



# Fort Wayne Chapter, IWLA

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## IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE MEMBER PLEDGE:

*To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it, I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.*

Our monthly Chapter Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13. Several subjects of general interest that were discussed are:

- ◆ **Since the last reporting period**, 15 new memberships were processed along with 55 membership renewals. At that point there were still 195 lapsed memberships up for renewal. Our membership stood at a total of 358 members. New applications for membership and renewals continue to come in at a near-daily rate. If you have not mailed yours in yet, please do so soon. Reminders will be mailed in the next few weeks.
- ◆ **Javas Vandeway** reported that the new camera surveillance system has been installed at the rifle & pistol ranges.
- ◆ **There is an ongoing need for additional range safety officers (RSO)**. Serving as an RSO provides an excellent way to meet other like-minded members and to get more out of your membership. It only involves taking a one-day class, and afterward, committing to one four-hour shift per month (more if you'd like). The next training class is anticipated to be held in March, and will be conducted by our new Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO), **James Ramsey**, who was recently NRA certified in both, Basic Instructor Training, and Chief Range Safety Officer Training, in Richmond, Kentucky. Congratulations James! If you are interested in becoming a RSO, or would like more information, contact Javas (jvandeway@gmail.com) or James (jrsr7@aol.com).
- ◆ **Julia Saalfrank, who did such an outstanding job leading the Young Ikes Day Camp in 2019**, was in attendance to provide her vision of conducting another day camp this coming summer. Following a similar format, and capitalizing on her experience, she is enthusiastically looking forward to another great event. More campers will be served this year, however the first slots are reserved to those who participated in 2019. More-specific information will follow in the coming months. Meanwhile, Julie will be hard at work applying for grants and looking for other sources of funding. If you feel that you can help her in any way, please contact her at : juls1220@gmail.com. You may also want to plan to have your children or grandchildren attend the camp. It is conservation-oriented and will be a week they will always, fondly remember.
- ◆ **Trap and skeet shooting remains a well-attended activity on Sundays**, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

- **John Kurtz reported that we are proceeding toward completion of our three main projects in the spring:** a bat sanctuary, a large pollination garden, and establishing a resident bee colony. All of these projects are going to require member participation to become a reality. If you are, or have, a source of building materials, we need you. If you have construction equipment and/or carpentry skills, we need you. If you are, or have, a source of native flowers and plants, we need you. If you have an interest in helping in a beekeeping operation, we need you. If you can provide specific funding for any of these projects, we need you. If you would like to participate in any way, please contact John at: [jdkurtz66@gmail.com](mailto:jdkurtz66@gmail.com).



# ATA Shoots in 2021

ATA shoots this year have been approved and scheduled on the following dates:

March 28, April 18, May 23, June 27 (Marathon), July 25 (Marathon), September 26, October 24.

**Our youth trap team has been practicing for the past three weeks.** However, it is still possible to join the team. Members must be 23, or less, years old, and academically enrolled. They will participate in the AIM Program (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) by competing individually, and as a team member.

This is one of the safest sports available, and there are numerous high schools and colleges with teams competing across the nation. Currently, team practice sessions are on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. We welcome new, as well as experienced shooters. For more information please come to the next practice session or contact **Mike Prumm** at: [mprumm@gmail.com](mailto:mprumm@gmail.com).

**For insurance purposes and for safety reasons** we are making a concerted effort to have all shooting members certify that they have read and understand the range safety rules, by signing a set of the rules, on an annual basis. Therefore, we are instituting a procedure that is meant to accomplish just that. Each year, all shooters will be required to turn in a signed copy of the range rules to a on-duty RSO. When the RSO receives your signed copy, he/she will hole-punch your membership card and you will be “good-to-go” for the remainder of the calendar year. After February 28, 2021 you will not be able to use the range unless your membership card has the required punch. **Permanent range cards will no longer be issued.** A current membership card with the “RP” stamp, and duly punched, will be your only access ticket to the range. You can read and sign a set of rules the next time you visit the range, or, to save valuable shooting time, you may print a copy of the rules that are attached to this email, sign them, and deliver them to the RSO on your next visit. Your cooperation in this effort is important and appreciated.



*Kindness is like snow - it beautifies all it covers.*