

Winchester IWLA Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITOR



I have been hard at work developing a new look to our newsletter. One that hopefully is easier to follow, or at least easier to find what you are looking for. Or not. You will have to let me know. I did like the former version and wanted to keep that feel (note the banner photo in the header). A member provided me with a copy of Lateral Lines, the newsletter for the Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is a very professional-looking newsletter with varied content. But I did not want to copy it.

Some elements I liked were the reader contributions, such as poetry, anecdotes, and personal stories. I've included one personal story that happened to coincide with this edition – see the story [Mower v. Turtle](#) in the [Other News](#) section.

If you have a story you would like to share, and it can be an old story from years back, send it to me. Other members may really enjoy reading about it. If you have a favorite recipe, send it in. I would like to include monthly features, like member recipes, particularly for the kinds of fish caught out of Lake Neff. To kick this off, I added my own method for cleaning and cooking panfish. With the [Panfish Wrangle](#) coming up, I thought it was timely. As always, I welcome your feedback, positive or negative. This is your newsletter.

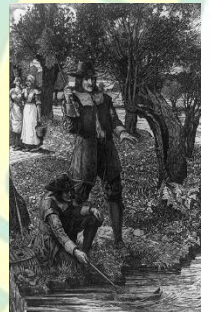
WHO WAS IZAAK WALTON?

Izaak Walton was born in Stafford in the West Midlands region of England in 1593. The first edition of his book, *The Compleat Angler*, was published in 1653. He died in his daughter's house in Winchester, England, on December 15th, 1683. He is buried in Winchester Cathedral.

His book was first published in 1653, but Walton continued to add to it over the next 25 years. It is a celebration of the art and spirit of fishing, a sport he loved. His book includes a section on fly fishing, but he never claimed to be an expert. That section was contributed by his friend Thomas Barker, a retired cook and humorist.

Walton also wrote several short biographies. A book by the title *Walton's Lives* argues that Walton's biographies and his style of coordinating and organizing the lives he wrote about are crucial to shaping modern expectations of biographies.

There is a lot more to our League's namesake than simply outdoor life.





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board met on August 6th. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd, 2020, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m..

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Paul Sattler reported he is working the July financials and they will be reported at the membership meeting. He also discussed he is working with the range committee to develop a budget.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As reported in last month's newsletter, your Chapter won an award for 100% membership retention. With the almost 15 new member applications, membership stands at:

- Associate Memberships – 3
- Family Memberships – 137 (274 members)
- Family Life Memberships – 1 (2 members)
- Regular Memberships – 569
- Regular Life Memberships – 11
- Student Memberships – 4

Grand total – 863 members.

Richard Gorman stepped down from his position as Membership Director as he is moving out of the area. Peg Sattler was nominated to the position and the Board voted unanimously to approve. Peg Sattler is our new Membership Director. Welcome aboard, Peg!

FACILITIES REPORT

Dave Prater recommended the Board budget \$1,500 to pay an independent plumbing advisor who can monitor vendor work to clear the lines going to the drain field. He believes the plumber will need to dig it up.

Motion made by Tino Peabody to follow-up with a local plumbing company, seconded by Richard Gorman. During discussion Dan Arico, Brian Callahan and Patty Nunn stated we need quotes from multiple vendors to perform the work. Motion tabled.

Dave stated he will seek other possible quotes. A new member was identified who may have plumbing skill sets. Paul Sattler took the action to contact him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake and Conservation

The Lake and Conservation Committee meeting was held on Sunday, August 9th, at 5:00 p.m., at the Chapter House, with eight committee members in attendance and two remote. The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m. The following items were discussed, segmented into Lake Neff and Conservation.

Lake Neff

Weed Abatement

Anyone who's driven past the lake, or tried to fish in it, or tried to paddle a boat on it, knows how thick the weed cover is and how difficult it can be to fish or row through it. Weeds do form an important part of the ecosystem of every body of water, and Lake Neff is no exception. In the past, when volunteers would use the large rakes to pull up sections of weeds, they would need to pick out the small fish that would inevitably get trapped in the weeds and return them to the water. The committee logged 800 hrs of volunteer time in 2018 manually clearing weeds and it is not feasible to continue this method. Your Committee is constantly investigating alternative solutions that will maintain the important cover and food for the fish without impacting recreational use. This is not a 'single solution' problem and will require multiple approaches.



Herbicide

The Committee does not want to broadcast herbicide throughout the lake to control the weeds for a variety of reasons; however, the use of targeted, localized herbicides is a viable solution. The product comes in a pellet form and



settles on the bottom of the lake where dropped, targeting the weed roots. These targeted solutions can only be applied in the spring, so the Committee will secure the product necessary and plan for a treatment in February or March, 2021.

Barley Bales

Barley bales do not prevent the growth of weeds in the water, but they do help prevent the growth of surface weeds. These are used with great success at Camp Rock Enon and other places. Several bales will be staked out in the lake to keep the surface accumulation at bay.

Grass Carp

Several anglers have caught and released the carp and koi that have been placed in the lake recently. Their purpose in the lake is to eat the weeds, and so these fish are strictly catch-and-release. No one mentioned this to our resident eagles, who have taken three carp so far, reducing the lake's population of grass carp from 21 to 18. The Committee is looking to add additional grass carp in 2021.



Aeration

Keeping the water moving and circulating makes it difficult for the weeds to take root and grow. The committee has investigated aeration and received several quotes for a rough cost of \$7-10k. That cost does not include running power to the lake (whether standard or solar). Aeration provides many positive benefits and is being re-evaluated with the weed issues. Please support our fundraisers to assist with offsetting these costs.

Fishery

Summer Stocking

\$1,000 was budgeted for summer stocking. \$625 had been spent stocking catfish and yellow perch. Due to COVID there was an impact to large scale supplies of minnows. We are happy to report that 4,000 minnows were added to the lake on 8/19/2020.

Fish Gate

This is a project that still needs to be done. More to follow.

Water Testing

Understanding the water quality is imperative to determining what is best for the lake. The Committee discussed conducting monthly water tests at two locations – the fishing dock and down towards the dam. The kits check certain parameters such as nitrogen levels, oxygen saturation, Ph levels and suspended fecal matter. Each kit is \$15, for a total annual cost of \$15/kit x 2 locations x 12 months = \$360.

September Fundraiser Event

Scheduled for September 26th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., this will be a Panfish Wrangle. Open only to the membership with guests, the cost will be \$10/entrant. Prizes for the longest length and the longest total length of five. The rest of the entry fees will go straight to the Chapter. Go [here](#) for more information.

Conservation

BSA Spring Camporee

Your Chapter requested an endowment grant of \$9,300 for the Spring Camporee and received a grant totaling \$12,000. The Camporee is scheduled for May 14-16, 2021, with an anticipated 300-500 scouts. We are estimating about 850 volunteer hours will be required to prepare Chapter facilities for an event this large. The work to be done will be defined and segmented, and there will be a call for volunteers to help. This is a great opportunity to let your Chapter shine in the community and get the word out, so roll up your sleeves and pitch in. Work will involve the entire Chapter, and a major expansion to the campground. The chapter has never hosted an event this large!!!

Here is a summary of the preparations for the event activities planned with the grant:

Shoreline Cleanup and Maintenance

The shoreline around Lake Neff is often inaccessible due to weed growth. The Committee is looking into the purchase of an extension pole hedge trimmer to clear areas for fishing. A recommendation was made to check the equipment shed to make sure there is not already one available before buying.

Catfish Derby

The event committee is planning a catch and release catfish derby for the Camporee. We have been increasing the



catfish population in the lake and have grant money for an additional stocking to support a large tournament.

Power to Lake Neff

One of the concerns the committee has is social distancing especially during check in and registration. The previous model clustered large groups together. Although we have no idea what will happen with COVID in May of 2021, we know it will most likely be around and we are planning to move registration areas to support it. To do that we need power closer to the lake. We are investigating how to do it.

Trail Signage

The committee included trail signage for the new trails in the grant. The trails will be heavily utilized during the event and signage will replace the orange tape currently used as markers. More to announce on this!

Eagle Claw Packages

In prior fishing derbies, the Chapter would provide Eagle Claw packages, including hooks, bobbers, and a tackle box sticker, for each person. We are happy to host the event and the goal of IWLA is to get kids into the outdoors! We will be focusing participant prizes to encourage outdoor activity.

Camporee activities

The theme for the Camporee will be Law Enforcement, which is particularly important given today's political climate. The committee is requesting representation from local, state and federal agencies. We have planned a forest fire arson crime scene investigation, patrol competitions, the fishing tournament and conservation activities. There will also be opportunities to earn merit badges.

Camporee service project

The service project planned for the camporee is the removal of autumn olive trees from 16 acres of the chapter based on the recommendation of the USDA. The grant will greatly assist with the needed equipment to complete this work with such a large pool of volunteers.

Event Infrastructure

A block of the grant will be used for temporary bathrooms and garbage stations. We will need a minimum of 12 portable bathrooms. We also included temporary fencing for several areas.

BSA Eagle Projects



There are several Eagle Scout projects in progress in the chapter. We have segmented them out to different committee members, as shown in the table below.

Troop	Project	WIWL Rep
159	Boat Rack	Terry
159	Tomahawk Range	Brian
159	Handicap access at shotgun range	Don
2	Rain Garden	Toby
63	Purple Martin nesting box	Jeff
63	Fishing line recycling	Sean
63	Bridges on new trails	Brian

Ikes Defender Virtual 5K

There is nothing stopping the truly motivated from getting off a perfectly good recliner and walking or running for no apparent reason... and paying for the privilege. For a \$20 donation, you will receive a t-shirt indicating your participation and over the course of 30 days you complete a hike, walk, jog, or run, totaling 5 kilometers at the Chapter or on any path you choose. Check [this](#) out for more information.

Other Events

There are two additional events and fund-raisers that only need someone to grab and organize them. They are

- Grandparent/grandchild fishing derby
- STEM lure building and demo class
 - Need \$500-600 to start

Call for Volunteers

There are two upcoming workdays to get rid of black willows, clean up the lake shoreline, and lay concrete cylinders at archery to rebuild/raise the dam.

Day 1 – September 12th

Day 2 – October 10th

Please plan on coming out to support your Chapter.

Final News

The port-a-potty will be moved from the fishing dock to the campground.



Range Reports

General

No approved Ranges Budgets have been found for 2020 by Paul Sattler, WIWL Current Treasurer. Paul and Dave Prater will get together and do projections of income and a proportionate share of revenues that will be provided to the Ranges(s) for the remainder of the 2020 fiscal year from the WIWL revenue streams and Range generated revenues and contributions. The Range Committee was made aware that the Corona Virus epidemic has impacted our revenue streams as well as activities and that future planning will be required to develop budgets reflecting this situation.

Dave Prater provided the following estimates of budget needs. He and Paul will work out an appropriate share of WIWL annual revenue projected to be received by WIWL for the Ranges.

- Target Archery - \$20-\$25K over 3 years.
- R-P Range - \$12-\$15K (2020-2021)
 - Includes secondary backstop and target standards repairs, RSO shack w/ sign board, spectator area improvements behind ready line
- Shotgun Patterning Range - \$750-\$1,500 (2020)
- ATA, NSSF-NSCA, CMP, and NRA Club Membership annual fees \$750-\$1,000 for WIWL Chapter (2020-2021)

Given the projected future expenses to be incurred in range upgrades and renovation as well as the cost of maintenance and supervision, The Range Committee debated an Annual Membership Fee Increase or annual Assessment. It was believed that an increase of \$35 annually in individual membership and \$50 family membership was fair and warranted. This new structure would be in place for 2021 membership renewal.

The Range Committee is unanimous in agreement that we must work towards implementation of a full time RSO Program for all WIWL given the anti-gun atmosphere and need to ensure safe and responsible behavior on our ranges and prevent violations of WIWL Range Rules and Range SOP.

This process is in its infant stage with BOD approval of the "Flying RSO Squad" in February and the Board's

agreement to now handle directly all violation resulting in disciplinary proceedings. A 2017 comprehensive proposal by Dave Prater was resubmitted to the then BOD but tabled out of concern for the few number of qualified RSOs available. The Committee members present at the August 2020 meeting were in near-unanimous agreement that the WIWL Board should implement a "No RSO/RO/No Shoot" policy on all WIWL Ranges not just the Shotgun Range to meet the possible new insurance underwriting requirements potentially coming into effect in the next year, and to protect the Chapter ranges from possible future shut down. This policy would follow what is being done at many other ranges. The BOD is requested to pass a formal resolution calling for the implementation of a full time RSO/RO Program for all Ranges no later than November 2021 to begin in January 2022.

The Range Committee agreed that we do not have to line up NRA Certified RSOs for the program but can develop our own program based on the NRA Program to train Range Officers (WIWL RO) internally. We already do that on the Shotgun Range due to the dangers and complexities surround the traps regardless if a volunteer is an already "Certified RSO or CRSO" before they can actively work the Shotgun Range.

Currently, as directed by the Chapter Range Master and CRSO, Dave Prater, any WIWL/Certified RSO or RO must also work as a shadow RSO/RO behind an experienced WIWL RSO/RO and be signed off by the experienced RSO prior to being assigned independently to supervise a Range or handle the WIWL Range Qualification required of members.

Dave Prater reminded the Range Committee that while authorized RSO/ROs may write up range violations, the Board now is responsible for the associated Disciplinary Hearing, emphasizing that the Committee does not determine disciplinary punishments other than to order and have removed, if necessary, violators from the Range at the time of the incident. NRA Protocols as taught in the NRA Basic RSO Class are a good guideline to follow.

Education & Training

We are planning to start up NRA classes again in September. You may register for either or both classes now.



Just go to the WIWL Calendar and click on the date. A link to the NRA site should appear for the registration process.

Date	Course
Saturday, 9/12 8:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting (8 hrs) \$85 fee Range live fire qualification required
Saturday, 9/26 8:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	NRA Basic Range Safety Officers Course (9 hrs) \$90 fee No live fire. All exercises in class.

A Virginia State Hunter's Education Class is planned for September as well, but the date with the instructor has not yet been confirmed, and with COVID, it may not be confirmed for a while.

As always, check the [calendar](#) for offered courses. Courses will be added as they are finalized and scheduled. Links will be available through the calendar to register. Also, you can check the [training page](#) for upcoming courses. Tentative future NRA courses offerings at your Chapter in October through the end of 2020 are shown below.

Date	Course
October	
Saturday, 10/10 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	NRA Defensive Pistol Course (10 hrs) Prerequisites: NRA Basic Pistol and approval from Lead Instructor
Saturday, 10/17 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	NRA First Steps Shotgun (4.5 hrs) Both in class and shotgun range live fire shoot
Saturday, 10/31 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	NRA Home Firearm Safety Course (4.5 hrs) No live fire. All exercises in class.
November	
Saturday, 11/07 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course (9 hrs) No live fire. All exercises in class.
Saturday, 11/21 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading (9.5 hrs) Equipment/Reloading materials provided.
December	
Saturday, 12/12 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Basic Shotgun Shell Reloading Course (9.5 hrs) Equipment/Reloading materials provided.

All classes are, of course, subject to COVID-19 restrictions and cancellation for other reasons.

We are looking for additional instructors to assist with our NRA Training programs. If you are interested in volunteering your time and doing a brief training apprenticeship, please contact Dave Prater, range@winchester-iwla.org, or Al Stitt, training@winchester-iwla.org, for additional information.

Rifle & Pistol

Volunteers Needed

The Rifle and Pistol Range needs some renovation. This will require dollars and volunteer hours. The Range Committee will establish a budget for submission to the Board. We are looking for members' donations to supplement any money we receive from the Board or outside grants. The Range Master and Treasurer have agreed to create a separate budget line for Range Donations so that any monies donated specifically to range improvements can be used only for Range improvements and renovation rather than be deposited to the Chapter's General Fund.

If you can donate, please leave your donations in the Treasurer's Mailbox in the Chapter House, or send check or money order payable to:

WIWL Treasurer
2863 Millwood Pike
Winchester, VA 22602

Indicate that it is for Range Renovation use only. All donations received are a 100% tax deductible for the donor.

The Committee will advise the Board as to the number of volunteers required for projects and how many members have come forward. Exact work dates/times will be published on the WIWL website soon.

Rules Reminder

We continue to have members shooting on the Range without having signed in at the Range, with no membership card displayed and without having a valid the two-year Range Qualification sticker on their card. RQ stickers issued prior to 2019 are no longer valid. Those issued before April 2019 are also invalid unless you have successfully completed the RQ Firearm Handling Exercise that began in April 2019. The current sticker is issued after you have completed the actual



RQ Firearm Handling Exercise and is **valid until the end of 2021**.

Sign-in at the Range is required of all shooters each time they shoot whether member or guest. The sign-in box containing the sign in sheets is located on the pistol range side halfway between the two ends of the Pistol Range on a post just behind the yellow ready line.

RSOs will begin checking the Range more often and asking to see membership cards and checking the sign in sheets. They also will begin more stringent enforcement of the Range Rules and SOP. The Board has approved the powers of a designated RSO and expects members to obey the RSOs requests and power to remove any person from the Range for a safety violation.

Upcoming Shooting Events

Military Rifle Shoot

A military rifle (30-06 caliber only) shoot is being planned for late October. Members and possibly the public will shoot any standard issue military firearm using 30-06 caliber ammunition. The shoot will be ten shots at 100 yards, standing position only, using



iron sights. No optics. If you have an '03 Springfield or M-1 you can lend for the shoot, please let the Range Master, range@winchester-iwla.org, or John Suter, suterjo@gmail.com, know. We have quite a bit of donated 30-06 military ball ammo available for the shoot which will be included in the shoot fee. You may shoot an M-14/M1-A rifle but should supply your own ammo. We will have some military 30-06 ammo for purchase with clips available at the Range.

As mentioned, there will be an entry fee, and prizes will be awarded. Volunteers are needed to assist. Contact John Suter if you can volunteer. More details to follow, so check the Chapter website often.

Turkey Shoot

A late Fall Turkey Shoot is being discussed. The shoot would follow the parameters of the Turkey Shoot held in October 2016. It would be open to the public and there will be an entry fee. Volunteers will be needed for this event as well. More information on this event coming in late September.



RQ Exercises

The next planned RQ exercise is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2020. There is a New Members Orientation scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Range qualifications are done at the conclusion of the orientation and are done in multiple sessions of approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Existing members must [register](#) on the Chapter website to attend a session. No walk-ins permitted. Additional dates for RQ sessions will be posted on the website, so check the [calendar](#) often.

We again remind you that all previous RQ stickers before 2019 are no longer valid and all members using the Ranges or supervising family members/guests must have passed the current RQ Handling Exercise that began in April 2019. This new RQ sticker is valid until December 2021. Members must have a current year membership card with the current RQ sticker for them or family members/guests to use the WIWL ranges. Failing to obtain a current RQ sticker before using the ranges may result in the loss of range privileges for the member and his family or guests as well as other disciplinary action.

Final Thoughts

When you use the Range, be sure to collect your brass and remove your targets. Your Editor diligently picked up his brass after shooting but failed to remove his targets. I apologize to all for that. We can all do better to clean up after ourselves, and that can start with me at our range.

Shotgun

The shotgun ranges, both patterning and the five-stand, are open on the weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The patterning range is undergoing some renovations.

Both still require an RSO to be open, and an RSO is scheduled on those days at those times. If you have never



tried shotgun shooting the range now has guns and shells available for new shooters interested in enjoying the fun of breaking clay targets. Stop by and take a turn or just come by and watch.

Archery

Work continues in converting the rough tract of land into the future Target Archery Range. The current efforts are focused on eradicating Japanese Stiltgrass (see photo), clearing brush, pulling stumps, removing rocks, and minor grading. If the stiltgrass is under control, the soil will be improved this Fall to support the growth of fescue grass.



If you are able to help with this project, please contact Leo Carling by phone at (540) 631-7555, or by email at leocarling4@gmail.com.

OTHER NEWS

CLEAN AND COOK YOUR PANFISH

Our September fundraiser is the Crappie Wrangle. What better way to introduce this new section of the newsletter than by sharing hints and suggestions on cleaning and preparing your panfish. You may have a better method – please share them! This method is mine, your Editor, and I am no expert. Send me your tried-and-true methods for cleaning and cooking fish (not necessarily only the kind found in Lake Neff, by the way) and/or game, shooting, outdoor living, etc. And check this section monthly to learn new, or maybe not new, tips.

On with it!

Removing the scales is the first step, and nothing will get you in the doghouse quicker than slamming your fish on the kitchen counter and zipping those scales off, letting them fly where they may.

I fill a bucket or my cooler with water and, using my fillet knife, I run it tail-to-head against the scales. I vary the angle of the blade to the fish depending on how the scales are

coming off, but perpendicular seems to work best. The scales generally come off quickly and easily and stay in the water, making clean up very simple.

Panfish can be difficult to filet, so I simply remove the head by cutting through just behind the gills. Once the head is removed, I slice open the belly then remove the innards.

I rinse the fish under cold, running water, removing any remaining innards from the cavity and scales that may have been left behind.



Season with salt and pepper, and pan fry in some butter until the skin is crispy and the meat is white and flaky. This is a very bony fish, but once cooked, the meat will come right off the bone using your fork. Just stick the fork in so the tines go between the ribs and pull parallel to the ribs. No bones – just meat. Delicious! And that crispy skin is very tasty as well.

Panfish are a very good eatin' fish, and not nearly as difficult to prepare as many assume, and as I had once assumed.

MOWER V. TURTLE

Sean Gorman, a tireless volunteer for your Chapter, was mowing along the grassy patch between Lake Neff and the Clyde L. Heishman Memorial Rifle Range in early June. Unbeknownst to him, a small Eastern Box Turtle had decided to leave the grassy patch and attempt to cross the road. As in similar such stories, we may never know his reasons for doing so.

Box turtles belong to a group of turtles known as hinge-shelled turtles. The hinge allows the turtle to close the openings of his shell when he pulls in, completely sealing him off from the outside world. There are two ways to see if your box turtle is male or female. Well, three if you include checking for long eyelashes. One way is to check their eyes. Male box turtles usually have red eyes while female box turtles generally have brown eyes. But the best way to tell male from female is to check the bottom shell, called the *plastron*, of the turtle. If it is concave, it is a male. The female



plastron is flat. Without getting too graphic, the concavity of the plastron allows the male to mate with the female by fitting over the back of her upper shell, called the *carapace*. Kept in captivity, box turtles can live over 100 years, but in the wild seldom reach that age due to a number of factors, including their tendency for getting hit by cars and 'agricultural machinery' ([seriously](#)).

Enough herpetology. Back to our story.

Sean did not see him but heard the blades clip something they should not have. He stopped and found our hero. A large chip had been cut off his shell. He was not bleeding, but such a wound can prove fatal if left untreated due to infection.



Sean quickly wrapped up our hero and dashed him off to the [Blue Ridge Wildlife Center](#) to see if they fix him. The turtle, not Sean. They cleaned the wound and put on lots of band-aids. Evidently, they did not have turtle-colored bandages. Hopefully, the non-turtle colored band-aids did not offend his sensibilities.



The turtle stayed at the Wildlife Center in their care for two months. Finally, on August 6th, he was ready to be returned to his home. Sean and his daughter, Kimber, picked him up and brought him back to Izaak Walton, to the side of the road he seemed to be heading for when the accident occurred.



While his scars look bad, the shell can regenerate and regrow. Keratin, the same protein found in our fingernails, makes up the scutes. A *scute* is an external bony or horny plate or large scale. As this turtle grows, the damaged, scarred area

will fall off showing the new scute beneath. You can see the new scute coming in. Eventually, he will be scar-free but will likely forever tell the story of how he cheated death.

A little bit more about these turtles: they need to be released within an acre of where they were found. They maintain such a small habitat that if they are released too far from where they grew up, they may not survive. If you find a turtle in distress and want to rehabilitate him, make sure you remember specifically where you got him. If you cannot go back to where he was found, he will have to live in a certified rehabilitation clinic for the rest of his life.

Thanks to Sean and Kimber's quick thinking, actions, and care, this turtle will live a long and productive life, as long as he stays away from mowers. And this is a reminder for all of us to keep our eyes open when driving on the roads within our Chapter as animals are not likely to look both ways before crossing.



CREEK CRITTERS APP

If you are on the national Izaak Walton mailing list, you no doubt received this email. For those who are not, or did not see it, IWL has released a new application called [Creek Critters](#). Not the cute, furry kinds like river otters, but the many-legged creepy-crawlers that you do not want to think about when you are enjoying a fresh, cold drink from a fast-moving stream. If you are interested in those things, this app is for you. I prefer not knowing what lurks in my water.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

For those who Facebook (is that a verb?), your Treasurer created a new [Facebook](#) page for your Chapter. Please like and share with your friends.



Panfish Wrangle

*Winchester Chapter
Fundraiser & Outdoor Funfest!*



For Members and their Guests!

***Saturday, Sept. 26
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.***

It's National Hunting and Fishing Day

\$10 per person

Entry Fee/Contribution

Here's how it will be split:

- 40% Donation for the chapter
- 60% Payback in prizes

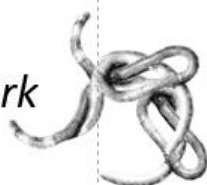


Cash prizes for

Longest single panfish

Longest total length for 5 panfish

Bait for sale at the Park





CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND SUPPORT THE CHAPTER!

September 1st-30th

\$20 entry donation gets you a

Defender 5k shirt

and the opportunity for a good time

We have designed a family friendly course using the Chapter hiking trails by the campground! Challenge yourself by completing the 5k on our new cardio trails or create your own course!

You can complete the 5K:

- Anytime in the month of September
- Any mode – run, walk, bike, swim
- Open to youth groups

We honor all miles!

It's not a competitive race. We want people to get outside and enjoy nature while benefiting your Winchester Izaak Walton Chapter.

[Click to register](#)

Grab a selfie of your "race" and send it in for the website!