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Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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Meetings

The Chapter's Board of Directors will meet at **7pm on Monday, November 14th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home.

Next month's Board meeting will be at **7pm on Monday, December 12th** at the same location.

The Chapter Members Dinner meeting will be held at the [Kings Fork Community House](#) on Kings Fork Road on **Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30pm.**

The dinner menu will be sausage and peppers, rolls, tossed salad, tea, and dessert prepared by Chapter Ike/Chef Vic Pisani. The cost of the meal will be \$10.

The guest speaker is Jamie MacKenzie who is a 1983 Virginia Tech Forestry graduate. He has worked for Union Camp Corp., International Paper, Swain and Temple, and Southern Va. Forest Products, Inc. and has been a procurement forester his whole career. His speaking topic is "Forestry--a 2022 briefing".

Calendar of Events

You can find the chapter website calendar at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/calendar>. It contains the most recent information

Wildlife Calendars for Sale

Reprinted from the October chapter newsletter with revisions.



A reminder, 2023 Virginia Wildlife Calendars will be

available for purchase at the November chapter dinner meeting. The cost will be \$10 which is a 37% discount off the retail unit price!

If you can't attend the meeting and want to purchase a calendar, please contact Chapter Ike Virginia Wahab who is coordinating calendars sales this year. You can reach her via email at wahabv@cox.net or by mobile phone at 757.537.9016. Please note, quantities are limited.

President's Note

It's November. The ghosts and goblins have come and gone, along with the candy and stomach aches. Once again, I see the harvesters bringing in the crops and the trucks taking the produce and cotton to be processed.

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about meetings and upcoming events. A courtesy extract of the chapter calendar through the end of the year is shown below.

As was noted in the October chapter newsletter the annual pancake supper fundraiser has been postponed until sometime next year. In lieu of it a regular chapter dinner meeting will be held.

SAT 11/12 9am - *Suffolk Recycle Event (Tires)
MON 11/14 7pm - Chapter Board meeting.
WED 11/16 CANCELED: Pancake Fundraiser.
WED 11/16 6:30pm - Chapter dinner meeting.
THR 12/1 at 6:30pm - Chapter Long Range Planning Meeting.
MON 12/12 at 7pm - Chapter Board meeting.

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

HOLIDAYS/special notices:

TUE 11/1- First Day American Indian Heritage Month.
SUN 11/6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends.
TUE 11/8 - Elections Day.
FRI 11/11 - Veterans Day.
THR 11/24 - Thanksgiving Day.
FRI 11/25 - Native American Heritage Day.
SAT 12/24 - Christmas Eve.
SUN 12/25 - Christmas Day.
SAT 12/31 - New Year's Eve.

Looking back, we had a pretty good year. There were challenges but by and large I think people got by. Let's remember to get out and vote; make your voice heard.

As we set down for Thanksgiving let us not forget all our blessings, our fellowship in conservation and those less fortunate.

Please note that we canceled the pancake supper this year and that the 3rd Wednesday in November is a regular dinner meeting.

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." --Charles Dickens.

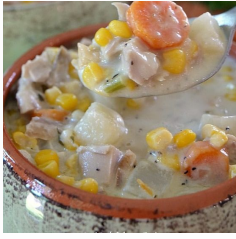
Respectfully Yours,

Chris Ferguson,
Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

Recipe of the Month - Turkey Corn Chowder

Source Credit: Terri at Great Grub, Delicious Treats!

<https://www.greatgrubdelicioustreats.com/hearty-turkey-corn-chowder/#recipe>



Ingredients

- 3 cups turkey, diced
- 2 large potatoes, peeled, diced into 1/2" chunks
- 3 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled, sliced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp thyme
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/3 cup all purpose flour
- (2) 15 oz can whole kernel corn, drained
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups heavy cream

Instructions

1. In a large dutch oven or sauce pan, melt butter and add celery, carrots and onions.
2. Cook until vegetables are soft, about 10 minutes.
3. Whisk flour, garlic salt, pepper and thyme together, add to pan, stir and cook for 2-3 minutes.
4. Slowly pour broth, heavy cream and diced potatoes into pan, stir.
5. Bring to a boil and cook for approximately 15 minutes.
6. Add turkey and corn. Stir and cook until heated thoroughly.
7. Remove from heat and enjoy.

Upcoming Chapter Volunteer Opportunity

Reprinted from the October chapter newsletter with revisions.

Members, even though the chapter pancake supper fundraiser has been canceled, there is one remaining scheduled activity during the remainder of this year where you can earn work hour credits towards meeting our chapter member volunteer [*participation policy requirement*](#):

***Suffolk Recycle Tire Amnesty at 9am on Saturday, November 12th**

Yes, this event includes receiving tires (without rims) and your help is needed to stack those heavy tires! Also, help is usually needed at the document shredding and battery recycling stations. See Recycling [Drive and Tire Amnesty Day](#) for more information about what can be recycled at this event. Meet where and when? PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS at 800 Carolina Road, Suffolk, VA at 9am on Saturday, November 12th.

Winners of the September Members Shooting Competition

Submitted by Chapter Shooting Coordinator, Eric Fjell.

A Member shooting competition was held at the shooting range on September 24th, 2022. Centerfire rifles were used at 100 yards with telescopic sights, and at 50 yards with open sights. Two (2) gift cards were donated as prizes by chapter Ike Gary Crossfield, owner of CE Tactical gun shop.

And, the winners are:

- First Prize at 100 yards was awarded to H. K. Good, who beat out Eric Fjell by 1 point.
- The 50-yard prize went to Darden Langston.

Ten (10) different rifles were used by the seven (7) people who participated. The weather was beautiful, and a good time was had by those who participated as you can see from the photos shown below that were taken at the event. Looking forward to more participation for the .22 caliber fun shoot next spring!



Recap of October Chapter Dinner Meeting - Guest Speaker and New Member Sworn In

At the October chapter dinner meeting, a delicious fried fish dinner was prepared by Chapter Ike Jonathan Echols with help from Chapter Ike Les Ward and the chapter kitchen crew.

After the meal, chapter President Chris Ferguson swore in new chapter member Chris Lovelette. Welcome to the chapter, Chris!



The guest speaker for the evening was James Powell, USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) District Supervisor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services Program.



The wildlife services provided by his organization include resolving human-wildlife conflicts and providing technical and direct assistance with an integrated approach to funding and damage management of Beaver, Canada Geese, Black Vultures, Feral swine, and Nutria. James encouraged us to record our own encounters with wildlife at <https://www.inaturalist.org/> or with the Google iNaturalist phone app, or the Apple iNaturalist app. Also, see the contact phone number shown above to request help in resolving wildlife conflicts.

Recap of the October 22nd Park Maintenance Workday

We had a good showing of chapter Ikes on the morning of October 22nd at the park gazebo, and the weather was perfect. Everybody worked hard to accomplish the list of maintenance tasks previously identified by chapter Park Manager Jimmy Fanny.

Darden Langston reported that his work crew accomplished all of the tasks that needed to be done at the range. While Mike Lane's group concentrated on trimming in the dam's overflow area, other Ikes used chain saws to take care of dead trees near the pond's edge.

Jimmy said, "It's like a jungle in there", as he helped finish trimming the lower portion of the backside of the dam.

See below the photos taken of the dam after the trimming was completed, and also of a snake skin and a small animal skull found there.



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