



Fort Wayne Chapter, IWLA

17100 Griffin Rd. Huntertown, 46748

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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, February 10. Some business conducted was:

- ◆ Membership total stood at 240 memberships accounting for 494 members. There were 173 memberships that were in a "lapsed" state. Since then, more renewals have been received. If you have not sent yours in yet, please make an effort to get it in the mail. Renewal reminders will be sent out in March to all those who have not renewed by then.
- ◆ Cub Scout Troop Leader, Ben Compton gave a presentation and asked to have the Chapter charter and sponsor a Cub Scout. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept a Cub Scout Charter. The motion was passed.
- ◆ Javas and James announced that on February 21st there would be "brush-up" class for the RSO's who received their initial training virtually, because of the virus complications.
- ◆ Skeet and trap shooting has had weak participation due to inclement weather conditions.

Note: Board of Director meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend.

If you have questions regarding any of the areas or functions of the Chapter, you can get the best answers by contacting the right person. Cut out the section below and keep it handy for when you may need it.



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Rifle & Pistol Range Hours

Mar 1 - Sept 30 Fri - Tues 10:30am to 7:30pm / Closed Wed & Thu
Oct 1 - Feb 28 Fri - Tues 10:00am to 5:00pm / Closed Wed & Thu

Skeet & Trap Range Hours

All year: Sundays 9am - 1:00 pm
Apr 7 - October 31 Wednesday 5:30pm until dark

All other outdoor activity areas are open daily from dawn to dusk. Overnight camping plans must be arranged through Zach Walter, our resident grounds manager. 260-705-3146



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For information regarding the various activity centers of the Chapter, please contact the appropriate person listed below:

Board of Directors: Pres. Allie Carter (alliek222@gmail.com)
Membership: Carl Ehinger (crehinger@gmail.com)
Rifle/pistol Range: Javas Vandeway (jvandeway@gmail.com)
Range Safety Training: James Ramsey (jrsr7@aol.com)
Skeet/trap Range: Bob Walls (kabobw@yahoo.com)
Youth Trap Team: Mike Prumm (mprumm@gmail.com)
Young Ikes Daycamp: Julia Saalfrank (juls1220@gmail.com)
Building/grounds: John Kurtz (jdkurtz66@gmail.com)
Building rental: Zach Walter (illuminationmasher@gmail.com)



Next ATA shoot - Sunday, March 28

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.



to our Chapter family!

New members include: **Daniel & Janie Thomas family, Mark Kiproff, Andrew & Samantha Welborn family, Jay Linnemeier, Mel Kerfoot, Craig & Wendy Linnemeier family, Eric & Sarah Baker family, Philip & Marcia Rosier family, Matthew Ley.**
Thanks to all of you for choosing to become members of our Chapter family!

RSO Training Class Scheduled

Our next NRA Certified RSO training will be conducted Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This training, which normally costs \$125.00, will be paid for by the Chapter, for members who commit to volunteering for at least one, four-and-a-half hour, shift per month (more can be worked if desired). Training will be conducted in the east room of the Chapter house. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer RSO and taking this training class, please contact our **Chief Range Safety Officer, James Ramsey**, no later than March 15th. Sooner is better. Contact info: jrsr7@aol.com or 260-637-359

When is the first day of spring 2021? When is the March (Vernal) Equinox?

On the equinoxes, the Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of day and night is nearly equal. The March (Vernal Equinox) is when the Sun crosses the celestial equator, moving from south to north. This date is considered to be the first day of Spring for countries in the Northern Hemisphere. The first day of Spring in 2021 is Saturday, March 20th.

Hang in there baby. Three more weeks!!



So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

