and George G. Raines Jr. are the winners of the 2010 Governor Spotswood Award.

The award program started in 2004 to honor county residents for their community service.

The Dickinsons won a joint nomination because much of their service has been as a team, said county spokeswoman Kathy Smith.

The Dickinsons have been married since 1946 and own Dickinson Equipment Inc. Together, they have a long list of accomplishments. The duo delivered meals to needy and elderly residents for the Meals on Wheels program from the 1970s until 2008.

Ann Dickinson served as the treasurer of the county's chapter of Friends of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. DuVal Dickinson helped raise money to buy furniture and equipment for Salem Church Library.

Both served in different capacities with the Chamber of Commerce. They also served on numerous community and government boards and commissions.

Raines is president of the Izaak Walton League conservation organization and dedicated hours to preserving historic resources in the county, Smith said.

He has educated Boy Scout troops on the importance of protecting woodlands, water-ways, wetlands and wildlife habitats.

Raines led a team of volunteers who helped replace the roof of a local resident's home. Smith said he also works with the Children's Miracle Network to help local families get hospital care.

Raines was the ambassador for the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute program, a recently ended program that helped locate and honor Army veterans in Spotsylvania.

The county award is named after former Virginia Lt. Gov. Alexander Spotswood. In 1721, [Spotsylvania County](#) was formed and named after Spotswood.

Spotswood founded an ironworks called Iron Mines Co., Spotsylvania's first industry. Remnants of the mill still exist in the county.

A public reception for the winners will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 18 at the Marshall Center, 8800 Courthouse Road.

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