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Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors met at the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Building at 7pm on **Monday, June 10th**. Next month's Board meeting will be 7pm on **Monday, July 8th** at the same location.

The monthly chapter members' dinner meeting will be held at the Kings Fork Community House on **Wednesday, June 19th at 7PM**. The dinner menu will be meatball subs, garden salad bar, tea, with ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Calendar of Events

Please visit our online chapter [website calendar](#) to browse the most recent data for upcoming events. A courtesy extract for June and July is shown below:

MON June 10 at 7pm - chapter board meeting
SUN June 16 - Father's day
MON-thru-FRI June 17-21 9am -3pm NSA Archery Camp with associated chapter firing range closure.
WED June 19 at 7pm - Monthly chapter dinner meeting, with nominations of officers & board members.
SAT June 22 - IWLA Division Meeting
THR July 4 - Independence Day
MON July 8th - chapter board meeting
TUE July 16th through 19th IWLA National Convention
WED July 17 at 7pm - chapter dinner meeting with elections of officers & board members

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

Notice of Temporary Range Closures

Reprinted from May, 2019 newsletter issue

Note that we will be closing our chapter park firing and archery ranges during the NSA youth archery camp being held at our chapter park, scheduled for **June 17-21 M-F. The ranges will be closed from 9am-3pm each day** during this interval, and we plan to post signs at the front park gate mailbox and at the firing range as a reminder. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

President's Note

Special thanks to Gary Brown, Fundraiser Chair, and all the volunteers who worked hard to make last month's barbecue fundraiser a success!

An important reminder for all chapter members: at this month's June dinner meeting we will be accepting nominations for executive officers and board members. Also, David Perdue, Scholarship Committee Chair, will be presenting the annual chapter scholarship award. The winner of this award will be one of our

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Recipe of the Month - Coleslaw

"Grandma's Coleslaw", *source credit:*
<https://blog.kingarthurfLOUR.com/2011/06/10/sams-pulled-pork-coleslaw-heaven-on-a-bun/>.

Place the following in a mini food processor or blender:

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon celery salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 1/2 tablespoons white vinegar

Process until smooth. A stick blender works well here, too. Shred about 1 pound of cabbage and carrots (or your favorite coleslaw vegetables) into a bowl. Top with the dressing. Toss to combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

two guest speakers; the other is Ethan Ferguson who will make a presentation about his recently completed duck boxes eagle scout project.

The meatball subs will be delicious and who can pass up ice cream sundaes?! Hope you will plan to attend our dinner meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Ray Powell, Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

Membership-Sponsors Needed

Message From Alan Ferguson, Chapter Membership Chair

Each of us joined the SN-IWLA by submitting an application and having an active member-in-good-standing act as a sponsor. The role of sponsor is an important one. That Izaak Walton League member introduced us at the chapter dinner meeting as a guest. They showed us the conservation practices the league supports and provided a tour of the park along with an understanding of the park and range rules. This sponsor also spoke on our behalf at a Board of Directors meeting providing a first-hand account of our character and how we would assist the Chapter in its mission.

For many of us we had a friend or family member who was a Chapter member and took on the role of sponsor. As your Membership Chair, I am in need of a few good members to act as a sponsor to applicants who do not have a friend in the Chapter. If you would like to pay it forward and help the league grow please contact me. I will be at the chapter dinner meeting or you can send an email to

Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com.

Recap of May Chapter Picnic and Barbecue Fund Raiser Event



Saturday, May 18th, the chapter park was buzzing with activity from early morning until late afternoon. Gary Brown, Fundraiser Chair, and a crew of volunteers set up at the front gate to fill orders for pork barbecue. A steady line of customers arrived to pick up their pork.

A total of 96 butts were smoked, chopped and packaged for delivery. Gary did a great job as chairman of the fundraiser



project, especially in coordinating the efforts of our chapter member volunteers who all worked hard to make the event a success. The barbecue was delicious and a special thanks goes out to Ken Dugan for his special butt rub and sauce. The chapter picnic was also held on Saturday. Members and their guests were treated to hot dogs and hamburgers as well as some just off the smoker barbecued pork. Baked beans, cole slaw and a variety of deserts rounded out the meal. To read the full news article along with a photo gallery of pictures taken at these events, see the [May 2019 BBQ Fundraiser and Chapter Picnic](#) article posted on our chapter web site under the news menu.

Recap of June Clean The Bay Day



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

In spite of threatening inclement weather forecasts, a few hardy chapter Ikes showed up early to participate in the national Clean Bay Day event held June 1st at the Hilton Garden Inn kayak launch. Each year, we participate in this event in

partnership with City of Suffolk work crews as part of the National Clean The Bay Day event held annually the 1st Saturday in June. Alas, the weather did not cooperate and the volunteers were called back due to danger of lightning/thunder, and the event eventually was cancelled early. We allowed the chapter members who showed up to accrue work hour credits in accordance with our chapter membership participation policy.

IWLA National New Survey Request

Message from IWLA National Executive Director, Scott Kovarovics

"The League's 100th anniversary in 2022 is a momentous event. It's also a milestone on the continuing journey to a bright future in the League's second century. This survey includes brief descriptions of League goals for the future and steps our members – and many more Americans – can take to achieve them. The survey takes only 5 minutes to complete. Please take a few minutes to complete it before the deadline on **June 18**. This confidential survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V97QHTW>. *I know this request is following soon after a similar request concerning a survey about national conventions. This survey is different, and my request today is a new one.*"

IWLA National Convention

Reprinted from the May Newsletter Issue

The upcoming IWLA [National convention](#) will be held in Des Moines, Iowa JULY 16-19, 2019. Also this same week there is an IWLA National 2019 [Youth Convention](#) with activities such as trips to the zoo, water works, and working farms. For more information download the [convention kit](#) from the IWLA National website.

Conservation Wood Working Project - Build a Bluebird Box from a single 1"x6"x6' board

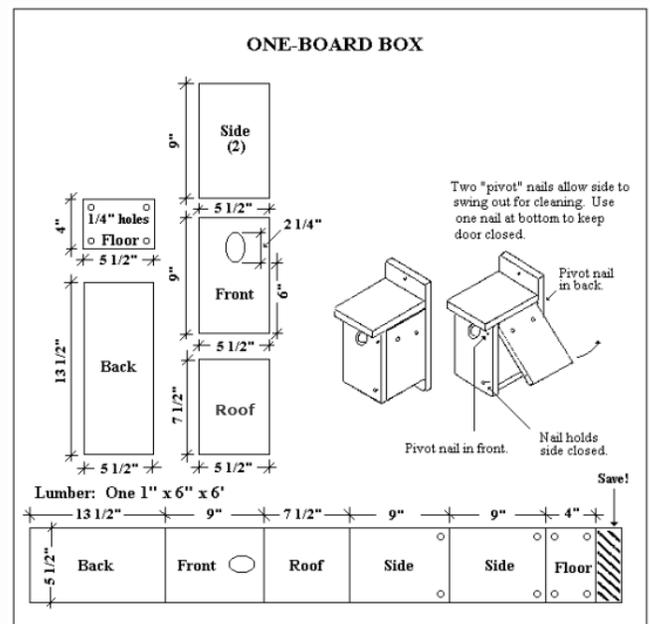
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You can find the Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis* of the order Passeriformes and family Turdidae), sitting on telephone wires or perched atop a nest box, calling out in a short,

wavering voice or abruptly dropping to the ground after an insect. Marvelous birds to capture in your binoculars, male Eastern Bluebirds are a brilliant royal blue on the back and head, and warm red-brown on the breast. Blue tinges in the wings and tail give the grayer females an elegant look. This species may visit backyards if food is offered. It doesn't often come to feeders, unless you have feeders that provide mealworms. Below is the one-board nest box plan for bluebirds from the USGS. The type of wood that is best for building your bird house is either red cedar, bald cypress, or redwood because of their natural weather resistance and durability. *Note: The hole in the front panel should be circular.*



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