



## AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

# The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America

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## President's Message

*"Do a lot of listening to those whom you think are your enemies. It can go a long way."*

—Maryland Episcopal Bishop Eugene Sutton

B-CC IWLA has come through a very difficult time, with changes, losses, and some significant challenges. Indeed, challenges still remain. But our wealth, measured in our members and their dedication and talents, has seen us through to the beginning of another year, and you, our members, remain our greatest treasure.

I chose the above quote from Episcopal Bishop Eugene Sutton deliberately, because I am concerned for our future. "Divide and conquer" is an old, well-tested maxim, and you can count on it to be effective. If our Chapter, and our beloved Farm, are to survive into a new generation and then into yet another, it won't be because we have acquired more land, or gotten better ranges, or improved our chapterhouse or gotten a new tractor, although all of those things are surely important!

For our Chapter to survive and thrive, the one most important skill we need and can improve on is this: we need to learn to listen to each other. It's true whether we are friends, enemies, brothers or strangers. Unfortunately, we have fallen into some divisions over the past few years, and they are dangerous.

Do you consider yourself a shooting sports advocate? A fisherman? A birdwatcher or gardener? Great! But if you consider anyone from some other "group" to be your enemy here at B-CC, you are putting yourself and the Chapter in grave danger.

And then there's Covid. Obviously, you can make your own decisions about what risks you are willing to take. But we must all remain careful to avoid carelessness that could create risks for each other. Covid is going to be with us for a while. I have faith that we will manage.

In closing, it has been a great responsibility, and of course a great challenge, to serve as B-CC President. It has also been a great honor! I know that Walt Allensworth will be a wonderful leader for the coming year. And I know that all of us will support him, and our chapter, as we come out of this Covid era and into a bright new future!

B-CC is a chapter of winners! Working together, we can keep it that way!

Lin Schmale-Tate  
President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

**Check the Chapter website for updates!**  
**All dates are tentative and subject to change.**

### Chapter House Cleanup

Sunday, August 14  
9:00am to 12:00 noon

### 1,042nd Monthly Dinner and Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 17  
Dinner served beginning at 6:15PM  
Meeting starts at 7:30pm

### Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, August 24  
7:30pm

### Chapter Workday

Saturday, August 27  
8:00am to 1:00pm

### Opening Day Dove Hunt and Cookout

Thursday, September 1  
Hunting 12:00 noon to 5:30pm  
Cookout – starting at 5:30pm at Shotgun Range

### 50 Target Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

Sunday, September 4  
Open to Members and Guests  
9:00am to 1:00pm

### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, September 10  
8:15am  
Meet at the Chapter Parking Lot

### Hunter Safety/Education Course

Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11  
8:00am to 4:00pm  
Signup at [www.register-ed.com](http://www.register-ed.com)

### Poolesville Day Festival

Saturday, September 17  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Volunteers Needed  
Town of Poolesville

### Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary at the Chapter

Sunday, September 18  
12:00 noon – 4:00pm  
Volunteers Needed

### Chapter Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 1  
8:30am to approximately 2:00pm

## Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

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\* Indicates Officers and Board Members who were absent from the previous month's Board of Governors meeting.

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Address, phone and email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

**Janet Lamkin**  
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## Summary of the June 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the July 2022 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary  
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### Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm.
- Treasurer Brockman reported the Sandy Spring Bank account balances as of June 21, 2022.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis will review the property tax bill, which comes in July and is due September 30, giving her time to check for inaccuracies. Through Carol, the Chapter has received tax reimbursements previously.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke noted that membership total stands at about 852.
- Tucker Mostrom's passing is a gut-punch to the Chapter.

### MOTIONS REQUIRING A VOTE:

- Ron Marchessault made a motion to permit use of the Chapter for the Potomac District on Saturday, August 13. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Bill Brockman, and the motion passed.

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Six people showed up for the recent New-Member Orientation tour.
- Blaine Elkins has priced out renovation of the archery well and well house. Jaffe Electric gave Blaine an estimate for replacement of the well pump. The shed structure will be built by the Archery Committee. The importance of the archery well to the Chapter was reviewed. If the pump goes out there would be no water for the chestnut trees and gardens. The use of non-potable water was discussed. The possibility of tackling this incrementally was proposed.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

### Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – 1,041st Membership Dinner Meeting

- After a great pulled pork, baked bean, and potato salad dinner, 1st VP Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- The first order of business was the introduction of 12 prospective members, 4 of whom were at their 3rd or 4th meetings.
- Western Maryland Hunter Safety Education coordinator Dan Neuland introduced himself. He works closely with John Lamb.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman reported on the four Sandy Spring Bank account balances (Operating Account, Management Reserve, Land Fund, Cap Ex).
- Committee Chairs have agreed that the 4th Saturday of every month will be a workday, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The first such day will be on Saturday, August 27. Trails Committee Chair Brian King reports that all trails need work and requests volunteers for the workday.
- Ponds & Streams will oversee fishing during the Fall Family Campout.
- Blaine Elkins notes that seedling pods are at risk unless watered regularly and requests help.
- Archery is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am –1:00pm. Apollo Archery meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:00pm.

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## SUMMARY

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### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- On the CH bulletin board, Mark Gochmour shared an article written in the Frederick Post about his muzzleloading experience and also details of an upcoming muzzleloader event in PA.
- Frank Parker suggested that the Chapter consider formally memorializing members who have made significant contributions. There appeared to be consensus that this is a great idea. Possible formats for this were discussed briefly, including a roll call, plaque, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

### Election of New 2nd Vice President

The Board of Governors has nominated Carol Hulce-Efdimis to be the new 2nd Vice President. In a concurrent action, the Board accepted the resignation of the previous 2nd Vice President.

In our Chapter's By-Laws, Article IV, Section 6, when a vacancy is created by death, resignation or the removal from office of an elected officer of the Chapter, the Board of Governors shall fill the position by a majority vote. The election is then ratified at the next regular Membership meeting of the Chapter. The member so elected will then serve until the next annual election of the Chapter.

Accordingly, at the August 17th dinner meeting, an election by the membership will be held to ratify the vote of the Board.

This membership ratification will occur before the swearing in of the 2022-2023 elected Board of Governors.

### OPPORTUNITY TO GET VOLUNTEER HOURS

Starting this month, we will be offering opportunities to earn volunteer hours on a regular schedule. We will target the fourth Saturday of every month to provide drop in volunteer opportunities. By having this regular period, we hope to make it easier for people to align their schedules with opportunities across a variety of Committee's. We will announce the Committee needing help in the newsletter for that month. If there is Cleanup Day scheduled or no need for help, that will be communicated in the newsletter.

For this first session, Saturday, August 27th, we are looking for help on the farm. We will be working 9:00am – 1:00pm. Please meet at the Chapter House at 9:00am.

### Trails Report

Brian King, Committee Chair  
plsvllking@msn.com

It has been a busy summer on the trails with a lot of damage from the wind and storms. Look in the newsletter for volunteer opportunities to get out on the trails and lend a hand.

As a committee of one, I am looking for someone to step up to work with me. We need a person to learn how the budget for the trails work, how I prioritize trail work, access to the equipment and volunteer contact list. If you would like to be more involved with the chapter trails, email Brian King, plsvllking@msn.com for more information.

## August 2022 1,042nd Monthly Dinner/ Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 17

Dinner served starting at 6:15pm  
Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

### Menu

*Appetizers will be available before dinner*  
NY Strip Steak, Red Smashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Dessert

## August 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

7:30pm

## DRIVING ON CHAPTER PROPERTY

Privately owned vehicles are to remain on the main Chapter roads at all times. They are NOT allowed to drive through the fields or park in open areas. This includes no vehicle traffic to the back pond or in the fields unless the vehicle is in use in conjunction with a project being overseen by a Chairman or Committee.

### Adopt-A-Road

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will meet at the Chapter House at 8:15am for clean-up on the following dates:

**September 10, 2022 (Saturday)**

**December 10, 2022 (Saturday)**

Trash bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available. Please direct any questions to John Robinson, 301 641-1188.



## Tuesday Sporting Clays

Shoots begin at 3:00pm.  
All shooters must sign-in at the range house.

Questions? Contact Warner Parks  
wparks29@gmail.com • 240 620-6942



## Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary at the Chapter

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the IWLA. To celebrate, we plan to have an open house and party on Sunday, September 18. We will use this day to share who we are, what we do, and promote our conservation message. Most importantly we will have fun!

We encourage you to come to the Chapter, learn about the farm, local wildlife and insects, our historic log cabin, and our conservation activities. There will be additional Family activi-



ties such as fishing, archery, bird watching, mock archeology dig for kids, and Civil War re-enactment. In addition to food and soft drinks, we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary with a Birthday cake.

This is a great chance to visit the chapter with your family and/or bring guests to show what the IWLA is all about. Gates will be open to the public from 12:00 noon - 4:00pm.

We need volunteers to help staff and run some of the events – please sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-100th>

### Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in July 2022:

**Joshua Franks**

**Interests:** Forestry; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

**James Kalavritinos**

**Interests:** Hunter Education; Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol

**Frank Rush**

**Interests:** Hunter Education; Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol

**Matthew Smith**

**Interests:** Forestry; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife

**Adrian Trninic**

**Interests:** Forestry; Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol

### REMEMBER...

Guest hunters **are not** permitted at B-CC IWLA.

## Family Friendly Dinner Update

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair

While we hope all Chapter Dinners are friendly, this past July Dinner was designated as our Family Friendly Dinner and included a children's menu of hot dogs, chips, popsicles, and juice boxes. This event, which we try to do once a quarter, is intended to encourage families to attend the Chapter Dinner, delivering activities that make the meeting more child friendly, and allowing the parents time to engage with other Chapter Members and participate in the Meeting itself.

At this meeting, we were delighted to offer archery classes for the children. They learned about range safety, how to stand, aim, shoot, and retrieve. They also learned about being range officers and the responsibilities those roles entail. More importantly they got to have fun!! The first arrows began flying before the dinner meeting had started, and would have continued after the dinner meeting had finished if the children could run things.

A huge shout out of thanks to our Archery Committee and to Jack Mandel, John Gorney, and Deborah Behrends who provided 1-1 coaching to our junior members and made the evening as successful as it was. Also, huge thanks to the Chip Dunn and the kitchen team, who included the dogs, chips, and popsicles into the normal dinner servings that they do so well.



PHOTOS BY ANDY WIGHT



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.

### Monthly Events

<i>Saturdays &amp; Sundays</i>	<i>R&amp;P Range Open</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>BSA Scout Meetings - Chapter House (starting in September)</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Tuesday Sporting Clays</i>	<i>3:00pm – 6:00pm</i>
<i>3rd Thursday of the Month</i>	<i>Cub Scout Meeting - Chapter House – (starting in September)</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

### AUGUST

Wednesday, August 3	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, August 6	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, August 6	Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, August 13	Potomac District of the Scouts to use the chapter	TBD
Sunday, August 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, August 17	1,042nd Membership Dinner / Membership Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, August 20	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, August 20	Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, August 20	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, August 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, August 26	Articles for September Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day
Saturday, August 27	Chapter Workday	9:00am – 1:00pm

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1	Opening Day of Dove Season	12:00noon – 5:00pm
Thursday, September 1	After Dove Shoot Cookout – at the Shotgun Range	5:30pm
Sunday, September 4	Labor Day Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, September 7	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, September 10	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:00am
Saturday, September 10	Hunter Safety/Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 11	Hunter Safety/Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 17	Poolesville Day Festival	10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 18	Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 21	1,043rd Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Friday, September 23	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, September 24	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 24	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 24	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, September 25	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, September 28	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, September 30	Articles for October Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day

### OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1	Fall Cleanup Day	8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 5	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, October 8	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	Rural Women Republican Club Dinner – Chapter House	12:00 noon – 7:00pm
Saturday, October 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, October 19	1,044th Monthly / Dinner Membership Meeting	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, October 20	R&P Range Closed for Opening Day of Deer Muzzleloader Season	Closed all Day
Friday, October 21	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, October 22	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 22	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, October 23	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, October 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, October 28	Articles for November Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day
Saturday, October 29	Fall Family Campout	gates open at 2:30pm for setup
Sunday, October 30	Fall Family Campout	breakfast and cleanup until 10:00am

The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.



## Hunter Safety/Education Course

John Lamb  
jpatricklamb@aol.com

On September 10 & 11, the chapter will host one of its bi-annual Hunter Safety/Education courses. This class is free of charge and open to anyone wishing to get certified through the State of Maryland. All new potential hunters must enroll in and satisfy a certification program. Our class is a 2-day course from 8:00am to 4:00pm on each day. I do encourage those hunters, whom are exempt from completing this program due to grandfather clauses, to enroll as well. Typically, the class age range runs from 6 – 75 years of age. This certification is recognized throughout the U.S and all over the world.

All participants must enroll online with the State of Maryland. Pull up [www.register-ed.com](http://www.register-ed.com), click on Maryland, click on Hunter Education Classroom Course, and find the date with Poolesville location. The site will ask a few questions pertaining to the student from there on. Once enrolled, mark the date on your calendar and then wait for further announcements. You can cancel your enrollment at any time if needed but please try to do so at least a week ahead of time so that another student may occupy that spot.

Students can bring a lunch and an enthusiastic learning attitude to class. The state will provide all other materials required. Members wishing to work off volunteer hours are welcome to assist. If you have any questions, please contact me at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

### NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The next tour will take place on **Saturday, August 20** from 10:00am to approximately 12:00 noon.

Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House.

Dress for warm weather and remember to bring water with you.

The front gate will be open until the tour begins.

New members, prospective members, and current members are invited to take the tour.

### ATTENTION New Members!

*The next Chapter House cleanup is on*

**Sunday, August 14**

**Starting at 9:00am**

## Summer Biathlon Program Schedule

Steve Eschholz  
240 472-6512 (text) [fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net](mailto:fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net)

Questions or a desire to be on the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz – [fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net](mailto:fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net) or text 240 472-6512. This year's schedule is below:

Saturday, August 20	7:30am
Saturday, September 10	7:00am
Saturday, September 24	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	7:30am
Saturday, November 5	7:30am
Saturday, November 12	7:30am



**Fall Cleanup is a great time to get in your work hours and reconnect with friends!**

The yearly Chapter Fall Cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1** starting at 8:30am.

Please meet at the chapter house. Chapter Committee chairs will have lists of projects that need to be done. These could include Christmas Trees, Ponds & Streams, Farm projects, Trails, Log Cabin, Chestnut Groves, Chapter House, etc.

Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, loppers, and leaf blowers. If you bring a chain saw or string trimmer, please be sure you have the necessary safety equipment.

Lunch will be provided after the bulk of the cleanup work has been complete, around 1:00pm.

**More information will be posted in the September Newsletter.**

## Shotgun Range Lead Reclamation Update – July 20, 2022

Blaine Elkins, Environmental Stewardship Committee Chair  
[Environment.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com](mailto:Environment.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com)

WSSI has completed technical field work for the Wetlands delineation and Forestry delineation that are part of the Sediment Control Permit package. They have completed the survey of the location for the various data points.

Chapter representatives, engineers from WSSI and our counsel, Anthony Gorski, have met with representatives of the Agricultural preservation staff and the Soil Conservation District, Representatives of Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services and Representatives of Maryland National Park and Planning. The meetings have been to introduce the chapter and our unusual project to them and obtain their feedback. The meetings have been generally positive.

After the last one with Park and Planning some technical issues arose that will require clarification from the Park and Planning staff and Agricultural Preservation. This should be forthcoming in the next week or two.

Mason is currently looking to start early August and will finalize dates, times to close range as we get closer.

### NOTICE

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Walt Allensworth, [twangermd@gmail.com](mailto:twangermd@gmail.com), and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, [j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net).

# Annual Fall Family Campout



Join us on October 29th – 30th for the Annual Fall Family Campout. This is open to members and their guests and is great chance to get the kids and you away from smart phones and TV and enjoy some of the benefits the chapter offers. We will be pitching tents next to the Chapter House parking lot:

## SATURDAY

- 2:30pm - 6:00pm Gate open to pitch tents
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm Fishing at big pond / Pumpkin Patch (to be confirmed)
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Burgers/Dogs at chapter house
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Campfire building
- 7:00pm - 7:45pm Spooky activities
- 7:45pm - 8:30pm S'mores and hot chocolate

## SUNDAY

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast will be served for campers
- Breakdown and cleanup should be completed by 10:00am

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 26th, if possible, with numbers in your party via the signup genius link below. Please note in the comment section any dietary restrictions. This will help us ensure we have enough food to go around, and contact you if weather forces a postponement.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-fall1>

## KITCHEN CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS NEEDED!

Chip Dunn is stepping down as the Chapter's Kitchen Chair at the end of this month (August). We thank Chip so much for chairing the committee and putting together wonderful meals for the membership for many years.

Can you help the Chapter by stepping up to fill this position? Possibly two people could be co-chairs.

## Interested?

Contact Lin Tate – 703-517-3675, [lin@tate-tate.us](mailto:lin@tate-tate.us)  
or

Janet Lamkin – 301-466-6557, [j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net)

## Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair  
240 620-6942 [wparks29@gmail.com](mailto:wparks29@gmail.com)

There will be a **Labor Day Sporting Clays Fun Shoot** on Sunday, September 4 starting at 9:00am; **there will be NO trap or skeet until the last squad has shot.**

Range officers that have signed up for range duty for the month of August, please plan on serving your duty days unless you hear from me or Carol.

The Range will be open two Saturdays in August – August 6 and August 20 – 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Just a reminder – Tuesday nights are for **Sporting Clays ONLY** – no trap or skeet.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. Keep the range clean and restocked for the next Range Officer and shooters.

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let me know.

## RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

### AUGUST

Saturday, August 6	Kurt Behrend, Andy Wight
Sunday, August 7	John Kipfer
Sunday, August 14	Shannon Novak, John Novak
Saturday, August 20	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, August 21	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, August 28	Ed Stewart, Mike Leahy

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 3	Paul Beilke, <b>Need a Range Officer</b>
Sunday, September 4	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, September 11	Charlie Crowe, Andy Wight
Sunday, September 18	Christine Peterson, Hap Hoffman
Sunday, September 25	Mike Bowman, Hiep Nguyen

## HOURS OF OPERATION

<b>Saturday, August 6</b>	
Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am to 3:00pm
<b>Saturday, August 20</b>	
Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am to 3:00pm
<b>Saturday, September 3</b>	
Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am to 3:00pm
<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	
Labor Day Sporting Clays Fun Shoot	9:00am to 1:00pm
<b>Sundays</b>	
Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays	9:00am to 5:00pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
Sporting Clays Only	3:00pm to 6:00pm

## DUE DATE

for the September Newsletter Articles

**Friday, August 26**

Submit articles to:

[j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net)

[Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com)

**If the article contains photos, please submit them as separate files.**

## Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Committee Chair  
240 246-5302 andupton9@hotmail.com

The 2022-2023 hunting season is almost upon us, with several seasons opening the first week of September, notably **Dove season** on Thursday, September 1st and **Deer archery season** on Friday, September 9th. All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must:

- 1) **Have a valid MD hunting license** (including all necessary stamps, i.e. HIP stamp for doves)
- 2) **Have a current and valid B-CC IWLA membership card** as proof of permission to hunt on private land
- 3) **Have a current and valid parking sticker** displayed on their vehicle
- 4) **Register on our website** to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

We are a large chapter with many hunters and non-hunters that all enjoy a day in the field, so we ask that everyone be safe, courteous, and respectful in their activities on our farm. We adhere to and endorse MD DNR hunting regulations and policies. The MD hunting regulations can be found at: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/>, and can be downloaded on our website. Again, there are not many changes to the MD DNR hunting regulations this year from last. The bag limit remains at 2 antlered deer per year across all hunting seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and firearm) and only one of those deer may have fewer than 3 points on one antler. In region B (our farm is in Region B), hunters may purchase a bonus antlered deer stamp that allows harvest on 1 (one) additional antlered deer. The bag limit of antlerless deer is now unlimited for archery seasons (we are in the Suburban Deer Management Zone), 10 for muzzleloader seasons and 10 for shotgun seasons.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we have had numerous sightings this year, and we like to believe our habitat is healthy enough to support an occasional bear or two. Bears in Montgomery Co. are protected and should not be harassed.

**Happy hunting and think safety**

**Catch a Poacher 24 Hour Hotline  
1-800-635-6124**

### OPENING DAY DOVE HUNTER'S PICNIC

Thursday, September 1st, will be opening day for dove hunting and is usually a busy day at the chapter. As is our tradition, we welcome the new hunting seasons with our dove opening day picnic. The picnic will start around 5:30pm, with the philosophy to encourage our hunters to come out of the fields around 5:00pm to let doves roost and feed, thereby extending future hunting opportunities to those that might be able to only come out on weekends.

The farm committee has been busy tending the fields to improve habitat and attract a wide variety of wildlife to our farm. Once again, Phil and all the volunteers working with him have worked hard to prepare our farm for hunting seasons – Thanks all!

Again, this year has been a challenge, a cold snap at planting time and excess rain that prevented proper germination of our sunflowers. Time ran short to get sunflowers to mature in time for dove season, so a crop of millet was planted in the traditional dove fields, with the aim to have seed available by dove season. Once again there are e-fences in place to provide protection from deer predation. The millet will be manipulated in accordance with MD DNR guidelines, so the

fields will be ready for opening dove season. And yes, there are doves in the fields and across the farm already.

The plantings are also benefiting other wildlife, including our deer population; several nice bucks still in velvet have been seen checking out the fields. We have several salt block stations out and they are being well used. We do ask that our members do not place salt blocks in our fields; they wreak havoc with our crops and equipment. As a reminder, **we do not allow baiting on our farm.**

As with most dove opening days, we anticipate that there will be many hunters in the field. A few things to remember and consider for early dove season:

- Shotguns cannot hold more than 3 shells, a state regulation
- No shot larger 7.5 may be used during the first split of dove
- Keep all shots between "10 and 2"
- Shoot time for the first split of dove season starts at noon
- It is usually very warm opening day, lightweight camo and lots of water is the order of the day
- Know what a dove looks like, we are very proud of the wide variety of birds on our farm, but only doves are in season
- If it has been awhile since the shotgun has been out of the gun safe, come out to the shotgun range for some practice
- Please pickup and carry out empty shotgun hulls
- Have fun and be safe

*From the MDDNR website:*

**REPORT YOUR BIRD BANDS ONLINE:  
[WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV](http://WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV)**

Each year state and federal biologists mark tens of thousands of migratory birds with numbered leg bands. Hunters who report bands recovered from harvested birds receive specific information on when and where the bird was banded while providing important information for migratory bird management. The 1-800 telephone number for reporting bird bands has been discontinued. Hunters who recover a banded migratory bird should now use [pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/](http://pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/). Anyone reporting a band will need the following information: the band number, hunters name and address and the date and location (nearest town) of the harvest.

## 50 Target Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

**B-CC Members and Guests**

**Sunday, September 4  
9:00am to 1:00pm**

**50 Targets - \$15.00  
(2nd 50 Targets - \$10.00)  
Optional Lewis - \$5.00  
Lucky Draw - \$1.00**

**For more information, contact:  
Warner Parks  
240 620-6942**



## Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Gus Zinsser, Committee Chair  
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### PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP & HANDS-ON SHOOTING CLINIC (DATES TBD)

The R&P range will be hosting Pistol Marksmanship & Hands-On Shooting Clinics. These clinics are scheduled for 2-hours, starting at 10:00am, and is ideal for new chapter members or shooters – who may want to learn the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, or experienced shooters – who want to go to the next level and fine tune their existing skills.

The clinics will begin in the chapter house with the firearms safety briefing (safety is always first), including rules for safe gun handling. Then, we will cover the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, including aiming, breathing, grips, stances, etc. Chapter members will practice hands-on with inert training guns (aka blue or dummy guns). No firearms or live ammunition are allowed in the chapter house.

Then, we will transition from the chapter house to the R&P range—where members may put their new or refined marksmanship skills to use with their own firearms and ammo. Eye and hearing protection is required on the range.

Please use the Sign Up Genius link below if you are interested in attending these clinics.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-marksmanshiphands>

If you have any questions, please contact the Chief Range Officer Matthew Chambers at:

202 854-8671 or matthewschambers@gmail.com

### PLEASE REMEMBER

- Put paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.
- Keep watch on guests you bring. It is your place to brief them on the SOP's.
- Be safe and enjoy the range respectfully.
- All must **PICK UP THEIR BRASS!**

The R&P Range is allowing only 3 guests per member.

### RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

#### AUGUST

Saturday, August 6	<b>Maisel, J.</b> , Rogers, B., Neily, J., Bowman, M., Capalupo, P.
Sunday, August 7	
Saturday, August 13	<b>McDaniel, M.</b> , Dady, P., Lund, C.
Sunday, August 14	<b>McDaniel, M.</b> , Ives, A.
Saturday, August 20	<b>Myers, J.</b> , Roth, A.
Sunday, August 21	<b>Wight, A.</b> , Leahy, M., Roth, A.
Saturday, August 27	<b>Leahy, M.</b> , Cathcart, C.
Sunday, August 28	<b>Hammes, P.</b> , Batteh, K., Adams, J., Spence, P.

#### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 3	<b>Zoulis, T.</b>
Sunday, Sept. 4	<b>Zoulis, T.</b> , Plata, D.
Saturday, Sept. 10	<b>Latimer, R.</b> , Burns, M., Haake, T., King, D., Eschholz, S., Tarkowski, J., Hess, D., Boynton, D.
Sunday, Sept. 11	<b>Haake, T.</b> , King, D., Gallagher, J.
Saturday, Sept. 17	<b>Terrell, J.</b> , Daniel, B., Gage, K.
Sunday, Sept. 18	<b>Riccio, R.</b> , Terrell, J., Ives, S.
Saturday, Sept. 24	<b>Peterson, C.</b> , Kim, D., Betmarik, J.
Sunday, Sept. 25	<b>Gentzel, K.</b> , Bixler, D., Wight, A., Donovan, P.

## Farm Report

Phil Taylor, Committee Chair  
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Every August marks the time of the year that we begin to prepare the sunflowers for the opening day of dove season. Unfortunately, this year is different. For the first time in many years, we don't have any sunflowers in our fields. The plan for this year was to plant thirty acres of sunflowers. That would be ten acres more than in years past. By April we had our seed and fertilizer. We also had the planter and tractor serviced. All we needed was the right weather conditions. That's when the challenges began.

In the first week of April while just driving along in the large tractor the transmission stopped working. After sending it out for repairs, they told us that the main shaft in the transmission broke and that they didn't know when they would receive the part to fix it. We have another tractor to use to plant the fields but unlike the large tractor that broke down, it can't be used to work the sprayer to spray the fields to plant. No problem, we can use the local AG service to prepare our fields but we no longer have control of when. When preparing a crop to be ready by specific day timing is everything. We try to plant our sunflowers in early May or end of April depending on the weather because we need four months for the crop to grow and dry down for September first opening day. This year the month of May had almost seven inches of rain and only a handful of days above eighty degrees. Even though the odds were stacked against us we were able to plant the sunflowers on the thirteenth of May. Our method of planting is called planting green. We plant directly into a green cover crop after it has been terminated. The results have been wonderful in years past. From a soil health perspective it's ideal. This year we learned the one negative side and that is a green lush cover crop with lots of moisture makes great habitat for the grey garden slug. Because the cover crop is dying back as the sunflowers are germinating the slugs began eating the young tender seedlings. They didn't eat all of them, but if the sunflowers aren't able to grow dense enough to choke out the weeds we then have to make a call do we want harmful weeds to take over and cause issues for years to come. Once we realized the sunflowers weren't doing so well we planned to replant. Unfortunately, the AG service was backed up due to the wet and cold spring so they weren't able to get back to our fields so that we could replant in time for September. The farm committee has learned so much this year to help with future plantings. Unfortunately we have put this year behind us and we are looking forward to the next year. We are now in the last week of July and we just got the large tractor back and everything is looking good for the fall planting. I want to thank Chris, Jack, Dan, Ed, and Jon for helping out with the spring and summer planting on the farm. As always I encourage everyone to take some time and walk the fields and enjoy our beautiful farm. Please share any photos of nature with us; we would like to post them in our photo gallery on the web page.

### AS A REMINDER...

All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website ([bcciwla.org](http://bcciwla.org)) to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.



## B-CC IWLA to Participate in Poole'sville Day 2022 Festival

We are planning on attending and hosting a booth to showcase our Chapter at "Poole'sville Day" which occurs on Saturday, September 17th, 10:00am - 4:00pm. This family-oriented event, now in its 30th year, attracts over 12,000 visitors to the town and includes food, drink, entertainment, multiple kids' activities, art & craft vendors, classic car show, and other exhibitors. It provides a great opportunity for us to connect with local residents and visitors and highlight what the IWLA is about, and more importantly what we do in our Chapter. This is a great day out for the family.

For anyone looking for some volunteer hours, we need your help in staffing the booth. Please use the link below to sign up or contact andywright1@hotmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-poole'sville1>



B-CC Members from 2021 at the Poole'sville Booth

## ★★ ATTENTION HUNTERS ★★

Tree stands, ground blinds, or any other material that might "save" a location for a hunter must not be left out on chapter grounds overnight.

## Do you recognize anyone in this photo?



If you have any photos of the Chapter from the 40's or 50's to the present, please contact Janet Lamkin, [j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net). We would like to create a pictorial history through the decades.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY LARRY COLE

## Opening Day Dove Hunt & Cookout

It's that time of year, Thursday, September 1st marks the first day of Dove Season and our annual dove hunt with a cookout to follow. As a reminder, per DNR Regulations, dove hunting is permitted ONLY between 12:00 noon and sunset. Unfortunately, we don't have any sunflowers on site, so finding doves may be challenging. However, McKee-Beshers is nearby. Wherever, you choose to hunt, please come and join us at the Shotgun Range shortly after the shooting hours end for food and drink.

Leveraging from previous event, we have a few reminders for those both new and seasoned to ensure everyone's experience is safe and enjoyable:

- Please check in with 2nd VP Andy Wight at the table on Izaak Walton Way when you head into the property.
- **Please be sure to register to hunt through our website by the night before on August 31: <http://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>**
- Bring your hunting license & current membership card with you. (If you don't have a card, please email the membership secretary to get a confirmation email of current membership)
- Ensure your car has a current year B-CC IWLA sticker on it.
- Shotguns cannot hold more than 3 shells at a time, per state regulations.
- Keep your barrel pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Doves **only** may be hunted between 12:00pm and 5:00pm.
- Know what a dove looks like to ensure the correct species is harvested.
- Opening day is typically very warm, so please dress for the weather and bring lots of water to stay hydrated.

As mentioned above, there will be a cookout at the Shotgun Range starting around 5:30pm, where we will have burgers, hotdogs, cold drinks & snacks. A suggested \$5 donation per person to cover our costs is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you on September 1st!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Chapter Workday

Saturday, August 27  
8:00am to 1:00pm

### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, September 10  
8:15 am

Meet at the Chapter Parking Lot  
Contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188

### Poolesville Day Festival

Saturday, September 17  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
**Volunteers Needed**  
Town of Poolesville

### Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary at the Chapter

Sunday, September 18  
12:00 noon – 4:00pm  
**Volunteers Needed**

### Chapter Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 1  
8:30am to approximately 2:00pm

### Cleanup debris and dead falls around the BBQ Pit/Picnic Area Anytime

Contact Janet Lamkin – 301 466-6557

### Join a Committee!

Committees and contacts are listed on the Website  
[bcciwla.org](http://bcciwla.org)

## 2022 Land Fund

As a member of the B-CC IWLA, I want to do my part and contribute the following amount to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund Campaign.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

*Your contribution is tax deductible.*

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837



## NestWatch Report

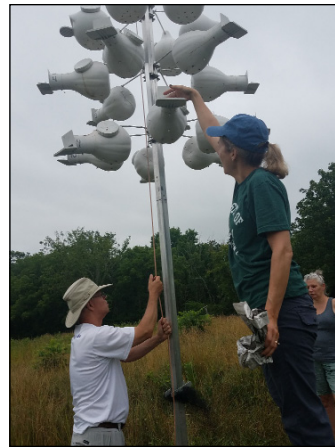
Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator  
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This has been a very productive season for the cavity-nesting birds that we track. In April Eastern Bluebirds built 28 nests around the Conservation Farm and laid 105 eggs from which 79 chicks hatched. Sixty-nine of those chicks fledged. The first egg was laid on April 6, and as of the end of July, three bluebird nests were still active. Our bluebirds' success rate, measured by nests with at least one fledgling was 61%, somewhat lower than the other species we track, but still very respectable.

Tree Swallows laid their first egg on April 27 in the first of 14 nesting attempts by as many pairs. The Tree Swallows produced 76 eggs, 68 nestlings, and 66 fledglings. Their success rate was a remarkable 93%, meaning that only one of the 14 nests failed to fledge young.

Purple Martins arrived from South America in large numbers in April, built nests in their houses and gourds and laid their first egg on May 5. In 52 nesting attempts the martins produced 240 eggs, 164 nestlings, and 143 fledglings, with about 10 more nestlings still maturing. Those chicks will fledge in August. The success rate of our Purple Martins was 73% as of the end of July.

The photos show team members Theresa Zmola, Linda Green, and Pat McNeilly monitoring martins in the gourds. We are grateful to Theresa for her five consecutive seasons of



dedicated service to the chapter's NestWatch project. She frequently suggested new techniques to reduce competition between the species. Theresa is a hands-on carpenter, installing and moving many nest boxes in the fields and around the ponds. We will miss her enormously. Thanks, Theresa, for your significant contributions to the chapter's avifauna conservation programs. We wish you a fond farewell.



Theresa Zmola



Purple Martin Eggs, June 30



Purple Martins, July 15



Purple Martins, July 21



Purple Martins, July 28



Tree Swallow Eggs



Tree Swallows, June 30



Tree Swallows, July 8



## Ponds & Streams - Stream Quality Monitoring – Dry Seneca Creek

Dan Dutton  
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The Ponds and Streams Committee at B-CC IWLA organizes stream quality monitoring at a few sites near the conservation farm throughout the year. On July 31, six volunteers collected physical, chemical, and biological data from a sampling site at Dry Seneca Creek just east of the farm.

This was only our second time sampling at this site. When we sampled here in May, this beautiful stretch of stream showed good water quality but only rated fair for the biological diversity. This time we found a greater diversity of aquatic organisms and both the chemical and biological ratings were considered good.

Summer sampling can be the most comfortable, with some volunteers wearing boots or waders while others wet-wade in sandals or tennis shoes. However it can be a tedious time to

cold, but it's the best time to see lots of big bugs. We hope to return to this site for future sampling and see these invertebrates after they've had some time to grow. If you're interested in seeing if we find more sensitive organisms and can rate this stream as "good" again or even "excellent" please join the Pond and Streams Committee for our next outing. If you would like more information feel free to email Dan Dutton [mr.dutton.cbgs@gmail.com](mailto:mr.dutton.cbgs@gmail.com).



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE NOVAK AND PETE WIRTH



count the invertebrates we catch in the net because this time of year they are the smallest.

Most of the insects we sample were just born in the spring and are still pretty tiny. Fly anglers should be familiar with important fish foods including mayflies. These insects emerge from the water in the spring (hence MAYfly) to find mates. During this emergence they are most susceptible to feeding trout and more obvious to humans. The young of mayflies, and many



other groups of organisms, grow all through the year to reach their biggest size the following spring.

Each season of sampling has its setbacks and rewards. Our upcoming fall sampling may bring pleasant weather and warm water but many leaves in the creek can give animals lots of places to hide. Winter sampling will be

