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## Who Was Sir Izaak Walton And How We Chose His Name



***“Good company in a journey  
makes the way seem shorter.”***

- Sir Izaak Walton

Few books have shaped the culture of fishing like *The Complete Angler*, and few conservation organizations have blended outdoor recreation and stewardship as effectively as the Izaak Walton League of our natural resources of the United States. While *The Complete Angler* and the Izaak Walton League are separated by centuries, both reflect the same enduring idea: the outdoors is something to enjoy—and something to protect.

Izaak Walton (1593–1683) was an English writer best known for writing one of the most influential works ever written about angling. Born in England during the late Elizabethan era, Walton spent much of his life in and around London, where he worked in the

trade world before becoming widely recognized for his writing. His life spanned a turbulent period in English history that included civil conflict and dramatic political change, yet Walton's most legacy remains calm, reflective, and rooted in the natural world.

Walton wasn't famous for chasing public power. Instead, his reputation grew from the warmth of his voice on the page—curious, observant, and deeply appreciative of rivers, seasons, and simple companionship outdoors. He wrote not only as a fisherman, but as a naturalist in the old sense of the word. *The Complete Angler* (first published in 1653), is often described as a fishing manual, but that label is far too small. The book combines practical advice on techniques, bait, and fish behavior with philosophy, poetry, songs, and conversations that celebrate the experience of being outside. Its structure, part instruction, part dialogue, part pastoral meditation—made it accessible and memorable, and it helped elevate angling into a cultural tradition rather than a mere means of catching food.

What makes *“The Complete Angler”* endure is its tone, as he presents fishing as patient, attentive, and ethical. Izaak emphasized observation of water and weather, respect for fish, and the restorative value of time outdoors. In modern terms, Walton helped frame outdoor recreation as something linked to character, community, and care for the world that sustains it. That mindset—enjoyment paired with responsibility—would later become central to our founding of the Izaak Walton League of America.

**Izaak Walton did not lead a**

spiritual meaning. That perspective matters. Conservation movements are built not only on science and policy, but also on cultural values—on people believing that landscapes, waters, and wildlife are worth protecting. Walton’s work helped keep those values alive across generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts.

**the Izaak Walton League of America**, founded in the United States centuries later in 1922 is often called the “Izaak Walton League” or “IWLA”. We are a national conservation organization rooted in the belief that outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship belong together. The League has long focused on practical, on-the-ground conservation—protecting clean water, healthy soil, forests, wetlands, and wildlife habitat—while also supporting ethical outdoor traditions like fishing, hunting, and shooting sports.

At our core, the League’s purpose is twofold:

- Conserve natural resources, especially water and habitat—through advocacy, restoration, education, and community action.
- Promote responsible outdoor recreation by encouraging safety, ethics, and a conservation minded outdoor culture.

This blend is a major reason our organization has remained relevant: it welcomes people who love to be outside and channels that passion into tangible stewardship.

As the IWLA was founded in 1922, during a time when industrial growth, pollution, and fish & wildlife habitat loss were putting enormous pressure on water, fish and wildlife. Across the country, anglers, hunters, and other outdoor citizens began organizing not just to protect their sports, but to protect the underlying systems that made those sports possible: clean rivers, intact wetlands, and sustainable wildlife populations.

The League emerged from that era with a clear idea: **Conservation is not separate from outdoor life—it is the foundation of it.** Local IWLA chapters became a key part of how the organization operated, allowing communities to act in their own watersheds and landscapes while contributing to broader national conservation goals.

Today, the Izaak Walton League of America continues as a conservation nonprofit with a strong chapter model and a practical approach to stewardship. While priorities evolve with the times, the central mission remains consistent: Protect the natural resources that make outdoor life possible and pass them on in better condition to the next generation.

Modern conservation faces new challenges—development pressure, invasive species, changing land use, and water-quality threats, modern technology like Data Centers with each Center demanding 5 to 10 million gallons of water per day.

***The League’s approach still fits to combine citizen science engagement, hands-on restoration and the love of outdoor activities. Whether it’s improving habitat, educating youth and families, supporting responsible outdoor recreation, or speaking up for clean water, the organization remains a bridge between people who love the outdoors and the work required to keep it healthy.***

Referencing the link between Walton and the Izaak Walton League is about a shared legacy: ENJOYMENT, WITH RESPONSIBILITY!

Walton gave generations of anglers a language for reverence—an understanding that nature is not just scenery, but a relationship. The Izaak Walton League of America turns that ethic into action, organizing communities to protect the waters and lands that sustain water, soil, air, and wildlife, and the joy of outdoor traditions.

That’s why the name still fits. “The Complete Angler” reminds us why people fall in love with the outdoors in the first place. The Izaak Walton League exists to ensure those rivers and outdoors remain clean, living, and accessible—not only for today’s inhabitants, but for everyone who comes after us.

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## Fort Wayne Chapter, IWLA

Dear Members,

Now that spring has finally arrived, there's an unmistakable sense of excitement around the Chapter grounds. Warmer days are ahead, the trails are beginning to wake up, and another great season of outdoor recreation, conservation work, and fellowship is right around the corner. We have a packed calendar of events planned for 2026, and I encourage everyone to review the full schedule included on the additional pages of this month's newsletter. There truly will be something for everyone this year.

As we transition into our busiest season, this is also an important reminder that 2026 membership dues are now past due. To continue enjoying uninterrupted access to our ranges, facilities, and member activities, please submit your renewal as soon as possible.

You can conveniently renew online at: <https://www.iwla-fw.org/renewal-membership> or reach out directly to our Membership Secretary, Bernd Buldt, at: [iwl.fw.membership@gmail.com](mailto:iwl.fw.membership@gmail.com)

Your continued membership is what keeps our Chapter strong and allows us to maintain and improve the property we all enjoy.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the many volunteers who helped make 2025 a resounding success. From events and youth programs to property improvements and conservation efforts, our Chapter thrives because of members willing to step forward and lend a hand. As an all-volunteer organization, we are always looking for members who want to get more involved—and right now we have several areas with an immediate need for help. Call my at [260-797-4050](tel:260-797-4050) or email me at [gbos09@yahoo.com](mailto:gbos09@yahoo.com) if you can help. Make it a family event, even if you can only spend an hour or two making your Chapter a place that you would be proud to bring extended family members as your guests. Don't forget the guest fee and to sign in your guests.

Getting involved is one of the best ways to meet fellow members, build friendships, and take pride in shaping the future of our Chapter. Whether you can give a few hours or help regularly, every contribution makes a difference.

Spring marks the beginning of another exciting season at Ft. Wayne Izaak Walton—ranges reopening at full pace, archery shoots returning to the woods, fishing picking up at the pond, and families once again gathering outdoors. I look forward to seeing familiar faces returning and welcoming new members discovering everything our Chapter has to offer.

Hope to see you around the grounds soon.



Respectfully,

President  
IWLA-FW

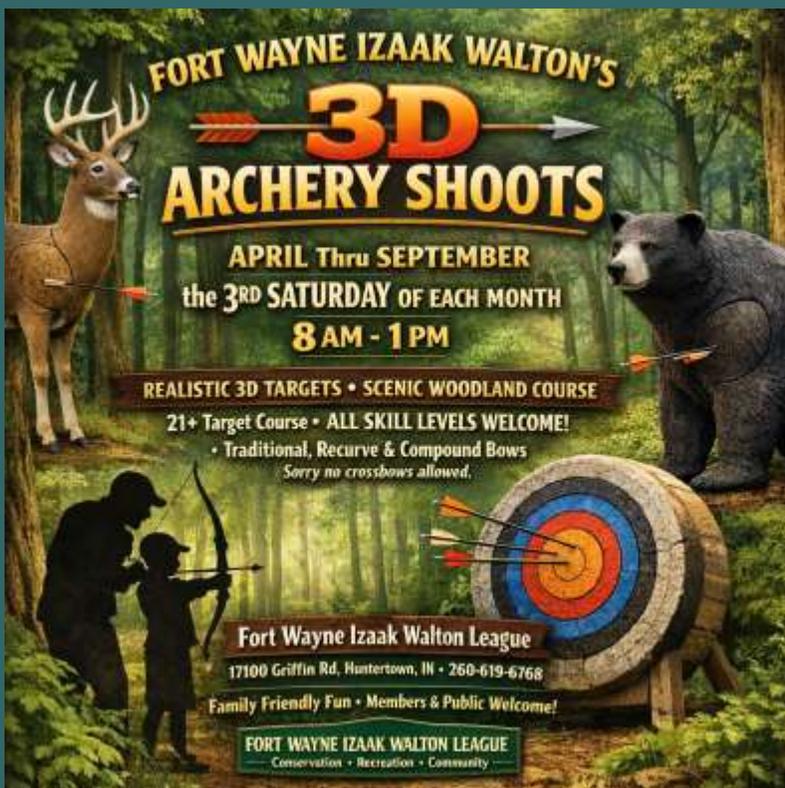
# SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The Spring Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026. This meeting will include a carry-in, so please bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share.

During the meeting, we will highlight the accomplishments of the IWLA Fort Wayne Chapter and discuss our future direction.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## More on Data Centers

Seemingly overnight, many Indiana communities have found themselves squarely in the center of Big Tech's race to build AI data centers - and face a lot of potential consequences. Get the facts on the future of these developments at the next installment in our free *Data Center Download* webinar series, [\*Sustainability & Clean Energy Strategies for Indiana's AI Data Centers\*](#), on Wednesday, March 25, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

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## Crappie Quest

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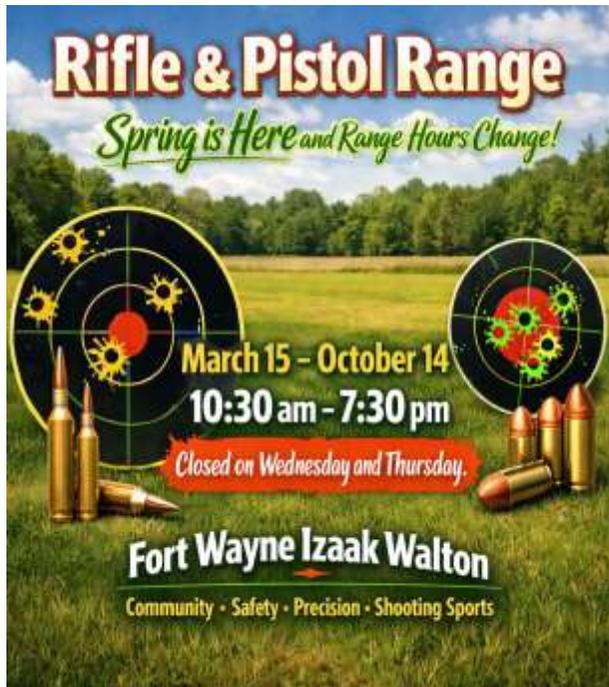
Participants will select a lure from the prize bucket at the beginning of the event. For every crappie that is caught and successfully landed, that participant will be allowed to choose another prize from the bucket, with a limit of five prizes in total.

Scan the QR Code on the left to register.

We look forward to seeing you on April 11th at 3 PM!

“A companion that feasts the company with and mirth, and leaves out the sin which is usually mixed with them, he is the man; and let me tell you, good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.

- Sir Izaak Walton (1593— 1683)



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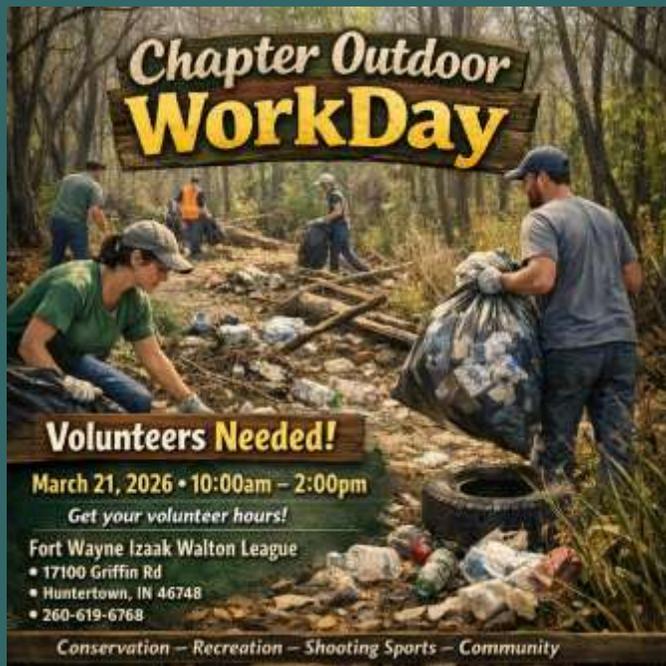
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**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
9:00am - 3:00pm

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
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Volunteer a Little of Your Time to Keep It That Way!**

## GET READY - SPRING GARDENING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



Gardening is a rewarding activity that benefits both experienced gardeners and beginners, enhancing your kitchen and supporting the environment. With spring on the horizon, many gardeners are excited to begin planting. Fond memories of tending to your grandparents' garden and canning fresh produce in late summer can bring comfort and joy. Why not start your own gardening journey? Also, don't miss out on our Chapter's Garden Plant Sale. Stay tuned for more information!

IWLA Indiana Gardening Tips: When the ground is workable, usually from late March to early April, it's time to prepare your garden. Clear away winter debris and weeds early and loosen the soil to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Avoid working with wet soil to prevent compaction. Before planting, test the soil by forming a

handful; if it's muddy, wait a few more days. Adding compost can improve soil quality.

Since Indiana's last frost date typically falls between late April and early May, many vegetables benefit from an indoor head start. You can start your seeds indoors 6–8 weeks before the last frost. Alternatively, consider purchasing your garden plants at our Chapter's spring plant sale. Good options for seed growth indoors include tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and herbs like basil, parsley, and oregano.

If you are starting garden plants indoors, a commercial seed-starting mix (not garden soil) is recommended. Keep your seedlings under lights for 12–16 hours a day.

Remember to rotate your trays to prevent plant leaning, and label everything if this is your first experience with growing your own plants.

Before planting outdoors in mid to late April in Indiana, it's important to harden your indoor plants. Indiana's early spring sun and wind can shock indoor seedlings if they are rushed outdoors. Start hardening your plants 7–10 days before planting by gradually introducing them to outdoor conditions, beginning with 1–2 hours in the shade and slowly increasing sun exposure over the ten days. If temperatures drop below 45° F, bring your plants indoors, as this is crucial for successful gardening in Indiana.

In late March to April, you can directly sow cool-season vegetables that thrive in Indiana's cool spring weather and can withstand light frost. Consider planting the following directly in the garden: peas, lettuce, spinach, radishes, and carrots. These can be sown 2–4 weeks before the last frost as soon as the soil is workable.

soil is workable warm-season vegetables should be planted after May 1–10, as they need to wait until the danger of frost has passed—usually in early May in Indiana. It is generally safe to plant the following garden plants outside when nighttime temperatures remain above 50°F: tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, beans, and sweet corn.

Experienced Indiana Gardeners have found the following tips beneficial for Indiana Gardens: Plant tomatoes deeper to strengthen their roots. Trimming the lower leaves of the tomato plant and planting deeper will pay off in a bountiful harvest. Space your plants generously, as humidity can encourage disease. Apply mulch after the soil warms to retain moisture. When watering in the early season, water deeply, but not daily, and morning watering can help reduce fungal issues. Stay vigilant for cutworms and early pests (common in Indiana), and mulch once the soil warms. You can plant and replant throughout the summer to extend your harvest, ensuring a continuous supply of vegetables into early Fall. For replanting, follow these

tips: replant lettuce and radishes every 2 to 3 weeks, and replace early peas with beans or cucumbers as the season progresses. Shade from taller plants can help extend the growing season for your greens during the hot summer months.

Final Thoughts? Gardening in Indiana requires careful attention to weather and frost dates, as well as a flexible approach. It's important not to rush spring's arrival; plants thrive best when conditions are optimal. Start by planting cool-season crops, then gradually transition to summer vegetables. Enjoy cultivating a garden that works in harmony with Indiana's climate rather than against it.

And don't forget... our Chapter will be holding a garden plant sale featuring seedlings started in our Chapter Greenhouse. Help us, as we help you, and drop by and pick up plants for a very favorable price.

Anne Bowser  
Conservation Committee Chair

## INDIANA SB277 MOVES CLOSER TO LAW



Indiana Senate Bill SB277 continues to work its way through the legislative process by passing A contentious overhaul of Indiana's environmental laws narrowly passed through the House committee on Wednesday afternoon with a vote of 6-5 as it moves toward a final vote in the Indiana Senate.

According to HEC. *"In recent weeks, Indiana lawmakers have received thousands of messages from HEC supporters and concerned Hoosiers opposing SB 277. Not surprisingly, members of the Indiana House made some positive changes to the bill this week, including removing language added earlier this month that sought to limit future regulations of PFAS chemicals in Indiana by narrowing the definition of what can be regulated. Not surprisingly, members of the Indiana House made some positive changes to the bill this week, including removing language added earlier this month that sought to limit future regulations of PFAS chemicals in Indiana by narrowing the definition of what can be regulated.*

A summary of the bill according to the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC):

- **DISCRETIONARY VS MANDATORY ACTION:** The Bill changes more than 40 instances of Indiana Code where IDEM is required to act to "May Act", granting IDEM to reduce mandatory inspections.
- **BURDENSOME STANDARD:** It introduces a provision allowing review of regulations deemed "burdensome" without clearly defining what constitutes a burdensome regulation, adding to the "no more stringent than the federal law" standard,
- **REGULATORY CHANGES:** It proposes to eliminate or amend various rules of hazardous substances, voluntary remediation programs, and solid waste management.
- **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The bill reduces or eliminates certain environmental requirements.

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- SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AT THE LATEST HOUSE HEARING:** Advocates of Senate Bill 277 say, "It aims to eliminate approximately what is a dozen 'outdated' references to state and federal law, 40 unnecessary reporting or paperwork requirements, 50 references to the state's administrative rulebook, and 250 'unnecessary' mandates", according to Sen. Rick Niemeyer, the bill's author, saying he began working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management a year ago to revise [Title 13](#), the section of statute devoted to the environment.

**These advocates of the Bill go on to say the modernization push** aims to "improve clarity, reduce unnecessary burdens, address outdated provisions, and better serve Hoosiers and the environment," said IDEM Commissioner Clint Woods. "Nothing in the bill would diminish IDEM's work to implement rigorous state and federal environmental protections for air, land, and water quality," he assured the panel.

Conservation organizations like Izaak Walton respond that, "SB277 removes the law's mandate to quickly prosecute environmental violations, making it an option for IDEM to vigorously prosecute violations as representatives of the citizens of the state in protection of our environment."

**Industry witnesses** repeatedly lauded the measure for both increasing the regulatory certainty they seek and offering IDEM greater flexibility in decision-making. "This approach supports environmental reviews that are timely, coordinated, and predictable, helping avoid unnecessary delays that can affect project cost and viability," said Natalie Goodwin, the vice president of government affairs for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. "It strikes the right balance, preserving environmental oversight by improving clarity, alignment and process certainty for regulated entities." **Conservationist view this as "legislative speak" for politicizing IDEM in favor of Big Business as to whether pollution should be prosecuted, by further weakening the protections of environment as has been done under similar circumstances by the elimination of protections of wetlands in Indiana.**

**Rep. Maureen Bauer, D-South Bend,** asked, "How do

you believe changing a 'shall' to a 'may' creates regulatory certainty?" Goodwin replied: "We think that it gives the commissioner of IDEM and the agency (the ability) to act in their best interest and with the flexibility to work with industry." **Conservatives view this as "legislative speak" for "IDEM will follow the money at the expense of conserving the Indiana environment."**

**Environmental groups and residents** spoke against provisions SB277 that would endanger the state's natural resources and human health. "We appreciate the intent to clean up and update all the outdated code ... but there are quite a few places that we feel will go beyond that, which are concerning to us," said Desi Rybolt, a conservation campaign manager for Indiana Conservation Voters.

**Katherine Koenig, representing Save the Dunes,** noted the bill makes it optional for IDEM's commissioner to sue sources of pollution that present "imminent and substantial endangerment" to health, plus the welfare of those whose livelihood is at risk. Current law requires action to stop the contamination. This is especially troubling for northwest Indiana, where heavy industry operates directly adjacent to both the Indiana Dunes State and National Parks, along the Lake Michigan shoreline, Koenig said. "Pollution has recently forced the federal side to close for days at a time. IDEM must be required to act swiftly and decisively," she added. "Weakening this responsibility puts park visitors, tourism revenue, and the public lands at a greater risk."

**William Paraskevas, representing the Sierra Club's** Indiana chapter, criticized the dozens of requirements made voluntary, saying, "If a duty is made optional, is it really still a duty?" He also spoke against "provisions altering the Environmental Rules Board, like one letting the governor remove members at any time, without cause." The bill would also eliminate a cap on the body's partisan makeup, among other changes.

Your letterers sent in opposition were heard last month. Go to the Hoosier Environmental Website, <https://www.hecweb.org/enews/> or [comments@hec.gwpdev.com](mailto:comments@hec.gwpdev.com) for an easy way to contact your IN Senate legislature to express your opposition to Senate Bill SB277.

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## HOW DOES A CONSERVATION ISSUE BECOME IWLA POLICY ?

**MANAGING EDITOR EDITORIAL:** News is always a bit slow in January & February, as nature sleeps under a blanket of snow, as we await the spring foliage and woodland plants to sprout. As I began to work on the March issue, my thoughts moved to something I never thought I'd write about.

We are fortunate to have raised our subscriber base to 1,000 individuals for our FW Chapter NEWS publication. Occasionally, I receive requests to write an article on conservation topics that may not be mainstream but hold particular significance for certain members and, at times, non-members. Recently, I've started receiving unstamped envelopes at the chapter house, containing handwritten letters that are always unsigned. The single author claims he cannot sign them because of his "position within the community," yet he urges me to address his specific conservation concerns on his behalf. Unfortunately, these unsigned letters lack factual evidence or sources to support this concern.

As time has passed and the letters have continued, the latest one criticized my editorials about Data Centers, noting that I continue to fail to address what he considers "*a real conservation issue.*" The tone is becoming increasingly strident, with language rarely associated with IKEs. It concludes that "*IWLA is hypocritical, afraid of the facts, and a joke when it comes to conservation.*"

I believe everyone is entitled to their opinions, including any criticism that comes with being the Managing Editor of the FW Chapter NEWS.

In my many years as a member of the Izaak Walton League and as a leader at the chapter, state, and national levels, I have discovered that the IWLA is a vibrant community that embraces a rich diversity of perspectives. Despite our differing views on various topics, we all share a deep passion for nature and a strong commitment to stewarding our air, soil, water, and

wildlife. The conversations we engage in are genuinely enlightening and showcase a wide range of insightful viewpoints.

For example, some of our dedicated IWLA Old Forest Members advocate for the complete preservation of trees, regardless of whether they are dead, non-native, or fully mature native trees. In contrast, others support thoughtful, clear-cutting practices to benefit woodland game birds. Additionally, there are members who promote selective thinning to ensure that newly sprouted native trees receive ample sunlight, helping them thrive against invasive, non-native trees, and vines.

It is inspiring to witness our collective efforts in nurturing the environment while respecting our differences. Together, we can make a meaningful impact!

Having been national winner of Best IWLA Division Newsletter, "The Hoosier Waltonian" as well as our local chapter editor of the "FW Chapter NEWS", and a leader within IWLA, I firmly believe that this multiplicity in opinions about our core values is a good thing, and being able to share our wide-ranging views on the same IWLA founding principles over more than a hundred years as individuals is healthy. However, that does not necessarily mean that all individual opinions should be carried forward into print, which might be mistaken to be official IWLA policy at the Chapter, State, or National level.

Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) maintains an official policy manual known as "the IWLA Official Conservation Policy". Any IWLA member can submit suggestions for creating new IWLA policies or modifying existing ones. If a proposal is approved by the relevant national committee, of which I have served on several, it is prepared and presented to the membership during the annual IWLA Convention, which includes delegates from chapters, divisions, and national board members.

If the proposal receives a majority vote, it will be added to the IWLA Official Conservation Policy Manual, which currently includes nine Conservation categories, each supported by a committee of subject matter experts, 126 specific policies, and spans 123 pages.

The call for Resolutions on the IWLA Conservation Policy is now open for the 2026 IWLA Convention, which will be held in July. Any IWLA member in good standing is invited to submit a conservation resolution. If a majority of attending Convention members support your resolution, it will become the 127th IWLA Conservation Policy, following the adoption of the 126th policy on Data Centers at the 2025 Convention. To review our League's Conservation Policies, please visit the IWLA national website at IWLA.org.

As an IWLA Chapter editor, my conservation research begins with reviewing the IWLA Policy. I then examine the positions of State and Local Chapters, the views of the local community, and the performance of local administration. While the decision regarding publication and content rests solely with me as the editor, I am mindful that I serve at the pleasure of the governing

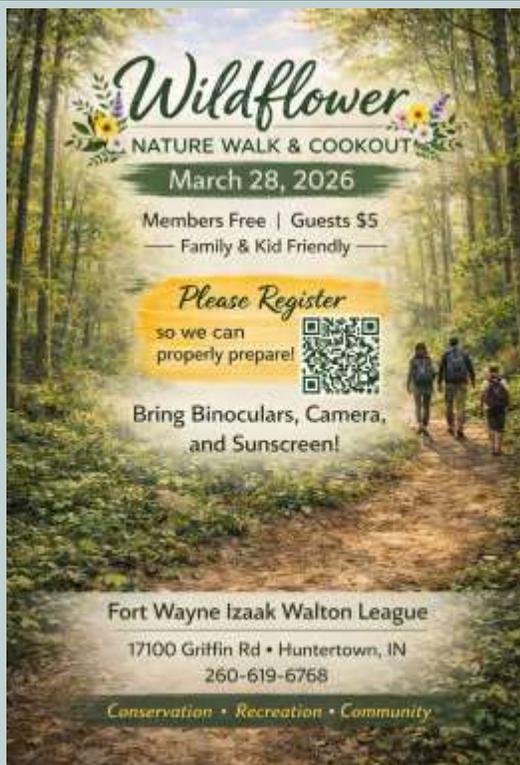
body of the publication, which in this case is our Chapter Board.

I would like to close with my personal policy as your editor regarding conservation submissions for the FW Chapter NEWS. If you wish to have content included, your written submission must include your full name, address, contact information, the subject matter, and, importantly, the sources and content of any references that support your opinion. Submissions that do not adhere to these requirements, while valued and appreciated, shall not be considered for publication. Should you feel that my editorial decisions exceed my authority, please do not hesitate to contact our Chapter Board, at whose discretion, I serve.

TOGETHER, WE ARE BETTER!

Jay L. Butler  
Managing Editor – The FW Chapter NEWS – IWLA  
Past IN-Div. Regional Vice President  
Past National IWLA Board Member

## SPRING FAMILY EVENTS

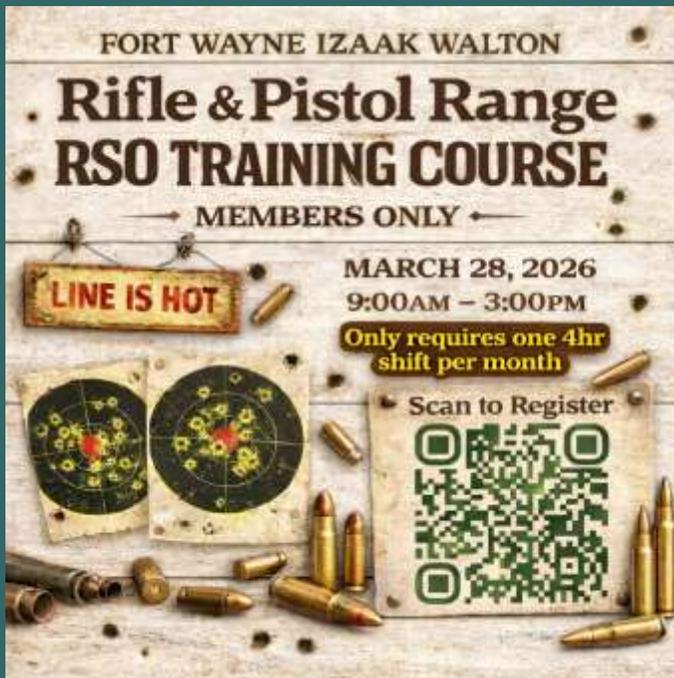


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April 4, 2026 • 1:00PM  
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## RANGE SAFETY OFFICER NEWS



Our next Range Safety Officer Training Class will be held on March 28th.

For more information contact Pat White, our Chief Range Safety Officer at Email: [umg@yahoo.com](mailto:umg@yahoo.com) and register by scanning the QR code on the left.

Our range Chapter Standard Operating Instructions (SOP) call for our RSOs to take a refresher course every 2 years to assure retention of the sharpness in safety procedures on our Rifle & Pistol Ranges.



**As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler.”**

- Sir Izaak Walton

## Chapter Calendar For 2026

Check Our Calendar On Our Website [FW-IWLA.ORG](http://FW-IWLA.ORG) For Most Current Printing of Calendar Dates. In remainder of year each issue will carry 2 months events.

DATE	START TIME	EVENT OVER	EVENT DESCRIPTION
2/26/2026	9:00 AM	9:00 PM	Chapter House - East Hall Rental
2/26/2026	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Member Volunteer Work Day
2/28/2026	10:00 AM	9:00 PM	Chapterhouse -EH Rental
3/7/2026	8:00 AM	5:30 PM	IWLA - Division Board Meeting
3/14/2026	10:30 AM	7:30 PM	R&P Open
3/20/2026	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Spring FW Chapter Member Meeting
3/21/2026	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	IDNR - Hunter's Education Training
3/21/2026	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Member Volunteer Work Day
3/22/2026	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	IDNR - Hunter's Education
3/28/2026	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	Wildflower Nature Walk and Cookout
3/28/2026	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	New RSO Training Class
4/4/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
4/11/2026	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Spring Plant Sale
4/11/2026	3:00 PM	7:00 PM	Crappie Fest Competition
4/11/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	RSO Refresher Training
4/18/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Competition
4/25/2026	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ladies Pistol Training Class
5/16/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Competition
6/6/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Rimfire Championship Competition
6/6/2026	10:00 AM	9:00 PM	Chapterhouse -EH Rental
6/12/2026	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	WITO - Setup
6/13/2026	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Women in the Outdoors
6/17/2026	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Introductory Youth - .22LR
6/20/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Small Bore Precision Competition -KYL
6/20/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Competition
6/21/2026	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Sip & Paint for Ladies Only
6/26/2026	4:00 AM	5:00 AM	Chapter Campout For Members
6/27/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	NSSF - Introductory Pistol Shooting
7/18/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Ladies Introductory Shooting
7/18/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Competition
8/1/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	NSSF - Introductory Shot Gun
8/15/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Competition
8/20/2026	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ladies - Pistol Shoot
9/19/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	3D Archery Event—Open to Public
9/20/2026	12:00 AM	12:00 AM	Chapter House - East Hall Private Rental
9/25/2026	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Fall Member Meeting
9/26/2026	3:00 PM	7:00 PM	Fishing Derby
10/3/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Rimfire 22LR Championship
10/3/2026	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Member Volunteer Work Day - Cookout!
10/10/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Know Your Limit (KYL) Championship
11/14/2026	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	RSO Refresher Course -