



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Save the date – September 18th! Family Fun Day at Izaak Walton. Details to follow.

FRIENDS OF THE NRA

The Friends of the NRA will be hosting a fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 22nd. Read more in [Other News](#) and see the [flyer](#) at the end of the newsletter.

LEARN TO SHOOT

This is an amazing opportunity. Your Chapter will teach you to shoot clays with a shotgun for free. Eye and ear protection, shotgun, ammunition, and instruction – all provided free of charge. See [Range Report](#) for details. .

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Izaak Walton League National Conference was held in July. Two great Ikes – Paul Sattler and Brian Callahan – attended and (hopefully) took lots of pictures and notes. Look for a full report in next month's newsletter.

ARCHERY COMMITTEE

If you are interested in archery and want to help set up and serve on the Archery Committee for your Chapter, please contact board member Gary Tilley. He can be reached at mindbender119@hotmail.com or by phone - 314-409-5982.

THEY'RE BAAAACK

The Lantern Flies are here. Your Editor has a 50% kill rate. Not great, but it's a start. Get 'em, Ikes!





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FROM THE EDITOR



It's been a busy July for your Editor. Took the small Editors out West to visit grandparents and family, then off to Boy Scout summer camp. First night I swear I saw someone collecting the animals two-by-two. Last night of camp we were praying for rain. What a difference a week makes!

Lots going on in your Chapter in August. Free shotgun training for anyone interested in learning how to shoot clays! Details in [Range Report](#). There is a fundraising banquet for the Friends of the NRA. Purchase of a table includes your choice of firearm (from a list). Details in [Other News](#). A Family Fun Day is in the works for September. Details will follow.

Get out and enjoy all that has been gifted us, and let's make sure we take care of that gift for future generations.

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BOARD REPORTS

Both the Membership and Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. The Board of Directors meeting is at 6 p.m., and the Membership meeting follows at 7 p.m. Your Board of Directors met on July 21st. The Membership Meeting immediately followed the Board meeting.

President Dan Arico announced that the Chapter Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) team, the Blue Ridge Bullets, has again brought honor to the Chapter by taking a first-place win at the SASP National Championships held earlier this month in Marengo, Ohio. Well done!

Chapter member Bill Procopchak held the attention of all present for his third appearance as guest speaker about fly fishing. Bill is also a member of the Winchester chapter of Trout Unlimited. Like IWLA, TU is a conservation-oriented organization committed to the outdoors. Bill's talk this evening focused on fly fishing equipment: rods, reels, flies; he emphasized that the quarry drives equipment selection, so the better one knows trout and other fish caught with fly fishing equipment, the better the fisherman's chances of success. The audience kept Bill engaged with many questions to the extent that the regular meeting agenda was shortened to allow for an interesting, informative presentation. Many thanks to Bill for his generous commitment of his time and fly-fishing knowledge.

Minutes for both can be found on the Chapter website under [Documents](#).

Paul Sattler and Brian Callahan attended the annual IWLA national meeting. Look for a full report from the national meeting in next month's newsletter.

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](#) 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.

LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Water Quality

Your Lake Neff continues to be a thriving body of water able to support a wide variety of game fish. As always, follow the clearly marked catch regulations. Remember there is no catch-and-release with trout. If you catch it, you keep it.

	Nitrate	Nitrite	PH	GH	Kh	Ammonia
Sep-21	10	-	7.2	75.0	40.0	-
Jan-22	0	-	6.8	80.0	80.0	-
Apr-22	5-10	-	7.8	80.0	80.0	-
Jul-22	0	-	7.6	75.0	80.0	-

Your Editor had some help dipping the water sample. Mini-editor collected the sample which we took directly to Winchester Pet and Aquarium Center, your one-stop shopping destination for all things pet. Drop in and pay them a visit.



Camping

Reserve your spot now for the summer/fall! Check the event calendar for reservations. If the campground is not reserved and not being used, it's available for use. The reservation form is available on the website at winchester-iwla.org/campground



Bait Available

The chapter is very excited to offer live bait again in the chapter house. The chapter has teamed up with Jake's Bait and Tackle to provide quality bait for fishing Lake Neff. Every bait purchase assists the chapter. Special thanks to Jake's Bait and Tackle for the support!!!

RANGE REPORT

Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range

Welcome to August, and the end of summer, the start of school in both Winchester and Frederick County and all the heat and humidity that comes with it. August is also National Shooting Sports Foundation Month, and we're thankful for their continued support of our shooting sports industry. To compliment NSSF we would like to offer our membership the opportunity to break some clays "FREE"!

WIWL is offering YOU the opportunity to set an appointment time for a "Learn to Shoot" session at our Dr. Green Shotgun Range. Here's the Deal:

1. We supply the shotgun, ammunition, and a certified shotgun instructor.
2. YOU will learn
 - a. Shotgun safety
 - b. How to operate and shoot a shotgun,
 - c. The excitement of breaking a moving clay target.

Don't forget, call for a time that is convenient for YOU. We will be offering this service the entire Month of August. The best way to sign up will be using the WIWL [web page](https://winchester-iwla.org/event-4917363) (https://winchester-iwla.org/event-4917363). Should you want or need more information, please contact Rick Hill, Shotgun Range Manager at rhill1105@aol.com or call/text at 202-255-1512.

"Feel the Gun, See the break, smell the powder"

Rick Hill
Shotgun Range Manager

Bullseye Pistol and Precision Rifle

The Bullseye and Precision Rifle league continues to enjoy enthusiastic participants who strive to keep improving behaviors and skills critical to getting great shots – breathing



conscientiously, trigger control, and arm strength for a good hold. We've got participants as young as 10 and as old as...seasoned...and welcome one and all who want to come out for a great time and to sharpen those shooting skills. We shoot .22LR pistol on 1st and 3rd Mondays and .22LR rifle on 2nd and 4th Mondays...come out on Monday nights at 4pm and...we'll see you on the line!

OTHER NEWS

Help Wanted

Your Chapter needs you. Please consider joining a committee and donating your time and expertise. Follow this link for a simple way to sign up and help out.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wgrzEMPdFHnYYWNHw_iCNglU90DclMrEIFDrV9NYO1Kg/edit?usp=sharing

Armed Women of America

Armed Women of America (AWA) Chapters across the country offer a welcoming, non-intimidating place for women to learn more about the safe and responsible use of firearms, including firearms safety, personal protection, concealed carry, mindset, and so much more. AWA provides a safe and comfortable environment to gather and discuss issues important to women gun owners while creating opportunities for women to learn, train and grow as shooters. The meetings offer classroom and range time, all under the guidance of certified women instructors.



The Shenandoah Valley VA Chapter of Armed Women of America meets for classroom training from 6 – 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the WIWL Chapter House. On August 9, we will be discussing Gun Care and Storage. We will be field stripping our firearms and reviewing general cleaning principles.

We meet for range time from 1- 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Clyde L. Heishman Memorial Rifle and Pistol Range. Our members are using the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program for Basic Pistol to develop and hone their firearm skills.

Ladies interested in joining, or for more information, contact Vicki Rhodes or Megan McGonigal at AWA.ShenandoahValleyVA@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

Friends of the NRA

Friends of NRA is a grassroots fundraising program that fosters community involvement to organize and, with help from NRA staff, plan community events for firearms enthusiasts. All net proceeds from Friends of NRA events are allocated to The NRA Foundation, the leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports. Through The NRA Foundation grants for equipment, training materials, range improvements and more, qualified local, state and national programs receive aid to involve and inspire a new generation of competitive shooters. Learn more about Friends of NRA at www.friendsofnra.org. Table packages include 8 tickets (full package) or 4 tickets (half package) plus the gun of your choice in your chosen level.

Raffles

If you are not yet aware, your Chapter is raffling off firearms. Visit the website - <https://www.winchester-iwla.org/Raffles> - 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.

Muley Fanatics Foundation

The Muley 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.



Jake's Bait & Tackle

Jake's will be managing the bait concession in the Chapter house. 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.



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SAVE THE DATE

One Team. One Voice. One Vision.



2022
GUN OF THE YEAR



SIG SAUER 1911 STX .45 WITH 30TH ANNIVERSARY GRIPS



Winchester Friends of NRA

JOIN US!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

5:30 PM

WEST OAKS FARM MARKET

4305 MIDDLE ROAD

WINCHESTER, VA

TICKET PRICES

\$70

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RAFFLES/ LIVE AUCTION/ FUN

WWW.FRIENDSOFNRA.ORG

Attend a Friends of NRA event this year and continue the legacy of fighting for the future of the Second Amendment while enjoying a night of auctions, drawings, firearms, and fun!

Friends of NRA is an exciting grassroots fundraising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100% of the net proceeds to qualified local, state, and national programs.

Be sure to check out this event to support the shooting sports programs in your area!

www.friendsofnra.org