

Waltonian



THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
FREDERICKSBURG-RAPPAHANNOCK CHAPTER



Fredericksburg _ Rappahannock Newsletter

Volume 14 Number 12

*Spring is here and we're as busy as bees!
But first, there is an important opportunity from IWLA National you
won't want to miss.*

New Edition of Izaak Walton's "The Compleat Angler" in Book Stores April 1st

When the men who founded the Izaak Walton League met for the first time in 1922, they could have called their new organization almost anything. They were Midwestern sportsmen, journalists, salesmen, and even one preacher. For many of them, the lands and waters they knew and loved best were along the upper Mississippi River in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. Yet they did not choose a regional name or pick a name focused on a specific fish or water resource.

Instead, they named their new organization for Izaak Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler* – one of the most original and influential books about fishing, the environment, and conservation.

What sets *The Compleat Angler* apart from previous fishing books is Walton's insistence that there's so much more to being an angler than technical knowledge of bait and tackle. For Walton, fishing is at once an environmental, social, and spiritual experience.

On April 1, Oxford University Press released a new edition of *The Compleat Angler* – the first scholarly edition published in more than 25 years! Editor Marjorie Swann has added an introduction that highlights our organization and includes extensive notes that help put the book in today's context. Order your copy today and look for more news from the League on ways we can use this book to raise the profile of our organization.

In this issue of the Waltonian you'll find:

- ***2014 First Quarter review, and Second Quarter summary***
- ***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

- ***Conservation***
It's what we are all about

- ***Updates from the range committee***
Pew, pew, pew

- ***Upcoming special Events***
Easter Egg Hunt and Community Yardsale

- ***Meet our Chapter's Principals***
Know your Officers, Directors, and Chairs

From the President

Spring is here !

Finally, it is not cold or snowing in a consistent two week Ground Hog Day Mode, AMEN !

Its a Great Time to get those Chapter Hours & get to know the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter.

Our Chapter is Very Busy this year with a Lot of Conservation Projects & Community Outreach

Educational Displays. The Chapter Website Calendar has never been this booked with Great things to share and do for Public and Membership attendance.

With a Very Successful Wine Festival, " The Rites of Spring", in March, to Our Dog Mart in September, we look forward for a good and productive 2014.

CHECK IT OUT & BEE a Part !

Our First Chapter Bee Hive Project, a Film Festival, 4 Earth Days, A Pancake Breakfast - Chapter Earth Day Tree & Bush Planting - Easter Egg Hunt, Our Wild Game Meal & Family Activity Day,

Adopt a Highway Program, Motts Run Fishing Rodeo, Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony, our New Youth Marksmanship Program, Monthly Manahoac Bowmen Shoots, Range Use, Great Fishing, Scouts Camping and Member Weddings at the Chapter and so much more are for you to enjoy.

Volunteer Hard Work with Chapter Grounds and Facility Improvements make up to complement a more pleasant & energized Chapter of The Izaak Walton League.

Thank Everyone for your Wonderful Efforts & Volunteering to provide and enhance a more Beautiful, Fun and Enjoyable Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter.

Greg Raines

Chapter President

An important message from the Chairman of the Membership Committee

It's now Spring, and with April 1st comes the end of the 2014 membership renewal period. Now, what does that mean? It means that if you're reading this newsletter, and haven't paid your dues, you're no longer members; and, if you'd like to rejoin, you'll have to go through the entire new member process (initiation fee), and you are now subject to the

Chapter Service hour Requirement. Yes, I asked our Chapter Newsletter Editor to include you on this Newsletter to advise you of your status.

Having said that, we're also carefully tracking new member Chapter Service Hours. If you have any questions regarding your hours, I recommend you contact Jamie Branham, as he maintains the log of new member Service Hours. The weather is improving, and there are numerous opportunities to get your hours."

Larry R. Stanford

Chairman, Membership Committee

Grounds Committee Update

It has been a very harsh winter and the grounds have suffered. There is much to do in the way of getting the area back in shape.

I will be looking for people's help with the weedeating, beginning very soon (especially the pond bank). They can contact me on my cell at: (540) 2200706.

I can meet volunteers during the week, to assist those wishing for other-than-Saturday opportunities.

Jimmy Miles,

Chairman, Grounds Maintenance Committee

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

The Reforesting project on Rock Run Creek was a tremendous success. Conservation Officer Lee Sillitoe sang high praises to the chapter's efforts.

"Thank you everyone for working so hard with the tree planting. I would have been there for two days planting on my own. The IWL is a wonderful advocate for the environment, you truly practice what you preach. Thank you again for the work and support that the IWL gives to our environment."



And it looks like the volunteers had a good time!



Adopt-A-Highway

To all members, we have our first of four Adopt-aHighway pickups on Saturday 5 April 9AM. We always have a great time, meet new people, improve our environment and get a little exercise. Come out and join us at the clubhouse. We will convoy over to the site (5 minutes away). We usually finish before noon!

2014 Earth Day Tree and Shrub Planting

Members/Families Earth Day Celebration/Planting - Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 0900.

Six members and families have volunteered to plant a tree or shrub. If you and or your family would still like to plant a tree or shrub on the Izaak Walton grounds, I have room for a few more volunteers. 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. Please let me know by e-mail or phone NLT 7 April.



IWLA Beekeeping Project!

Join the fun, come and get involved in our new bee hive project. This conservation project is underway and there is lots to do. All are welcome to participate. Just contact Mr. Jim Ashcraft at jashcraft@comcast.net



The Wild and Scenic Film Festival

The March 29 film festival was a great event, and enjoyed by many.

Girl Scouts Conservation Project

On the 5th of April, 10 Girl Scouts, parents and leaders began a fun investigative journey around our chapter grounds. Their first investigation included testing the water coming out of the the pond. Their tests included such things as determining the Ph of the water. They all recorded the results and proceeded on a hike around the pond. There they learned about how unrestricted water flow can damage land. They discussed honey bees, trees, forest animals and how beavers can change the way our forests look. This knowledge was recorded by all the scouts. When finished with the hike, all participants went to the clubhouse to talk about what all this had to do with conservation. During the discussion, the scouts were asked to make posters about what they learned and how it is important to our environment. They had a great time, got muddy and leaned a tremendous practical lesson about nature and its effect on our lives. This effort was made possible by Ms. Patty Nunn who organized the event and Mr. Jim McCloud who guided the scouts on their water testing effort as well as the hike around the pond. They did a fantastic job. Additionally, thanks to the parents who got muddy along with the scouts and provided an excellent example for our future conservationists.



In Summary

Folks there is a conservation project out there for everyone. We have some suggestions on the website Conservation page or just come up with your own idea. We will try and accommodate your areas of interest. See Mike Sullivan with your idea or e-mail him at mjs2516@comcast.net

Michael J. Sullivan
Chairman, Conservation Committee

Calling All Lady Shooters

FRILS is having their annual organization meeting on 7 June 2014 at 9am. Anyone interested in the FRILS should attend. We are looking for ideas and input concerning training, group shoots and guest speakers. All input welcome. The meeting will take place under the pavilion at the clubs grounds. Looking forward to seeing new faces and old friends.

Michelle Chowaniec,

Chairwoman, Ladies' Activities

Updates from the Range Committee

Effective April 1, 2014, members cannot use the Chapter ranges without displaying a Shooter's Photo ID. Any member not displaying the required ID will be told to leave the range area. The next opportunity to process member Shooter's IDs will be Saturday, April 5, 2014

Starting April 18, 2014, any member bringing a guest, on the ranges, other than an immediate household member, must sign in that guest at the Chapter gate house. This is now required per our Chapter insurance carrier.

Jamie Branham

Chairman, Range Operations Committee

Chapter Elections

Chapter elections are in September. If you are interested in nominating someone, or perhaps running yourself, now is the time to think about it. Contact the nominating committee chairperson at the next membership meeting.

Editorial

It was a cold, wet, snowy winter. Yet, we cleared trees, and planted a bunch more. We had fly fishing lessons, and scouts camping out. Wine was consumed (not by scouts), and the gates defended. A couple of us picked up some new NRA certifications. Homeless honey bees almost have a yard of their own.

How did we get so much done with such miserable weather? It all has to do with passion. A bunch of folks doing things they are passionate about.

Find your passion, get involved, and start a project. Chances are there are plenty of folks looking for someone to lead the way.

Finally, I'd like to appeal to the members, who do not have an email address on file with the chapter, to please get a free webmail account with a provider such as Yahoo, so that you can receive the newsletter and important chapter updates electronically. Printing, addressing, and mailing the newsletter is costly and time consuming, and quite selfishly, I'd rather be fishing.

Drake Riggins
Newsletter Editor

April Events

A wedding!

April, 1100-1600, the Land family will be having a wedding on the chapter grounds. Ranges will be closed from 1200-1300 during the ceremony.

A Pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

19 April, starting at 0930. See flyer below for details.

Manahoac Bowmen Spring Classic

April 12 and 13 starting at 0900.

Earthday at Fort A.P. Hill

0900-1600

Sonrise Easter Service

April 20, 0530-0730, brought to you by Crossroads Baptist Church

Earthday at GEICO

1100-1400

Chapter Meeting

1 May, 1900, Guest Speaker IWLA Executive Director Scott Kovarovics

As always, check the chapter website and calendar for more info. <http://iwlafred-rapp.org/>

Work Day,

3 May, 0730 until we're done.

New Member Orientation

3 May 0900-1100

Photo Badging for shooters

3 May, 1100-1300

What is it?

The winner will receive a Jimmy Miles World Famous Hotdog!



Hint: It is not in our pond.

Q2 2014 Shout!

Larry "Sandy" Stanford, Pat Aubert, Jamie Branham, Kevin Maxwell, and a motley crew of Range Safety Officers just completed a long 3 months of processing photo badges for shooters, and updating memberships. Be sure to thank them for all their long hours when you see them.

Upcoming Events!



2014 Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19th

The fun will begin at 9:30 with the pancake breakfast, prepared by some of our extraordinary member chefs. There will be activity books for the children as they wait for the start of the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30. Refreshments will be served at the end of the hunt and prizes awarded.

PLEASE BRING A BASKET OR CONTAINER TO COLLECT THE EGGS.

We need to know if you are coming so that there are enough eggs for all the children – you must let us know if you plan to attend and how many children and their ages will be coming, by emailing to iwlafredrapp@gmail.com, *no later than April 15th*.



By the way, we'll need volunteers to pack Easter Eggs. This counts towards your volunteer hours, so step on up!

Community Yard Sale

Cleaning - Re-Decorating - Getting Rid of Clutter, Unused, Unloved Items –

SET UP A TABLE AT OUR FIRST EVER COMMUNITY YARD SALE ON

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

8' X 12' space = \$10

Larger spaces = \$25

Sell your own items or Donate to your Chapter for our First Ever Community Wide Yard Sale - benefiting our Chapter's conservation efforts!

What we are seeking as donations for the Chapter's Table:

- **New, Good to Great Pre-Owned Items, Gently Used Items – no broken, beat-up items**
- **Furniture - cannot sell mattresses, car seats, cribs - all other appreciated**
- **Décor - Pictures, Paintings, Knick Knacks, Collectibles, Antiques, Household**
- **Clothing - Fishing or Hunting Items only if still usable & sellable - no clothes except hunting/sporting clothes - vests, waders, work boots, camo gear & items**
- **Jewelry, Accessories - Purses, Scarves, Wallets, Key Chains, etc**
- **Books - Children & Adult**
- **Kitchen Items - No opened food items - small appliances, pots/pans, etc.**

Donations can be dropped off at the Chapter - contact Pat Aubert 540-895-7059 to arrange a time for a drop-off or bring to the next Monthly Meeting.

Registration form on the chapter website at: <http://www.iwlafred-rapp.org/events.htm>

National Leadership

IWLA National Officers		
Title	Name	Location
President	Bob Chapman	Maryland
Vice President	Shawn Gallagher	Ohio
Secretary	Jim Storer	Ohio
Treasurer	Walter Lynn	Illinois
Executive Board Member	Larry Case	Virginia
Executive Board Member	Rodger Mettenbrink	Nebraska
Executive Board Member	Jim Sweeney	Indiana
Regional Governor (Region I)	Peter Hillebrecht	California
Regional Governor (Region II)	Open	
Regional Governor (Region III)	Pat Kistner	South Dakota
Regional Governor (Region IV)	Dean Knight	Iowa
Regional Governor (Region V)	Pam Pierce	Florida
Regional Governor (Region VI)	Bill Gordon	Maryland

IWLA Fredericksburg/Rappahannock Chapter Leadership

Officers (Elected annually, serving a one year term from 1 September to 31 August)			
Title	Name	Phone number	Email Address
President & CEO	Greg Raines	540-287-2628	onehrdwk@hotmail.com
Vice President	Herbert Pritchett	540-786-7711	hwpritchettsr@yahoo.com
Secretary	Pat Aubert	631-896-6459	pataubert@earthlink.net
Treasurer	Ralph Kinch	540-371-2806	lkinch2@verizon.net
Past President (serves as officer and member of board of directors until current president vacates office)	Steve Kotowski	540-786-5117	steve.kotowski@comcast.net
Board of Directors			
One appointed permanently, or for life term.			
Four elected (two are elected every year, and serve a two year term)			
Five consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Past President			
Life Term Director	Harry Cross	540-927-7615	
Director	Jamie Branham	540-333-2749	dxb532@aol.com
Director	Terry Fellingner	540-287-2190	tfellingner@spotsylvania.va.us
Director	Darrell Schultz	540-786-3281	dmcschultz@comcast.net
Director	Joe Webb	540-972-3426	joegwebb@yahoo.com
NATIONAL DIRECTOR (Elected by the Virginia Division to serve a 3 year term. Not a chapter voting director unless the person holds a position on the chapter board or a chapter office)	Herbert Pritchett	540-786-7711	hwpritchettsr@yahoo.com

IWLA Fredericksburg/Rappahannock Chapter Committee Chairpersons

Chairpersons

Chairpersons are recruited and approved by the Board of Directors to serve a one year term (1 January – 31 December), and are retained or replaced at the pleasure of themselves or the Board of Directors. Chairpersons may, and are encouraged to, have an assistant, similarly approved by the Board of Directors.

Committee	Name	Phone number	Email Address
2014 Nominating Committee			
Awards	Greg Raines	540-287-2628	onehrdwkr@hotmail.com
Budget / Finance	J. Craig Peters	540-659-6360	jcraigpeters@aol.com
Building Maintenance	Terry Fellingner	540-287-2190	tfellingner@spotsylvania.va.us
Building Maintenance – Assistant	Darrell Schultz	540-786-3281	dmcschultz@comcast.net
Chapter Store / Apparel	Bob Dowling	540-972-7127	apdd058@yahoo.com
Conservation	Mike Sullivan	804-448-3767	mjs2516@comcast.net
Education – Hunter’s Safety Course	John Foster	540-785-8451	crustyjohn@comcast.net
Education – NRA Refuse to be a Victim Course	Open		
Erosion Management	Herbert Pritchett	540-582-6498	hwpritchettsr@yahoo.com
Events - Coordination	Greg Raines	540-287-2628	onehrdwkr@hotmail.com
Events - Dogmart	Darrell Schultz	540-786-3281	dmcschultz@comcast.net
Events – Dogmart – Marshall	Darrell Ferrell	540-373-4600	
Events – Dogmart – Marshall	Harry Cross	540-972-7615	
Events – Dogmart Facebook Page	Tom Boergert	540-582-6498	boergertt@comcast.net
Events - Firearms Raffles	J. Craig Peters	540-659-6360	jcraigpeters@aol.com
Family Activities	Pat Aubert	631-896-6459	pataubert@earthlink.net
Food Coordination	Herbert Pritchett	540-786-7711	hwpritchettsr@yahoo.com
Food Coordination – Assistant	Jimmy Miles	540-786-4712	retireemiles@midatlanticbb.com
Grounds Maintenance	Jimmy Miles	540-786-4712	retireemiles@midatlanticbb.com
Ladies’ activities – FRILS (Fredericksburg Rappahannock Ike Lady Shooters)	Michelle Chowanec	860-754-7045	chwno@yahoo.com
Membership (Membership chairperson must be member of Range Management Committee)	Larry (Sandy) Stanford	540-972-1806	stanfolr@comcast.net
Membership – Assistant	John Gamble	540-972-3379	kg0326@comcast.net
National Convention – 2017	Greg Raines	540-287-2628	onehrdwkr@hotmail.com
Newsletter / Emergency Notifications	Drake Riggins	540-736-7472	iwlspotsynewsletter@gmail.com
Pond Management	Joe Webb	540-972-3426	joegwebb@yahoo.com

Range Management	Jamie Branham	540-333-2749	dx532@aol.com
Range Management – Assistant	Kevin Maxwell	516-884-2727	pataubert@earthlink.net
Social Media / Facebook	Amy Wiedle	540-972-6353	aewiedle@aol.com
Website	Tom Boergert	540-582-6498	boergertt@comcast.net
Website - Assistant	Jim Lloyd	540-412-1662	james.d.lloyd@homemail.com

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. <http://iwlafred-rapp.org/>

Workdays are on the following Saturdays starting at 7:30 am.

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



ALWAYS keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

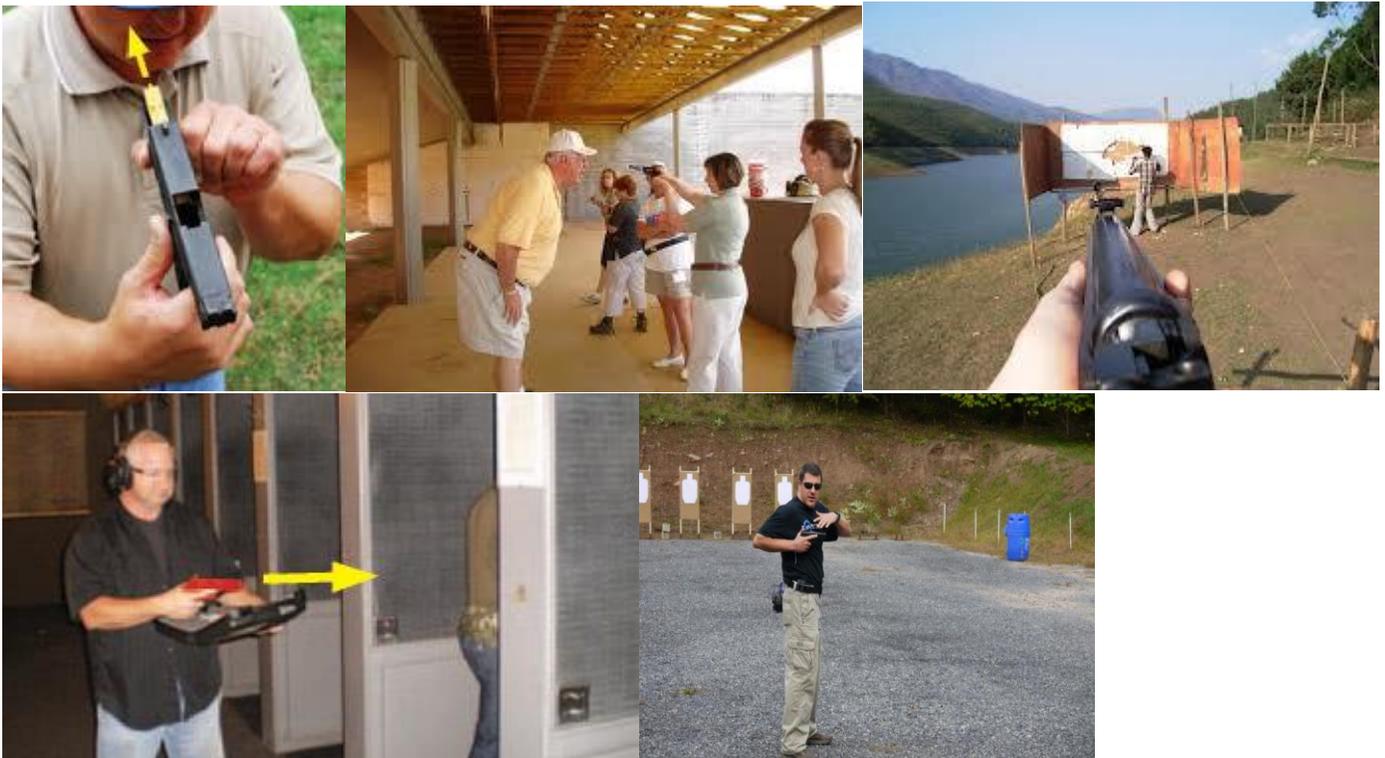
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.

ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

Three good rules to live by when it comes to firearms. You may have heard others, such as “treat every gun as if it is loaded”.

It occurred to me to include these rules in the newsletter as shooting sports are new to many, and through no fault of their own, they may have not had the training and guidance which some of us received.

If you are relatively new to firearms, and have not had any safety training, please contact any of the RSOs you see walking around the ranges. There is absolutely no shame in asking for some basic guidance in firearms safety and proper range etiquette. We'd all much rather spend a half hour providing a little instruction rather than a half hour writing a report after an incident.



Common mistakes to avoid.

----- fold here -----

Fredericksburg- Rappahannock Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
P.O. Box 734
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

