



JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

"Your task is not to foresee the future, but to enable it."

—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

What better tribute could we give to our members ... to those departed, to those still among us, and to those of the future ... than to recognize that B-CC is nothing more than an effort of great friends working together?

We are, indeed, a band of brothers and sisters! We treasure the work of those who have gone before us. We enjoy the present ... together. And together, we keep on building for the future ... for our own, and for coming generations caring for and enjoying our beautiful farm.

As we pay tribute to Tucker Mostrom, whose recent, untimely passing is a sad loss to us all, we are paying tribute as well to all of the past, present, and future volunteers at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of Izaak Walton. Hard work, loyalty, friendship and love of nature unite us, and we will not be separated from each other.

Rest in peace, all of you Ikes who preceded us – who are now telling stories, laughing, and reminiscing!

And as we continue to build toward the future, know that as we come to our dinner meetings, sit on the porch and talk, work together at the ranges, or on the trails, or at the cabin, or fish at the ponds, we send a toast to all:

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air,
and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources,

To know the beauty and understanding of nature
and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space,

May we remain united in the love of our Izaak Walton Chapter, in our pledge to preserve its heritage, and in our promise to continue together to build its future!

Cheers ... and our thanks!

Lin Tate
President

IN MEMORIAM

R. TUCKER MOSTROM



On Saturday, June 18, we learned of the passing of Tucker Mostrom.

Tucker joined the chapter in 2002 and his volunteerism was momentous for the different activities within the chapter. He joined the Board of Governors and held the positions of Recording Secretary, Board Member, and Membership Secretary. He was instrumental in the creation of the Chapter's Eblast system while aiding in website maintenance.

As Membership Secretary, Tucker had the idea of a New Member orientation tour which was not just about showing the chapter's amenities but a history of the property. As time went on, he would add more facts as he dug them up. He took great pride in following in Hank Winter and Tom Walker's footsteps as Chapter House Chair by tending to the Chapter House.

When the 2020 pandemic hit, Tucker worked diligently on our telecommunications so the chapter could still hold meetings and send out announcements to our members.

Tucker was willing to jump in and either help-out or run any event where needed and he did help make them fun. Tucker wasn't just a good Ike and friend to the chapter, he was someone who understood what the chapter could offer to people. His presence will be missed.

Please join us on Saturday, July 16 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Chapter House to celebrate Tucker Mostrom's life and enormous contributions to our Chapter. Come join us to cry, laugh, and reminisce on his life. There will be appetizers, drinks, and we will have a small toast of champagne to his memory. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Christine Peterson at 301-938-9773 or Carol Hulce-Efdimis at 240-277-2494.

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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.

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:

Janet Lamkin
j.lamkin@comcast.net or
Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com
301 466-6557



Summary of the May 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the June 2022 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

- Treasurer Bill Brockman reviewed the Sandy Spring Bank account balances.
- President Lin Tate has asked Byron Ricketts to chair a committee to review Chapter bylaws. Lin Tate, Andy Wight, and Ron Marchessault volunteered to serve. Ron again pointed out that the Chapter would function better were policy & procedures manuals employed.
- The Sprint Wi-Fi has been dropping calls. The provider is switching to 5G.
- Fall Family campout is planned for Halloween weekend (October 29-30).
- Carol Efdimis will deactivate cards of those not renewing membership and will purge the database accordingly in August.

MOTIONS REQUIRING A VOTE:

- Bill Brockman made a motion for the Chapter to make a donation to Farmers and Hunters Feeding The Hungry. The motion was seconded by John Stinson and passed unanimously.
- Shannon Novak made a motion to allow the Scouts to hold a Wilderness First Aid course at the Chapter, running Friday to Sunday on September 23-25 and October 21-23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Andy Wight. After a discussion that confirmed availability of the Chapter House, the motion passed unanimously.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 1,040th Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

- The first order of business was holding the election of the 2022-2023 Slate of Officers. Bill Gordon officiated and thanked the Election Committee (Scott Harmon, Frank Parker, Jack Mandel, Phil Taylor, and John Lamb) for their hard work in selecting the Slate. There were no challenges to those entered for election. A quorum of members unanimously ratified the proposed candidates, who will be sworn in at the August dinner meeting:

Officers: *President* – Walt Allensworth; *1st VP* – Shannon Novak; *2nd VP* – Andy Wight; *Membership Secretary* – Meg O'Rourke; *Treasurer* – Bob Kelly; *Corresponding Secretary* – Janet Lamkin; *Recording Secretary* – Jerry Murray; *Past President* – Lin Tate.

Board Members: Deborah Behrend, Marc Bouchard, Dan Dutton, Joe Finnegan, and Kenneth West

Legacy Foundation Appointment: Jeff Seaman

- President Lin Tate asked Blaine Elkins, Chair of the Environmental Committee, to update the membership on the progress in the lead reclamation project.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke reported that total members at this time come to 856.
- Four new members were sworn in by President Lin Tate.
- Chapter House Chair Tucker Mostrom reported that on the docket are refurbishing of the men's room and a temporary landing for the new Adirondack chairs.

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SUMMARY

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- Farm Chair Phil Taylor reported that many projects, including spraying and mowing, are behind with the big tractor in the shop since April. Seven inches of rain in May didn't help.
- Trails Committee Chair Brian King removed a large fallen tree next to the Shotgun range.
- Hybrid and purebred chestnut cultivation continues in the greenhouse.
- Jack Mandel reported a successful youth archery event the prior week with 13 kids in attendance; this will be repeated the coming weekend.
- Kids are welcome at the July 20th dinner meeting.
- Bob Cissel updated the membership on relevant legislative issues, most importantly the federal HR 2773 Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021, now on the Senate calendar. Bob encouraged members to contact their senators to encourage passage.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Chip Dunn plans to retire at the end of August and the Chapter needs a new Kitchen Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Committee Chairs Needed!

Four of our Chapter Committees need a Chairperson(s):

**IT
Website
Chapter House
Kitchen**

(Chip Dunn is stepping down as of September 1)

Several of these positions could be shared by two members (co-chairs).

Contact President Lin Tate for more information

**lin@tate-tate.us
703 517-3675 (mobile)**

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

July 2022 Family Friendly Dinner/ Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

**Dinner served starting at 6:15pm
Activities for Children available after Dinner**

Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

Appetizers will be available before dinner

Regular Menu

**Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Salad, Dessert**

Children's Menu

**Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies/Ice Cream
and Juice Boxes**

Vegetarian Options are available

ZOOM DETAILS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119876726?pwd=QXdlldE5BVkp3c1JsR0ZNaEpGRmxKdz09>

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into your Mobile Phone)**

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(DC-MD-VA)**

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Password: 953816

July 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

**Wednesday, July 27
7:30pm**

DUE DATE

**for the August Newsletter Articles
Friday, July 29**

Submit articles to:

j.lamkin@comcast.net

Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com

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

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The next tour will take place on
Saturday, July 23 from 10:00am to approximately
1:00pm. Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter
House. New members, prospective members,
and current members are invited to take the tour.

Can you help?

Pavers have been donated to the Chapter to make a polished-but-temporary landing off of the chapter house front porch near the boardroom chimney. If you have experience in installing a landing, including landscaping timbers, and would be willing to donate your time and expertise, please let me know.

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Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 12, 2022 and runs through August 21, 2022. We are looking for volunteers to work the 6-hour shifts. The early

shift runs 10:00am to 4:00pm and the late shift 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Volunteers get free admission and a parking pass. It's a great way to earn your volunteer hours, as well as an opportunity to promote our organization and educate the community about our mission.

I'm also looking for any promotional material about the chapter and our activities that can be displayed or handed out at the booth. Please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com if you have any questions, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

Catkins on a Chestnut Tree



PHOTO BY BLAINE ELKINS

Multiple trees in the old Chestnut orchard have set flowers this year. We may have some nuts in the fall.

Family Friendly Chapter Dinner

Our next Family Friendly Chapter Dinner will be held on Wednesday, July 20. At this meeting, the Archery Committee will be offering an opportunity for our children to try archery. They will be setup just outside the



Chapter House and will begin once the dinner meeting starts. This allows the adults the opportunity to enjoy the regular chapter meeting and the kids to have fun. Hot dogs, chips, cookies/ice cream, and juice boxes will be provided. Vegetarian options are available. Keep the date clear and use this opportunity to bring your kids to the chapter.



Summer Biathlon Program Schedule

Steve Eschholz
240 472-6512 (text) 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 or text 240 472-6512. This year's schedule is below:

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| Saturday, July 23 | 7:30am |
| Saturday, August 6 | 7:30am |
| 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 |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

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| <i>Saturdays & Sundays</i> | <i>3-D Archery (July and early August)</i> | <i>9:00am – 1:00pm</i> |
| <i>Saturdays & Sundays</i> | <i>R&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>Mondays</i> | <i>BSA Scout Meetings – Chapter House (starting in September)</i> | <i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i> |
| <i>Tuesdays</i> | <i>Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range – through September</i> | <i>3:00pm – 6:00pm</i> |

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| Saturday, July 3 | Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand | 9:00am – 3:00pm |
| Monday, July 4 | License-Free Fishing Day | 8:30pm – 4:00pm |
| Wednesday, July 6 | Apollo Archery at the Archery Range | 6:00pm – dark |
| Saturday, July 9 | Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range | 7:30am |
| Saturday, July 9 | Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter house parking lot | 8:15am |
| Saturday, July 16 | Class at Foxfire Campsite (see article in newsletter) | 9:00am – 4:00pm |
| Saturday, July 16 | Private Event – get together to remember Tucker Mostrom | 4:00pm – 6:00pm |
| Sunday, July 17 | Chapter House Cleanup | 9:00am – 12:00 noon |
| Wednesday, July 20 | Shotgun Range Open before Membership Meeting | 3:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Wednesday, July 20 | 1,041st Membership Dinner Meeting Dinner/Activities for Kids | Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm |
| Saturday, July 23 | Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range | 7:30am |
| Saturday, July 23 | Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand | 9:00am – 3:00pm |
| Sunday, July 24 | Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range | Starting at 9:00am |
| Saturday, July 23 | New-Member Orientation Tour | 10:00am – 1:00pm |
| Wednesday, July 27 | Board of Governors Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Friday, July 29 | Articles for August Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net | By End of Day |
| Saturday, July 30 | R&P Range New Shooter Orientation – signup required | 10:00am |

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| 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 | Chapter House Cleanup | 9:00am – 12:00 noon |
| Wednesday, August 17 | 1,042nd Membership Dinner 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 – 1:00pm |
| Wednesday, August 24 | Board of Governors Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Friday, August 26 | Articles for September Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net | By End of Day |

SEPTEMBER

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| Thursday, September 1 | Opening Day of Dove Season | 12:00noon – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, September 1 | After Dove Shoot Cookout – at the Chapter House tentative date | 5:30pm |
| 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 | Fall Hunters' Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds | All Day |
| Sunday, September 11 | Fall Hunters' Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds | All Day |
| Saturday, September 17 | Chapter House Cleanup | 9:00am – 12:00 noon |
| Wednesday, September 21 | 1,043rd Membership Dinner 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 – 1:00pm |
| 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 |

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

COMING IN SEPTEMBER! Dove Hunt and Picnic

Volunteers will be needed at the picnic.

ATTENTION New Members!
*The next Chapter house cleanup is on
Sunday, July 17
Starting at 9:00am*

Emergency Medical Care and Land Navigation Class

Saturday, July 16, 2022

9:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Fox campsite

Instructor: Jonathan Tarkowski

Jonathan Tarkowski served in the US Navy for 26 years as a Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman serving with the US Marines as a Tactical Evacuation Specialist, and 6 years in the US Army as a Combat Engineer, earning his SAPPER tab. He successfully completed tours to Iraq and Afghanistan serving in remote and austere locations as the only medical provider for coalition forces and honing his land navigation skills. Jonathan qualified as a Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) and Land Navigation Instructor with the US Marine Corps and has assisted many Soldiers, Marines and Sailors qualify as medical force multipliers and become proficient in land navigation.

Class description:

In the morning, students will learn land navigation using a sighting compass and map. We will break for lunch, and in the afternoon students will learn the use of a Tourniquet, chest seal, and splint.

No equipment is necessary. If you have any equipment and you want to bring it, by all means.

Lunch will be provided. Free for members. Ask about non-members. Space is limited to 15 students. Students must be 15 and older. Email Campsite Chairman Jack Kang at jackhkang@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



Meet Mortimer, an Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake

PHOTO BY CAROL HULCE-EFDIMIS

ARCHERY RANGE

FIELD RANGE

Large outdoor field range is set up with four fixed bag targets set at 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards, plus a bison 3-D target set at 80 yards. The 20-yard and 30-yard fixed targets also include boards for sighting-in broadheads.

Each target distance contains two target bags, fixed shooting positions, bow hangars, and arrow holders.

3-D COURSE

(schedule on website – [BCCIWLA.org](https://bcciwla.org))

<https://bcciwla.org/archery>

Saturdays and Sundays

in July and Early August

9:00am – 1:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

We have certified USA Archery instructors at all times during these shoots and we are more than happy to give you a little instruction (and even loan some gear) if time permits.

3-D Course Fee on Weekends

\$7 members / \$10 non-members

B-CC Archery Range Officers may shoot during any daylight hours (no fee).

YOUTH, INSTRUCTION & APOLLO ARCHERY

Information can be found on the Chapter's website at bcciwla.org/archery.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in June 2022:

Scott Bohn

Interests: Archery; Campground; Youth Programs

Shankar Dhanaraj

Interests: Conservation Education; Photography; Rifle & Pistol

Paul Holley

Interests: Campground; Family Picnic; Hunter Education

Shawn Jeffers

Interests: Conservation Education; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Father's Day Fishing Derby 2022

John Novak, Co-chair, Ponds & Streams Committee
novakgang4@comcast.net

On the morning of Father's Day, June 19, 2022, six adults and 11 kids participated in a fishing derby at the big pond (Walton Pond). Between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, a total of 63 fish were caught, 22 by adults and 41 by kids. The catch included 13 largemouth bass, 48 bluegills, and 2 brown bullhead catfish. Prizes were awarded for the largest (total length) fish caught by an adult and kid, the second and third largest fish caught by a kid, and the most fish caught by a kid. Kids were grouped in 10 years old and under and 11 years old and older categories. The largest fish caught by an adult was a 9-inch largemouth bass. The largest fish caught by a kid 10 years and under was a 16-inch largemouth bass. The largest

fish caught by a kid 11 years and older was a 15.5-inch largemouth bass. For the 10 years and under and 11 years and over 11 categories for kids, the second largest fish caught was a 12-inch bullhead and 14.5-inch largemouth bass, respectively. The third largest fish caught by a kid 10 and under and a kid 11 and over was a 12-inch bullhead and a 9.75-inch largemouth bass, respectively. The most fish caught by a kid 10 and under was 8, while for a kid 11 and over was 6. Prizes were awarded for these winning catches at the luncheon.

Thanks to Pete Wirth, Brett Davis, and Jackie Young for assisting with this derby by measuring fish caught by the derby participants and recording catches. A big thanks to Andy Wight for purchasing the prizes. This derby was a great success as a good time was had by all and everyone caught at least one fish!

PHOTOS BY BRETT DAVIS AND KEVIN DERWIN



Shotgun Range Lead Reclamation Update July 1, 2022

For the Membership:

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) has taken the data supplied by the Chapter of the locations of the shotgun shooting points and the bearings of the line of fire, and plotted it to refine the shot fall zone. This has been revised twice after feedback from the chapter. With the revised shot fall plat in hand a meeting with WSSI and Anthony Gorski was held and the limits of disturbance defined.

WSSI has completed technical field work for the Wetlands delineation and Forestry delineation that are part of the Sediment Control Permit package. They are wrapping up surveying the data points from this work so they can be plotted on a drawing the first week of July.

Chapter representatives have met with The Agricultural Preservation rep, who acts as Grantee for Montgomery County under the Rural Legacy Easement on the farm and a representative of the soil conservation district to review the project and our Sediment Control Permit application. We have also met with representatives from Montgomery County Permitting Services representatives to review the project and our progress in developing a permit application. We are currently trying to schedule a meeting in early July to meet with Maryland National Park and Planning to introduce them to our chapter and the project.

Since it has become apparent that the permitting process will not be complete before the beginning of August, our lead reclamation contractor has been notified so they can adjust the schedule of their crews.

Blaine Elkins

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
240 620-6942 wparks29@gmail.com

There will be a **Sporting Clays Fun Shoot** on Sunday, July 24 starting at 9:00am; **there will be NO trap or skeet until the last squad has shot.**

The Range will be open three Saturdays this summer – July 23, August 6, and August 20, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Just a reminder that sometime in August the range may be closed for the lead reclamation project and will be reopening sometime in October. There will be NO use of the range during this time. Notices will go out in the newsletter and by email.

As 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 officers 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

JULY

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| Saturday, July 3 | Larry Anderson |
| Saturday, July 9 | Peter Insani, Need Range Officer |
| Sunday, July 10 | Need Range Officers |
| Sunday, July 17 | Paris Capalupo |
| Saturday, July 23 | Pat Dady, John Thereault |
| Sunday, July 24 | Need Range Officers |
| Sunday, July 31 | Need Range Officers |

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday, July 20

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| Prior to Dinner Meeting | 3:00pm to 5:00pm |
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Saturday, July 23

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| Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand | 9:00am to 3:00pm |
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Sunday, July 24

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| Sporting Clays Fun Shot | 9:00am to 1:00pm |
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Saturday, August 6

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| Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand | 9:00am to 3:00pm |
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Saturday, August 20

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| Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand | 9:00am to 3:00pm |
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Sundays

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| Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays | 9:00am to 5:00pm |
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Tuesdays

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| Sporting Clays Only | 3:00pm to 6:00pm |
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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.

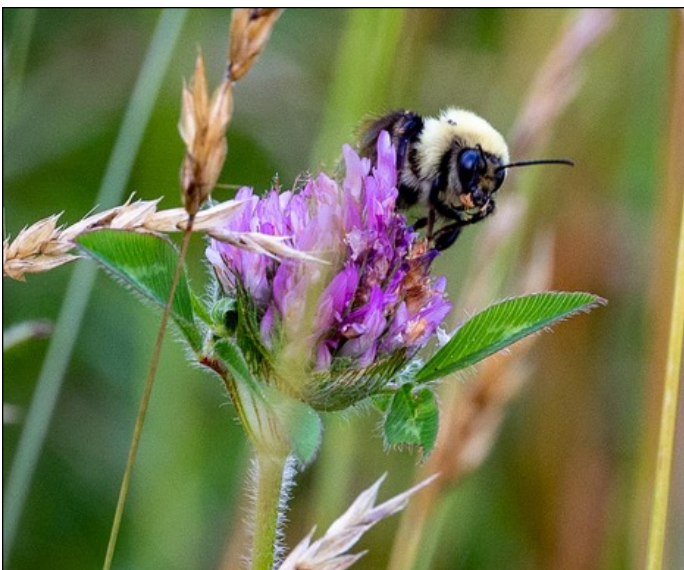


PHOTO BY ARTHUR BELENDIUK

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Gus Zinsser, Committee Chair
240 750-0979 GusZinsser4@gmail.com

R&P RANGE NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION

On Saturday, July 30, the R&P range will be hosting a New Shooter Orientation. This orientation is scheduled for 2-hours, starting at 10:00am, and is ideal for new chapter members or shooters as well as any existing member/shooter who wants a refresher.

This orientation will begin with an overview of firearms safety in the chapter house, including the rules of safe gun handling, types of firearms and ammunition, and required range safety equipment. No firearms or ammunition are allowed in the chapter house.

Then, this orientation will cover the proper and safe R&P range use, our range commands, and our range rules. Eye and hearing protection is required on the range.

This session will be limited to 12 chapter members. Additional sessions will be scheduled at a future date, based upon interest. Please use the SignUp Genius link below to reserve your spot today.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-rprange1>

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

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

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Saturday, July 2

Widenhofer, S., Rogers, B.,
Vinokurov, A., Cathcart, C.
Gori, R., Watt, D., Ives, A., Adams, J.
Finnegan, J., Widenhofer, S.,
Donovan, P., Gage, K., Dady, P.
Watt, D., Woodman, G., Delaney, C.,
Taylor, P.
Nanof, T., Stopher, D., Riccio, R.

Sunday, July 3

Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 10

Saturday, July 16

Sunday, July 17

Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 24

Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 31

Eschholz, S., Weixel, P., Gori, R.
Spence, P., Urgo, C.
Twomey, P.
Neily, J., Twomey, P., Taylor, P.

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Saturday, August 6

Sunday, August 7

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Maisel, J., Rogers, B., Neily, J.,
Bowman, M., Capalupo, P.

McDaniel, M., Dady, P., Lund, C.
Betmarik, J., Ives, A., McDaniel, M.
Myers, J., Roth, A.
Wight, A., Leahy, M., Roth, A.
Leahy, M., Cathcart, C.
Hammes, P., Batteh, K., Adams, J.,
Spence, P.

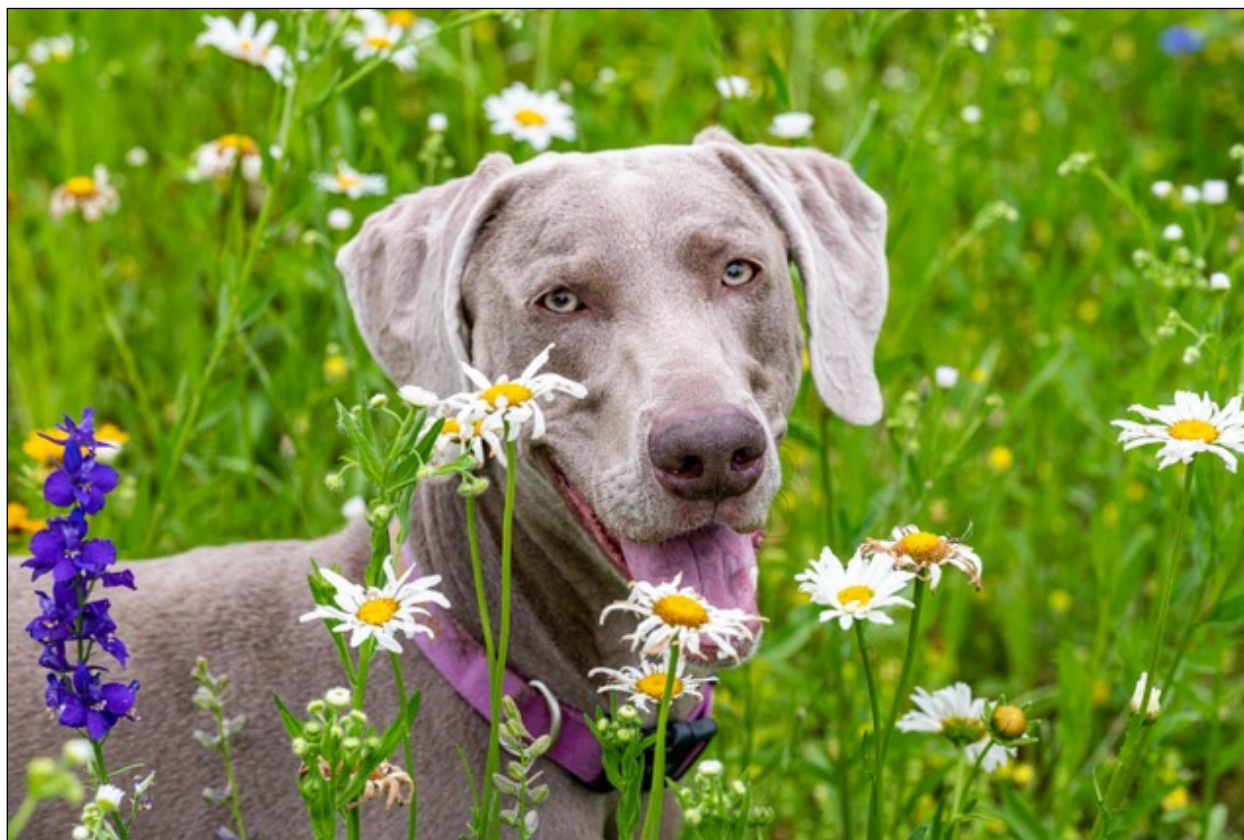


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Beginning Hunter Seminar Update

This year's Beginning Hunter Seminar was different in several ways. It was the largest class ever in the over ten years the program has been offered. It had two younger attendees newish to hunting, some attendees had never hunted, two were deciding on whether they wanted to hunt, and previous hunters from around the country who were trying to learn about different species and areas which they were new to. Scott Harmon had a schedule commitment/conflict, and for the first time Mark Gochmour taught the class by himself.

As usual for the icebreaker, the group introduced themselves and shared what kind of hunting they had done and what they wanted to learn about at the seminar.

Mark went through the manual, which he and Scott developed, and provided stories related to the material. With his over 50 years of hunting experience for multiple species in the United States there was much ground to cover, situations to avoid, and basic things to be aware of when planning, traveling, engaging, and participating in a hunting trip. There were group scenario discussions about how wind and water affect game species and the hunter, whether one should cross a field or go around it and when and why, and how does one know if there are deer in a particular woods. Safety, hunting tools, and ethical issues are shared as part of the indoor time.

Due to Scott's absence the treestand instruction and practice time was not done so the trip into the woods started much earlier in the afternoon shortly after lunch. The group headed out to the Nature Trail and then cut west to stay clear of the property line. The time in the woods was used spent learning and looking - for game activity, identifying trees, acorns for animal food, tulip poplars were evaluated for tree-stand potential as the group explored about the chapter property and about wood habitat, in general. No one saw any squirrels but there was much evidence of their presence with visible nut cuttings on stumps and fallen trees. No deer were seen but there were visible trails, bedding areas, fresh droppings, and the disturbance of dry leaves and hoof prints. It



the main trails were blocked with fallen trees so Brian King was notified. As usual, despite bug spray some ticks were found on the attendees.

The reviews for the seminar were again very positive and the comments provided validate why the seminar is held, what the attendees appreciated, and what they learned about. Each year, additional material is added to the manual or included in the discussions based on this feedback and new hunting adventures. One item added this year related to how to walk in the woods safely, ways to appreciate nature, and what actions can be taken to see more. This particular document is being revised for use in other venues but in particular for Poolesville High School's Global Ecology students for their annual Interpretative Walk in the Woods orientation in the fall.

The seminar is held annually, normally on the first Saturday in June. Reserve that date on your calendar now if this is something you, a family member, or friend are interested in participating in. Based on past performances, this will be a day well spent.



was determined that the group's activities were spooking deer away as they moved through the woods that afternoon. This year's group was extremely observant spotting mushrooms, deer droppings, prints, the hanging log, an old tree-stand strap high up on a tree, tulip poplar, oak, and pawpaw trees, and even some squirrel hair caught on a log. Pictures were taken and even a video recorded when the group discovered a black widow spider web with an active spider engaged with captured prey. Due to recent storms some of

Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range

Sunday, July 24

Starting at 9:00am

\$15 fee for 50 targets

\$5 Lewis

\$1 Lucky Draw

AS A REMINDER...

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

Chapter Members Participate in Total Archery Challenge

By Chuck Thornton

The Total Archery Challenge (TAC) series has become one of the hottest archery events in the country. TAC isn't a tournament or competition, but rather a series of fun and challenging 3D shoots around the country. TAC hosts 8-10 events annually at scenic locations, such as ski resorts, where they "professionally design archery courses to test the marksmanship of all skill levels. Each event includes over 100 3D targets which challenge shooters to adjust for distances, angles and natural obstacles." Registration for each event opens in February and fills within minutes – it's become a hugely popular event in the archery world.



During June 2-5, 2022, B-CC Chapter members Chuck Thornton, John Gorney, Jack Mandel, and Owen Helman participated in the TAC event at Seven Springs, PA. The group shot different courses each day, plus John and Owen shot multiple courses on Friday and Saturday. John accumulated the following statistics: 4 days; 5 courses; 115 targets; 54,500 steps; 23 miles covered; and, 147 stories of elevation change.



Since TAC is not a tournament, the organizers do not collect scores or enforce rules. Participants are welcome to use range finders, shoot any style of archery, and shoot from any safe and comfortable distance. Official shooting positions ranged in distance from 20 yards to 120 yards, with many targets obscured by logs, brush, and other obstacles. Likewise, the course designers plotted shots

through narrow tree corridors, across valleys, up/down steep angles, and into shaded target positions.

The only true measure of success was how many/few arrows each participant lost over the weekend ... but we're not going to divulge our statistics on that score.

The event also included a Vendor Village, numerous evening parties and social gatherings, a practice range, and novelty shots with chances to win prizes. Altogether, it was a cool atmosphere where all of the archers supported each other, had a great time, tuned up their hunting skills, stretched the limits of their equipment, tested their fitness, and enjoyed fellowship.

Read more about TAC: <https://totalarcherychallenge.com/>

We plan to return in 2023, and hope more Chapter members will join us! According to TAC's motto, "Life is better with a bow."



NestWatch Report

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June was an active month for the songbird species we track. Several Tree Swallow and Eastern Bluebird broods fledged, and a few Eastern Bluebird second nesting attempts are underway. Our team focused primarily on our Purple Martin young. They occupy most of the 46 nesting spaces in our two martin houses and gourd system. Replenishing the nesting materials with fresh pine pre fledging period of 28 days. Unlike the other two cavity nesting species we follow, young Purple Martins return to their nests at dusk after fledging. If you watch these aviators from the chapter house side porch, you will see them disappear into their slots just before the sun goes down. The martins chatter as they hunt for insects and grab them on the fly. Almost all young will fledge in July, so take the time to come out this month and enjoy their acrobatics and song.

Many thanks to our diligent NestWatch team, Theresa Zmola, Pat McNeilly, Peter Cappellino and guest Linda Green, who arrive each week at 7 a.m. to begin checking our stand-alone nest boxes and Purple Martin houses and gourds.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Tucker Mostrom, our good friend and an enthusiastic supporter of our bird conservation efforts at the chapter. May he rest in peace.

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Tree Swallow Eggs



Tree Swallow Nestling – about 8 days old



Mother Tree Swallow with nestlings



Bluebird Eggs



Young Bluebird Chicks



Eastern Bluebird Chicks



Newly Hatched Purple Martins



Purple Martin Chicks - 11 days old



Purple Martin Chicks - 18 days old



Purple Martins almost to the point of fledging