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THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors met at **7pm on Monday, July 11th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home. Next month's Board meeting will be on **Monday, August 8th** at the same location and time.

The Chapter Members Dinner meeting will be held at the [Kings Fork Community House](#) on Kings Fork Road at **6:30PM on Wednesday, July 20th**. Elections for chapter officers and board members will be held at this dinner meeting.

The dinner menu will be a Taco bar with all the trimmings served with iced tea, and ice cream for dessert. The cost will be \$10.

The guest speaker will be a representative from the [Beekeepers Guild of Southeastern Virginia](#).

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 courtesy extract through end of September is shown below:

MON 7/11 at 7pm - Chapter board meeting.
 TUE 7/19 through 7/22 - IWLA National Convention.
 WED 7/20 at 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting with elections of officers and board members.
 TUE 8/2 at Noon - Closure of Chapter Firing Range to coincide with NNO (National Night Out).
 MON 8/8 at 7pm - Chapter board meeting.
 WED 8/17 at 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting with swearing in of elected officers and board members.
 FRI 9/9 at 4-7pm - *Chapter BBQ Fundraiser.

Member Advisory - Firing Range Closure 8/2 at Noon for NNO

Members, as we've done for several years we plan to continue to be good neighbors by closing our chapter's shooting range beginning at **Noon on Tuesday, August 2nd through the end of the day**, as authorized by the chapter board of directors.

The closing of our range coincides with the Suffolk NNO National Night Out (NNO) event that is being held at school location(s) adjacent to our chapter park property.

If you have any questions, please contact our shooting coordinator, Eric Fjell. For his contact information, see <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/committees/>.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

President's Note

Ella Fitzgerald sang "Summertime, and the living' is easy." I hope you are enjoying summer this year. It feels good to get outside and I think the fish need teasing.

We are busy planning the BBQ fundraiser and later, the pancake supper. The last couple of years, with limited social interaction has strained our budget while new expenses with the dam work has added up. Please support these activities.

This is also the month that we hold

Classifieds

Chuckatuck Trading Post
(757)255-9295
5969 Goodwin Blvd,
Suffolk, VA 23452

Suffolk Radio & TV Service
Radio/Television Repair
(757)539-2110
536 W. Washington Street
Suffolk, VA 23434

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

Arzillo Recycling (Scrap Metal)
(757)539-8593
Locations: Suffolk & PTMS Blvd

Shop at AmazonSmile
and Amazon will make
a donation to:

Izaak Walton League Of America Inc
Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter

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

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SAT 9/10 at 8am - *Chapter Park Workday.
MON 9/12 at 7pm - Chapter board meeting
SAT 9/17 at 9am - *Chapter Fish Rodeo.
WED 9/21 at 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting.
SAT 9/21 at 9am - Chapter CenterFire
Members Shoot Competition.

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

HOLIDAYS:
MON 9/5 - Labor Day

Chapter Facebook Page



We are pleased to announce that chapter member Shannon Curtin, with Board of Directors' approval, has created a Facebook (FB) page for our chapter. She has volunteered to be the page's administrator and will be posting relevant content there.

This public page will serve as an additional avenue for members and prospective members to learn about the organization's needs on both the local and national level. It also will enhance our ability to share chapter news and reminders about upcoming events.

So, please like us on Facebook!

To access the new chapter's FB page in your web browser, simply click on the blue FB icon shown above. Alternatively, you can search for it by entering the full name in the FP app: *Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.*

elections for officers. Come out and vote; it is your chapter. There are several vacancies, and we can take nominations up to when the ballots are handed out.

July is the seventh month of the year (between June and August) in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of Roman general Julius Caesar in 44 B.C.

Respectfully Yours,

Chris Ferguson,
Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

Recipe of the Month - Squash and Cornbread Casserole

Source Credit: Lana's Cooking by [Lana Stuart](#),
<https://www.lanascooking.com/squash-and-cornbread-casserole/>



Ingredients

- 8.5 ounces cornbread mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 egg
- 3 cups grated yellow squash
- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Generously grease an 8×8 square baking dish.
In a large bowl, combine the cornbread mix, sour cream, and egg.
Stir until just combined.
Add the remaining ingredients except butter.
Stir gently to combine.
Pour into prepared dish.
Dot the top with butter.
Bake 1 hour or until golden brown.
Remove from the oven and cool slightly.

Chapter Elections

At this month's July chapter dinner meeting, we have 4 (four) officer positions and 5 (five) board of director positions to be elected. (Note: Four incumbent board members have agreed to serve out their terms and so these positions will not be voted on.)

There will be a call for 'nominations from the floor' at the July 20th chapter dinner meeting just prior to passing out ballots and conducting the chapter elections.

If you have any questions please contact the Nominations/Elections Chair/VP Darden Langston. For his contact information, see <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/committees/>.

Chapter Fundraiser September 9th - SAVE THE DATE!

Members, a chapter BBQ and Fried Chicken to-go (Captain Bob's) fundraiser is planned for **Friday, September 9th** at the Methodist Church on Route 10 from **4pm to 7pm**.

Information on when/where tickets will be available for you to purchase/sell these \$12 tickets is not yet available, so we ask please that you save the date for now.

Suffolk Nansemond Izaak Walton League



Fundraiser

BBQ Dinner Drive –Thru Pick Up



Friday, September 9th 4 PM—7 PM

Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church
3488 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk

\$12 Ticket per person

Captain Bob's BBQ & Fried Chicken
Cole Slaw, Potatoes, and Hush Puppies

To support the SN-IWLA Conservation Projects &
Environmental Education

SAVE-THE-DATE: Information as to When/Where to purchase tickets will be forthcoming.

For questions, or to sign up to help out, contact chapter Fundraising Chair Richard Wentz. For his contact information, see <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/committees/>.

Conservation News - Report on Health of the Chesapeake Bay

Submitted by SOS (Save-Our-Streams) Chair/Treasurer Tim Doxey

Source Credit: [Chesapeake Bay Health Score Held Steady in 2021](#) | University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (umces.edu)

In the latest IWLA National Conservation Currents publication, there is a link to a 2021 report on the health of the Chesapeake Bay. This report states that the health of the Chesapeake Bay is a reflection of what is happening across its watershed, which includes six states and the District of Columbia and more than 18 million people," said Dr. Peter Goodwin, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. "This year's report card is the first to include a range of economic, ecological, and societal factors to help assess progress in improving this vast human and natural system that is a major component of the quality of life for people in the region." Individual indicators of Bay health had mixed results in 2021, but the overall Bay-wide trend is improving over time, as are many regional trends. Seven reporting regions had improved grades due to better water quality—both nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations continue to improve—and the aquatic grass coverage is improving, but water clarity and chlorophyll continue to degrade. The highest-scoring region was once again the Lower Bay (65%). The lowest-scoring regions were the Patapsco and Back Rivers and the Patuxent River (both 23%). Long-term trends still show significant improvements in the James River, Elizabeth River, Patapsco and Back Rivers, and Upper Western Shore. The Upper Eastern Shore score has begun a slightly declining trend, the first time a declining trend has been observed in any reporting region since 2014.

For more information, see <https://www.umces.edu/news/chesapeake-bay-health-score-held-steady-in-2021>.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act - IWLA National Action Alert

Source Credit: [IWLA National Conservation Alerts](#)

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) S. 2372, is a bipartisan bill that establishes a 21st century funding model for the proactive conservation of fish and wildlife.

America's wildlife is facing steep declines, with one third of all species in the United States at increased risk of extinction. This important legislation would dedicate \$1.3 billion annually in existing funds to state wildlife agencies to support broad-based fish and wildlife conservation efforts. The bill would also direct an additional \$97.5 million to tribal wildlife managers to conserve species on tribal lands and waters.

By securing these funds, state wildlife agencies will be able to fully implement their state wildlife action plans, congressionally-mandated conservation blueprints designed by each state to address the challenges of thousands of species of greatest need. These state wildlife action plans will help to keep many species of fish and wildlife off of the endangered species list and prevent costly restoration efforts that are triggered once a species is listed.

The bill is a bipartisan solution to adequately fund state fish and wildlife agencies' on-the-ground efforts to conserve habitat for species of greatest conservation need. America's massive \$788 billion outdoor recreation economy relies on healthy fish and wildlife populations to drive hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other outdoor recreation and this bill represents a huge step toward keeping common species common, while recovering thousands of other species, before the need for an Endangered Species Act listing.

IWLA National encourages you to contact your Senators (as a concerned private citizen) and to urge them to vote for this important legislation. See <https://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/125> for more information.

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