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Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors met at the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Building at **7pm on Monday, March 11th**. Next month's Board meeting will be **7pm on Monday, April 8th**, at the same location.

The Chapter Members Dinner meeting will be held at the Kings Fork Community House on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7PM**. The guest speaker will be Chris Prohaska, of Suffolk Parks and Recreation, to talk about topics pertaining to wildlife. The dinner menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas rolls, desert, tea, catered by Wanda Boyce.

Calendar of Events

Please visit our online chapter [website calendar](#) to browse upcoming events. A courtesy extract is shown below for the months of March and April:

MON MAR 11 at 7pm - chapter board meeting
FRI MAR 15 - chapter Tobin award submittal deadline
SAT MAR 16 at 9am - .22 chapter rimfire competition
SAT MAR 16 at 9am - *St Patrick's cleanup City of Suffolk
SUN MAR 17 St. Patrick's Day
WED MAR 20 at 7pm - chapter dinner meeting
SAT/SUN MAR 22/23 - Nansemond Tribe Firebird Festival
TUE MAR 26 at 6:30pm - River Talk about Ospreys, Eagles and Peregrine Falcons
SAT MAR 30 at 9am - *chapter river cleanup
MON APR 1 - chapter \$2K scholarship app deadline
MON APR 8 at 7pm - chapter board meeting
SAT APR 13 at 9am - *SCCC Recycle Tire Amnesty Day
WED APR 17 at 4:30pm - *chapter adopt-a-

Conservation Quotes

"A land ethic, then, reflects the existence of an ecological conscience, and this in turn reflects a conviction of individual responsibility for the health of the land. Health is the capacity of the land for self-renewal. Conservation is our effort to understand and preserve this capacity." — *Aldo Leopold*.

"It is that range of biodiversity that we must care for the whole thing rather than just one or two stars." — *David Attenborough*.

President's Note

As you can see from the chapter calendar of events, there are plenty of fun opportunities to get involved and show your support of our chapter, and/or to accrue work hours towards meeting the chapters' annual [membership participation requirement](#). For more information see the detailed event summaries posted later in this newsletter. I'm looking forward to our upcoming dinner meeting, see you there!

Respectfully yours,
Ray Powell, Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA Chapter.

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road cleanup

WED APR 17 at 7pm - chapter dinner meeting

SAT APR 20 at 8am - *chapter park

maintenance workday

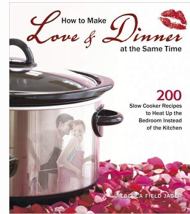
SUN APR 21 - Easter Sunday

SAT APR 27 at 9am - *chapter teddy bear hunt

SAT APR 27 at 10am - Suffolk Earth and Art
Festival

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

Recipe of the Month — Irish Stew



Recipe Submitted by:

Claudia Powell,

chapter

Food/Facilities

Chair; Source Credit:

"How to Make Love & Dinner at the Same

Time: 200 Slow Cooker Recipes to Heat Up the Bedroom Instead of the Kitchen", Author Rebecca Jager.

Ingredients

- 1 & 1/2 pounds lamb stew meat
- 5 potatoes, cubed
- 3 carrots, thickly sliced
- 2 onions, quartered
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 2 cups beef broth
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup water

Irish Stew — Cooking Instructions

Combine all the ingredients except the flour and water in the slow cooker. Cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours, or on HIGH for 4 to 5 hours. Mix together the flour and water and stir it into the slow cooker. Cook for an additional 20 minutes on HIGH.

Serves: 4

February Dinner Meeting Summary Recap



The chapter held its regular monthly dinner meeting on February 20th at the Kings Fork Community House. At the start of the meeting, Chapter President Ray Powell asked for a moment of silence for Chapter Ike Bill Ashley, who passed on January 20th, 2019. Our newest chapter member Cody Steuhm is shown here being sworn in by Chapter President Powell at this dinner meeting. Welcome, Cody! For the meal, a members' chili cookoff was coordinated by Joyce Dugan who presented the awards for best chili, with 1st place golden wooden spoon award going to John Lange, and the 2nd place red ribbon wooden spoon award going to Aaron Allen. To read the full news article about this dinner meeting, as posted on our chapter web site, see the article entitled [February 2019 Members Meeting](#).

Recently Appointed Chapter Committee Chairs

The following Chapter Ikes have agreed to fill chapter chair vacancies by chairing the committees shown below.

- Fund Raising Chair - Gary Brown, effective **February 20th**.
- Food&Facilities Setup/Cleanup Chair - Claudia Powell, effective **February 20th**.
- Park Use Reservations Chair - Allen Kiger, effective **March 11th**.
- Membership Chair - Alan Ferguson, effective **April 1st**.
- Nominating (Elections) Committee Chair - Darden Langston, effective **February 20th**.

Members, please show them your support and consider volunteering to help serve on one of these, or other committees. You will find each chair's contact information posted at: <http://sniwla.org/sniwla/committees/>.

Chapter .22 RimFire Shooting Competition March 16

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue) Submitted by Chris Ferguson, chapter Shooting Coordinator.

On **Saturday, March 16th, at 9am** we are having a members & guests rimfire shooting competition at our chapter park. For more information, contact Chris Ferguson, chapter Shooting Coordinator, at ChristopherKFerguson442@gmail.com.

Chapter Scholarship Applications due April 1

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue) Submitted by David Perdue, Scholarship Chair Scholarship applications for 2019 are currently being accepted, deadline for submittal is **April 1st, 2019**. Eligibility requirements and revised application forms/instructions are posted at <http://sniwla.org/sniwla/scholarships/>. Contact David Perdue, chapter Scholarship Chair, for more information at davidkperdue@yahoo.com.

DGIF Scholarship applications due March 15

For more information about the Old Dominion One Shot Youth Essay Contest, see the email below forwarded from Tom Wilcox, DGIF as submitted by Rob Carpenter:

"Folks, an opportunity to turkey hunt with the best guides, on the best VA lands, and for the best cause, but gotta put pen to paper! Here are the details and please share: **Deadline: Friday, March 15th, 2019 at Midnight.** Access to application and other details please visit: www.vaoneshot.com. Over the last 2 years, the Old Dominion One Shot Youth Essay Contest has introduced youth, ages 8 to 15, to turkey hunting and last year a youth essay winner won the One Shot and harvested a bird with archery. That's a forever memory! Judges from across Virginia will review and select the scholarships. Good luck and please remember that a parent/guardian must accompany the child during the hunt. Thanks. Tom Wilcox, Director of Engagement P 804.367.6892 / M 804.461.8556 Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. CONSERVE. CONNECT. PROTECT. A 7870 Villa Park Drive, P.O. Box 90778, Henrico, VA 23228-0778 www.dgif.virginia.gov".

Suffolk Earth and Art Festival April 27

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue) Submitted by Wanda Gerard

The Suffolk Earth and Art Festival will be held at the Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, April 27th** from 10am-4pm. The Suffolk Master Gardener Plant sale is part of this wonderful event although we close down at 2pm. Please contact Wanda Gerard at vagardengurl@aol.com if you have any questions.

Nansemond Firebird Festival March 22/23

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue)

A Nansemond Firebird Festival, open to the general public, is scheduled for Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd at Mattanock Town, 1001 Pembroke Lane, Suffolk, VA 23434. In contrast to the pow wow scheduled for August, 2019, this event will have several focused, interactive spaces for children and adults to learn lessons through hands-on participation. This is a unique, curated experience for family, friends, and community members to learn about the history and living culture of Nansemond Indian Nation, and will include walking tours, history, language, crafts, dance, and tribal gear. For weekly updates see <https://www.facebook.com/events/293593144837108/>.

City of Suffolk St. Patrick's Day Cleanup March 16

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue, article entitled "Environmental Cleanups", submitted by Tim Doxey, chapter SOS Coordinator)

On **March 16th**, from 9am until noon, there will be a [Saint Patrick's Day cleanup](#) coordinated by the city of Suffolk. Instructions are to meet in the parking lot behind the courthouse in down town Suffolk (150 N Main St, Suffolk, Virginia 23434). "Team up to help Keep Suffolk Beautiful!...We will be cleaning up litter and debris on a predetermined route. Please bring suitable clothing and footwear. Litter grabbers, safety vests, gloves and bags will be provided. Students can earn volunteer hours for this project."

Note: our chapter members can accrue work hours credits towards meeting our chapter's annual membership participation requirement policy by volunteering at this event.

Chapter River Cleanup March 30

(Reprinted from the Blue Heron Times February, 2019 issue, article entitled "Environmental Cleanups", submitted by Tim Doxey, chapter SOS Coordinator)

On **March 30th**, from **9am to 1pm** we are holding a chapter Nansemond River cleanup. Instructions are to meet in the parking lot in front of Belks on North Main Street. Volunteers should wear boots or solid foot

wear and bring gloves.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

For more information, contact Tim Doxey, Chapter SOS Chair & Clean Water Liaison, at trdoxey@charter.net.

Note: our chapter members can accrue work hours credits towards meeting our chapter's annual membership participation requirement policy by volunteering at this event.

River Talk – Ospreys, Eagles and Peregrine Falcons in Eastern Virginia - March 26

Forwarded by Tim Doxey, chapter board member, this message from Elizabeth Taraski, President/CEO, Nansemond River Preservation Alliance (NRPA).

Event: River Talk – Environmental; A Talk About Ospreys, Eagles and Peregrine Falcons in Eastern Virginia
Cost? Free and Open to the Public.

Date? **Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

Time? **6:30 PM** Social; **7:00 – 8:00 PM** for the program

Where? CE&H Ruritan Community Hall 8881 Eclipse Drive, Suffolk

Featured Speaker: Reese F. Lukei, Jr., Volunteer Research Associate, The Center for Conservation Biology, College of William and Mary. Mr. Lukei, Jr. has been a volunteer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1974 and a licensed bird bander since 1984 specializing in raptors. He participated in the peregrine falcon reintroduction program at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge from 1978-1984. He operated a raptor banding station at Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR from 1985-2003. He has been a volunteer research associate at The Center for Conservation Biology at the College of William and Mary (CCB) since its founding in 1992, and has banded over 10,000 raptors. He formerly managed the live bald eagle web cam for CCB at Norfolk Botanical Garden (www.NBGS.org), which in 2007 was named one of the ten best live wildlife web cams in the world. For more information, contact Elizabeth Taraski at taraski.nrpa@gmail.com.

IWLA National News - Proposed Clean Water Act Rollback

Posted 2-14-19; EPA has proposed a sweeping rollback of Clean Water Act protections, threatening drinking water supplies for 1 in 3 Americans, habitat for fish and wildlife, and the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy. Before EPA can implement this damaging policy, it must accept and consider public comments. Please urge EPA to adopt strong protections for streams and wetlands!

Sample comments you can use are posted at the IWLA website at

URLS <https://www.iwla.org/conservation/water/protect-small-streams-and-wetlands> and <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/news/2019/02/14/epa-proposal-strips-pollution-protections-for-small-streams-nationwide> for more information.

IWLA National News - LWCF (Land & Water Conservation Fund)

Posted 2-13-19; Senate Passes Permanent Reauthorization of Land and Water Conservation Fund. See <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/news/2019/02/13/senate-passes-permanent-reauthorization-of-land-and-water-conservation-fund> for more information.

Reminder - VA Department of Forestry - Burn Law still in effect

Reminder, the Virginia Department of Forestry 4pm Burn Law runs from **February 15th and lasts through April 30th**. Open burning with a permit is **allowed from 4pm to midnight only**.

The Virginia Department of Forestry Burn Law, as described above, also applies to recreational fires. This is an effective tool in the prevention of forest fires. Debris burning continues to be the leading cause of forest fires in Virginia. This law prohibits burning before 4pm. Winds usually calm down and the relative humidity levels are on the increase after 4pm, both of which reduce the potential for a debris fire or any other open air fire to escape your control. Since forest fuels cure during the winter months, the danger of fire is higher in early spring than in summer when the forest and grasses are green with new growth. In addition to the criminal violations, those who allow a fire to escape are liable for the cost of suppressing the fire as well as any damage caused to other's property. *Note: The 4pm Burning Law is different from the burning bans, which are invoked only during periods of extreme fire danger. The "Summer Burn Ban" will be in effect May 1st through September 30th.* For more information on the Virginia Department of Forestry 4pm. Burn Law or the "Summer Burn Ban", contact the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office at 757-514-4550, or via email at fireprevbureau@suffolkva.us.

Recreational Fires

Message from Jimmy Fanny, Chapter park manager, about recreational fires

A recreational fire is considered by the city to be "an outdoor fire, burning materials other than rubbish, for pleasure, religious/ceremonial purposes, cooking, or warmth".

The following rules apply for fires built within the fire ring near the gazebo area of our chapter park:

- No permit is required, except for bonfires (permit required).
- A recreational fire shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and shall be greater than 25 feet away from any structures.
- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

See <http://www.suffolkva.us/701/Open-Burning-Recreational-Fires> for more information.

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