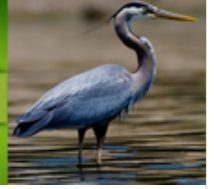


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## THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

### Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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### The Blue Heron Times (October, 2022 Issue)

#### Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors met **at 7pm on Monday, October 10th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home. Next month's Board meeting will be **at 7pm on Monday, November 14th** at the same location.

The Chapter Members Dinner meeting will be held at the [Kings Fork Community House](#) on Kings Fork Road **at 6:30PM on Wednesday, October 19th.**

Acclaimed Chef and Chapter Ike Jonathan Echols will cook up a scrumptious fried fish dinner of fish filets, french fries and hush puppies, with some help from the cooking committee in serving up coleslaw, corn on the cob, tea, and dessert. The cost will be \$10.

At this dinner meeting, the results of the September members shooting competition will be announced, and our Guest Speaker will be James Powell, USDA Supervisory Wildlife Biologist.

#### Calendar of Events

You can review our full chapter website calendar online at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/calendar> for the most recent information about meetings and upcoming events.

#### President's Note

*Volunteer: a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.*

Folks, we are a volunteer organization. Yes, you pay dues and we charge for the dinners, but those cover expenses such as property taxes, community house rental, postage, and food purchases.

We have no paid groundkeepers, committee heads, or assistants. These are ALL volunteer positions to forward our mission of conservation and education. I see far too few people doing all they can, and planned events, such as the fishing rodeo, being cancelled for a lack of volunteers. We are seeking a number of committee heads and are developing a list of members' interests and expertise to assist these committee heads. Members that have gone through the indoctrination process already have identified those areas and existing members will receive a questionnaire with this year's renewal package.

Please take a minute to fill out the questionnaire and then step forward to make our chapter even greater. *Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're*

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Hampton , VA 23666

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(757)539-8593  
Locations: Suffolk & PTMS Blvd

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See <http://sniwla.org/sniwla/donations-2/>



A courtesy extract through the end of November is shown below. *Please note that the pancake supper fundraiser has been postponed until next year, and in lieu of it a regular chapter dinner meeting will be held in November instead.*

*worthless, but because they're priceless." — Sherry Anderson*

Respectfully Yours,  
Chris Ferguson, Chapter President,  
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

SAT 10/8 9am - \*Nansemond River Cleanup.  
MON 10/10 7pm - Chapter Board meeting.  
SAT 10/15 - IWLA VA Division Meeting (Alexandria).  
SAT 10/15 9am-12pm - \*Chapter Adopt-A-Road Event  
WED 10/19 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting.  
SAT 10/22 at 8am - \*Chapter Park Workday.  
SAT 11/12 9am - \*Suffolk Recycle Tire Amnesty.  
MON 11/14 7pm - Chapter Board meeting.  
WED 11/16 CANCELED: Pancake Supper Fundraiser.  
WED 11/16 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting.

*Note: Events marked with an asterisk count towards work hour credits for meeting the chapter's annual membership volunteer participation requirement.*

**HOLIDAYS/special notices:**  
FRI,SAT,SUN 10/7, 8, 9 - Suffolk Peanut Festival.  
MON 10/10 - Columbus/Indigenous People Day.  
MON 10/31 - Halloween.  
TUE 11/1- First Day American Indian Heritage Month.  
SUN 11/6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends.  
TUE 11/8 - Elections Day.  
FRI 11/11 - Veterans Day.  
THR 11/24 - Thanksgiving Day.  
FRI 11/25 - Native American Heritage Day.

### Wildlife Calendar FundRaiser



2023 Virginia Wildlife Calendars will be available for purchase at the October chapter dinner meeting. The cost will be \$10 which is a 37% discount off the retail unit price!

If you can't attend the meeting and want to purchase a calendar, please contact Chapter Ike Virginia Wahab who is coordinating calendars sales this year. You can reach her via email at [wahabv@cox.net](mailto:wahabv@cox.net) or by mobile phone at 757.537.9016. Please note, quantities are limited.

## Chapter Membership Dues

Membership renewal notices will be available at the October 19th dinner meeting. Please ask at the sign in table for yours. The Board of Directors published an article in the September 2022 newsletter regarding the increase in 2023 dues. You can find that article on our website under the Home page Newsletter tab at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/newsletters/>.

You will find the amount of your dues printed at the bottom of the renewal notice. Please make your check payable to SN-IWLA and return the pink card with your check using the preprinted return mailing address label. The Membership Policy in Good Standing requests members pay their membership dues by December 31st prior to the New Year. You can pay your dues at the January dinner meeting. Being prompt in returning your dues will aid in the processing and for you to receive your membership card in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chair, Alan Ferguson at [Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com](mailto:Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Alan Ferguson,  
Membership Chair*

## Chapter Member Participation

The SN-IWLA Chapter is driven by its members' participation on its 29 committees. The Board of Directors has asked the Membership Committee to assemble a list of volunteers for each of the committees to aid in calling upon your assistance.

To that end the Membership Committee will include a list of all committees with your 2023 membership renewal paperwork. Please mark three committees in the order of your 1st to 3rd choice on which you would consider serving. To learn more about each committee click on the following link: <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/committees/>. You will find the names of the Committee chairs with a link to respective end-of-year committee reports highlighting accomplishments for the previous year and upcoming goals for next year.

Please return the attached list with your due's payment.

Look for more information to be included with your membership renewal. If you have any questions, please email the Membership Chair, Alan Ferguson at [Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com](mailto:Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Alan Ferguson,  
Membership Chair*

## Recipe of the Month - Pumpkin Crisp



Source Credit: [Dance Around The Kitchen](#)

Servings: 8

### Ingredients - Filling:

- 15 ounces pumpkin puree
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup sugar
- 5 ounces evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp salt

### Ingredients - Topping:

- 1 cup crumbled gingersnap cookies
- 1 cup quick oats
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter softened

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease a deep square pan or a 2-3 qt casserole dish.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together all of the filling ingredients; pour into the prepared dish.
4. In a medium bowl, combine the gingersnaps, oats, brown sugar, soda and powder.
5. Then, use a fork to incorporate the butter into the dry mixture.
6. Evenly sprinkle the topping over the pumpkin filling.
7. Bake for 35-45 minutes, or until the center of the pumpkin pie filling reaches 175°F.
8. The center will still have a little wiggle, but it won't be super runny.
9. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping, if desired.

## Upcoming Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

Members, even though the chapter pancake supper fundraiser has been canceled for this year, there are three (3) scheduled activities during the remainder of this year where you can earn work hour credits towards meeting our chapter member volunteer \*[participation policy](#) requirement. These are:

### (1) \*Adopt-A-Road Cleanup at 9am on Saturday, October 15th (THIS COMING SATURDAY)

Our chapter is holding an Adopt-A-Road Trash Pickup for road-side ditches alongside stretches of Kings Fork Road and Providence Road. We will be meeting at the chapter park gazebo. Mike Lane, Board Member and Adopt-A-Road Chair, will be handing out safety vests, pickers, trash bags, and gloves, and providing a safety briefing and instructions on which specific sections of Kings Fork Road and Providence Road need to be patrolled for picking up trash. It is anticipated that the road cleanup will take about 2 hours, and after all bags of trash are returned to the park front gate area (stacked in front of the chapter sign), all members should meet back at the park gazebo to return the equipment to Mike, and to sign out. A courtesy RSVP to Mike Lane via email at [LaneWMike@gmail.com](mailto:LaneWMike@gmail.com) is encouraged so he will have a projected headcount.

### (2) \*Park Maintenance Workday at 8am on Saturday, October 22nd

Jimmy Fanny, Park Maintenance Chair has scheduled another park maintenance workday. The plan is to meet at the chapter park gazebo to be assigned tasks from the following list:

- FINISH TRIMMING DAM, ESPECIALLY ON THE BACKSIDE
- TRIM TREE BRANCHES THAT ARE EXTENDING IN THE PATH NEXT TO THE CHAIN LINK FENCE BEHIND THE SCHOOL
- TRIM GRASS/WEEDS ALONG SAME FENCELINE
- TRIM OVER HANGING BRANCHES/TREES ALONG THE EAST BORDER OF THE SHOOTING RANGE
- TRIM AROUND AND FERTILIZE THE SHRUBS PLANTED ALONG SAME BORDER
- TRIM SOME AREAS IN AND AROUND ARCHERY RANGE
- WEED EATING/TRIM GRASS FROM SHOOTING RANGE TO ARCHERY RANGE ALONG DITCH ON WEST SIDE OF RANGE

**NOTE:** If you have a scheduling conflict with this event but want to help with these park maintenance tasks, Jimmy encourages you to work on your own schedule out at the park on any day/time of your own choosing, but with a few cautions:

- Wear appropriate safety gear,
- Work in pairs whenever operating power tools at the park,
- Be cognizant of our park's range schedules of operation and avoid working at the park's ranges while they are in use,
- Write legibly in the park sign-in log sheet in the gate mailbox and mark X in the work column so that you can be extended the courtesy of having your work hours tallied by the Membership committee without the need for you to submit a work hour credit form for those hours.

### (3) \*Suffolk Recycle Tire Amnesty at 9am on Saturday, November 12th

Yes, this event includes receiving tires (without rims) and your help is needed to stack those heavy tires! Also, help is usually needed at the document shredding and battery recycling stations. See [Recycling Drive and Tire Amnesty Day](#) for more information about what can be recycled at this event. Meet where and when? **PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS at 800 Carolina Road, Suffolk VA 23434 at 9am on Saturday, November 12th.**



## Recap of September 21st Chapter Dinner meeting

### Chapter Tobin Award



The 2021 Tobin Award was presented to Jacob Bosco at the September 2022 member's meeting. Jacob has been an active member since he joined the chapter in September of 2019 and has recently become a member of the Board of Directors. He is pictured

here receiving the award from chapter Treasurer and Awards Chair, Tim Doxey.

A review of participation hours showed that Jacob had performed more service hours than any other non-board member. As a result of storm damage, several large trees were blown down in our park. Jacob took it upon himself to personally cut up and stack what amounted to several cords of wood. His individual effort inspired other members to pitch in and lend a hand. For the full article see the news article entitled [Tobin Award Presented in September 2022](#) posted under the News menu on our chapter website.

### Guest Speaker



Chapter board member Mike Lane volunteered to speak at the September chapter dinner meeting when the originally scheduled speaker could not attend.

Mike shared his experience with salvaging a very old long leaf pine tree located near Cypress Chapel in Suffolk. Based on the ring count, the tree was estimated to be about 315 years old.

Mike explained how the tree was cut down and milled into logs using a portable bandsaw mill. The tree produced approximately 1,000 board feet of lumber in total. For the full article see the news article entitled [Guest Speaker September 2022](#) posted under the News menu on our chapter website.

## Recap of October 8th Nansemond River Cleanup

Tim Doxey, Treasurer and chapter SOS (Save-Our-Streams) Chair, gave a report at the October chapter board meeting about our participation in the recent Suffolk Nansemond River Cleanup. Below are a couple of photos taken at the event, and as you can see there was quite a bit of trash collected by our members. Look for more information about this cleanup to be announced at the upcoming October chapter dinner meeting, and also for news articles about it to be posted on our chapter website.



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