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Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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Meetings

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



For the Chapter Members Dinner meeting at **6:30PM on Wednesday, February**

16th we're having a Members' Chili Cookoff contest at the [Kings Fork Community House](#) on Kings Fork Road. So come on out and enjoy some delicious chili, served with corn bread, tea, and desserts! The cost will be \$10.

The guest speaker for this dinner meeting will be Elizabeth Pittman, Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Also, we still have a few 2022 wildlife calendars left to sell and these will be available for purchase at the front desk for \$10 each or *buy two get one free*.

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. A

Chapter Membership Cards

Ikes, your membership cards have been mailed this year. If you paid your dues in January, your membership has been renewed though I am waiting for National Office to send me the membership cards. The 2022 gate code has been written on the back of your membership card and will be effective after the February dinner meeting.

If you have questions regarding your membership renewal, please contact the Membership Chair by sending an email to Alan.Ferguson.IWLA@gmail.com.

You can find chapter policies under the Membership menu on our website at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/>.

Submitted by Alan Ferguson, Membership Chair

President's Note

Hopefully what passes for winter here in Virginia (3-4 inches of snow and empty store shelves) has passed and the renewal of spring will begin. It is still early, but with a few bumps, it appears that the Covid infections are declining, and we can have a normal year. I am looking forward to the chili competition with the accompanying cornbread, etc. at this month's meeting. Bring your own Tums. In March we will have the .22 shoot (see note in the newsletter) and tentatively a river cleanup. I hope you can get out, have some fun and help our

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Suffolk, VA 23434

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700 Kings Hwy, Suffolk, VA 23432

Appomatox River Company
3009 W. Mercury Blvd.
Hampton, VA 23666; (757)890-0500

Arzillo Recycling (Scrap Metal)
Locations: Suffolk & PTMS Blvd
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courtesy extract through April 1st is shown below:

MON 2-7 at 7PM - Chapter Board Meeting.
WED 2-16 at 6:30PM - Chapter CHILI COOKOFF Members Dinner Meeting.
FRI 2-18 - IWLA National Midwinter Meeting.
MON 3-7 at 7PM - Chapter Board Meeting.
TUE 3-15 - Chapter Tobin Award Submittals are Due.
WED 3-16 at 6:30pm - Chapter Members Dinner Meeting.
SAT 3-19 at 9AM - *Suffolk Nansemond River Cleanup.
SAT 3-19 at 9AM - RimFire Members Shoot Competition.
SAT 3-26 at 9AM - *Suffolk Recycle drive.
FRI 4-1 - Chapter Scholarship Submissions are Due.

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

Award Nominations Are Open

Submitted by Tim Doxey, Awards Committee Chair

ANNUAL JUDGE JOHN W. TOBIN
CHAPTER VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION AWARD
NOMINATION FORM — IWLA
NATIONAL DEADLINE: MARCH 15,
2022

A reminder, the deadline for submittal of nominations to our chapter's award committee chair for the Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award is **March 4th, 2022**. 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.

Also, the criteria for other IWLA National award submissions due June 1st can be found on the IWLA National website at <https://www.iwla.org/chapter-resources/awards>, or 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

environment. P.S. Punxsutawney Phil is a known braggart and liar. I'm not buying the six more weeks malarkey.

Respectfully Yours,

Chris Ferguson, Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

Annual Chapter Education Scholarships

For 2022, the Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) is offering 2 (two) education scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to be awarded to students who have been accepted into or who are currently attending an accredited college, university or technical school, and who are pursuing an appropriate course of study related to conservation and the environment.

The deadline for accepting submissions is **April 1st, 2022**. Eligibility requirements, application forms, and instructions are posted at <http://sniwla.org/sniwla/scholarships/>. For more information contact the Scholarship Chairman David Perdue at davidkperdue@yahoo.com.

IWLA National Scholarships

For 2022, there are two \$2,500 scholarships being awarded by IWLA National. The first is for previous S-N IWLA chapter scholarship award recipients, and the second is for current IWLA members or child/grandchild of current IWLA members. Each scholarship award comes with an accompanying one-year IWLA student membership for qualified college juniors or seniors.

Applications are due by **May 15th, 2022**. These scholarships are funded with a generous grant from the Izaak Walton League of America Endowment.

Note: Our S-N IWLA Chapter does not

nominations to our [awards committee chair](#). 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 chair or any other chapter officer or board member.

administer these national scholarship awards. See Instructions and requirements posted on the IWLA National website at <https://iwla.org/scholarship>.

Recipes of the Month - Sausage and Tortellini Soup, and Banana Bread

Sausage and Tortellini Soup

Servings: 4 *Source Credit: Claudia Powell*



Ingredients

- 1 lb Italian Sausage
- 2 quarts chicken broth
- 6 oz baby spinach
- 8 oz tortellini

Instructions

Remove casings from sausage and brown in a large soup pot. Add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Add tortellini and cook per package instructions. Stir in baby spinach and cook until wilted. Serve & enjoy.

Banana Bread

Source Credit: King Arthur Flour Baker's Companion Cookbook

Makes a 9-inch loaf (12 slices)



Ingredients

- 2 large eggs

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a medium-sized bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar, and oil.

- 1 cup (7oz) sugar
- 1/3 cup (2&3/8oz) vegetable oil
- 1 cup mashed banana (2 to 3 very ripe, large bananas)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2&2/3 cups (11&3/8oz) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (8oz) yogurt (or buttermilk, or sour cream)
- 1 cup (4oz) chopped walnuts (optional)

Blend in the mashed banana and vanilla.

Whisk together and then sift (it's important that these be thoroughly combined) the baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and flour.

Add all at once to the banana mixture.

Mix quickly but thoroughly, then stir in the yogurt, mixing until just combined.

Pour the batter into a greased and floured 9 x 5-inch loaf pan.

Bake bread for about 1 hour, until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

If the bread begins to brown too quickly, tent it with aluminum foil after 40 minutes in the oven.

Rimfire Members Shoot Competition

On Saturday, March 19th, we will conduct a member's .22 rimfire shoot competition. There will be four classes; 25 yard open sighted handguns, 50 yard scoped handguns, 50 yard open sighted rifles, and 100 yard scoped rifles. Ammunition will be limited to .22 caliber rimfire; short long, or long rifle, sub sonic or high velocity. Each distance and firearm combination will cost \$5. David Perdue will have sign up sheets and will be taking entry fees at the February dinner meeting. You may also sign up at the March dinner meeting or on the day of the event. Early sign up will help us gauge the number of competitors.

Message from Torin Miller, Director of Policy, The National Deer Association (NDA)

Submitted by Chapter Board Member Mike Lane

"The National Deer Association (NDA) has been advocating for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) since its introduction in the 116th Congress. Passage of this bill would be a historic and much-needed conservation victory. Versions of the bill have been introduced in both the House and Senate by Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Roy Blunt (R-MO). RAWA provides significant investments in proactive, on-the-ground conservation work led by states, territories, and Tribal nations to support the long-term health of fish and wildlife habitat across America. The bill is scheduled for markup and potential vote in the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 19.

Please consider joining the NDA in supporting this important bipartisan legislation. To ask the Committee Members to vote in favor of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and send it to the House floor for a full vote, see the congress.gov website page <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2372> where you can click on *Contact Your Member* under *Give Feedback*.

RAWA provides \$1.3 billion annually for state fish and wildlife agencies to implement congressionally mandated State Wildlife Action Plans, which outline specific, science-based conservation actions necessary to recover and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations. These plans include strategies to collectively conserve close to 12,000 fish, wildlife, and plant species identified as "at-risk." RAWA also provides nearly \$100 million to Tribal fish and wildlife managers to carry out similar management and conservation projects on Tribal lands. This dedicated funding will not only boost conservation objectives but will provide increased economic benefits and create new outdoor opportunities for people from all walks of life. The NDA is dedicated to ensuring the future of wild deer, wildlife habitat and hunting. The continuance of the resource, the quality of our hunting experiences and the perpetuity of places to hunt, recreate and relax all rely on intact, healthy habitats and ecosystems. RAWA investments in on-the-ground conservation work will ensure sufficient, sustainable funding for the continued management of our much-loved wildlife resources and their habitats, including the accelerated recovery of 1,600 U.S. species already listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act."

Virginia Department of Forestry Burn Ban

The 4 Pm Burning Law is in effect February 15 to April 30, restricting open air burning until after 4:00 p.m. See <https://dof.virginia.gov/wildland-prescribed-fire/wildfire-prevention/before-you-burn/> for more information.

The 4 PM Burning Law applies to open-air burning, which means any outdoor fire that is not covered and/or contained within non-flammable barriers. For example, a typical campfire is considered an open-air fire. However, an open-air fire MAY be acceptable if it meets the following criteria: it is completely contained within a ring of rocks, cinderblocks, metal ring, or a similar device and is covered by a ¼ inch or smaller metal screen.

IWLA National Conservation Currents Publication - Action Alerts

When you subscribe to the IWLA National publication *Conservation Currents* at <https://iwla.org/subscribe> you'll get the latest conservation news from IWLA National on a monthly basis and you'll receive *Action Alerts from them* on key advocacy issues. You'll be asked to provide your name and e-mail address to sign up and they have promised never to share your email with any other organization, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Also, at the National IWLA website page <https://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/>, you can choose to voice your support for important conservation-related legislative issues, including:

- Clean Water Act protection for Streams and Wetlands.
- Wildlife Conservation through the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), a bipartisan bill that establishes a 21st century funding model for the proactive conservation of fish and wildlife.
- Arctic Refuge Protection to end oil and gas exploration in the heart of this pristine wilderness.
- Agriculture Resilience Act to help farmers rebuild healthy soils, reduce polluted runoff, and harness agriculture to put atmospheric carbon back in the soil and fight climate change.
- Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness protection from sulfide-ore copper mining.

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