



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

Serving the Community Since 1935

PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

www.bcciwla.org

President's Message

"To those devoid of imagination a blank place on the map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part."

—Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

There is no question that to some in this region, our farm, the neighboring properties – perhaps most of the Agricultural Reserve – is a blank space on the map. A great place to bulldoze and start building.

As you consider this, consider also our Land Fund. This month, our Chapter will conduct its annual Land Fund contribution campaign, whose purpose is solely to enable our Chapter to acquire land for the conservation of wildlife, woods, and open spaces. Consider all of this when you receive the request for a pledge. Every dollar makes a difference.

On behalf of past and future members, thank you.

Jeff Seaman
301 775-4973

LIVE AUCTION at the December Dinner Meeting!

Folks, if you are looking for a gift for a young hunter or someone new to shooting – or for yourself – make sure you attend the December dinner meeting. Mr. William Price has graciously donated the following items, which will be auctioned at the meeting (Bill Miller auctioneer):

Remington .22 Matchmaster 513-T with Bushnell scope
Remington .22 Speedmaster 552
Marlin 30-30 lever-action
Revelation 16 gauge, 2 3/4", single-shot shotgun.

Bidders must be at least 18, and payment is due the night of the auction. All proceeds benefit the Land Fund!

Annual Conservation Dinner January 25, 2020

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair
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Jack Shaw, B-CC IWLA Board Member
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Every year in January the Conservation Education Committee holds a free spaghetti dinner with a speaker who addresses some aspect of Conservation. This year the dinner is scheduled for January 25, 2020. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and the speaker will begin around 7:00pm.

Bill Harvey, Game Bird Section Leader, Department of Natural Resources will present on the **North Eastern Woodcock Telemetry Migration Study**. Our chapter has contributed to this study through our Ruffed Grouse Society annual donation. Dave Hansroth, RGS Regional Director, Potomac Valley Chapter will co-host and introduce Bill Harvey.

The Conservation dinner is open to the general public as part of our 501(c)3 commitment. Please invite your friends and acquaintances that have an interest in conservation. We have extended an invitation to the RGS Members of the Potomac Valley Chapter.

Mark Gochnour and his kitchen crew will be serving a robust spaghetti dinner. Help is needed with the set up, preparation, serving, and cleanup. If you are able to help, contact Mark at mgdonutman@gmail.com.

Dinner is free of charge, but reservations are required. We want to make sure that there is enough spaghetti for all!!!! Information for reservations will be in the January 2020 newsletter.

CAMPGROUND NOTICE

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the January 2020 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

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Fiscal Year: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

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

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

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

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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Summary of the October 2019 Board of Governors Meeting and November 2019 Dinner Meeting

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary

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October 23, 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

- Chapter President Jeff Seaman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- The president reported that the upcoming Montgomery County General Plan update is possibly a concern. The county is soliciting comments from everyone about planning for 2021, and not all are friendly to agriculture reserve and us.
- Membership Secretary Tucker Mostrom reminded everyone that late fees are assessed after December 31. Work party for stuffing membership renewal envelopes is on Saturday, December 7.
- The Chapter was offered a generous donation of a Yamaha generator for helping with power outages.
- Ponds and Streams conducted a fish census in the small pond, catfish present.
- Log Cabin Committee conducted a termite inspection and are working to see if treatment is needed.
- Deer firearm season begins on November 30. Wear blaze orange, use a harness while in stands, and follow all rules and regulations!
- Rifle & Pistol range is closed on deer hunting season days.
- Archive committee is hard at work finding partners

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Motion to accept the donation of the Yamaha Rigid generator – Passed with unanimous consent.
- Motion to accept the expenses from 2018 / 2019 not to exceed \$1,361.77 to reimburse Tucker Mostrom – Passed with unanimous consent except Tucker, who abstained.
- Motion to accept new members – Passed with unanimous consent.
- Motion to decline the loan from the Legacy Foundation – Passed with unanimous consent.
- Motion to accept the free guns from William Price and auction them in November – Did not pass, Joe Trotter voted in favor.
- Motion to accept donation from William Price and to decide on an auction date at another time – Passed unanimously.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Membership retention is way down across the country
- Today is our 84th anniversary. For our 85th, a public event might be a good idea.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

November 20, 2019 Monthly Dinner Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President Jeff Seaman.
- President Jeff Seaman reported on salt testing opportunities. Takes about three minutes to get data for a league and national database. Monitor your streams this winter! National convention is in July here in Maryland. We need volunteers and for people to donate items for auction baskets. Live auction of donated rifles and shotguns at the next dinner meeting. Thank you to Mr. William Price for donating the firearms.

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SUMMARY

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- Dr. Mark Eakens, an oceanographer of the NOAA's satellite Oceanography and climatology Division, gave a riveting presentation on coral reefs.
- Butch Mezick spoke about the importance of protecting the farm from the encroachment of development. This is one of the major threats all IWLA chapters face, and many have succumbed to demands by nearby development. Butch discussed the history of our chapter's property purchases, noting that while all our property is paid for, it is absolutely vital that we be ready when future land becomes available. Please donate to the Land Fund.
- We have a new archery range chairman! Jack Mandell has stepped up to the plate and is working hard with the committee to keep participation strong.
- On Saturday, December 7, we are decorating the Chapter House for the holidays. The Christmas party will be held on December 14. The party is a potluck, so bring your favorite dishes.
- Winter Shotgun Range hours are now 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- \$30 to harvest your own Christmas tree.
- Ponds and Streams: Last meeting of the year in October. They did maintenance projects on both ponds, set some traps and caught some bluegills. The bass were not going into the traps. The kids fishing event went very well during the campout, with 27 kids participating, and all catching fish. Join the salt watch program! We have taken baseline measurements with which we can compare to future snow-fall tests. Preliminary levels are below detectable levels. Kits are free online.
- Global Ecology: Butch Mezick spoke about the global ecology program offered to magnet school freshmen. We have taken over 1,000 students on a walk through our chapter to look at the environment and ecosystem.

Donations are needed...

The Maryland Division needs our Chapter's help with the 2020 IWLA Convention in Cambridge, Maryland on July 20-22.

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction (3 per chapter) plus items for the Regular Auction and the Youth Convention. All items should be new. Auction items ideas: hunting, shooting, fishing, possible fishing trip, conservation related items (beekeeping, bird watching, etc.).

Corporate and Individual Sponsors are also welcome. Names will be included in a program booklet and also on a banner.

Contact Bob Pavlick for more information – roberpav1@verizon.net or 301-526-4303 (cell).



UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

Chapter Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14
7:00pm

Chapter Monthly Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, December 18
6:30pm

LIVE AUCTION

at the December Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, December 18
6:30pm

New Member Tour & Orientation

(all members are welcome!)

Sunday, December 22
10:00am – 12:00 noon

Conservation Speaker Dinner

Saturday, January 25
6:00pm

Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, February 29

Archives Committee

The Archives Committee is taking inventory of the materials in the files cabinets in the Game Room. A number of Membership Lists have been located. The following dates are missing: 1956-1959, 1962, 1968, 1976-1977, 1979-1985, 1987-1990, 1992-1995, 1997-1998, 2002-2005.

The Committee does not know if there was a list published for the missing dates, or if they are simply not in our files. If you have a list for any of the dates listed above, please contact:

Bill Gordon

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Jim Tate

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B-CC QUIZ

Question: What is 'masting'? Hint: It is not putting a tree trunk in the middle of your rowboat.

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.



The Chapter is hosting its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00pm. Members, their families and/or guests are all invited to attend this casual event for an evening of great company, wonderful food, and holiday cheer. All attendees are asked to bring an entrée to share with their fellow holiday revelers. A side dish and/or dessert are a welcome choice also. We will provide the beverages.

You may also bring your own beverage of choice.

Last year's party was fun and festive with the food being a feast for the holidays. This year's event should be just as wonderful. So kick your holiday spirit in gear and come on out!

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following member was inducted at the November dinner meeting:

Andrey Ivanov

Interests: Forestry, Rifle & Pistol, Wildlife Management

Barbeque Pit

The barbeque pit is closed for the winter and only authorized persons are allowed to use it. Questions? Contact Chip Dunn, cdunn20842@aol.com.

Leaf Collection

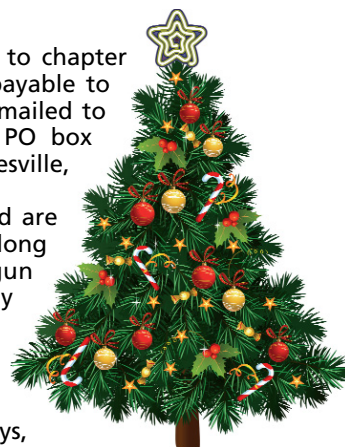
We have several bins in which we collect leaves and grass clippings to make compost to support our planting operations. The bins (made from the large white concrete blocks) are beside the greenhouse, down by the archery range and garden plots. Donations from members are welcome. Please no plastic or no sticks larger than large pencil thickness.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are available to chapter members. Trees are \$30 each, payable to either members of the BOG or mailed to the treasurer at the chapter's PO box (B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837).

Trees are "cut your own" and are located in the field on the left along the drive towards the shotgun range. Many trees are already pre-decorated with items like bird nests and mantis cases, no extra charge. There are many small trees planted in the rows by our members during work days, which may not be easily visible, so please step carefully around our future crop. Please leave stumps either tall and visible or cut them flush to the ground. Hidden stumps wreak havoc on the mowing efforts. Trimmed branches should be placed in the woods at the bottom of the hill.

Any questions, contact Larry Anderson, 240 246-5302, or andupton9@hotmail.com.



2020 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

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

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Saturday, September 12, 2020



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

IN MEMORIAM

C. MACKALL "MACK" RICKETTS

We are saddened to hear that C. Mackall "Mack" Ricketts, 89, passed away at his home in Leonardtown, Maryland, on Saturday, November 9. Mack was Chapter President (1975 – 1976) and Treasurer for many years. Our condolences go to the family including Mack's brother Martel (Marty) Ricketts, Chapter President (1970 – 1971), and nephews Byron Ricketts, Chapter President (1998 – 1999), and Darrell Ricketts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
DECEMBER		
Sunday, December 1	R&P RANGE CLOSED – FIREARMS SEASON	ALL DAY
Monday, December 2	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Saturday, December 7	Holiday Decorating – Chapter Hours	10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, December 7	Membership Work Party – Envelope Stuffing Party	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Sunday, December 8	Mags for Vets – Pickup	10:00am
Monday, December 9	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Saturday, December 14	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Saturday, December 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 14	Chapter Holiday Party	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday, December 15	Christmas Bird Count – Chapter House	7:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, December 15	Sporting Clays Winter League	9:00am – approximately 1:00pm
Monday, December 16	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Wednesday, December 18	Monthly Dinner Meeting – LIVE AUCTION	6:30pm
Wednesday, December 18	Board of Governors Meeting – Following the Dinner Meeting	8:30pm
Friday, December 20	January Newsletter articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Sunday, December 22	New Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 28	Private Event – Chapter House – Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
JANUARY 2020		
Wednesday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
Saturday, January 4	Private Event – Eagle Court of Honor	1:00pm – 6:00pm
Monday, January 6	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Saturday, January 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, January 12	Private Member Event	12:00 noon – 6:00pm
Monday, January 13	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Wednesday, January 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Sunday, January 18	Shotgun Range Officers Sign Up – Chapter House	9:00am
Monday, January 20	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Wednesday, January 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, January 24	February Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, January 25	Annual Conservation Dinner with DNR Speaker	6:00pm
Monday, January 27	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
FEBRUARY		
Monday, February 3	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Saturday, February 8	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Saturday, February 8	Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance	3:00pm – 10:00pm
Monday, February 10	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Sunday, February 16	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, February 17	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, February 24	Scout Troop 496	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, February 28	March Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, February 29	Wild Game Dinner	6:00pm – 10:00pm
The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season. Check the online www.bcciwa.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.		

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

This month's **New Member Orientation Tour** is on Sunday, December 22 from 10:00am until 12:00 noon.

Membership Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair
301 252-8825 MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO AVOID A LATE FEE FOR YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!!!

A membership work party was scheduled for Saturday, December 7 to package new membership cards and vehicle decals for 2020 B-CC IWLA renewals received by November 1st, 2019. A second invoice for every 2019 member who has not renewed yet should have been packaged and mailed out as part of this effort. Renewals received after November 1 will be packaged and posted early in the new year.

If you have NOT received your 2020 renewal invoice yet, contact the Membership Committee immediately at: **MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com**.

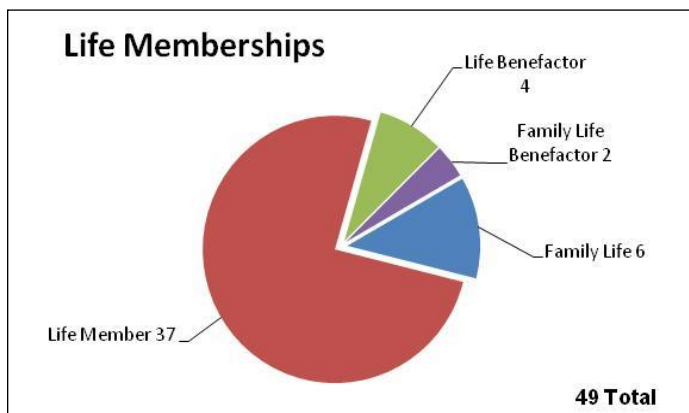
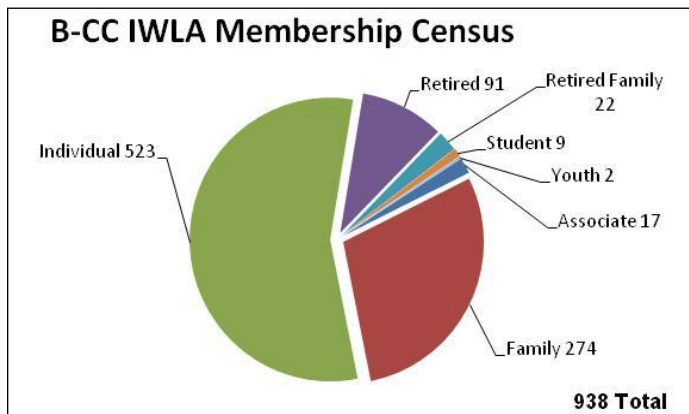
Chapter volunteers who might want to perform membership tasks at the chapterhouse or remotely (online) should contact the Membership Secretary at **MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com**.

The New Member Orientation Tour this month will take place on **Sunday, December 22 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon**.

The active membership breakdown as of the November board meeting is:



November New Member Orientation Tour



2019 Interpretive Walk in the Woods

Byron "Butch" Mezick
B-CC IWLA Conservation Committee

Four B-CC IWLA members Frank Parker, Mark Gochnour, Greg Gochnour, and Butch Mezick hosted 80 Poolesville Global Ecology students on an "Interpretive Walk in the Woods" hike. A morning tour and an afternoon tour consisting of 20 students each were presented starting Wednesday morning and ending Thursday afternoon. The students started their walk by hiking up a steep hill stopping just below the hill's crest where we discussed soil erosion and the formation and composition of that precious natural resource "Topsoil." Our next stop was a pile of trash where we discussed the incredible longevity of different types of trash; a Styrofoam bait container lasts one million years before it decomposes. Our guests were then taught to identify three different oak trees, red, white and chestnut by their bark and leaves. Buck

rub rubs and buck scrapes were discovered and discussed as the students progressed on the walk. A presentation of zoning laws, development in general, and the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve was offered as the students stood in an obsolete power line right of way clearing showcasing the high rise developments on the other side of the Potomac River in the state of Virginia contrasting the undeveloped woodlands they were hiking. A short description of the components of habitat required by all animals was explained, as was the devastating impact of human development on all other plants and animals in the natural world. The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, better known at the Pittman-Robertson Act, was highlighted with its contribution to date of 13 billion dollars to wildlife and wildlife habitat since its inception in 1937. Full-size turkey decoys were observed, and the incredible eyesight and hearing of turkeys were discussed followed by a demonstration of turkey box, slate, and mouth calls. Previously planted items such as a deer skull complete with antlers, a snakeskin, turkey feathers, and animal bones with teeth marks left by animals in the pursuit of calcium were discovered by our students as they became "seers" of the natural world. The incredible natural process of photosynthesis explaining how a tree was produced from carbon dioxide and water under the influence of the sun's energy was explained including a bit of information on why a leaf is green. We proceeded to the exam area, yes, this interpretive walk in the woods includes an exam where the students worked individually during a period of silence in an area that is rich in examples of topics previously discussed and where the tour guides have planted items of interest. Each student was given an opportunity to explain to the others what they found and to share some information about their discovery. A short stop by our abandoned mine was followed by a brisk walk as we completed the hike and the students boarded the bus waiting at our chapter house to return them to Poolesville High School. With programs such as the "Interpretive Walk in the Woods," the B-CC IWLA will provide conservation education to the next generation of conservationists.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday Party

Setup

Friday, December 13

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, December 14

Contact John Robinson at 301 641-1188

Holiday Party

Cleanup

Sunday, December 15

12:00 – 2:00pm

Contact Carol Efdimis, carol2017@aol.com.

Wednesday, December 18

Contact Chip Dunn, cdunn20842@aol.com, if you can help with food preparation, setup, and/or cleanup. 1:00pm setup start time.

Conservation Speakers Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 2020

6:00pm

Contact Andy Wight at andywight1@hotmail.com if you are able to help with the planning, setup and cleanup.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

Winter hours for the Shotgun Range are 9:00am to 4:00pm.

There will be a Range Officers sign up on January 18, 2020 in the chapter house at 9:00am. Please mark your calendar.

Range Officers – please double check and make sure all release cords and extension cords are returned to the range house.

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 Joel or me know ASAP.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 1	Philip Groven, Joe McGovern
Sunday, Dec. 8	Keith Funger, George Hodges-Fulton
Sunday, Dec. 15	Steven Kirstein, George Hodges-Fulton
Sunday, Dec. 29	Mike Noble, Fred Ryan

HOURS OF OPERATION

WINTER HOURS

Sundays 9:00am to 4:00pm Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Chapterhouse Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair

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As of the January cleanup, the chapterhouse cleanup will begin with a quick committee meeting to organize the cleanup and briefly discuss any ongoing business regarding the chapterhouse.

The last few cleanup events have been sparsely attended. Please take a weekend morning soon to join us for the monthly chapterhouse cleanup and committee meeting. The old girl needs our earnest attention.

To that end, Jeff Seaman and Ron Marchessault are forming a committee to brainstorm, design, and prioritize upgrades and renovations for the chapterhouse and surrounding grounds. They will hold their first meeting in early January.

B-CC Quiz Answer: You may have noticed that there was an abundance of acorns this year in our area. Some years the ground under oaks is covered with acorns (mast) and some years there are hardly any. Botanists call this pattern of synchronized abundance or poverty 'masting.'

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.0030-1299.2004.12722.x>

<http://theconversation.com/tons-of-acorns-it-must-be-a-mast-year-126711>



Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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The Rifle & Pistol Range is officially closed to all members except Range Officers, their escorted guest(s), and for any events approved by the R&P Committee until Saturday, April 4, 2020.

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 shooters must **PICK UP THEIR BRASS!**

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 1,010th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 18** at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:15pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include Salad, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls, Lemonade, and Dessert.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House on **Wednesday, December 18 immediately following the Dinner Meeting**. Board Members are expected to attend.

Birds on the Farm

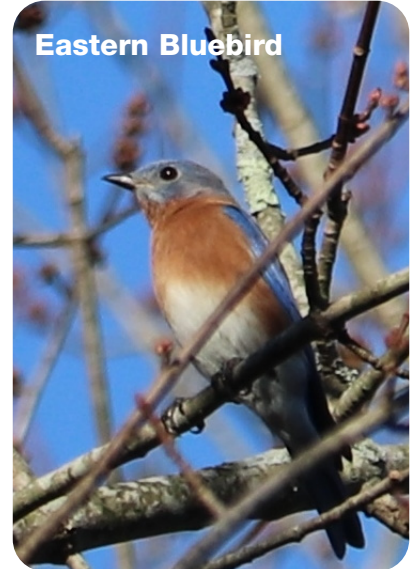
Bald Eagle



Cedar Waxwings



Eastern Bluebird



Pileated Woodpecker



Red Bellied Woodpecker

Turkey Vulture





Check out our Facebook page!

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Land Fund Donations

The B-CC IWLA is holding its annual Land Fund Campaign and asking all its members to make a 100% tax-deductible donation. The money donated to the Land Fund is used for one purpose and one purpose only – to purchase land – adjacent to or very near our existing property. By extending our property boundaries we protect our life style and system of values including shooting and hunting activities from the never-ending encroachment of development. The B-CC IWLA Land Fund has been very successful in helping our chapter grow from 366 acres to its present size of 624 acres. With our mission of wisely managing our nation's natural resources and teaching ethical and lawful hunting and fishing, our chapter has enriched the lives of thousands of its members since its charter in 1935.

Please contribute to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund so we may continue to affect the lives of the current and future generations of our membership.

Byron "Butch" Mezick

2019 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

2020 IWLA National Convention
July 20 to 22, 2020
Early Bird – July 19, 2020



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The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf, Resort, Spa and Marina is the ideal setting to work or play by the bay! Reconnect with family, friends, colleagues, and nature. Explore the 342 acres situated on the Choptank River with a 150-slip full service marina. At the resort you have an: 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools – two indoor and one outdoor, tennis courts, sand volleyball, mini golf, disc golf, Sago Spa and Salon, and five on-site restaurants.

Other attractions include: charter boat fishing in the Chesapeake, sea kayaking, sporting clays, bird watching.

\$165/night (group rate)

This rate is over 50% off the normal rate.

Plus Free Parking, RV Parking, and No Resort Fee

The IWLA group room rate applies three days before and three days after the convention, but rooms availability is only guaranteed for the three days of the convention and not for the three day extended periods before and after the convention. The Cambridge Hyatt Regency is a very popular luxury resort that normally sells out well before the beginning of the summer season, and if you are planning to stay at the hotel during one of the extended periods, you should make your reservation now, while rooms are available. Note: Most people arrive a day before the convention to attend the Early Bird social event held the night before the convention.

Nearby Attractions and Activities

- Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- Harriet Tubman Museum
- Phillips Warf Environmental Center
- Pickering Creek Audubon Center
- Tilghman Island
- St. Michaels

Extend your vacation at our Atlantic beach resort of Ocean City, MD or explore Chincoteague Island and its famous wild ponies. Whatever you choose please join us to play, relax, and discover Maryland's Chesapeake.



For reservations:

800-323-7249

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHESA/G-IWLA>