



FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

1000

What's in a number?

A grand, 1K, a picture is worth a thousand words, Thousand Oaks, Thousand Island Dressing: What is it about the number 1,000 gives it special stature in our culture? The mathematician, Euler, found that 1000 is the smallest number to generate three primes in the fastest possible way (through some pretty tricky mathematical gymnastics), but I think we lay people have a more basic attraction to this number. Elevation on a ski mountain is always presented in feet in thousand foot increments (but maybe not so much on the East coast). A thousand years even has its own word, a millennium.

I think we are attracted to this large and round number because it serves as an obvious milestone; somehow it has universal appeal and carries a certain gravitas.

This attraction was not lost on me a few years back when I was honored to be appointed 2nd VP. At the first board meeting I attended in this new role, I was informed that I would likely be president for our 1000th dinner meeting. I've had some time to consider the significance of our group hosting 1000 meetings consecutively, and no matter how you consider this fact, it is impressive. 999th was impressive, too, but reaching 1000 gives us a chance to take stock in this achievement and all that goes behind it.

Ike Math: if we've had 1000 meetings with an average of, say, 65 attendees, that's 65,000 meals, 65,000 good folks congregating to make our corner of the universe a little better. We have reforested by planting thousands of young trees. We have hosted hundreds of scouting events and school groups involving thousands of youth and chaperones. Thousands of bees call our Chapter their home. Tens of thousands of sunflowers, soybeans, clover stalks, pumpkins and turnips burst onto our resplendent fields each year. Thousands of birds are counted on our property and recorded for scientific records.

The significance of our Chapter's strength and achievement is not lost on our friends at National. They will send a special guest to our 1000th meeting as will the Town of Poolesville.

The hard work and dedication of thousands of volunteers with their many thousands of volunteer hours is noteworthy on any given day, but we all can give ourselves a little pat on the back this upcoming third Wednesday evening.

Congratulations on work well done,
Jack Mandel, President B-CC IWLA, cell 202 487-8440

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

1,000th Consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting

Join your fellow Ikes for this special occasion!

Wednesday, February 20

Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, February 23

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

Saturday, March 30

Shotgun Range Fun Shoot

Sunday, March 31

Kid Friendly Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

Explore Archery Program 8-Week Youth Class

(Ages 8 – 16)

Wednesdays, April 24 – June 5

Hunter Safety / Education Class

May 4 and 5

Sign up required – www.register-ed.com

Shotgun Range Fun Shoot

Sunday, May 26

Ladder Needed

Anyone have a 12-foot stepladder that they are willing to loan the chapter? One is needed to make a repair in the chapterhouse. Contact Tucker Mostrom at Chapterhouse.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

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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 January 2019 Dinner Meeting and the December 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

Mark Gochnour, Recording Secretary
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January 16, 2019 Dinner Meeting

- The 999th consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
- The Dinner Staff were thanked for their efforts.
- A brochure is to be made chronicling the chapter's activities, including what we do and stand for. Mark Gochnour is in charge of gathering and compiling the contents for the creation of this document. Committee Chairs should send information about activities and dates that have occurred, photos also, especially, when the public is in attendance. Recent activities are mainly desired but vintage material can be sent and may be archived for other purposes.
- Efforts are being made by the Loudoun County Commissioners to build a bridge across the river with a road crossing the B-CC IWLA property but the elected officials in the Montgomery County Council and Annapolis are against such an action. Multiple organizations in the Up County are working to prevent this bridge from being built.
- Membership Secretary (Tucker Mostrom) gave his report: chapter memberships renewed before November 1 are in the mail. With those who have renewed so far, the chapter currently has 687 members.
- Members were informed that volunteer hours would be accumulated and calculated from September 1 to August 31.
- Mark Garrett and Alex Azar were inducted into the Chapter.
- There was a substitute Guest Speaker, (the scheduled speaker will present on a later date). Jim Tate gave a Power Point presentation about his Alaska adventures at Rocky Elveen's 25-acre property on the Holitna River, home to Arctic Char, Salmon, Northern Pike, and Sheefish.
- Wild Game Dinner – February 23 – This year's theme is "Share the Tradition."
- Conservation Dinner is on January 26. The *River Runs Through Us*, a movie about the Potomac River will be shown.
- Archery Range (David Drazen) – still needs Range Officers.
- Rifle & Pistol Range (Thorán Menser) – A tree on the range which could fall on the Range house, needs to be removed.
- Shotgun Range (Warner Parks) – Sunday skeet continues. Signups for Range Officers training at 9:00am on January 19, February 16, or March 9. Range Duty responsibilities are required for becoming an RO.
- Chapter Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin (Public Relations & Education) informed the group that Newsletter articles should be sent in on time or as close to the designated deadline as possible. Being 10 days late really hinders the production of the newsletter, so get them in quickly.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Jim Hubbard investigated at Jim Tate's request the reason why the new signs at McKee Beshers ignore the Pittman Robertson Act. See the January Newsletter for more details.

December 20, 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

- Chapter President Jack Mandel called the meeting to order at 8:43pm. All chapter officers were present, the Past President, and Board members except Christine Peterson.

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SUMMARY

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- Also, present were George Coakley, Blaine Elkins, John Novak, and Lin Tate, members in good standing.
- November 21 Board of Governor's minutes were read by the Recording Secretary, Mark Gochnour and approved.
 - Jim Tate received permission to create an ad hoc committee to archive materials and to create a manuscript on the 84-year history of the B-CC IWLA.
 - Front Gate camera is in the works.
 - The food service license for the kitchen has been renewed with the County.
 - Scott Harmon is working on arranging a class to get members certified to work in the kitchen and to re-certify those who had individual food service licenses in the past.
 - Shannon Novak is working with a committee to update and revamp the website. Proposals are being examined and evaluated. The new site will have PayPal, Secure Website and mobile responsive capabilities among other needed changes.
 - The Membership Secretary (Tucker Mostrom) reported that there were 1,014 Members as of December 19.
 - The BOG will discuss all Scout projects done on the Chapter property and the funding sources and costs.
 - Tucker Mostrom – Volunteer Service Hours will now follow Chapter Fiscal Year – September 1 to August 31.
 - George Coakley – The water quality of the well water was tested. The Board approved pond testing in May, an addition to the current July and November testing.

MOTIONS

- Billy Sherrill – Donations of \$500 to Up County Fire Dept. and FHFH \$1,000 were approved.
- Two membership applications were presented and approved.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Janet Lamkin noted that the chairs around the chapter house need to be replaced.
- Jim recommended that Chapter House folding chairs be replaced and that Bird Strike panels need to be put back up. Tucker will take care of panels as part of the Chapter House cleanup.
- Discussion ensued about whether members can advertise their private businesses on the property even if they offer discounts or incentives to Chapter members (to be discouraged).
- Adjourned at 10:00pm and the Board went into closed door session status to discuss some issues.
- Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation 10:37pm.

B-CC QUIZ

Question: One of the thirteen founders of our Izaak Walton Chapter worked on the Manhattan Project and was a Professor at American University. Who was it?

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

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

Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, February 23

Volunteers needed for setup and/or cleanup. Contact Jeff Seaman, jeff_seaman@hotmail.com, Scott Harmon, scott.w.harmon@verizon.net, or Tucker Mostrom, Events.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 6

Help get the chapter back in shape and ready for spring and summer. Contact 1st VP Jeff Seaman – jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

Adopt-A-Road

Join the Adopt-A-Road crew to clean up West Willard Road. See article in newsletter for details.

Chapter House Maintenance

Volunteers needed to help deep clean the Chapter House. Contact Chapterhouse.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com.

Log Cabin

Help reinvigorate the restoration and maintenance of our Chapter's historic 19th-century cabin. Contact President Jack Mandel, jmandel@design@gmail.com, for details.

Trails

Brian King, Trails.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com, is looking for help with marking and maintaining the chapter trails.

Archery Range 3D Course Setup

Date to be announced. Contact Dave Drazen, daviddrazen@gmail.com.

Hunter Safety

The Spring Hunter Safety / Education Class will be held on the weekend of May 4 & 5. This is a 16-hour minimum 2 day course which starts promptly at 8:00am that Saturday. To register for the event, please go to www.register-ed.com and select Maryland. Click on Hunter Education Classroom Course and then find the date and location. All materials are provided by the State of Maryland. The chapter will have lunch prepared on both days for the class but cannot meet special dietary needs. Therefore, please consider bringing your own lunch if necessary.

The following interview is part of a series reporting on recipients of the President's Award during 2017-18 at B-CC IWLA.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis; Manager and Energizer

*"Get it done, then get your *** outside"*
-Carol Hulce-Efdimis



B-CC: *Congratulations on this recognition of your outstanding service to the Izaak Walton League and to our Chapter. What brought you to B-CC in the first place?*

Carol: I grew up in a small town of a few hundred people in Northwest Montana where being in the outdoors was an essential part of everyone's daily life. Although our MD-DC metro area has places to go to enjoy the outdoors, the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm has nearly everything I enjoy in one place. Crowded metro areas depress me. I don't feel that way when I am in the heart of the Agriculture Reserve. For my sanity, and the sanity of those around me, I need to be able to go out somewhere and

not run into another human at every turn. I have been coming out to the chapter since 1997 and joined in 2005. I want my boys to have some semblance of the rural outdoors.

B-CC: *Our current members know you as the go-to person for Chapter background and recent history; for negotiations with vendors, state and local government; and for your management of social programs. Please tell us how you can do all of that while at the same time raising a young family.*

Carol: I started out as bookkeeper at the Rifle and Pistol range in 2006. By March 2009 I stepped into the role of Membership Secretary. Then I went through the officer's jobs of First and Second VP and President (2016-17). Those 13 years have been a satisfying journey of doing my part for the chapter and the farm. In addition to the normal Officer and Board Member duties, I enjoy being contact point for members and committee chairs. I have been involved in a few major projects. For example, I tracked and corrected the documentation of our properties with the county and state governments to assure legal ownership of our six hundred plus acre Conservation Farm. I organized the building of the equipment barn and the safety wall on the R&P range. Currently I have two major projects: documentation and mapping of our service lines for electric, phone, and water; and compiling the purchase history, taxes, tax exemptions, easements, and property history.

B-CC: *What do you think are the most important things B-CC should do in the future?*

Carol: Build our Conservation Farm as an example of good land, forest and water. Be a force for Conservation in our community while maintaining the balance with recreational activities.

B-CC: *What advice would you give to our members?*

Carol: Our diverse and dedicated membership makes us powerful. We could not accomplish or take care of what we have without this variety of skills and achievements. My advice is to look at what you are interested in and talk to the appropriate Committee Chair. There is always, not just physical labor but knowledge needed and knowledge to be gained.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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Our Chapter's Rifle & Pistol Range house is our responsibility. We need everyone to pitch in and keep our range house clean and the target backers organized. New backers are in the shed as needed.

Range Officers – let's pay attention: Complete opening Forms each time you open, check each member sign-in and confirm that their card is current when they sign in.

Current Range Office Annual Safety Meetings and Sign ups are scheduled for March 2 and 9 in the Chapter House at 9:00am. March 10 is tentative as needed.

Black Powder Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 from 9:00am – 4:30pm and will have use of the Range.

The R&P Committee will hold a committee meeting on Saturday, February 16 at 10:00am in the chapter house Board Room. If anyone would like to attend or has any ideas, please email Thoran.

REMINDERS

- Each Person must police their Brass and Place it in the provided buckets or take it with them.

- 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.

2019 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will meet at the Chapter House at 8:00am for cleanup on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 9
- Saturday, July 13
- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, September 14

Litter bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available for participants. If you would like to participate or have questions concerning the upcoming road cleanups, contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188.

April Kid Friendly Chapter Dinner

Just a reminder that the chapter dinner on the April 17 will be a **kid friendly dinner**. Dinner will be held as normal, but at the start of the meeting, kids will be asked to go to the boardroom where there will be child friendly activities and education. Kids and parents will be reunited at the end of the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
FEBRUARY		
Saturday, February 2	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – Practice at R&P Range – Groundhog Target Shoot	Starting at 1:00pm
Saturday, February 2	Mags for Vets – pick up	12:00 noon
Monday, February 4	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, February 9	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the chapter house parking lot	8:00am
Saturday, February 9	R&P Committee Meeting – Chapter House	4:00pm
Sunday, February 10	NAHVDA – General Meeting	8:00am – 2:00pm
Monday February 11	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, February 16	Shotgun Range Current Officer Signup – in the Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, February 16	R&P Range Committee Meeting – Chapter House Board Room	10:00am
Saturday, February 16	Girl Scout Troop Father/Daughter Dance	3:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday, February 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, February 18	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, February 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting – 1000th Consecutive Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, February 23	Annual Wild Game Dinner	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday, February 24	Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Chapter House (Private Event)	1:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday, February 25	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, February 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
MARCH		
Saturday, March 2	R&P Range - Current Range Officer Signup – in the Chapter House	9:00am
Monday, March 4	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, March 8	Hunter Safety Advance Training – Chapter House	5:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, March 9	Shotgun Range - Current Range Officer Signup – in the Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, March 9	R&P Range - Current Range Officer Signup – in the Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, March 9	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – practice at R&P Range	starting at 1:00pm
Sunday, March 10	R&P Range – Current Range Officer Signup (tentative)	9:00am
Monday, March 11	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, March 16	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, March 18	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, March 23	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – practice at R&P Range	starting at 1:00pm
Monday, March 25	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, March 30	Black Powder Clinic and Shooting Match at the R&P Range	9:00am – 4:30pm
Sunday, March 31	Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am
APRIL		
Monday, April 1	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, April 6	Annual Spring Cleanup Day (Rain Date, Saturday, April 23)	7:30am – 2:00pm
Saturday, April 6	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – practice at R&P Range	starting at 1:00pm
Monday, April 8	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, April 13	Rain Date – Annual Spring Cleanup Day	7:30am – 2:00pm
Saturday, April 13	Adopt-A- Road Cleanup – meet at the chapter house parking lot	8:00am
Sunday, April 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 15	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 17	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, April 22	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 24	Explore Archery Youth Class – RSVP required	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, April 27	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – practice at R&P Range	starting at 1:00pm
Monday, April 29	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
<p>The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season. Check the online www.bcciwl.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.</p>		

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the March 2019 newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 1.**

Membership Committee Report

Tucker Mostrom, Membership Secretary
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MEMBERSHIP IS PROPOSING A CHANGE TO CHAPTER BYLAWS REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE

Given the new period for earning volunteer hours (September 1st to August 31st), the B-CC IWLA Membership Secretary will submit to the Chapter Board of Governors, at its February meeting, a proposal to change the chapter bylaws. This change would pull-in the late-fee deadline for members returning their renewal invoices with payment to October 31st from the existing date: December 31st.

THE GOAL IN ACCELERATING THE DEADLINE IS TWOFOLD

1. Reduce any tendency to put off returning the renewals that a four-month return period potentially creates now. This new deadline would encourage members to renew their memberships BEFORE migratory bird seasons, upland game seasons, and/or blackpowder/firearms deer seasons.
2. Provide enough time after the deadline, before the 1st of the new year, to reasonably ensure that all members who renew before the late-fee deadline have their new membership card(s) and decal(s) in their pockets before January 1st (and before late deer-firearms season).

The model for this proposed change to the bylaws is something that most folks have considerable experience with: medical insurance.

1. Members of most medical plans have a window in the fall of each year to renew their insurance for the following year.
2. This window closes by early November at the latest to allow enough processing time to ensure that members receive their new insurance cards before the plan year starts on January 1st.
3. After January 1st, members may not get their medical care without their new insurance cards; B-CC IWLA members may not enter the property after January 1st without THEIR membership cards.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS PROGRESS UPDATE

1. The already-extended deadline has passed for members to renew their membership for 2019 without a \$33 late fee. Email me at MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com immediately if you intend to renew but cannot meet this deadline.
2. As of the end of January 31, all renewal-received requests were processed with IWLA National, and a work party of B-CC IWLA volunteers packaged them for posting. Members should have received those earlier this month. It turns out that about 50 renewals didn't get printed before the work party as expected at IWLA National, but those members affected should also have received their new cards and decals by the dinner meeting.
3. Please also email me at the same address as above if you do NOT intend to renew. The chapter would truly appreciate it if members who are not renewing mail back any access cards or padlock keys they have to the chapter PO box: B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837-0542.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership stands at the following levels as of the February 5 (new & renewed members):

Associate	14
Family	250
Individual . . .	433
Retired	82
Ret. Family . . .	22
Student	6
Youth	2
TOTAL	809 Active Memberships

Seneca, Maryland/Virginia Christmas Bird Count

Diane Seward, Chair, Citizen Science Projects

The 60th Seneca Christmas Bird Count took place on December 16, 2018, with 131 field counters and 17 feeder watchers. Last month we reported on the results of the count that took place on chapter grounds. This month the focus is on the entire sector, which consists of parts of Fairfax and Loudon Counties in Virginia as well as parts of Montgomery County in Maryland. The Seneca CBC counters found 90 species of birds, the lowest number since 2003, and 21,148 individual birds, dramatically lower than the 34,000 spotted last year. The heavy rain the day before the count as well as rain on the morning of the count and higher than normal temperatures (meaning that some of the overwintering birds had not yet arrived) may have depressed numbers and species.

Species with good numbers this year compared to past years included Northern Pintail, Common Merganser, Wild Turkey, Killdeer, Bald Eagle, Redheaded Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Merlin, Blue Jay (highest in several years), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Pine Siskin, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Northern Cardinal. The counters logged a record 2,456 Fish Crows, but failed to spot a single Common Grackle, the first time none has been observed since 1961! Two Sandhill Cranes were observed on West Willard Road, close by the chapter, in the same location where they were spotted last year.

Many thanks to Jim Nelson whose submission to the Maryland Bird Club was adopted for this report.

Archery Range Report

Dave Drazen, Committee Chair
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We are getting into the swings of things with prepping for our upcoming 3D season. We will be running some work weekends (weather permitting) in March. I'll make an announcement here on the specific dates.

We will be running an 8-week class for youth (ages 8-16) from April 24 to June 5 next spring. It starts the week after Montgomery County Spring Break and runs to the week before school ends. We are working out the remaining details now. There will be a small fee for the class, but it will be significantly less than options at nearby locations. If there is sufficient interest, we can provide a similar class for adults. Let me know if you want more information or if you want to reserve a spot.

If you're interested on getting on the archery email list, just shoot me an email. In addition to the work weekends, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities around the course.

Shotgun Range Report

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wparks29@gmail.com

All current range officers – please mark your calendars – there will be range duty sign up on Saturday, February 16 and Saturday, March 9 at 9:00am in the chapter house. After the March range officer sign up there will be a range officers training class for anyone interested in becoming a shotgun range officer.

Range hours for February and March are 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

Fun Shoots for 2019 will be on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, May 26.

Remember to stand to the side when cocking all arms. THE TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm.

Refill and restock the skeet houses and uncock all machines when done. Additional targets are stored in the container next to the parking lot and the trailer under the tower and the low skeet house on the left field.

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 Joel or me know ASAP.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 3	Need R.O.
Sunday, February 10	Carlos Lastra, Need R.O.
Sunday, February 17	José Saiz, Need R.O.
Sunday, February 24	Need R.O.

MARCH

Sunday, March 3	John Novak, Tim Jorgensen
Sunday, March 10	Ken Gentzel, Mike King
Sunday, March 17	Need R.O.
Sunday, March 24	Ken Gentzel, Mike King
Sunday, March 31	Need R.O.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday's 9:00am to 4:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Special Event – 1000th DINNER MEETING

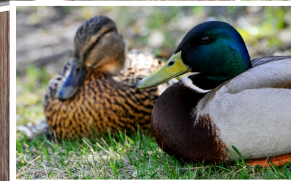
The 1000th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 20** at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:15pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Grilled Steak, Red Smashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Lemonade,** and **Monthiversary Cake for Dessert.**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the **B-CC IWLA Chapter House** on **Wednesday, February 27**. Board members are expected to attend.

Wild Game Dinner Slide Show Pictures Needed



If you have hunting pictures or pictures of nature you would like to share for a slide show shown at the wild game dinner, please email them to Scott Harmon (scott.w.harmon@verizon.net) and/or Jeff Seaman (jeff_seaman@hotmail.com). Call with any questions – 301 467-0645.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the January dinner meeting:

Alex M. Azar, II

Interests: Archaeology; Archery; Chapter Functions (Cleanup, Foodservice); Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

Mark A. Garrett

Interests: Farm; Photography; Rifle & Pistol

B-CC IWLA Eagles Junior Rifle Club

Rex Gori, Head Coach
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Do you want to learn to shoot .22 rifles well? If you or any youth you might know (11 and up) who wishes to learn to shoot safely and effectively, give me a call or send me an email. We practice approximately twice a month until June. We normally meet at the R&P Range on specific Saturdays at 1:00pm. Check below for our updated schedule. Participants earn NRA qualification awards and medals, have fun, and gain great skills. There are even several fun in-house competitions with prizes! If interested, please give me a call or send me an email (listed above).


2019 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

We meet on Saturdays listed below from 1:00 to 3:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Clean Up begins 1/2 hour before end of Practice.

March 9	Practice – 1:00pm
March 23	Practice – 1:00pm
April 6	Practice – 1:00pm
April 27	Practice – 1:00pm
May 11	Practice – 5:00pm
May 25	Practice – 5:00pm
June 15	Fun Targets / Final Match and Picnic Shoot – 5:00pm

Always check your e-mail before heading out to practice. If weather conditions or range conditions change, we may have to cancel. I will notify all of you via email. This schedule may be subject to change. You will be notified in advance via phone or email.



**Sporting Clays Fun Shoots at
the Shotgun Range**
**Sunday, March 31
and
Sunday, May 26**
9:00am

B-CC Quiz Answer: 'Doc' Holton

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1984/01/16/dr-wb-holton-dies/ae3e14ea-54f1-4cf6-ad48-d16538fcb61c/>



B-CC IWLA Wild Game Dinner *Share the Tradition*

Appetizers, Pot Luck Dinner, and Door Prizes

Saturday, February 23
6:00pm – 10:00pm

The theme this year is "Share the Tradition." Toward that end, we encourage you to bring a non-hunter guest who is curious about hunting, or who may have hunted in the past but who may be interested in taking it back up. All who care to will have an opportunity to tell a hunting story and share photographs. So send your hunt-related photographs to Scott Harmon (scott.harmon8@gmail.com) or Jeff Seaman (jeff_seaman@hotmail.com). Also, if you have a favorite game recipe and you're willing to share it, send that, too. If we receive enough recipes, we will collect them in a booklet and hand them out at the dinner.

This is a potluck event – wild game dishes are especially welcome. But if you don't have any game to share, that's OK – we all need salad, vegetables, bread, and desserts too.

Consistent with our theme, there will be an auction of consigned or donated items, including hunting and fishing equipment. Proceeds of the auction go the land fund – so come prepared to bid!

**Appetizers start at 6:00pm
with dinner to follow**

Farm Report

Phil Taylor, Committee Chair
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I walked the fields on the first week of January, and I was very pleased with the results of the cover crops we planted in our fields last fall. Due to the surrounding farms harvesting their crops it was obvious, wildlife was relying on the fields as a main food source. Last fall we planted nine different plants species from seed at once in a mix to cover our fields for the winter. Plant diversity is key in building soil health. Cover crops prevent soil erosion, supply nutrients to the following crop, suppress weeds, break compacted soil layers and break pest cycles. The one plant I was excited about when planting was the tillage radish. The tillage radish has been bred/developed to produce a large tap root and penetrate compacted soil layers in an effort to increase soil aeration, water infiltration, decrease compaction and provide increased rooting depth opportunities to successive crops. Some radish grew to depths of one foot or better measuring the main root. That's not counting the tap root that grows even deeper. The radish root digs down to depths other roots can't reach allowing it to bring nutrients to the soil surface for the next crop when the root decomposes. The root picks up unused nitrogen, phosphorous, and other nutrients deep in the soil and keeps them from reaching water table as well. Due to the mild temperatures this winter it allowed our cover crops more time to grow. That is good for some plants but not so good for others. The triticale in the mix may have grown too tall to survive the winter temperatures on the way. The radishes, Austrian winter peas, and turnips normally wouldn't survive past late November or early December. They have all grown very well due to the warmer temperature. Of the nine plants in the mix that were planted last fall only three will survive the winter and they are triticale, rapeseed, and crimson clover.

In February, we will be frost seeding crimson clover in the fields we plan on putting our sunflowers in. Frost seeding is broadcasting seed on the ground and allowing the natural freeze and thaw process to work it in the soil. The seed will germinate when the temperatures are right. The problem for us is if we were to try to drill it by machine at the right time the ground is normally too muddy. The method works great because clover seed is hard and is not affected normally by the temperature or moisture. The crimson clover will provide much needed nitrogen to the sunflower plants that will follow and will help to pull moisture from the ground in the spring allowing us to work the fields sooner.

The wintertime is a great time for us to make our plan on what we will be planting next year. This season I want to plant more flowering mixes that attract beneficial insects. If we attract beneficial insects, they will keep the pest insects in check. Attracting and keeping beneficial insects on the property is extremely important and a huge goal of mine. The plan this year is I want to plant a pollinator mix in small strips in each of the fields in the spring and fall to attract them all year. A mix consists of flowering plants that flower at different times. To give you an idea of a mix it may consist of buckwheat, sunflowers, cowpeas, clovers, spring peas, and flax seed just to name a few. I am doing some research on plants that attract beneficial insects. I will inform you of the mix we will be going with in a later report.

If any members like to take photographs, please contact me; I could use your help. I would like to put more pictures of our fields in the newsletters. We could share ideas and plan for this growing season. I want to encourage members to please take a walk and enjoy the farm's beauty. If you have any questions about future plantings or the farm, please contact me.

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

Muzzleloading enthusiasts will gather for the annual Black Powder Clinic and Shooting Match, Saturday, March 30 from 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Did you receive a blackpowder firearm as a present and don't know what to do with it? Are you ready to test your skills against others in the afternoon shooting match and compete for prizes? Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity for knowledgeable instruction, loads of fun, and the unique smell of blackpowder smoke!

Participants will meet at the Rifle & Pistol Range at 9:00am. Inlines, percussion or flintlock shooters are all welcome. There will be instruction time for new shooters or those with new muzzleloaders while "veterans" and more experienced shooters will sight-in their guns.



Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark Gochnour know in your email that you would like to try one out so he can arrange for a loaner. Learn directly from individuals having experience and knowledge. (Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder

Instructor.) If you have never fired a black powder gun or you have one you have never used before or are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, come during the morning but stay for the shoot! Last year, one shooter used a loaner gun to compete in the shooting match and turned out to be excellent marksman!

Lunch will be served in the Chapter House around 12:00 noon with the shooting competition beginning at 1:00pm.

Match Participants will be provided opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including last year's favorite – The Flopping Plate. Targets will be shot at a variety of ranges from up close and out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters. An overall Grand Prize could be a frozen turkey or ham.



Due to safety issues, only muzzleloader shooting participants will be allowed to use the Range since the availability of shooting lanes may be limited. (After the afternoon shooting match, Range Officers and their guests may shoot.)

Contact Mark Gochnour at mgdonutman@gmail.com for further details, questions, or to pre-register for the event. It is important to contact him; especially, if you are bringing a new gun because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of and its lack could sabotage your experience.

Cost is only \$20 for the entire event, which includes lunch and the shooting match. Any applicable R&P range fees are extra.

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Around the Ponds - 2018

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During the spring, summer, and fall of 2018, a number of Ponds and Streams projects and activities took place at the big pond (Walton) and the small pond (Latimer). The following summarizes these events.

BIG POND

Three habitat structures were constructed of small 6-8" boulders and installed bringing the number of habitats to eight. These structures will provide habitat diversity and sites for fish of all sizes to congregate for feeding on the aquatic insects that colonize these structures and provide smaller fish some protection from larger predatory fish.

Four 10' X 10' spawning beds were constructed of pea gravel with nearby weighted hardwood brush bundles and installed at various sites around the pond. The brush bundles will provide refuge for fry upon emerging from the spawning beds. Two tons of pea gravel were donated and delivered to the farm by Brian Kelley, a chapter member. Phil Taylor, the farm chair, transported the pea gravel down to the big pond. These beds should significantly enhance the spawning success of the resident fish population.

An electrofishing study using a specially equipped boat was conducted in June by two fishery biologists from Solitude Lake Management, a private contractor. This study was the first time that a study of this type was conducted at the big pond. All fish collected were identified, weighed, and measured; habitat conditions were recorded. A written report on the study results was prepared by Solitude with a number of recommendations that included fish feeding; installation of additional spawning habitat; and stocking largemouth bass, bluegills and golden shiners to enhance the fish community. Fish feeding was started in July and continued through October. Fish stocking was accomplished in October.

During the June 23-24 Heritage Days weekend, the annual kids fishing event at the big pond was once again very popular and successful. Each of kids who participated caught fish. Those who had never fished before were able to catch at least one fish. Assistance at this event was provided by Ponds & Streams and other chapter members. All fishing equipment and supplies were provided by the chapter.

As has been conducted over the past three years, a voluntary creel census (i.e. number/species of fish caught and hours fished) was conducted down at the big pond. The census started in April and ended in early November. Previous reports have been published in the chapter newsletter, and the most recent census is currently being prepared and will be presented in the newsletter in the near future.

Two floating turtle platforms were constructed from wooden pallets and Styrofoam for flotation and anchored in the big pond. Turtles started using these platforms for basking in the sun within a day or two of installation.

A rescue ring buoy with about 50 feet of rope was installed on the kiosk. This safety buoy is to be used for rescue should someone fall into the pond.

SMALL POND

In April, the small pond was stocked with 100, 4" to 6" bluegills. These bluegills were purchased from a supplier located in La Plata, MD. The supplier also provided us with some 6" to 8" bluegills along with a few coppernose bluegills.

During the spring and into the summer months floating mats of a filamentous algae suddenly appeared on the surface of the small pond, which at times, nearly covered the

entire surface. In an effort to remove these algae, a 10-foot skimmer was constructed by linking together sections of foam swimming pool noodles. This device allowed the temporary removal of some of the algae, but the algae rapidly reappeared within a few days. However, these floating algae mats suddenly disappeared by late summer possibly due to operation of the aeration system. We were, however, unable to determine any cause or nutrient source for the initial occurrence of the algae.

During the annual fall Family Campout, kids fished in the small pond. This was a very successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by the 20 kids that fished. All of the kids caught fish (bluegills) ranging from 5" to 6" in size. This was the first time that the small pond was intensely fished. The size and healthy appearance of the bluegills caught indicate that this species is thriving and doing well in the small pond. The small pond is now available for "catch and release" fishing for chapter members including families with kids that don't want to hike down to the big pond.

Two to three patches of sprouting water lilies were removed from the small pond on two different occasions. This is a very persistent plant and somewhat difficult to eradicate given its underground root system. Monitoring the shoreline for these plants will continue during the upcoming growing season.

In November a spawning bed with an adjacent brush bundle was placed in the small pond, bringing the number of these structures to five. The presence of bluegill fingerlings trapped in July confirmed that successful spawning has occurred.

The Halberd leaf rose mallow plants transplanted from the big pond in the fall of 2017 bloomed this past summer adding to the aesthetics of the shoreline. These plants also provide resting sites for the many adult dragonflies and damselflies that inhabit the shoreline preying upon mosquitoes and other flying insects. Additional rose mallow plants will be transplanted from the big pond to the small pond in the future.

The floating turtle platform in the small pond was lowered and a few days later turtles were seen on it.

Many thanks and appreciation to those Ponds & Streams members who made completion of the above tasks possible.

Chapterhouse Report

R. Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair
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Fellow Ikes, we are our own janitorial staff!!!

We have volunteers in the chapterhouse who give it a good scrub but once monthly. We have another dedicated cleanup crew to pull the chapterhouse together after the monthly dinner meeting just a few days after. Keeping the chapterhouse neat and clean during the other 25+ days per month falls squarely onto the shoulders of every B-CC member who steps inside.

At the end of 2018, the B-CC IWLA reckoned its membership at over 1,000. Please consider the impact to the chapterhouse of leaving behind a little food trash, some paper, a soda spill, mud tracks, etc. if a thousand, maybe a hundred, or even ten of your fellow members followed your example.

Please everybody remember to take that extra moment before you leave the chapterhouse to look around, to pick up, to dust up, to take outside, to restore order, etc. to help ensure that everyone who follows you starts with "the same chapterhouse" as you did ... maybe even a little better!

As conservationists, we champion the wise use of our resources: Let's conserve this beautiful rustic chapterhouse as the valuable resource she is.

Conservation Speaker Dinner Update

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Chair

Every year in January, the Conservation Education Committee holds a free dinner with a speaker who addresses a topical aspect of Conservation. The Conservation Dinner is open to the general public as part of our 501(c)(3) commitment.

This past Saturday, January 26, around eighty B-CC members and local citizens watched the movie *The River Runs Through Us* and they had the chance to talk directly with Sean Furmage, the co-director. As usual, we were fed with a marvelous spaghetti dinner prepared by Mark Gochnour and his team. A huge thanks to everyone who contributed to one of our most successful Conservation Education dinners.

Each of us is connected to rivers in our everyday lives. Most of the six million people living in the Potomac River watershed do not realize that their drinking water comes from the Potomac. Since the Clean Water Act passed in 1972, the health of the river has improved. However, it is still in trouble and faces a number of serious threats: urban development, population growth, and runoff from farms, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals. The film follows the flow of the Potomac water from its origin, into our homes and businesses and back into the river. We must protect this essential resource and inform others of how our well being and that of future generations is intertwined with the health of the Potomac River.

Following the viewing, members quizzed Sean on his thoughts about future impacts, and what has been changed since the movie was first developed back in 2013. We also touched on how each of us, in our daily decisions, contributes to the health of the river (how we chose detergent and fertilizer, for example). Increasing our understanding about how these can impact the Potomac, our local waterways and wetlands is an important first step in defending the Clean Water Rule and continues to remind us of the need to support the implementation of regulations that protect us for the future.

Once again a big thanks to the entire team who made this evening such a success, from the girls giving out name tags, to the kitchen team who prepared, served and cleaned up after everyone, to Sean who came to the Chapter and shared his motivation, movie and answered our questions, to those who pitched in when they saw areas we needed help and finally, to the chapter members and guests who made this such a fantastic evening.



Chapter greeters



Full house



Mark and the Kitchen crew



Sean Furmage answering members' questions



B-CC IWLA's Spring Archery Class

Spring 2019 Explore Archery Program

B-CC IWLA Members and Non-Members welcome
Ages 8-16
All Equipment is provided

Wednesdays from April 24 – June 5*
6:00-7:30 pm

B-CC IWLA Archery Range

Fee: \$10/members, \$20/non-members
Class capped at 15, members get preference

**Come learn to shoot or just improve
your archery with us this spring!**

You can RSVP to David Drazen,
daviddrazen@gmail.com.

*Classes may be canceled due to
weather conditions. Participants
will be notified by email before
12pm that day if classes are canceled.

