

# FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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# **NEWSLETTER**

October 2015 - Update

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## **Important Dates**

October 13 - Board Meeting 6:00 pm October 13 - Membership Meeting 7:00 pm October 26 - Sportsman's Council 7:00 pm November 15 - Pig Roast & Gun Raffle – 2:00 pm Gate Combination - XXXX

### **Range Notice**

The range is now reserved every Friday for clays shooting only. Please see the Clays Shooting article below for more information.

## **New Chapter President and Vice President**

## **Alison Hiltabidle, Chapter President**

I joined the chapter in 2012 after meeting Mr. Ben Kelkye at a hunting show in Frederick. I started taking NRA classes, then NRA instructor classes, then became a Hunter Safety instructor. I currently hold NRA Instructor in Rifle, Pistol, and Refuse To Be A Victim. I joined the board in 2013 and was elected to President in July 2015.

#### **Taitia Elliott, Chapter Vice President**

I've been a member at IWLA for just about two years now. I was first introduced to the Chapter when my husband signed me up for a Ladies' Basic Pistol class for my birthday. After meeting Ben and the great group of training counselors, I realized I wanted to be a part of the team. I joined the club when I was finished with the class and started attending the membership meetings. After taking the Basic Pistol, I went on to take Basic Shotgun, Basic Rifle, Refuse To Be A Victim, Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home, then went on to receive my Instructor certifications. I joined the Board a few months after my first class and was recently elected to Vice President.

# **Chapter Work Day**

This year's Chapter CleanUp days were on September 26 & 27. Thank you to the folks who

came out for the day. Ben Kelkye and Charles Dorsey got the gutters cleaned. Mark Pickens worked on archery targets both Saturday and Sunday. Frank Jacobs weed wacked around the archery targets as well as the 25 yard pistol range and 50 yard rifle range. Bob Morcock and Mark Brady built new backstops for the 25 yard pistol range and 50 yard rifle range.

## **Chesapeake Bay Issues**

IWLA has formed a committee on Chesapeake Bay issues which is open to any interested members. At the May membership meeting, Charlie Wiles volunteered to be our Chapter's point person on Bay issues. Charlie will be informed by IWLA on upcoming issues and events of interest to the Chapter membership and will pass the information along to members. If you are interested in participating in the IWLA's Chesapeake Bay activities, please contact Paul Koval.

## **Board Meeting Reminder**

The Chapter Board of Directors meets each month just prior to the regular Membership Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to observe these open meetings which address the business of the Chapter. However, for the Board to effectively and efficiently conduct the meetings, members may not interact with the Board during the meetings. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting. Thank you for your understanding.



## **Clays Shooting**

Members may now use shotguns and throw clay targets on the range. To conduct this activity, a member is required to have Range Safety Officer (RSO) certification and have attended a training session specific to clay target shooting on our range. RSOs that have attended the training may supervise guests similar to the rifle and pistol range rules.

Friday of each week is now reserved for shooting clays and the pistol and rifle ranges will be closed on that day if any member desires to shoot clays. Should there be no members on the range preparing for or participating in clays shooting activities, the pistol and rifle ranges may be used. However, if any member arrives at the range with the intent to shoot clays, all pistol and rifle users must immediately stop shooting and pack up their equipment. Please be courteous and respectful of this arrangement. There should be no negotiating or arguing.

For now, members must provide their own equipment. Hand throwing is allowed. Only biodegradable clay targets are permitted. The White Flyer AA targets that have recently been used on the range are NOT biodegradable.

If this is your game, or one of your games, then get involved and help make it safe and successful. Sufficient member participation and demand could possibly lead to one weekend a month dedicated to clays, and eventually some permanently installed traps.



#### **Holds and Stances**

As we talked about in our last article, as long as the sights are aligned and the barrel is pointed directly at the target at the exact moment the trigger is pulled, then the bullet will hit the target regardless of stance or hold BUT to either count on luck to have that

happen in the first place or have a chance of repeating it we must have a way of recreating that operation. Depending on what type of shooting you are doing at the time may affect your Grip, Hold, and Stance.

Speaking on pistols there are a few different ways to grip the gun. One hand and two hands with variables of each but the idea is to maintain sight alignment and mitigate recoil. Finding the right grip with your particular pistol will increase your accuracy dramatically with the non-gun hand assuming a very strong hold on the gun. This really keeps your gun still and cuts down recoil for follow shots. With one handed shots with a semi-auto pistol, turning the gun inward will help recoil. Remember it is NOT "gangster" style!

This newsletter could not hold the many ways to hold a gun with two hands but the information is readily available and professional instruction will aid in finding the right grip for you. For me, I like to be high up on the grip as close to the slide as I can. I kind of pinch the grip between my thumb and second finger of my shooting hand leaving my trigger finger completely free of stress to pull the trigger. My non-gun hand is brought up with my thumb pointed toward the target. The meat below my thumb then goes on the grip under my gun hand thumb. My non-gun hand fingers then wrap around the grip, both thumbs are pointed at the target and my trigger finger first main knuckle is pointed at the target. This gives me a great grip on my Glock. For demonstration I can really remove my gun hand and my non gun hand will still hold the gun pointed at the target.

As far as stance, again as long as the gun is pointed correctly the stance does not really matter EXCEPT again depending on the type of shooting you are doing. There is mainly the Isosceles and the Weaver and then modifications of each. The Isosceles is basically squared off with your target and the Weaver is bladed on an angle to the target. Then there are modifications to each of these stances. These again are standing but there are also ways to shoot seated, lying down, and shooting in, on, and around objects.

And remember, you can practice holds and stances during dry fire practice.

Craig Palen

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

We rely on the efforts of our members to maintain the Chapter's property, and this is a good way to satisfy some or all of your work requirement. If the grass needs mowing and you have the time, please cut it. The mowers and trimmers are in the shed and the lock code is the same as for the gate. In addition to recording your time on your work hour's card, please use the clipboard in the shed to report all of your work hours and to report the status of any equipment needing maintenance or repairs.

## Pig Roast & Gun Raffle

The Fall Pig Roast and Gun Raffle will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Myersville Fire Hall starting at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 each or two tickets for \$65. Each ticket includes a meal for the ticket holder and one guest. During the gun raffle, we will be selling tip jar tickets for additional chances to win handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Buy your tickets, sell some tickets, and ask for more tickets to sell. **Unsold tickets must be returned to Ben Kelkye by November 6<sup>th</sup>, or you will be responsible for them.** If you can help, please call Ben at 301-401-6262.

The schedule of courses to be conducted at the Chapter house for the year 2015 is now available on the Chapter website and in this newsletter. This training is conducted to support the Youth Program, and not all courses are endorsed or promoted by the Chapter. However, certain courses are required for members to use the range and hunt on Chapter property. The schedules are posted for the convenience of members in determining the expected status of the range at a particular time, and for selecting courses they may be interested in. Contact Ben Kelkye if you have any questions about the schedule or courses.

## **Range Status**

The range is currently open as usual for members to use. Please remember that every Friday is reserved for clay target shooting with shotguns. Before heading to the range, members should always check the Calendar of Events under the Members Corner on the Chapter website for current range status information. Range use is occasionally limited due to training classes and other events.

The 200-yard berm improvements are still not complete. Until this work is completed, the 200-yard range is not available for use.

#### **Chapter Committees**

## **Range Reminders**

Any guest using the range must be supervised by a Chapter member with Range Safety Officer credentials. A fee of \$5.00 for each guest is to be paid at the donation box under the sign-in box. **Only one bench may be used by the member and guest.** The same guest may visit the range only two times a year. The guest fee and two-visit limit does not apply to the immediate family of members.

#### **Board of Directors**

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Serving on one or more of the Chapter's committees or participating in their activities provides you the opportunity to help protect our natural resources and outdoor traditions. Volunteering on a committee counts towards your work hours and could help lower your membership renewal cost. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees listed below or participating in their activities please contact the committee chair.

Committee Chair Activities and Fundraising Vacant Budget and Finance Taitia Elliott **Building and Grounds** Vacant **Bylaws** Frank Jacobs Conservation Paul Koval Legislation Ben Kelkve Range Ben Kelkye

The Chapter work requirement for individual and family memberships can be found on the Chapter website at

http://www.frederickiwla.org/Join\_the\_IWLA.html. All questions regarding the work requirement should be addressed to Alison Hiltabidle at <a href="mailto:ahiltabidle1@gmail.com">ahiltabidle1@gmail.com</a>

#### **Your Newsletter**

Any time you have information or articles you think appropriate for the newsletter, or comments on the newsletter, send them to <a href="mailto:newsletter@frederickiwla.org">newsletter@frederickiwla.org</a>. We remind you to keep your postal and email address current. If you are reading this on the Chapter website and did not get a mailed copy or emailed link, then let us know. We also encourage everyone with email and internet capability, but receiving a mailed copy, to provide an email address and save you Chapter the cost of monthly mailings.

**Chapter Work Requirement** 

# **2015 Course Schedule**

Date	Time	2015 Courses	Cost	
		Independent Study * / field day. 45		
Saturday, October 3	7:30 to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	No Cost	
M 1 0 1 1 5	5.20	MD Handgun Qualification License (HQL)	+75	
Monday, October 5	5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Chapter Member Range limited use.	\$75	
Thursday, October 8	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	NRA Instructor Personal Protection in the Home (PPITH)		
Friday, Oct0ber 9	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	(Must have basic PPITH)	\$155	
Saturday, October 10	7:30 a.m. to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.		
Thursday, October 15	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	NRA Instructor Personal Protection Outside the Home		
Friday, October 16	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	(Must have PPITH & PPOTH and PPITH Instructor)	\$155	
Saturday October 17	7:30 a.m. to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.		
Thursday, October 22	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	MD Humber Cofety		
Friday, October 23	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	MD Hunter Safety	No Cost	
Saturday October 24	7:30 a.m. to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use, Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.		
Cunday October 25	7:30 to Finish	RSO	\$90	
Sunday, October 25	7:30 to Finish	Chapter Member Range Open	\$90	
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Monday, October 26	6:00 p.m. To 10 p.m.	Original All Days	\$250	
Tuesday, October 27	6:00 p.m. To 8 p.m.	Renewal Tuesday and Thursday	\$200	
Wednesday October 28	8:30 am to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use	, , , ,	
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Monday, November 2	5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Chapter Member Range limited use.	\$75	
Thursday, November 5	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	NRA Basic Pistol		
Friday, November 6	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	(LADIES ONLY)	\$90	
Saturday, November 7	8 a.m. to Finish.	Chapter Member Range limited use.		
Sunday, November 15	All day	Pig Roast		
Sunday, November 15	All day	Myersville MD Fire Hall		
Thursday, November 19	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	MD Hunter Safety		
Friday, November 20	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	Chapter Member Range limited use, Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	No cost	
Saturday, November 21	7:30 a.m. to Finish			
Wednesday, December 2	7:30 to Finish	Independent Study * / field day. 45	No Cost	
Wednesday, December 2	7:30 to Finish	Chapter Member Range limited use, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	NO COSE	
Monday, December 7	5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	MD Handgun Qualification License (HQL)	\$75	
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Thursday, December 10	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	NRA Advance Defensive Pistol		
Friday, December 11	6:30 p.m. To 10 p.m.	(Must have Instructor PPOTH and Qualify)	\$160	
Saturday, December 12	7:30 a.m. to Finish	Chapter Members Range Closed Friday and Saturday		
Sunday, December 13	7:30 to Finish	NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO)	\$90	
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<sup>\*</sup> All instructor courses require pre-qualification.

There is a \$20 discount for all IWLA Frederick Chapter 1 members for all classes. \* Field Days must register at the Gun Shack in Mt. Airy