



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

ANDREW SULLIVAN – 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

Andrew Sullivan of Stephens City was selected to receive the 2023 Winchester Izaak Walton scholarship. Read more under [Other News](#).

FAMILY FUN DAY: SAVE THE DATE!

Family Fun Day will be August 26th this year. Details will follow in a separate email.

JAXSON BAIRD – 3RD PLACE NATIONALLY

Our own Jaxson Baird took third nationally in rimfire rifle at SASP Nationals. Read more under [Range Report](#).

BULLSEYE AND PRECISION RIFLE REPORT

There are some seriously talented shooters in your Chapter. Read about them and their ridiculous scores under [Range Report](#).

TRASH LEFT AROUND LAKE NEFF

Fishing line counts as trash. Please see [Lake and Conservation](#) to see the damage it can do to your equipment, and the time it takes the volunteers to clear the snarls. Be mindful.

ARMED WOMEN OF AMERICA

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter meets at our chapter the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Please see [Other News](#) for details.





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FROM THE EDITOR



I attended the latest membership class. I had finally convinced my friend **Morgan** to join the chapter, and he attended the class given at the end of last month. **Peg Sattler** and **Brian Callahan** led the class, which is divided into two sections – general Chapter rules and information, and range rules and information. At the end of the class, new members go through a hands-on firearms qualification where they demonstrate basic safety knowledge and understanding of the range rules. Live ammunition is strictly forbidden in the Chapter House during the training, and all firearms are loaded with snap caps (right). New members are asked to bring their own as the Chapter has a limited number available.



In case you didn't know, a snap cap is a training aid shaped like a standard cartridge or shotshell, but contains no active components (no primer, propellant, or projectile). Dummy rounds are actual cartridges with the primer and propellant removed. Snap caps have a monolithic outer shell and are specifically designed to be a fake cartridge from the beginning.



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BOARD REPORTS

Your Board met on July 6th. Minutes have been posted to the website under [Documents](#).

LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Stock Report

The lake stocking in July was very successful. The Chapter added 15,000 shiners, minnows and rosies to the lake to boost the ecosystem. These fish are expected to spawn at least 2 more times this year providing a self-replicating food source for the game fish in the lake.

Catfish

We have had many really nice catfish caught this month. Lake Neff's catfish population is thriving due to the spawning beds introduced several years ago. Please review that lake rules which state catfish 30' or over are to be released. Those fish are the breeders and don't taste good either. **Terry Henry** (right) caught this nice fish recently. **Jim McConnell** (below) proves that catfish can be caught day or night.



Reminders!

One pole per fisherman. And a valid fishing license is required for every angler 16 years and older.

Please clean up any discarded line, it jams up the maintenance equipment.

[And besides the maintenance equipment, it goes against everything a conservation organization stands for. I understand line breaking off on a snag. Not much to be done about that. But leaving line on the shoreline? No excuse. – ed.]



RANGE REPORT

Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range

Good News – Bad News from Dr. Green Shotgun Range. The good news is that the range will open earlier so shooters



can shoot before the day gets too hot. The new range hours, starting July 19th, are:

Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Why the change? The morning hours made shooting difficult with eastern sun in their eyes along with standing directly in the sun even on the shooting platform.

*Rick Hill, Shotgun Range Manager
"Feel the Gun, See the Break, Smell the Powder"*

Precision Rifle & Bullseye Pistol

We continue to see excellent scores from our cadre of precision shooters this season. The top 3 leaderboard for both rifle and pistol during the month of July:

Top 3 Shooters	
Precision Rifle (400 Perfect Score)	Bullseye Pistol (600 Perfect Score)
Jason Adcock (395)	Mike Murphy (542)
Mike Murphy (381)	John Lewandoski (537)
John Lewandoski (378)	Dennis Adams (473)

We're having a great time at the range on Monday evenings, with a lot of good-natured competition, camaraderie, and just getting to know our fellow chapter members. However, if you're not able to join us on Monday evenings, why don't you run a rifle or pistol match of your own?

The Bullseye Match app (link: www.bullseyematch.app) is available for Android, iOS, and Windows, and is the app we use to call the line on Monday nights. It's set up for Bullseye Pistol, but it also works well for the Timed Fire portion of Precision Rifle. If you want to run a Precision Rifle match, you'll need two of the B-19 (or B-19C) targets...one for Slow Fire and one for Timed Fire. For Bullseye Pistol, you'll need one B-16 target for Slow Fire, and two B-8 targets...one for Timed Fire and one for Rapid Fire. Please reference the May 2023 newsletter for a full run-down of the courses of fire for each discipline.



There's also something in the Bullseye Match app for our regular shooters on Monday nights: a scoring feature!

Contact **Jason** at jason.adcock@outlook.com if you'd like more information or if you'd like to be added to the email distribution list. See you on the firing line at 6pm on the first four Mondays of each month!

Jason Adcock



More SASP National News

Our own **Jaxson Baird**, son of **Shawn Baird**, finished third in the nation in Rimfire Rifle Iron Sight. Jaxson competed in the Men's Middle School Entry Level division. Well done, **Jaxson!**

Armed Women of America



Mission

Armed Women of America exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind, and confidence in themselves.

Vision

For women to have the mindset, skills, and training to defend themselves and those in their care.

We welcome our newest leader: **Christina Nelson**. **Christina** is a retired Air Force veteran and has been with the AWA Shenandoah Valley Chapter for over a year.

In our happenings, we recently held a class on how to break down our firearms so we could clean them ourselves at home. We also took a road trip to attend the Nation's Gun Show at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Fun was had by all!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month for classroom work at the WIWL Chapter House, and the 4th Tuesday of the month at the WIWL Pistol Range. We are grateful to have WIWL as our host! For more information, please contact Vicki or Christina at AWA.ShenandoahValleyVA@gmail.com.

OTHER NEWS

Scholarship Winner

The scholarship committee has selected **Andrew Sullivan**, Stephens City, to receive the 2023 Winchester Izaak Walton scholarship valued at \$1,000. **Andrew** is currently attending Laurel Ridge Community College and is the son of **Tony** and **Erin Sullivan**. **Andrew** is the SASP Collegiate National Champion in pistol discipline and a member of the

Blue Ridge Bullets Chapter sponsored SASP team. When informed of winning the scholarship, **Andrew** replied:

To those close to me, it is no secret that I wish to pursue law. My mother always told me from a young age that I would make a great lawyer. Whether that was a compliment or insult, I do not know. But I do know that I have an opportunity to stand for the rights of myself and all law-abiding citizens throughout the country who wish to oppose tyranny wherever it encroaches. Part of that passion also comes in the form of ensuring gun ranges are protected from developers and that their very right to exist is not infringed upon. That is why I have applied for the Isaak Walton League scholarship, to serve and protect the citizens of our great country through higher education and shoot competitively along the way. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Congratulations, **Andrew!**

Editor's Corner (continued)

In short, **Peg** and **Brian** do a great job giving new members a comprehensive overview of the Chapter. Our volunteers are the backbone of your Chapter. Without them, nothing would happen. So, be sure to thank your volunteers when you see them around the Chapter.

For our new members, this will be their first newsletter. I'm disappointed this issue, like last month's, contains another admonition about picking up after ourselves. We're not perfect, and even the most fastidious of us will invariably drop some form of litter somewhere. Graciousness, forgiveness, compassion, and understanding are in very short supply. If you see something on the ground, pick it up and throw it away. This is something I try to teach my boys. "I don't care if you didn't leave that there, pick it up and put it away" is a recurring mantra. If we can do this at home, let's do it outside as well. God has given us stewardship over His creation. Let's exercise maturity.

Raffles

Your Chapter continues to raffle off fun, outdoor equipment, such as rifles, shotguns, handguns, and compound bows, among other items. The next raffle starts



soon. Go to the Chapter website under [Chapter House > Raffle](https://www.winchester-iwla.org/ChapterHouse) (<https://www.winchester-iwla.org/Raffles>) to buy a raffle ticket... or many tickets. Your chances of winning get better the more you buy. Each ticket is only \$20 and all proceeds benefit your Chapter.

Visit the website to see the current raffle. Drawings are held at the following month's Membership Meeting. Winners need not be present.

Friends of the Winchester Izaak Walton Chapter

Several businesses help support your Chapter through services and gifts. This list will continue to grow, and I encourage you to support them in kind as you can.

Winchester Aquarium and Pet Center

The fine folk at the Winchester Pet and Aquarium Center are responsible for testing the water sampled from Lake Neff.

They provide this service freely, willingly, and cheerfully.



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If you have a pet, or are interested in

one, please consider doing your business with them. They give to your Chapter; we should give back at least a little. They are located at 190 Costello Drive, just down from Costco.

Mule Fanatics Foundation

The Mule Fanatic Foundation supports Mule Deer habitat projects for this declining iconic animal as well as provides youth hunts for kids with life threatening illnesses across the country. The Blue Ridge Chapter was founded by two Winchester IWLA members and is the only chapter on the East Coast. This foundation also supports keeping youth involved in the outdoors by donating a percentage of their annual banquet dinner to local youth programs.



Mule Fanatic Foundation
BLUE RIDGE VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Jake's Bait & Tackle

If you, like me, enjoy the convenience of having bait ready to go at the Chapter House rather than jumping back in your car because you forgot worms again, be sure to thank Jake's Bait and Tackle. Jake's continues to supply the bait concession in the Chapter house with fresh red, wax, and earth worms. Be sure to support a business that supports your Chapter by getting your worms at the chapter house rather than the gas station. Also, drop in and say 'Hi' next time you're in their neighborhood and treat yourself to some new gear! You can find them at 234 Ezra Lane in Winchester.

