



# Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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May 2022

## MAY HIGHLIGHTS

### IN MEMORIAM: RAY PALLADINO

As many of you know, we lost Ray Palladino last month. Please see [Other News..](#)

### TOBIN AWARD WINNER – HAROLD WHITACRE

Read more, and learn about the award's namesake, in [Other News](#).

### CHAPTER ELECTIONS

This is your opportunity to give back and serve your Chapter by running for your Board. Come to the May 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting and declare your intention. Please read more under [Board Reports](#).

### RAFFLES

Your Chapter raffled off a rifle and pistol last month. See [Other News](#) for more.

### MIKE MERCER MEMORIAL KIDS' FISHING DERBY

Save the date! May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. See the flyer at the [end](#) of the newsletter.

### HELP WANTED

All kinds of things are planned at your Chapter, but none can happen without you. Please reach out to anyone listed as a point of contact if you can help in any way – time, materials, labor. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:mindbender119@hotmail.com) or by phone - 314-409-5982.





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## FROM THE EDITOR



It's May! Did you get out to see the parade? Get a funnel cake at the carnival? Shut yourself in while Winchester shut down for the annual celebration of a tree? Or maybe you came to your Chapter to enjoy some serenity. However you spent the end of April, welcome to May!

Your lake is now aerated, thanks to the efforts of your Lake Committee. The aeration will help with weed abatement. Read more in Lake and Conservation Report.

For the men: do not forget that Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. A friendly reminder.

Get out and enjoy your Chapter. Fishing, shooting, camping, hiking – just get outside!

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# BOARD REPORTS

Your Board of Directors met April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The Membership Meeting was held April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Minutes for both can be found on the Chapter website under [Documents](#).

Your Chapter will be raffling 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.

## Chapter Elections

### *Election Committee:*

- The Board asked member Chris Barltrop to again run the Chapter Board Elections for 2022 – Chris agreed to run the actual election process, it is up to the Board to seek candidates.

### *Candidates:*

- Any chapter member in good standing prior to the May 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting is permitted to run for Chapter Board of Directors position by having their name placed on the election ballot;
- All candidates must provide prior to the May 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting, the following items:
  - Full name, address, phone number, e-mail address, WIWL membership number, and
  - A statement detailing their platform; experience; qualifications; their commitment to providing time needed to fulfill the position obligations.
- All notices of intention to run for elected office will be posted on the Chapter website ([www.Winchester-IWLA.org](http://www.Winchester-IWLA.org)) and the Chapter Newsletter;
- All candidates shall be given equal time and opportunity to communicate their qualifications and ideas to the membership by the Chapter website and

at the May General Membership meeting or such special meeting as may be determined by the Board prior to the election;

- A nominating committee, consisting of between 2 and 4 members may also be appointed by the President to find qualified members available to run for any of the Board positions;
- This committee shall use Board approved Election Committee Procedures as a guide and shall not discourage any member from identifying or declaring themselves as a candidate.

### *Positions:*

- Board member positions are in principle for two-year terms;
- Incumbents may stand for re-election;
- A Board Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy may only serve until the next regularly scheduled election and must run as a candidate for election should they wish to continue to serve on the Board;
- If more than six Board members are elected, those with the highest vote counts will be entitled to two-year terms, and the remainder will be awarded one-year terms.

### *Voting:*

- Any Chapter member in good standing as of the date of their vote may vote in the election;
- Verification of Chapter membership, address, and photo identification will be required in order to vote;
- Individual members shall have one vote for that member;
- Family Memberships shall have one additional vote for an adult member present over the age of 18;
- Members who are unable to meet these requirements may cast a provisional ballot that shall be counted when proper identification is verified;
- The election committee will handle voter verification and issuance of ballots with the assistance from the Board of Directors and Officers, excepting only if the IWLA Virginia Division assumes responsibility for the conduct of the election;
- Upon receipt of a ballot, the voting member shall mark his/her selection(s), and place the ballot in the locked Ballot Box;



- Members of the Board, the Election Committee and IWLA Virginia Division (if present) will oversee the registration, issuance of ballots, marking and placement of ballots in the lock box, and provide visual security until the voting time has elapsed and until the ballot counting has been completed.

#### *Place and Time of Voting:*

- By Board action, the voting for this election will take place on June 16, 2022 starting at 6:30 p.m. – voting will close at 7:30 p.m. providing all members present have voted;
- The election committee will determine one or more occasions wherein absentee voting may take place.

#### *Absentee Voting:*

- Absentee voting will be available to any member who is unable to attend voting in person on the day and time of the election;
- Absentee ballots will be available on June 11, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rifle/Pistol Range.

#### *Procedures for Absentee Voting:*

- Member states verbally he/she may not be able to make the Membership Meeting during which the voting is scheduled, and would like to vote Absentee;
- Member presents a photo ID and IWLA Member ID;
- Member's name is checked against the current membership roster and each recipient of an absentee ballot shall initial the membership roster by their name when handed the ballot and envelope to ensure that no duplication of distribution of ballots occurs on election night;
- Absentee ballots will be stamped with the Chapter seal and must be received by U.S. Mail to the Chapter P.O. Box 2955, Winchester, VA 22604 not later than noon on June 19, 2020;
- Collection of absentee ballots from the Chapter PO Box shall be by the Chapter Treasurer or designate and all unopened ballots shall be turned over to the Election Committee Chairman for safekeeping until Election Evening, at which time they shall be opened and counted along with all other ballots cast that evening.

- Witnesses may be present, but no contact with voters will be allowed, nor will there be any personal electioneering or signs posted on Chapter property;
- Members receiving an absentee ballot will not be given a second ballot at the time of the election.

#### *Counting of Ballots and Announcement:*

- Counting of ballots shall commence immediately after voting is closed and shall be conducted in the same building location;
- The general membership shall be permitted to view the vote count;
- Either the Election Committee chairperson or the IWLA Virginia Division representative will control the lock box key and shall publicly open the lock box for vote counting in the presence of the membership;
- The Election Committee shall count and record the votes for the candidates and issues on the ballot (if any) by reading aloud each individual ballot;
- Any provisional ballots cast and set aside will be verified, and if decided eligible, will be included if found to possibly impact the outcome of voting;
- Upon completion of vote counting, the highest vote recipients will be announced winners, and the result of any vote tally for any issue or Bylaws Amendment that may have been on the ballot, will be announced approved or disapproved.

#### *Maintaining of Ballots after Elections:*

- All ballots shall be returned to the locked ballot box after counting and held for 30 days following the election in the event any candidate should request a recount on the vote during this period;
- The Election Committee and the members of the Board who were in office prior to the election and were not on the ballot would perform the recount;
- In the absence of any written challenge stating the basis submitted to WIWL Election Committee Chairman within the 30-day period from election date shall be considered final;
- All ballots shall thereafter be maintained in storage for a minimum of one year.



# LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

## Mike Mercer Memorial Kids Fishing Derby

The event will be held on May 7, 2022. Please contact Brian Callahan if you can volunteer for the committee or at the event. Due to the supply chain issues, we have lost several sponsors. Please donate any extra fishing gear in the Chapterhouse in the marked box. We need lures, hooks, bobbers and jigs for the Kids prizes which are small tackle boxes filled with fishing gear. Thanks again for the support of this event.

## Lake Neff Rules Reminder

Remember one rod per person on the lake.

## 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!!!

## Portable Sawmill

The chapter is contracting with a portable sawmill for the first time on May 14 to collect some usable lumber from the many dead trees that have fallen. So far, the lake and conservation team has black walnut, honey locust, white oak and pine logs ready for the mill's arrival. These logs were selected from many of the fallen trees by cutting test samples then finding 8-10' sections that are millable. The lake and conservation team purchased a much beefier chainsaw to assist with the process.



The process of finding, cutting and moving 8-10' logs in the forest has been interesting and inventive. Many of these logs weigh 200-400 lbs and moving them to the campground circle has taken some ingenuity. The team,



led by Ike Steve Nurkowski, has used pulleys, cumalongs, boat trailers and sheer muscle to collect the logs from around the property and stage them in the campground and stage them in the campground. The ends of the logs are painted to protect them prior to the milling process.

The Lake and Conservation Team has also been clearing out sections of the buildings to store the lumber. The cut lumber may need to dry for 1 year prior to use.

Volunteers are needed for the sawmill processing on May 14th. Much of this work will be moving the cut lumber to the storage areas in the out buildings by the chapter house.

## Chapter Campgrounds

The chapter campgrounds are filling up!!! The committee created a new campsite last year and are always working on improvements. If members have an interest in camping, make your reservations now!!! Reservations are not required but open weekends are also being requested by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls youth groups. The calendar is filling up and don't miss this opportunity for a great camping experience!!!

## Water Quality

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

	Nitrate	Nitrite	pH	GH	Kn	Ammonia
Jun-21	0	-	7.8	75.0	80.0	-
Jul-21	0	-	7.6	75.0	50.0	-
Aug-21	5-10	-	6.8	80.0	80.0	-
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	-



# RANGE REPORT

## Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range

This past month our shotgun RSO's met to plan for the 2022 shooting events at the Dr. Green Shotgun Range. We are excited to offer these events both to our members and guests.

1. May 21st an open invitation to our other IWLA clubs for a 5- stand 50 clay competition.
2. NSCA/NRA shotgun Range Safety Officer Certification course
3. NSCA/NRA Youth shotgun learn to shoot
4. Various Group Shoots which can include members and guests.
5. Starting up a lady's shooting day and time
6. September 24-25th Boy Scout fundraiser

We will be posting on the WIWL Shotgun web page as these events become available.

Since our last posting, we have added more traps to the shooting field including a tower, rabbit and teal trap for your enjoyment.

Currently the Shotgun Range is open Wednesday afternoon 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Never shot before and would like to try it out? We have NSCA/NSSA level 1 & 2 shooting instructor's along with guns & ammo available. Contact us and we will set up a time at your convenience to try it out.

Thanks for your support, we look forward to meeting you on the Dr. Green Shotgun Range.

*Rick Hill*  
Shotgun Range Manager

## Bullseye Pistol and Precision Rifle

Get those .22LR pistols and rifles cleaned, lubed, and ready to go! The Chapter's weekly Bullseye Pistol and Precision Rifle shooting series starts on Monday, May 2, at 4:00pm at the Rifle/Pistol range. The competition is both fun

and informal, and all shooters are welcome! Ladies and gents, experienced and beginners, young and...young at heart! If you shoot .22LR, come out and join in the fun and camaraderie.

We shoot pistol and rifle on alternating Mondays: pistols on May 2, rifles on May 9, pistols on May 16, etc. All range rules and procedures apply; bring your eyes and ears, cased guns only until the range is hot, and we fire at paper targets from behind the red firing line. The Rifle and Pistol Range will be closed to members not participating in the competition from 4:00 to 6:30 each Monday.

Shooters and competition organizers agree to abide by and adhere to the range and safety rules and regulations posted at the range and available on the Chapter website and IWLA Winchester Chapter Range Qualification is required of each participating shooter.

Contact Jason at [hokiefyd@gmail.com](mailto:hokiefyd@gmail.com) if you'd like more information. See you on the line!

### *Bullseye Pistol – Course of Fire*

Shooters are required to use a .22LR pistol, semi-automatic preferred, and will need 70 rounds of ammunition (10 for sighting-in/warm up if desired; 60 for score). Revolvers allowed but are a real challenge in the rapid-fire shooting segment (five shots in 10 seconds). Open sights, red dot sights, and scopes are allowed. Shooters can use either one-hand (conventional military/NRA), or two-hand (defense stance) as their pistol holding grip. Separate scoring categories for each.

The shooter will fire a total 60 rounds in three sets of 20 rounds each, at three separate bullseye targets set 25 yards downrange.

**Set 1: Slow fire - 20 shots in 20 minutes.**

**Set 2: Timed fire - Four 20-second sets of five shots each.**

**Set 3: Rapid fire - Four 10-second sets of five shots each.**

Maximum score: 600 points.

### *Precision Rifle – Course of Fire*

Shooters are required to use a .22LR repeater rifle (bolt, pump, semi-auto action) and will need 50 rounds of ammunition (10 for sighting-in/warm up if desired; 40 for



score). As with Bullseye pistol, open sights, red dot sights, and scopes are allowed.

The shooter will fire 40 rounds in two sets of 20 rounds each at two separate bullseye targets 25 yards downrange. All shooting will be done off-hand (standing), with no sling support or Olympic-style shooting coat allowed. The shooter can request 50-yard targets to increase his challenge but cannot alter any other parameters of the course of fire and does not receive a score handicap for a longer range.

**Set 1: Slow fire - 20 shots in 10 minutes.**

**Set 2: Rapid fire – Four 20-second sets of five shots each.**

Maximum score: 400 points.

*NRA Classification Scoring*

Scores are not submitted to the NRA. While this course of fire is very similar to what the NRA runs for its classification, the NRA does not allow for a two-handed stance. These official rank classifications, however, enable you to see how you might rank against other shooters across the country who participate in official NRA competitions and other competitions with similar courses of fire.

To calculate your percentage, divide your total score by the maximum total score (600 for pistol, 400 for rifle).

NRA Official Classifications	Score Percentage	Score Range – Pistol	Score Range – Rifle
High Master	97% and above	582 and above	388 and above
Master	95.00 – 96.99%	570 – 581	380 - 389
Expert	90.00 – 94.99%	540 – 569	360 - 379
Sharpshooter	85.00 – 89.99%	510 – 539	340 - 359
Marksman	Below 85%	509 and below	339 and below

**Dr Green Memorial Shotgun**

To make the Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range more available to the membership, we need to enlist more Shotgun RSOs. If you are interested in helping contact Rick Hill, Shotgun Range Master, or talk to one of the other RSOs

while shooting and we will get you trained and qualified. You can email Rick at [rhill1105@aol.com](mailto:rhill1105@aol.com).

We would also like to open the shotgun range for outside events. This season we would like to invite groups of no more than 10 shooters. Your group could shoot any day or time except when the range is open for members. The Chapter would provide shells, clays, and rental shotguns if needed. Chapter Shotgun RSOs will also be on hand for safety, the number to be determined based on your group’s size. If interested give us a call or email [rhill1105@aol.com](mailto:rhill1105@aol.com) for more information.

Thanks for your interest and support, we are planning other events for 2022 and will share with you in upcoming newsletters.

*Rick Hill  
Shotgun Range Master*

**OTHER NEWS**

**In Memoriam: Ray Palladino**

By now you may have already heard that our good friend and valued Chapter member Ray Palladino passed away on April 5th. He will be sorely and sadly missed by all who knew and worked with him.

In 2015 Ray stepped up to the immense challenge of being a member of the Chapter Board of Directors in the immediate aftermath of the ruinous lawsuit brought by another Chapter member. That lawsuit was adjudicated in June of 2015 in favor of the plaintiff. The court ordered, among other things, that the Chapter Board of Directors be reduced from twenty-one members down to eight as was established in the Chapter's original Articles of Incorporation. The Chapter had also been placed on probation by the Izaak Walton League of America pending satisfaction of all of the judgments and the League’s myriad other requirements.

We faced a daunting task and Ray played a crucial role in accomplishing what had to be done. As Chapter president during that time I relied heavily on Ray's abilities and



willingness to devote his time and energy to the Chapter's recovery.

Ray held and expressed strong opinions. He was true to his beliefs, even when others disagreed sharply. He articulated his positions in a straightforward manner, often persuading most to his point of view. That Ray's logic was sound and his integrity unimpeachable were often the factors that influenced the Board's final decisions.

Ray was instrumental in establishing the Chapter's first ever Range Guest Policy. He took an idea and made it into one of the most popular and enduring programs in the Chapter's history, allowing members to bring guests other than immediate family to use our ranges. The program has been in effect for six years now, with only minor changes to Ray's original design.



Since then Ray has continued to play important roles on behalf of the Chapter. He organized and ran the Chapter's Scholarship program for several successful years; he wrote and supervised the Chapter's election procedures; he designed and ran the new member process. And Ray organized and headed up the committee that rewrote the Range rules; getting those implemented was his original motivation for running for the Board in 2015.

Ray has been a Rifle-Pistol range regular for years. Most mornings you could find Ray at a bench in friendly competition with others. And when they weren't shooting, Ray was the center of a group of good friends engaged in exchanging firearms information and lore, and maybe even tall tales.



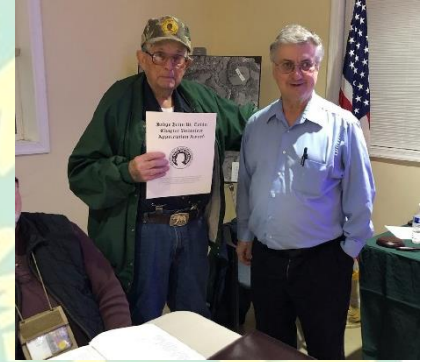
Even after his passing Ray Palladino is benefitting the Winchester Chapter. His family has suggested that members

and friends can honor his memory by donating to the Chapter in his name. We can keep recollections of Ray, his good nature and excellent work alive with our donations. You can give online at the Chapter's home page, <https://www.winchester-iwla.org/>, or send a check to WIWL, PO Box 2955, Winchester, VA 22604.

*Jim Sherry*  
Chapter president 2015-2016

## Tobin Award Winner Harold Whitacre

Harold Whitacre was honored with the Tobin Award at the Membership meeting, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Izaak Walton League of America recognizes outstanding volunteer members through the Judge John W. Tobin Appreciation Award program. Each year, all chapters are encouraged to nominate a local candidate who stands out as one of their most dedicated members. Harold averages more than 500 hours



Who was Judge John W. Tobin? Judge Tobin, born in 1895, was a life-long resident of Vinton, Iowa. The son of a lawyer, he joined his father and brothers' legal firm of Tobin, Tobin and Tobin in 1917, and served in the signal corps during WW I. Tobin was appointed district judge in 1954, for the counties of Benton, Marshall, and Tama. Judge Tobin remained on the bench until 1970 when he reached the mandatory retirement age. Always active in community affairs, Tobin helped organize the American Legion in Iowa and the Lions Club in Vinton. He was president of the State Bank of Vinton and active with the local library. An ardent conservationist, in 1952 he was elected national president of the Izaak Walton League of America and in 1974, he became a member of their Hall of Fame. The Tobin award was established in 1976 to recognize the outstanding volunteer in each chapter. The award is personally presented at the chapter by the national director of the IWLA. Judge Tobin died in Vinton, in 1989 at the age of 94.





## 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. Draws are held at the Membership meetings. Winners need not be present.

## Armed Women of America

The Well Armed Woman (TWAW) is now doing business as Armed Women of America!

Armed Women of America provides a safe and comfortable environment for women to gather, learn, train, and discuss issues important to women gun owners while creating opportunities for women to learn and grow as shooters. Chapters across the country offer a welcoming, non-intimidating place for women to learn more about the safe and responsible use of firearm, including firearms safety, personal protection, concealed carry, mindset and so much more.

The meeting offers 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. 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.

Anyone interested in joining, or for more information, contact Vicki Rhodes or Megan McGonigal at [AWA.ShenandoahValleyVA@gmail.com](mailto:AWA.ShenandoahValleyVA@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## Entry Gate Light



Your entry gate now is well-lit so you can safely enter the Chapter at night and read any bulletins or announcements posted on the board.

## 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.

### *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*

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.



### **FREE!**

Ten chairs are destined for the landfill if you don't come pick them up. They're free. No charge. Please get them by May 6<sup>th</sup>.



### **Found Wedding Band**

The work crew installing the aeration system on the lake found a gold wedding band in the road. Please contact Dan Arico or me, your Editor, if it may be yours.

You may remain anonymous.





**PRIZES**

**FREE!**  
*Open to Public*



## Mike Mercer Memorial Kids' Fishing Derby

**May 7, 2022 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Open to kids Age 15 and under.  
Registration Begins at 9:30 AM. Derby runs from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Prizes and Awards 2:30 PM

All registered children will receive a snack and drink.

Prizes are Awarded by  
Fish Length for Each Age  
Group



We have a small  
Pier for Special  
Needs Children

**COME JOIN THE FUN ON MAY 7th!**

**IZAAK WALTON PARK, 2863 MILLWOOD PIKE, WINCHESTER, VA 22602**