



# NO FIREWORKS IN THE PARK

## Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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# JULY HIGHLIGHTS

## REMINDER!

Fireworks are strictly prohibited in the park. No fireworks of any kind. Thank you.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Lots of Eagle Scout projects have been completed at your Chapter. The main fire pit at the Glaze Shelter was replaced, fire stations were installed at all campsites, and a flag retirement box was installed at the Chapter House. Please see [Lake and Conservation Report](#) for details and pictures. Thanks to all the scouts and their support teams!

## CORRECTION TO SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

I had a typo last month. I know. Shocking. Please see the updated hours under [Range Report](#).

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

## ARCHERY WORK DAY – JULY 16 & 17

Please contact Gary Tilley if you are available. See more in [Range Report](#).





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### FROM THE EDITOR



Your Editor is finally over the 'VID. I was out for almost two weeks, and another ten days with absolutely no energy. It's a tough one. All the masking and social distancing didn't keep me and mine from getting sick, so don't put too much faith in a face cover. Just wash your hands and use common sense. And please, for everyone's sake, if you're not feeling well, stay home.

Unless you're going to the doctor, where we were infected. Then there's not much you can do.

Enough of that! I spent the last Saturday of June at Lake Neff with Troop 15. One of our scouts caught two bass on one lure. You can read about it in Other News. Quite a story. Both fish were released unharmed, at least physically. The big one may have been traumatized. That's between him and his counselor.

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# BOARD REPORTS

Your Board of Directors met on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> due to several members being out of town. Robert Garrett, Scout Executive/CEO of the Shenandoah Area Council of the BSA addressed the Board. The Membership Meeting immediately followed the Board meeting. The election was held and incumbents John Suter and Paul Sattler were reelected, while Megan McGonigal was elected as a new member to the Board.

Per the WIWL bylaws, the Board convened immediately following the close of the Membership meeting to elect chapter officers. Elected were: Dan Arico, President; Megan McGonigal, Vice President; Paul Sattler, Treasurer; Jim Sherry, Secretary; Peg Sattler, Membership Director.

Peg Sattler nominated Chapter member Jeff McCall to the Board of Directors. After confirming Mr. McCall's willingness to serve, the Board voted to approve his nomination and appoint him to the Board. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, Mr. McCall will serve until the next election, at which time he can run for a two-year term.

Minutes for both can be found on the Chapter website under [Documents](#).

Winchester Chapter members Dave Kavanah and Ron Kendra, representing the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Muley Fanatics Foundation, presented a check for \$3,000.00 to benefit Winchester Chapter youth programs to Chapter President Dan Arico and Treasurer Paul Sattler. The Muley Fanatics Foundation supports the preservation of mule deer habitat, youth outdoors programs, research and legislative issues, returning 70% of funds raised to its chapters for use in local initiatives. The Blue Ridge Chapter is the only Muley Fanatics Chapter east of the Mississippi River. The Foundation provides all expenses paid trips for handicapped children to hunt using tags provided free of charge by the State of Wyoming. For more information on eligibility check the Foundation's website at [muleyfanatic.org](http://muleyfanatic.org). The Blue Ridge Chapter will be hosting a banquet at Shenandoah Golf Club next year on March 18, 2023.

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

## Eagle Scout Projects

*Hunter Mason, Troop 159 (Stephens City, VA)*

Hunter Mason, Life Scout in BSA Troop 159, Stephens City, completed his eagle scout project in the campground in June. Hunter reviewed the available projects and selected replacement of the main firepit at the Glaise shelter.



Hunter's project was very technically challenging. The main firepit was in poor condition with many cracked bricks after years of use. The design of the old fire pit was great for groups as it was round but also presented problems. The old fire pit was designed to have large campfires which then created beds of hot coals several inches deep. Campers would extinguish the coals with water in the evenings cracking the masonry bricks. Replacement of the firepit would need to include a new design to avoid this problem or it would have been ruined again in 2 years.

Hunter reviewed many designs and finally created an outdoor fireplace to replace the old fire pit. His design contains the hot coals while still creating a wonderful campfire experience for campers. Hunter did an amazing job using creativity to create an amazing project that will be used and enjoyed by campers for many years and truly stands out as a unique feature at the Glaise shelter and main campground. As one would imagine, he adapted his design several times using his fiscal responsibility and project advisor expertise to build his project under budget. Honestly, the committee was astonished with the final results as built by a 15-year-old scout!!!

Not only did he build the new fireplace but he also used the broken bricks from the old fire pit as erosion control on the stream along the boundary of the rifle range. The Chapter greatly appreciates any time we can repurpose old materials into a useful new purpose.

Hunter is the son of Allen Mason and Angela Mason. Thanks to member John Roberts who provided technical expertise and guidance and represented our Chapter as his project coach and beneficiary representative.

The project was made possible with a generous donation from Frederick Block and Brick in Winchester. Very special thanks to Bly's Property Maintenance who provided technical expertise and 3 stone masons to assist on the day the fireplace was assembled and built.

We wish Hunter the best of luck in his eagle board of review as he works to complete the requirements needed to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

*Spencer Blick, Troop 34 (Berryville, VA)*

Spencer Blick of Troop 34, Berryville completed his Eagle Scout project in May. Spencer reviewed our available list of project ideas and decided to complete a project not on our list which is a flag retirement box located at the Chapterhouse.



Spencer has been to the Chapter many times and realized the need for a special place for members to bring used and tattered flags for a proper retirement. His red, white and blue design created an honored place for flags that can no longer be displayed, and members understand that flags left in the box will be retired with honor and dignity as prescribed in the authorized rules of the Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress. Troop 34 as well as other local BSA troops will manage flags left in the box.



Spencer showed great spirit in his design. He obtained permission for the location and carefully set the height and width to match the space. He selected materials for longevity and painted the box in patriotic colors. He requested and installed an Izaak Walton emblem to complete the project. Several flags have already been dropped off in the box.

Spencer is the son of member Richie Blick and Karen Curtis. The Eagle Scout candidate is also a state ranked Track and Field athlete and football player for Clarke County High School.

We cannot thank Spencer enough for his thoughtful project and the Chapter wishes him the best of luck in his Eagle Scout board of review as he continues his journey to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Chapter would like to thank members Terry Henry who acted as Project Advisor

and Megan McGonigal who provided support as Beneficiary Representative.

*Seth Caballero, Troop 9 (Winchester, VA)*

Seth Caballero of Troop 9, Winchester completed his Eagle Scout project at the Chapter this spring. Seth designed and built fire stations at all the campsites in the campground. Seth reviewed the available projects and determined the immediate need for this very important element for the many campers that use our sites.

Seth's design includes clear Fire Station signage, red highlights, a fire shovel, and a fire bucket. Seth saw that the chapter kept a shovel and a bucket at the campsites, but it was always in a different place and looked sloppy. He incorporated the storage of the safety items in his fire station design. Seth also used recycled materials for much of his project including used fencing posts for the primary support. Seth showed great fiscal ingenuity and the Chapter appreciates the repurposing of materials which would have ended up in a landfill. His station at each of the campsites turned out remarkable and provides a much-needed safety feature in our campground.



Seth is the son of Rafael Caballero and Beatrix Hayes. He recently graduated from Millbrook High School and completed his Eagle Board of Review in June earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The Chapter offers sincere congratulations to such an amazing talented young man. The chapter would like to thank member Toby Norris who acted as the beneficiary representative for this project.



Thanks to all the scouts, helpers, counselors, and everyone else involved in these projects. Their efforts will ensure our Chapter remains vibrant and active. Thank you!

### Speaking of Boy Scouts...

Your Editor hosted Troop 15 on Saturday for a day of fishing and other outdoor activity. Nick, a young scout working on his Tenderfoot rank, was fishing off the dam using a Storm Thin Fin Hot'nTot in chartreuse.



He managed to catch two largemouth bass on one cast. Nick's fish were on separate hooks! He legitimately caught two fish on one cast with one lure. Well done Nick!



Both fish were released unharmed.

Well done, Nick. You've got quite a fishing tale to tell. And the pictures to back it up!



### Firewood

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](mailto:brian_callahan@winchester-iwla.org) and he will meet you.

Your Chapter donated firewood for the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Loudoun Chapter, Flag Day ceremony on June 14th at the Round Hill volunteer fire hall in Winchester.



### 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](http://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!!!

<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Rick Hill  
Shotgun Range Manager

## RANGE REPORT

### REMINDER!

Please clear up your targets on the range. If you put it up, take it down when you're done. Our slogan is "to defend the nation's soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife." We can start by not leaving targets to blow around after we're done.



I am not without sin in this area. Two years ago I neglected to remove the adhesive targets from the cardboard backing. I learned my lesson. We ALL need to be more careful in our outdoor habits. From targets on the range to trash in the campsites – if you pack it in, pack it out.

### Dr Green Memorial Shotgun Range

The hours were incorrectly listed last month. *The range is open until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, not noon as previously reported.* Please make a note of the summer hours, and if you are able and interested in helping, please contact Rick Hill. You can also sign up at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wgrzEMPdFHnY YWNHwiCNqIU90DclMrEIFDrV9NYO1Kg/edit?usp=sharing>

### 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!

### Archery

There is a work day scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. That's Saturday and Sunday, folks. Planned activities include setting up the 3D targets and possibly painting the cover. Please contact Gary Tilley if you are interested and able to pitch in. He can be reached at [mindbender119@hotmail.com](mailto:mindbender119@hotmail.com) or by phone - 314-409-5982.

## 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/1wgrzEMPdFHnY YWNHwiCNqIU90DclMrEIFDrV9NYO1Kg/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. Drawings are held at the following month's Membership Meeting. 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](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.



## 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



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.

