



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

Woods, water, wildlife - our heritage, our responsibility.



www.winchester-iwla.org

November 2023

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Another Eagle project has been completed. Flagpoles in the campgrounds. Brilliant! Read about the project and the Life Scout who came up with the idea under [Lake and Conservation Report](#).

CHILI COOK-OFF

If you have a wicked-good recipe, read about this event under [Board Reports](#).

CHRISTMAS PART

Plans are being worked out. Please see the teaser under [Board Reports](#).

PRECISION RIFLE AND BULLSEYE PISTOL – WRAPPED UP

See the final averages and read the summary under [Range Report](#).

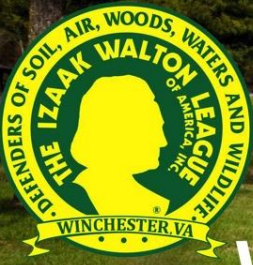
DR GREEN MEMORIAL SHOTGUN RANGE UPDATES

From staining the five stand to installing a fire pit, there is a lot going on with Shotgun. Read more about it under [Range Report](#).

FOOD DRIVE

This year's food drive will kick off at this month's Membership Meeting. Read more under [Membership Meeting](#).





Winchester IWLA Newsletter

Woods, water, wildlife - our heritage, our responsibility.



www.winchester-iwla.org

November 2023

FROM THE EDITOR



Virginia has elections every year. Next Tuesday, November 7th, is election day. Please make sure to make the time to get to your polling place and cast your vote. This is a right not to be taken lightly. Brave men and women have fought, bled, and died to ensure the rights we have today. Let's not squander them. A right lost is a right lost forever.

There is a lot happening in your Chapter. Another Eagle project is in the books. This is one I think we can all *salute*. You can find it under Lake and Conservation. Your shotgun range got a bit of a facelift. Precision Rifle and Bullseye Pistol wrapped up. You can read about both under Range Report.

OFFICERS

- Dan Arico, President
(703) 229-3130
dan_arico@winchester-iwla.org
- William Nordman, Vice-President
vp@winchester-iwla.org
- James Sherry, Secretary
Jim_Sherry@winchester-iwla.org
- Paul Sattler, Treasurer
(516) 380-9000
treasurer@winchester-iwla.org
- Peg Sattler, Membership Director
(631) 255-1917
membership@winchester-iwla.org

POINTS OF CONTACT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- John Suter, Board Member
(540) 364-1782
john_suter@winchester-iwla.org
- Harold Whitacre, Special Events
(540) 533-8996
harold_whitacre@winchester-iwla.org
- Jeff McCall
(540) 336-9038
Jmccal0012@yahoo.com
- Rick Hill, Board Member
rhil1105@aol.com
- Howard Beny, Board Member

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Range Masters
Rifle and Pistol
John Suter, (540) 364-1782
range@winchester-iwla.org
- Shotgun
Rick Hill
rhil1105@aol.com
- Archery
Garry Tilley, (314) 409 -5982
mindbender119@hotmail.com
- Lake & Conservation
Brian Callahan
brian_callahan@winchester-iwla.org
- Education & Training
Al Stitt, (540) 336-2468
training@winchester-iwla.org
- Facilities
Eric Raybuck
- Newsletter
David Colf, (703) 401-7100
editor@winchester-iwla.org



BOARD REPORTS

Hunter Safety Course

The hunter safety course was a huge success, attended by all manner of people young and, well, maybe not so young. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about hunting, muzzleloading, bow hunting, and safety.



The instructors were (l-r) **Doug Cochran**, **Linwood Williamson**, **Lloyd Winters**, and **Denny Veach, Jr.**



Tom Christian (left) and **Brett Clawson** (not pictured) also spoke to the group.



take half of the entries, so the more there are, the bigger the prize!

Reminders!

The Chapter needs volunteers. We have many openings on the following committees:

- Range Safety (NRA RSOs)
- Lake and Conservation
- Facilities
- Archery (including committee chair)

Please send an e-mail to brian_callahan@winchester-iwla.org to be added to a committee.

Save the Date

Your Chapter's Christmas Party is planned for December 9th. That's a Saturday. It is open to all members and their guests. Details will follow.

LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Eagle Scout Project – Ryan Lunceford, T-63



Life Scout **Ryan Lunceford** of BSA Troop 63 and Venture Crew 1911 recently completed his Eagle Scout project in the campground. **Ryan** noticed that there were no flagpoles and thought it would be a great idea to have flag poles so groups could fly their group flag or the American flag while camping. The flag poles also

provide a great opportunity for these youth groups to practice their Honor Guard activities of raising, lowering and folding the flag which are all requirements for rank advancement.

Chili Cook-Off

Your Chapter will be holding a Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, November 12th. Set up begins at 2:00 p.m., with judging starting at 2:30 p.m. There will be three special judges for this event, and results should be in by 3:30 p.m. The winner will



RANGE REPORT

Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range

Leaves are changing, weather is becoming chillier, and the Dr. Green Shotgun Range has been busy, busy, busy!

This year has seen several events at our shotgun range including Boy Scouts, Trail life, Young Marines, Armed Women of America and even a couple family groups coming to the range as new shooters and walk away with a grin on their face broken clays on the ground and of course the shell casing of the first clay target they ever broke. This coming year we invite all our members and guests to come and enjoy your Dr. Green Shotgun Range. We are fortunate to have several certified instructors both in NRA and NSCA shotgun shooting. No shotgun, no problem, we have both youth/ladies and adult shotguns along with all the safety gear you will need to go through the course. We will be setting up dates for 2024 and would like to include you and your family the opportunity a “Learn to Shoot” and break your first clay.



The shotgun range saw some new additions to the grounds. Starting with a new maintenance shed, fire pit, landscaping of the shooting grounds, planting of

native grass for the wildlife and the staining of our 5-stand shooting platform. These projects wouldn't have been completed without the generous donations of our shotgun shooters.

We would like to especially thank **Larry Camper, Jack Macgregor, Charlie Cloud, Jim Nesselrodt, and James Geslak** for their help in getting the 5-stand stained before the weather changes.

Rick Hill, Shotgun Range Manager

“Feel the Gun, See the Break, Smell the Powder”

Ryan attends Millbrook High School and is also actively involved in band. He is the son of Chapter members **Rob** and **Rejoyce Lunceford**. We cannot thank him enough for his project and we wish him the best wishes as he prepares for his Board of Review to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.



Dag-Blasted GEESE!

Last month, the alert reader will recall reading about an Eagle Scout project in which **Andrew Colf** of Troop 15 constructed, planted, and deployed an artificial island on Lake Neff. The purpose of the plants, besides beautifying the lake, would eventually produce roots that would grow into the water and extract excess nutrients, helping to reduce the algae bloom.

But, the Canada Geese had other ideas. The geese apparently find pickerel and iris delicious. They ate all the plants. Fortunately, they're bulbs and will come back (hopefully) next season. In the meantime, **Andrew** is planning on setting out deterrents.

Pictured left, nice island with plants. Pictured right, denuded island with a fat, arrogant goose.



Personally, I'd vote for spatchcocked goose for the membership, but that may get voted down.



Precision Rifle & Bullseye Pistol – CEASE FIRE

The leaves are falling, the air is turning cool, and the evenings are growing shorter. It's that time of year when we reflect back on an excellent year of precision pistol and rifle shooting. Some quick stats:

**5,040
Rounds Fired**

**462 / 600
Average Pistol Score**

**370 / 400
Average Rifle Score**

Our average pistol score in May and October was 447 and 457, respectively. And our average rifle score in May and October was 364 and 372, respectively. These scores are already very strong, and high enough to where small gains are hard to achieve, so this improvement is noteworthy.

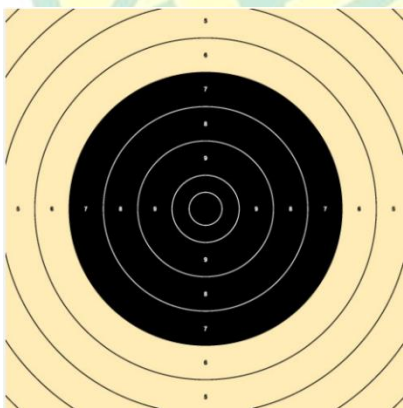


As you read this and think to yourself, "self, I'm going to dust off that .22 in the safe and put it to work next season," I invite you to come down to your chapter this winter and practice using the course of fire and targets used in NRA competition, so you can ready yourself and your gun for next year! We use the Bullseye Match app (link: <https://www.bullseyematch.app>), available for Android, iOS, and Windows. It's set up for Bullseye Pistol, but it also works well for the Timed Fire portion of Precision Rifle.

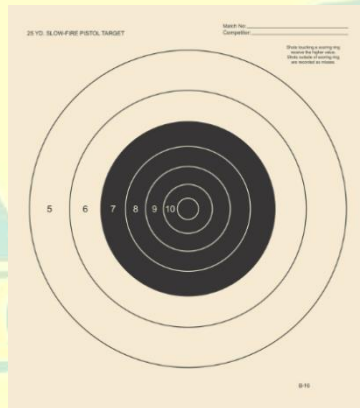
If you want to run a Precision Rifle match, you'll need two of the B-19 (or B-19C) targets...one for Slow Fire and one for Timed Fire. For Bullseye Pistol, you'll need one B-16 target for Slow Fire, and two B-8 targets...one for Timed Fire and one for Rapid Fire. See the [May 2023 newsletter](#) for a full run-down of the courses of fire for each shooting discipline.

Watch this newsletter in the spring for when we'll start up again next year! Contact **Jason** at jason.adcock@outlook.com for more information.

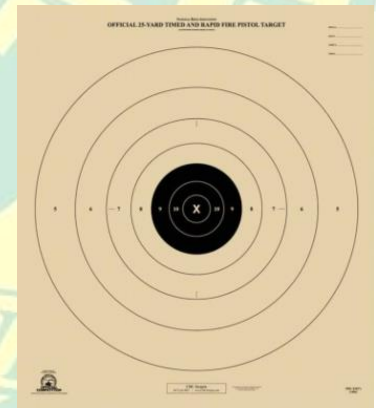
NRA B-19C Target
Precision Rifle (Slow and Timed)



NRA B-16 Target
Bullseye Pistol (Slow)



NRA B-8 Target
Bullseye Pistol (Timed and Rapid)
About twice as large as the B-16



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 had awesome weather – 70 degrees, no clouds, sunny and very little wind for our monthly shoot on October 24th. There were many bugs, but they weren't the biting or stinging kind. A good time was had by all as many of our membership worked on their NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.

Our next classroom meeting will be held November 14 from 6-9 pm for a special Self Defense Class. This Women's Self Defense course focuses on situational awareness, preventative tactics, and self-defense skills. This is a hands-on seminar and the techniques taught will empower us in an attack situation and in everyday life. Various self-defense situations will be covered such as abduction, striking, and ground survival.

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

Pumpkins

It's that time of year again. Instead of throwing your old pumpkins away, please consider throwing them into the field of high grass on the left-hand side of the road as you head towards the Glaze Shelter and Campground. The wildlife love them!

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/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.

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.

190 Costello Drive
Winchester, VA 22602
Phone: 540-667-8198
wacinfo@comcast.net

Mon—Fri 10am to 8pm
Saturday 10am to 7pm
Sunday 11am to 5pm
www.petcenteronline.com

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.

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.



Staples

I, your humble editor, have used Staples ever since taking over as editor. Your Chapter doesn't mail out many newsletters, but the few that we do are all printed by Staples, located at 2045 S. Pleasant Valley Center in Winchester. Their staff are always helpful and courteous and strive to ensure the customer is happy with the product.

