



# Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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## ***The Chapter Runs On Volunteers – Thank One, Be One***

Editor's Note: The theme of this edition of the Winchester Izaak Walton League Newsletter is volunteerism, but that could be the theme each month. Volunteerism plays the central role in operation of the Chapter every day. The Chapter runs entirely on volunteer effort, and runs very well, indeed. Read this month's committee reports to see how dependent these rich offerings are on volunteers. As Vice President Chris Barltrop, himself a prodigious volunteer, points out elsewhere in this issue, "We have a tremendous pool of expertise on all sorts of fields in our Membership."

Of course, it takes more than expertise to run a park, it takes a willingness of members to do the hard labor required to cut the grass, haul the aquatic weeds out of the lake, clean up storm damage and myriad other things. The Chapter has those volunteers, as well. Chapter Secretary Butch Kramer is organizing a Fall Clean Up in the Park for Oct. 27. See below and watch the website for details on where you can lend a hand. Looking to the future, this edition of the newsletter shows plans to make Izaak Walton League membership all the more rewarding in the future. All that's needed is that you pitch in.



*Izaak  
Walton  
Needs  
You!*

To show up for

### ***Fall Clean Up In The Park***

Chapter Secretary Butch Kramer is organizing a Fall Clean Up in the Park for Oct. 27 (rain date Nov. 3). The work session starts at 9 a.m. and ends around noon. Come a little early to sign up for the chores of your choice.

Butch, who is also chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, says he needs as many volunteers as he can gather with tree trimmers, chain saws, and weed whackers. He needs weed whacking around Park buildings, along roads and entrances to the firing ranges and campsite, and the campsite picnic area and its pathways and walkways. *[Continued on Page 3]*

### ***E & T Committee Report***

The Committee has developed a comprehensive Course/Seminar list of offering for 2019. It includes a full schedule of NRA related courses including all the Basic courses including Metallic and Shotgun Reloading plus Defensive Pistol and PPIH/PPOH. Check the Chapter website for details.

We also will have an NRA Woman on Target<sup>(R)</sup> weekend in 2019 (see details elsewhere in this issue) and offer some First Steps courses in Rifle and Shotgun for youth and beginning and less experienced shooters plus a Refuse to be a Victim Seminar and a Home Firearms Safety Course. Instructor Courses will be added at a later date.

**REMINDER: A Basic course in a specific firearm discipline is now required before taking any advanced course in any specific firearm discipline as well as for the NRA Certified RSO Classes.**

We need Certified Instructors/Facilitators for all courses. We will offer a four-hour *Training the Trainer Seminar* in the next few months to assist all who wish to instruct or facilitate a WIWL Class, Seminar or Orientation session.

We are working with The Range Committee and Membership Committee to establish the new RQ Seminar that will be required for all members wanting 2020 Range Qualification. It *[Continued on Page 2]*

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will be offered multiple times in 2019 and will incorporate gun handling simulation exercises. The New member Orientation Range Session will incorporate the same seminar material/exercises and be required for new member RQ in 2019.

There are currently 375-400 members Range Qualified—The Seminar is planned to start in Feb and will go through November—Current RQ members may attend a 2019 New Members Orientation Session (if seats are available) to meet this requirement, also. There will be approximately 20+ sessions through the year. Sign up early in the year—first come, first served. There is **no guarantee a current RQ member can get a seat if you wait until October or November to sign up. Sign up will begin in January 2019.**

E & T now will require all courses seminars and Orientation Sessions and to have a formal participant assessment of the specific Course/Seminar/Orientation Session content and the Instructor/Facilitator(s) effectiveness in the participants' learning. This process will allow us to provide better course and seminar content and improved Instructor/Facilitator delivery. Feedback sessions are planned with Instructor/Facilitators to assist them in improving their presentations and the overall content of a course or seminar to improve

### Special Notice

**We also need Certified Instructor and Facilitators for the comprehensive Offering/ Orientation Sessions that are planned for 2019. Please contact Al [Stitt—Training@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:Stitt@winchester-iwla.org) or Dave [Prater—Range@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:Prater@winchester-iwla.org) for the E & T Instructor requirements. A copy of your current NRA (or related) Instructor certifications is required.**

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**Board Meetings** are normally held the first Tuesday of each month at the Chapterhouse. See the Chapter website for dates and times.

**Membership Meetings** are held at the Chapterhouse on the third Thursday of each month.

## Win-Win Volunteering With Scouts And Others

If you or a family member or members of an organization you know need service hours or conservation service hours, asks member Brian Callahan. Winchester Izaak Walton League has a deal for you that also provides positive exposure in the community for the chapter.

Scouts, churches and schools have need of service hours, Callahan says. Every Boy Scout knows conservation service hours, required for rank advancement, are also very rewarding. We have many projects at the chapter and meet in small groups on a regular basis to make improvements. Callahan said he has a small group of scouts working Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon on projects. The scouts are going to refinish and paint/stain the picnic tables in the campground next.

“I would love to expand that group and can probably accommodate another weekend block of time for projects from lake and conservation and building/grounds. If we advertise that we offer service hours in conservation projects, we may get more volunteers to add to the list,” he said. “With 157 acres, our ability to make improvements are almost endless, including potential Eagle Scout projects. Examples include new primitive campgrounds, bat houses, new archery stations, etc.”

The Chapter saw scouts at work last month on storm damage to the pistol range. Members Ron Richard and Eric Campbell, and Boy Scouts Sean Norris and Tyler Campbell (Eric's son) cleaned up the trees that fell on the range. The team, with a backhoe and chain saws, cleared the uprooted tree and damaged trees with minimal impact to the range.

### *Golightly Reunion Sparkles*

The Golightly Family held their annual family reunion at the Chapter House on Saturday, September 15. As usual, the family did a remarkable job cleaning up the Chapter House for the event, and cleaning up afterwards. The Chapter House was left in truly immaculate condition. This is an outstanding example of members actively taking advantage of our facilities while at the same time proudly demonstrating truly exemplary care for those facilities. Thank you. – Butch Kramer, Secretary and Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee.

## President's Report

Thanks to all the volunteers who keep this place running. In particular, I'd like to single out a few individuals, with an apology to those I don't have space to mention:

Eric Vollmer - We've been struggling with the gate computer for years. Verizon has been unable or unwilling to maintain the phone line that we had to use to program the gate. Eric came up with a solution that allows us to bypass the phone line and it cost under \$110.

Brian Callahan - He has come up with a stocking plan and organized work crews to implement it. Our lake is coming back as a result. So thanks to Brian and all the volunteers who helped.

Chris Barltrop - From our revamped web page to our new door, I couldn't begin to list all the services he has done. Our chapter has benefited enormously from his work. – Dan Arico, President

### *Volunteer Saves Chapter Big Bucks*

Member Eric Vollmer volunteered to help us resolve an ongoing problem communicating with our gate system to record new gate cards. Communications had been by modem (yes, they still exist) over the Verizon phone line. We had been repeatedly experiencing static on the phone line, and Verizon had been called in repeatedly to resolve. Their solutions (once they actually arrived) included switching lines in the phone cable that runs down Millwood Pike to the Chapter and replacing a broken connector in their distribution box.

Each time the line would work for a few days, then the static would resume or contact would be lost completely. We asked our gate service company for suggestions - they came up with a proposal for a \$2,776.50 solution. Enter Eric Vollmer. He is a telecommunications engineer and suggested we install a Viking DLE-200B Two-Way Line Simulator, which was ordered from Amazon and we installed in the Chapter Office, disconnecting the Verizon line. Works perfectly, gives us clean contact between the gate PC in the office and the gate, eliminates the Verizon bill, and cost a whopping \$110.

We have a tremendous pool of expertise on all sorts of fields in our Membership - this was a classic example of a member volunteering to develop a cost-effective solution to what had seemed an intractable problem. Thank you, Eric. – Chris Barltrop, Vice President.

### *Fall Clean Up In The Park*

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- We will need several people to mow the grass in all areas of the property for what should be the last time of the year
- In addition, we will need tree trimmers and chainsaws to trim low hanging limbs of trees around the Chapter House so our zero-turn mowers can get closer to trees and bushes.
- We need trees and bushes trimmed on the road, especially at the end of the lake where the road curves to the right around a grouping of trees and bushes that hinder one's sight of oncoming vehicles. Also, there are spots of growth on the left that need trimming as one drives towards the ranges and campsite.
- We need to cut down the bushes again around the lake
- The dam needs to be flushed again and there is always weed removal needed on the lake.
- Limbs need to be trimmed overhanging the road approaching the pistol/rifle range
- The Bar-B-Que pit in back of the Chapter House needs to be cleaned out, and rock put down next to the concrete walls of that structure

### *NRA's Women On Target® At WIWL*

The Chapter will be hosting a Women On Target® weekend next year and preparation is beginning now. A number of women Instructors/RSOs are needed for that weekend to help on the live-fire side as well as in the classroom.

If you have proper current certification, let us know now so we can use your experience and expertise on that weekend please contact Al [Stitt](mailto:Stitt@winchester-iwla.org)—[Training@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:Training@winchester-iwla.org) or Dave [Prater—Range@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:Prater-Range@winchester-iwla.org) for the E & T Instructor requirements. A copy of your current NRA (or related) Instructor certifications is required.

These clinics are designed for women only and teach firearm safety and the fundamentals of marksmanship, giving the participant confidence in safely handling and operating a firearm.

The clinics provide a safe and friendly environment whether the participant is picking up a gun for the very first time or are just brushing off some dust and in need of a refresher. Participants will feel at ease in a safe environment getting hands-on, one-of-a-kind experience.

# Range Committee Report

## ***R-P Range:***

Thanks to Mike Harper, Ron Richards, and Rick Hill for getting the Range parking area new gravel in place. Took 16 tons but well worth it—Great job, Guys, and thanks for volunteering to get this done.

The Range Committee is finishing up its Range Improvement and Event Punch List for 2019 and is preparing a budget for 2019. We also are sketching out new programs/ R3 events open to the Public plus Training and Matches including Winchester-NRA Qualification shooting in various disciplines. See additional info in the [Other Actions Section](#) below.

We also are modifying the Sign-In Sheet to include calibers shot instead of just range used. We have a volunteer to keep the Sign In sheets available and pick up those already filled—The info is most important for grant purposes and also will be used as data for our Range Environmental Stewardship Program .. Other Range improvements are in the works including a covered RSO station and central sign in shed.

**Remember--If you use the R-P range, make sure you sign in with full information as well as have your guests signed up, the \$10 .00 paid and have a receipt before going to the Range. Look for more Range checks by BOD members and RSOs in the future.**

## ***Shotgun Range:***

The Tower removal at the Shotgun Range is progressing. We have identified a Crane Company and a Bucket lift to assist with the dismantling of the tower. We hope to have the project done by the end of September. Volunteers will be required to assist with the dismantling of the structure as it is piecemealed into 3 sections and lowered to the ground.

An initial takeoff has been completed for the 5-Stand structure and the research on appropriate voice-controlled wobble traps finalized. We will finalize the NRA Range Improvement Grant Request in mid-October. Letters have been received from the BSA and SASP showing youth support. A third letter is being prepared by Trail Life and should be received shortly.

The Chapter's support of these 3 youth activities in the shooting sports qualifies us for an NRA Improvement Grant submission—Both Rick Hill and Dave Prater think we will have a very good chance of obtaining the wobble trap for the Range. Whether we can gain additional funds for the structure is a “maybe” and dependent on NRA individual State Funding limits. We will be actively soliciting area business and individuals for donations towards this building project to supplement the NRA Grant.

*Member assistance in identifying potential donors or area businesses for this project would be very helpful.*

Contact Rick Hill: [rhill1105@aol.com](mailto:rhill1105@aol.com)--202-255-1512 or Dave Prater: [range@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:range@winchester-iwla.org)--703-463-1376 if you can assist. All contributions for this project are tax deductible.

We also are in the process of renovating the Patterning Range—If you have access to screened dirt or sand , please let us know as we must rebuild the back berm higher and hope to add 6' berms on each side. Hopefully, some of the reclaimed tower wood can be used to build a telltale fence on top it.

## ***Other Committee Actions:***

The BOD has approved the Committee request to the use of the R-P Range on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by the VA SASP for their State Matches. Expect closure from Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon to Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon for the set up and tear down for the Match—Volunteers are needed to assist in Food Services, Set up/Tear down, Range monitoring/Security & Traffic Control. We are expecting 50-100 people to attend.

We will be holding other shooting events including an NRA modified 3-Gun Shoot, a Fall Turkey Shoot and a Shooting Sports Familiarization Day as well as events on the Shotgun Range. These will be Public events that again will require volunteer members to assist in making them a success. That also can be a source of revenue for the Chapter and the Range Projects.

The Range Committee will work jointly with E & T to arrange range times for the 12 week-end Saturday classes that require Range Time including the NRA Woman on Target day now being planned for 2019. Also ,look for more NRA-Winchester Qualification shoots and Bullseye Matches in the coming year as well.

Lots of organized shooting activities/classes/seminars for members, guests and the public in 2019. Join in and volunteer to help for credit towards dues in 2020.

**NOTE: The Range Committee has changed its monthly Meeting Date to the 4th Tuesday of each month. Please join us as we have set aside a Members time from 8 PM to 8 30 PM for Q & A, Members' comments and ideas. Member input is a valuable source of information for the Committee. Contact: Dave Prater, Range Chairman—[range@winchester-iwla.org](mailto:range@winchester-iwla.org)--Tel: 703-463-1376**

## Scores Continue to Climb In 2<sup>nd</sup> To Last Bullseye Match of Season

Our fifth Bullseye match of 2018 on Sept. 19 makes it look like Bullseye is well established at the Chapter. Once again we had eight shooters, one of which was new to our League. Looking at the scores over the past five matches it's obvious that participation is paying off; everyone has improved their scores. John Lewandoski has regularly come in first, shooting at the Expert level at most matches, including this one. Mike Murphy joins him this month, scoring well over the 90% mark that defines the NRA Expert category. The rest of us are catching up. Look out, guys.

It's not too late to join up. Give it a try at our next and final match of 2018 on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll resume in March of next year. Shooting competition is an excellent way to improve your shooting skills and spending quality time with like-minded members. We're considering other types of matches, both pistol and (.22) rifle; if you're interested, let me know. –

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Winchester IWLA Bullseye Match Tally Sheet								
Match Date: September 19, 2018								
Name	Slow Fire		Timed Fire		Rapid Fire		Total	
	Score	X	Score	X	Score	X	Score	X
Jim Sherry	148	0	177	1	178	3	503	4
Stan Kugler	112	0	159	1	155	2	426	3
Mike Murphy	173	1	191	5	183	3	547	9
Jim McManaway	153	1	169	3	172	2	494	6
Charles Cloud	42	0	84	0	78	0	204	0
Mike Harper	146	0	147	1	150	2	443	3
Jason Allen	141	0	152	1	162	2	455	3
John Lewandoski	168	3	193	9	182	6	543	18

### Membership Renewal

You will receive your 2019 membership renewal form in the mail this month. We can now better focus on improving our facilities and programs with this improved form, allowing you to add a tax deductible donation to your dues payment. Please check the back of the form to indicate how much you would like to add to your dues, whether you want your donation earmarked for a specific purpose, and whether you will authorize us to post your name on our website as a sponsor. And thank you for your continued support.

### October 2018 Chapter Calendar

Please refer to the Chapter website for the latest scheduling information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 • McKee Reunion • Shotgun Range Open	1	2 • Board of Directors Me	3 • New Member Orienta	4	5 • Wedding--Michael For	6 • Shotgun Range Open • Wedding--Michael For
7 • Shotgun Range Open	8	9	10	11	12 • Alger Set Up	13 • Alger Wedding • Shotgun Range Open
14 • Shotgun Range Open	15	16	17 • Range Closed except • Bullseye Match	18 • Membership Meeting	19 • BSA Troop 2 - Camp C	20 • BSA Troop 2 - Camp Gr • Arthur Grove • Shotgun Range Open
21 • BSA Troop 2 - Camp C • Shotgun Range Open	22	23 • Range Committee Me	24	25	26	27 • Fall Work Day • Youth Group from Fel • Shotgun Range Open
28 • Youth Group from Fel • Shotgun Range Open	29	30	31	1	2	3 • Shotgun Range Open
4 • Shotgun Range Open	5	6 • Board of Directors Me	7	8	9	10 • NRA Basic Pistol • Shotgun Range Open • Range Closed



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