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Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors met at the Suffolk Fire & Rescue #6 Building at 7pm on **Monday, January 7th, 2019**. Next month's Board meeting will be 7pm on **Monday, February 11th** at the same location.

The Chapter Members Dinner meeting will be held at the Kings Fork Community House on Wednesday, **January 16th at 7PM**. The dinner will be catered, and at present time the menu is unknown. Cost of the meal is \$8. In lieu of a guest speaker, our agenda includes the following:

- Darden Langston will present the Long Range Planning Committee's 2018 report.
- Dean Matty will emcee year-end committee chair reports and recap 2019 vacancies/volunteer opportunities.
- Tim Doxey will present Youth Protection Policy training, and pending board approval, revised park and range rules.

President's Note

Very sorry to let you know that Chapter Ike Thierry Grom passed away suddenly on New Year's Eve. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends. So many chapter members called to tell me about Thierry's unexpected passing, and many recounted him as a good friend, a man devoted to his family, and a good chapter Ike who volunteered at numerous chapter events. He will be sorely missed.

FYI, Chapter Ike and Treasurer Jim Trommather has been appointed our chapter's designated IWLA National Director. Congratulations, Jim, on your new position.

Note: at the January dinner meeting, Will Haas plans to bring fishing paraphernalia to lay out on a back table, free to any member who wants it, first come/first serve, with encouragement for a cash donation bucket to benefit the chapter.

Members, I encourage you to become more involved in chapter events and activities in 2019, and a great start for you to learn about volunteering opportunities would be for you to attend the upcoming January dinner meeting.

Hope to see you there.

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

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Calendar of Events

Please browse our online chapter website [calendar](#) to peruse the entire list of scheduled events for 2019; a courtesy extract for January and February is provided here:

MON, JAN 7 at 7pm - chapter board meeting
WED, JAN 16 at 7pm - chapter dinner meeting
MON, JAN 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
MON, FEB 11 at 7pm - chapter board meeting
WED/THR, FEB 13th/14th - IWLA Nat. Board mtg
WED, THR 14th - Valentine's Day
MON FEB 18th - President's Day
WED FEB 20th - chapter dinner meeting

Expo - Symphony of Gardens

The Virginia Flower and Garden Expo will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on **January 25, 26, and 27.** Friday & Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. For more info, visit www.vafgs.org.

Annual Chapter Scholarships

Chapter Education Scholarship Applications for 2019 will be accepted starting **February 1st, 2019**. Eligibility requirements and revised application forms/instructions are posted at <http://sniwla.org/sniwla/scholarships/>. Contact David Perdue, Chapter's Scholarship Chair, for more information at davidkperdue@yahoo.com.

Dues Reminder

if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so ASAP. A courtesy extension is being offered to the January dinner meeting on **Wednesday, Jan 16th, 2019**. Caution: don't be late with your payment and risk losing your membership and be required to apply for membership from scratch. Contact Membership Chair Wanda Gerard for more information at 443-742-2593(m) of vagardengurl@aol.com.

Award Nominations for 2018

Submitted by Tim Doxey, Awards Chair (Reprinted from the December 2018 newsletter issue)

The deadline for submittal of nominations for the Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award is March 15th. This award is given for recognition of a chapter member who shows up for all meetings, signs up and participates in work crews, serves on committees and generally helps the chapter run more smoothly. The criteria for other IWLA National award submissions, due June 1st, can be found on the IWLA National website, just type the word award in the search box located on their home page. All members are encouraged to take a look at the various awards, their criteria, and then take a few minutes to submit nominations to our award committee. It's as simple as jotting down a name, the reasons you are nominating that individual and then emailing or giving that information to the awards committee chairman, Tim Doxey trdoxey@charter.net, or any other chapter officer or board member.

Recipe of the Month - Shrimp Scampi

Source Credit: <https://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/famous-red-lobster-shrimp-scampi-393523>

Gluten-free. Ready in 30 minutes, serves 4.

Ingredients

- 1 lb medium shrimp, peeled and de-veined
- 1 tablespoon pure olive oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups white wine, I use chardonnay
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon, Juice only
- 1 teaspoon italian seasoning
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese



Cooking Instructions

Heat cast iron skillet and add olive oil.
Add shrimp and cook until tender and no longer translucent
Reduce heat.
Remove Shrimp and set aside.
Add garlic and cook 2-3 minutes.
(Do not allow garlic to brown otherwise it will make it bitter).
Add white wine, and lemon juice.
Cook until wine is reduced by half.
After it is reduced, add Italian seasoning.
Reduce heat to low, and add butter.
If pan is too hot, the butter will separate.
Add shrimp back into sauce, add parsley
Season to taste with salt and pepper.
Sprinkle with grated Parmesan Cheese.

Environmental Issues

New Farm Bill Should Benefit Wildlife

Source Credit: Duane Hovorka, National IWLA Agriculture Program Director

After six months of difficult negotiations, the final bill provided full funding for Farm Bill conservation programs while making important changes to some of those programs. Read the first installment of our recap of IWLA priorities in the Farm Bill, "[The New Farm Bill Should Benefit Wildlife.](#)"

Cold Water Safety

Source Credit: Bruce Ingram, DGIF

Stacey Brown, boating safety program manager for the DGIF ((Department of

USDA Issues Wetlands Interim Rule

USDA issued an [interim rule](#) on December 7th under the Farm Bill's Sodbuster (highly erodible land) and Swampbuster (wetland conservation) provisions. Under these provisions, people receiving Farm Bill commodity, conservation, crop insurance, or farm loan benefits must not drain or fill wetlands and must have a soil conservation plan in place for highly erodible soil they farm.

Take a Stand to Defend Clean Water

Source Credit: Jared Mott, IWLA National Conservation Director

Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unveiled a proposal to determine which streams will be protected from pollution by the

Game and Inland Fisheries) suggests that "risk of hypothermia becomes more acute, generally if the [**combined**] air and water temperatures together are 120 degrees or below, [then] wet suits are recommended for paddlers".

"Wearing a life jacket is the best way to ensure your trip doesn't end in tragedy," emphasizes Brown. "It would be nice that people think of their life jackets as gear, just like with other sports, rather than required equipment." For more safety tips, you can read the full blog article posted by Bruce entitled "[Cold Water Paddling & Fishing Safety](#)" at the DGIF website.

Clean Water Act. The proposal would eliminate *all* federal protection (which in many states is the *only* protection) for streams that only flow after a rain or snow event. Some other streams that do not flow all year long would also lose protection, but it's not clear how many.

What *is* clear? Streams that will no longer be protected from pollution under the Clean Water Act flow right into our rivers, lakes, and drinking water supplies. That's why protecting these streams is critical to our health and safety. We need *your* help to tell the story of these streams and show EPA how important they are to communities across the country.

You can help by sharing a photo of a small stream or creek that is important to you. We particularly want to see streams that do not flow 365 days a year, which are most at risk. If you don't know how often it flows, that's okay! Just let us know *where* it flows – like to the local reservoir, through your town park, or into a lake or river.

To share your stream, simply download the Water Reporter app (free in [Google Play](#) and [Apple iTunes](#)) For more information, see <https://www.iwla.org/blog/clean-water-corner/clean-water-corner/2018/12/19/defend-clean-water>. Together, we can show that clean water matters to all of us!

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