



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

WIWL HOLIDAY PARTY

It was a great success. You can read more about it in [Other News](#).

FRIENDS OF IZAAK WALTON

There are two focus areas – the dam and tree removal. See [Lake and Conservation Report](#) for details.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please be patient. They are being processed and mailed out.

SHOTGUN HOURS UPDATE

With daylight savings, the Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range lost an hour on Sundays. Read more about this under [Range Report](#).

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.

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FROM THE EDITOR



The first newsletter of 2022! A few days late but Emily Post gives a grace period of 15 days before you're considered late.

Or is that 15 minutes? Eh... minutes, days – I'm fashionable!

Last year was a rough one. Still living with the virus restrictions. Some states doubling down and requiring one to have a shot before being allowed to go eat at a restaurant. "Being allowed to eat in a restaurant." I have a hard time with that concept in this country.

Let's pray that this year, 2022, brings much needed peace, patience, and kindness with all of us. And the best place for that to start is with me. I'm not much for resolutions, but that is mine.

Oh, and being a tad more timely with the newsletter.

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BOARD REPORTS

Your Board of Directors met on December 2nd. The minutes are [posted](#). You can browse to the minutes by pointing here: <https://www.winchester-iwla.org/Board-Meeting-Minutes>.

The December Membership Meeting was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

Renewal notices have been sent via email to all members who included an email address in their original applications, and that as of the date of the meeting 257 members have paid their 2022 dues. Those members for whom the chapter does not have an email address on record had their renewal invoices mailed to them via USPS on November 18, 2021. The full Treasurer's report is posted on the chapter bulletin board.

LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Water Quality

Lake Neff was sampled and tested this month. The lake is healthy, ensuring a good fish population. Samples will be taken and tested in January, April, July, and October of each year.

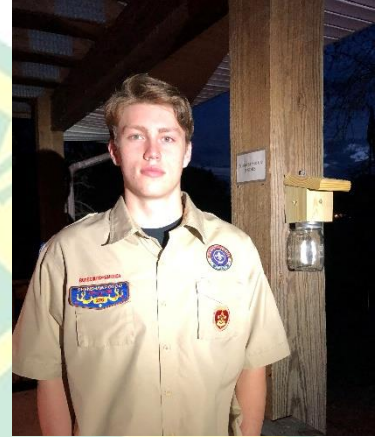
I noticed that October, 2021, is missing. Regardless, the tracked results show a stable, healthy lake. The next update will be in the April newsletter.

	Nitrate	Nitrite	pH	GH	Kh	Ammonia
Oct-20	0-5	-	7	30.0	40.0	-
Jan-21	0-5	-	6	30.0	40.0	-
Apr-21	0-5	-	7	65.0	30.0	-
Jul-21	0	-	7.6	75.0	50.0	-
Jan-22	0	-	6.8	80.0	80.0	-

Eagle Projects

The Chapter has benefited from two amazing eagle scout projects recently completed at the Chapter.

David English Jr is a Life Scout with BSA Troop 159 and is the son of David English Sr, and Tiffany English. Dave found extensive damage in several of the Chapter's pavilions and decided to build carpenter bee traps for his project. Carpenter bees tunnel out holes in wood and cause extensive damage to support timbers. David researched, built and hung 15 traps in the pavilions at the chapter. He also provided additional traps to the rifle pistol and shotgun 5 stand ranges.



Caleb Vining is a Life Scout with Troop 159 and is the son of Nancy Vining. Caleb enjoys throwing tomahawks and built an amazing tomahawk throwing range in the lower campground. Caleb's well



researched design includes throwing instructions as well as safety information and has already been a big hit with campers and members hiking the trails. This new feature is a wonderful addition to our

campground!



OTHER NEWS

Holiday Party

What an amazing time at the IWLA holiday party. Great food, great music, and best of all, great friends.

Special thanks to David Parker for the live music. Great job to Peg and Sue for adding the women's touch on the decorations. Honorable mention to Brian for the men's room decoration.

The prizes were amazing. Thank you to Coopers Jewelers, Trophy Tree Stands, Jordan Springs Market, and Stonewall Arms along with Mr & Mrs Dave Reynolds, Jonathan Wilson, Jim Herendeen, Gary Tilley, and Dan Arico for donating great items to our event.

We wish you all the absolute best holiday. Merry Christmas to all of the IWLA family.



Special thanks to members Terry Henry and Rob Lunceford who acted as Chapter representatives and mentors to the scouts during the project. We also need to thank Steve Nurkowski for cutting the target slabs for the range.

We wish these scouts the very best as they now prepare for their Eagle Board of Review on the journey to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

RANGE REPORT

Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range Hours

There has been a little confusion regarding the hours for the shotgun range, and thanks to daylight savings, now there's more. Note the new hours for Sunday below.

Day	Time
Wednesday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

We still need volunteers to work as RSOs at the five stand. It cannot open without a trained RSO. Please contact Rick Hill (rhill1105@aol.com) if you are interested. If you are a current RSO, you will need training on operating the wobble trap.



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.



“Your Pet Professionals”

190 Costello Drive Winchester, VA 22602 Phone: 540-667-8198 wapcinfo@comcast.net	Mon—Fri 10am to 8pm Saturday 10am to 7pm Sunday 11am to 5pm www.petcenteronline.com
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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 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 2 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.

The Winchester IWLA chapter has again been selected to receive a grant of \$2000 for support of Winchester IWLA Chapter youth programs. This grant helps support activities such as the Mike Mercer Memorial Kids fishing derby, SASP youth shooting team, Boy Scout Camporees, Trail Life summer camp and all the infrastructure needed to hold these youth events. This amazing gift will not only impact the ability of our Chapter to hold these events but will also help so many youths in our community interested in the outdoors.



The Winchester chapter partners with several organizations in the area with similar missions. Please help support the Muley Fanatic Foundation by attending their annual banquet on March 19, 2022 and thank them for their previous donations to our chapter youth programs. Dave and Ron do a wonderful job of putting on a fun banquet as well as showing examples of the amazing work their group does. Tickets can be found at <https://mffbrc2022.givesmart.com>.

Chapter Facebook Page

I know this same message has been in previous newsletters, but it bears repeating. There are two Facebook pages for your Chapter. The original was set up, but the password for that page has been lost and so that page can no longer be maintained.

A second Facebook page was created recently and can be found [here](#). It is updated regularly and is your best source to know the latest goings-on with your Chapter.



Sometimes the Chapter will be closed or events cancelled due to weather or other reasons. Be sure to check the Facebook page to check for closures or cancellations.

Amazon Smile

This is another nugget worth repeating. Would you like an easy way to give back to your Chapter? By selecting Winchester IWLA as your charitable organization at smile.amazon.com, a portion of eligible purchases will be donated back. You can read more about this program [here](#).

To select your Chapter, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>.
2. Choose “Winchester Izaak Walton” as your charity. It can be found [here](#).
3. Be sure that when you shop you are at **smile.amazon.com**. Having the ‘smile’ at the beginning of the URL makes the difference.

