



Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE HELP WANTED

Join a committee and get involved!. Please see [Other News](#)..

MIKE MERCER MEMORIAL KIDS' FISHING DERBY POSTPONED

Due flooding from heavy rains the fishing derby has been postponed to the fall. Read more under [Lake and Conservation Report](#).

RAFFLES

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

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. See [Other News](#) for a link to a sign-up page if you can help out on a committee. 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 or by phone - 314-409-5982.





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FROM THE EDITOR



Late again, but with a reason. Your editor is sick. With COVID of all things. How could this possibly have happened? I wore the stupid mask!

Allow me to spin my yarn. Last Friday, Mrs. Editor's knee gave out. By Saturday, the pain was excruciating. Off to Urgent Care we went. Following... what are the current mandates? I can't keep up. Urgent Care required us to wear a mask. So we did. And sat down to wait. Next to us was a woman, also wearing a mask, very obviously sick – coughing, moaning, etc. You get the picture. She too was wearing her Fauci-approved mask.

Mrs. Editor's knee was strained, and she began recuperating. By Tuesday, she was coughing and feeling lousy. Wednesday, Son #2 started the same symptoms. So, back to Urgent Care we go. (your editor started with a scratchy throat on Thursday) The fine staff tested us and, lo and behold, COVID. We have the Wuhan.

We wore masks! We 'socially distanced'! This is not supposed to happen!!

Or, like all viruses, can we all simply accept that a virus is a very very small thing, and a paper mask is useless, as is 'social distancing'? Just be smart – wash your hands often, cover your mouth when you sneeze and cough, and stay away from the Urgent Care!

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BOARD REPORTS

Your Board of Directors was scheduled to meet May 5th but a quorum was not established due to several absences. The Membership Meeting was held May 19th 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.

LAKE AND CONSERVATION REPORT

Mike Mercer Memorial Kids Fishing Derby

The event was scheduled for May 7, 2022, but was postponed due to heavy rainfall and flooding. It will be rescheduled for this fall.

Firewood

The weekly updates have spoken about the removal of firewood from the chapter. Putting the situation in perspective, we have burned through about 8 cords of firewood by the end of May in the campground. Almost half of that wood was taken in 2 incidents.

We have been splitting again and have built up our reserves to the point where we can accommodate requests for firewood for members' home firepits. Please coordinate with brian_callahan@winchester-iwla.org and he will meet you.

Fishing Report

Fishing has been good across the species. We will be monitoring the weeds and will treat the lake this month.

Lake Events

If you are involved with a youth group or non-profit and need a summer event, consider a fishing night. We have loaner equipment, bait for sale and can provide fishing assistance and a presentation about the lake. It's a fun, easy outing for youth groups!

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

The hours of operation for the range have been amended due to a shortage of available and trained RSO to staff and run the trap. Please make a note of the summer hours, and if you are able and interested in helping out, please contact Rick Hill. You can also sign up at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wgrzEMPdFHnYjYWNHwiCNqIU90DclMrEIFDrV9NYO1Kq/edit?usp=sharing>

Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Rick Hill
Shotgun Range Manager*

Bullseye Pistol and Precision Rifle

The Bullseye Pistol and Precision Rifle season has started with a bang in the month of May! We've had 2 youth shooters, 6 adult shooters, plus another prospective shooter next week. We've had both men and ladies on the line, all



with varied backgrounds and levels of shooting experience! Attendance each Monday has averaged about 4-5 shooters, though we have had up to 6 on the line. If all shooters were present on the same day, we'd nearly the line with 9.

That said, we always have room for more! If you are interested in shooting competitively, please contact Jason Adcock, or meet us on the line Mondays at 4pm!

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>

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 (TAWW) 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. 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.

“Your Pet Professionals”

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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.

