



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

June means elections at your Chapter. See [Board Reports](#) for profiles on all who are standing for (re)election.

BAIT FISH COMING

There will be a big stocking of bait fish in Lake Neff. See more under [Lake and Conservation](#).

SCHOLASTIC ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM

Do you want to try your hand at a SASP course of fire? See details under [Range Report](#).

ANOTHER WOBBLE 25/25!

See [Range Report](#) for details. Spoiler alert – he shot 49/50 clay birds!

TREE FELLED IN GLAIZE CAMPGROUND

A huge walnut was in bad shape and needed to come down. Read more under [Lake and Conservation](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PAINTING

There are a number of painting jobs, from small to large. Please consider helping out. Read more under [Other News](#).





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FROM THE EDITOR



It's June. Used to be the month for weddings. Now it's become a month to celebrate... something else entirely. What is going on? Men cosplaying as women. Women cosplaying as men. Gender is now supposedly something that is fluid and can be anything you want it to be. And your gender can vary multiple times in one day. It's whatever you feel, evidently. And have you heard of 'otherkins'?

As society becomes increasingly secular, people increasingly look inward for fulfillment and satisfaction. People are feeling empty and looking for something to make them feel whole. The world is telling children that gender is a construct. What was it in the sixties? Turn on and tune out? Nothing's really changed. There is nothing new under the sun. People have always and will always look for fulfillment everywhere but in Christ. *(continued in Other News)*

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BOARD REPORTS

Elections

Chapter Elections to the Board of Directors will take place at the June Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Eight current Board Members are standing for election.

In-person Voting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House and end at 7:15 p.m. Your Membership ID and Driver's License (or other official ID) will be required to obtain a ballot.

If you wish to vote but can't make the meeting, absentee ballots will be available at the Chapter House on Saturday, June 10th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please demonstrate your support for the Chapter's management team by voting in this election. Please plan on attending the Membership Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., June 15th at the Chapter House. The following will stand for re-election to the Board:

Dan Arico, incumbent
Jim Sherry, incumbent
Peg Sattler, incumbent
Harold Whitacre, incumbent

The following will stand for election as they were appointed mid-term:

Bill Nordman, appointee
Jeff McCall, appointee
Rick Hill, appointee
Howard Beny, appointee

Candidate Profiles

Daniel J. Arico

Member since 2016; current Board Member and President standing for re-election.

My platform is more of the same. I'm placing emphasis on youth activities and family-oriented programs.

I've been a member for almost twelve years and a BOD member for most of that time. I'm a CRSO and a Certified Pistol Instructor. I've been involved in firearms training – particularly for young shooters.

Bill Nordman

Appointed to the Board in 2022; current Board Member and Vice President standing for re-election

Platform: I am currently filling the office of Vice President that was vacated and I would like to remain as a Board Member of this Chapter.

I was an Izaak Walton member back in 2005 for several years and accidentally allowed my membership to lapse. During those years I attended meetings fairly often and used the gun range on a regular basis. My joining and rejoining the League was based upon my growing up in the outdoors. I was a Boy Scout, hunted and fished with my dad and brother throughout my youth, went to Wyoming and packed mules in the Teton Wilderness area during the summer for five years while attending the University of Arizona in Tucson. Those experiences instilled in me a desire and ambition to respect and try to always conserve the natural world around me. Those experiences also bestowed upon me the love of outdoor photography – from the majesty of snow-capped mountains to crawling on my stomach to capture photographs of the finest mushrooms, flowers and bugs. My website – www.blueridgeoutdoor.com – shows some of my work.

With my background in business – I am a retired CPA, have been a controller for a couple of businesses including a bank, and now as real estate broker - I feel I can bring both a business background to bear on administrative matters as well as a love and knowledge of the conservation ideals of Izaak Walton. I can swing an axe, run a chain saw, drive a nail, string fence and electrical wire, and smile while doing it. Currently I am working with the Board toward preserving the League's land holdings through a conservation easement and in the process of setting up a bi-annual photo contest for the League's youth. My business activities are now all as a "contractor", so my time is scheduled and set by me.

Jim Sherry

Member since 2012; current Board Member and Secretary standing for re-election

Platform: I have been on the Board of Directors every year since 2015, first as Chapter President, then Vice



President, Membership Director, and for the last few years as Chapter Secretary. Although my first priority as a Board member has been range safety, I've contributed in other ways as well, including the establishment of the Range Guest Policy. As a Board member I'll continue to contribute my time and experience for the betterment of our Chapter.

Peg Sattler

Member Since 2020; current Board Member and Membership Director standing for re-election

Platform: I have been Membership Director for 4 years. I have worked with members on various levels... volunteerism, reservations for the Chapter House, special events (i.e. Kids Fishing Derby, Opening Day, Family Fun Day, Chapter Christmas Party, Member Meetings and New Member Orientations) raffles and I also work with the development of Ladies Auxiliary. I am also a current Board Member. I grew up on the property, as a bunch of family members were WIWL members. As a steward of the property, I consider the betterment of the chapter in everything I do there.

Harold Whitacre

Member since 2001; current Board member standing for re-election.

Involved in leading special events, helps assure institutional memory of the Board.

Jeff McCall

Appointed to the Board in 2022; current Board member standing for re-election

Platform: I have been a member for over 25 years and have served on the board for 1 year as well as the lake committee for 10 years. Assisted with the kids' fishing derby and member fishing events. Dedicated to the preservation of our streams, lakes, and rivers; as well as supporting the ongoing education of hunting safety and supporting all Law enforcement agencies. Also, coordination of the Izaak Walton league of Winchester Scholarship programs. At your service.

Rick Hill

Appointed to the Board in 2022; current Board member standing for re-election

Platform: 2022 was my first experience as a board member for our club. Previous to that I helped establish and build the new 5 stand shooting platform approved by our board with the help of some of our established member shotgun shooters. We had the design drawn by member Don Miller approved by Frederick County and all except the wood sheeting and metal on the roof was done by our dedicated members.

Once nominated and approved by our BOD we have diligently been working to make Winchester Izaak Walton the premier park of Virginia. The pond aeration system that is so helpful in keeping our pond clean and healthy for the fish stocking we do each year is a project we suggested and help install for the park. We are currently doing plantings of native grasses around the shotgun shooting range for our wild game population which includes Turkey, fox, coyotes, racoons, wood and mallard ducks along with many other smaller and larger creatures. We have set up 8 hives of bees near the range as pollinators for our wildflowers and trees, and eventually would like to establish a quail population for our park.

These are things that have been done and if I am elected to our board, I will continue to advance our club as the conservation club you the members want and deserve.

Your vote is appreciated.

Howard Beny

Appointed to the Board in 2023; current Board member standing for re-election

Platform: I have supported our chapter over the years since joining the Winchester chapter, I have served as Membership directory, currently an RSO for the shotgun range, and general volunteering especially over the last year as my personal responsibilities have lessened. I am looking forward to serving as a board member.



LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Big Stocking

Prepare for the biggest stocking of the year! Wait, sorry, wrong audience...Our biggest stocking of the year will be taking place in early June but we are stocking bait. The committee decided last year that stocking bait fish was important for the overall health and maintenance of the lake.

The species we are stocking include crayfish, shad and minnows. These

fish reproduce quickly and provide an important food source for

game species in the lake. We will not be doing any weed eradication for 3 weeks after the stocking to protect the newly stocked fish.

Any who love to eat crayfish like I do – the catch limit is 20 per day.

Aerator Added

The sixth aerator has been added to the lake. This final aerator is located on the other side of the silt dam and is blasting full strength. Our aeration plan circulates the needed bacteria on the top of the lake to the bottom to attack the silt. We discovered the shallow water behind the silt dam holds about six feet of muck. This aerator will also assist in slowing the growth of weeds in the stagnant water that eventually end up on the other side of the pond.

Recycle Your Fishing Line

Do not discard fishing line along the shore. If you need to remove fishing line, recycle it in the white tubes. Discarded fishing line wraps around our mowers and weed eaters and causes havoc to the equipment.

Editor's note: Follow the Outdoor Code. We all have a love of the outdoors. It's why we joined Izaak Walton. Show



Crayfish



Minnow



Gizzard Shad

your commitment to the principles of the outdoor code through your actions.

Ticks!

The warm winter has resulted in a bumper crop of ticks this year. It's not just the chapter but our entire region. Please use bug spray liberally when using the chapter grounds and check your dog on a regular basis.

Tree Down

The large black walnut at the edge of the campground was inspected and taken down by members of the Lake and Conservation and facilities committees with the approval of



the Chapter Board of Directors. Upon inspection of the base of the tree, the rot had spread through 95% of the trunk. The 75 foot tree was felled into

the campground area and completely covered 2 campsites. This hazard tree had the potential to fall in the next wind storm.

RANGE REPORT

SASP Shoot

The Clyde L. Heishman Memorial Rifle and Pistol Range will be closed to members during the SASP Virginia State match starting June 9th at 1 p.m. and continuing through June 10th. However, members are welcome to come shoot the course of fire starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 10th. More youths involved through your Chapter have graduated and not all have been replaced with new shooters. As a result, the course of fire should not take as long as in the past, and members can shoot starting at 4 p.m.

There will be two of our arrays set up for the members to try out. 22lr firearms only. No other calibers will be permitted. There are some firearms available to members should they need one. The team can provide a limited amount of ammo for members, but bring your own if you want to shoot more. We will have some of our shooters



available to give demonstrations. ALL individuals on the range will need to have their own eye & ear protection. We have a few extra sets, but only enough for 3 or 4 people. No guest shooters at this event, please.

For those who may not know, SASP is an acronym for Scholastic Action Shooting Program. The Scholastic Action Shooting Program offers a sporting world in which young participants from grade school through college can compete and grow in a sport that offers a true level playing field with no such thing as being “benched,” while developing skills and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Perfection!

Douglas Morgan, a fine Shotgun RSO, shot on Saturday, May 27th. His first round was a paltry 24 out of 25.

But on his second round, not a single clay was left unbroken. Twenty-five out of twenty-five. So, of course, his hat bit the dust. Well done, **Doug!** Your hat is well-ventilated and ready for summer!



For those not in the know, when you score a perfect round, your hat is tossed and shot as a ‘reward.’ You are afforded an opportunity to take it off first. Or so I’ve been told. Find out for yourself if you dare!

Precision Rifle and Bullseye Pistol

Look for metrics and stats in next month’s newsletter.

OTHER NEWS

Flag Day Celebration

The Daughters of the American Revolution will be holding their annual flag day celebration on June 14, 2023. The event will be held at Round Hill Community Fire and Rescue Company, 141 Spinning Wheel Lane, Winchester and

will begin at 7:00 PM. Our chapter donates the firewood used during the flag retirement at this event.

Call for Volunteers!

The chapter has at least 10 painting projects. Some projects are small, some are more detailed and others are larger. Please let us know if you are looking for volunteer hours!!! Remember that volunteer hours help offset the renewal cost of your membership.

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.

From the Editor (continued)

The following table is taken from Pastor Gary Hamrick’s sermon on Sunday, June 4th. Pastor Hamrick leads Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, VA, and is the church your Editor and his family attend.

Truth 1: God’s Word is true and is the standard for all truth <i>(John 17:17)</i>	Truth 2: God designed us male and female <i>(Gen 1:27)</i>	Truth 3: God designed each person with beauty and purpose <i>(Ps 139:14)</i>
Truth 4: Sex was designed by God to remain within a marriage between one man and one woman <i>(Gen 1:28)</i>	Truth 5: God designed all races with equal value and worth <i>(Acts 10:34-35)</i>	Truth 6: God loves all and died for all to save whomsoever would call upon the Name of the Lord <i>(Rom 10:9-13)</i>



No matter what craziness the world sends, anchor in the Truth. It was true 6,000 years ago, and it's true now. And get outside and enjoy God's beauty.

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



Muley Fanatic Foundation
BLUE RIDGE VIRGINIA CHAPTER

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

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.

