



JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

Serving the Community Since 1935

PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

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President's Message

'To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.' -Izaak Walton League Mission Statement

May has been a busy month at the chapter and I have been fortunate to be involved in several of the activities. One that was directly tied to our mission statement was our Conservation Education and Award Dinner. Those that attended had the pleasure of seeing 5 senior projects from students in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Program. Our Conservation Education committee reviewed all the student projects and chose these 5 as the ones that most closely aligned with our organization's pledge and mission statement. We gave each of these students a \$500 award to encourage their continued work in these fields, and IWLA National has several grants and programs to help them continue to pursue conservation in their college careers.

In addition to meeting the students and a fine spaghetti dinner prepared by volunteers from our chapter, we had Samantha Puckett as our speaker. Samatha is the Clean Water Program Director for IWLA National. She oversees the organization's Salt Watch, Nitrate Watch, and Save our Streams (SOS) programs. These programs are looking for volunteers to help them collect more data. The salt and nitrate watch programs have made it very easy and family friendly to collect and report data with self-test kits that can be used as you are out for a walk and pass by a stream along with on-line reporting. You can even test your tap water. The test kits and reporting information are available on the IWLA National website. The Save our Streams (SOS) program is also a great one to do as a family. Dan Dutton is the chair of our chapter's local program and you will learn a lot about

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IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT... the **FATHER'S DAY SWAP MEET** and **SILENT AUCTION** **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Set up - 8:00am

Event - 9:00am to 3:00pm



We all have too much stuff!
And you've had a year to see just how much...

If you have anything **outdoors** related and ...
would like a **table** for the **Father's Day swap meet**
or to **donate** an item for the **silent auction**, please call or email:

Lawrence Kotchek 240 793- 5316 lawrence@print1.com

Tables are limited and will be reserved
in the order requested.

Open to both members and prospective members.
Tables cost **\$10.00** with money going to the Land Fund.

Silent auction benefits the Land Fund.

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

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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
301 466-6557

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA MISSION STATEMENT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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what a healthy stream has in it and how to improve the health of the stream by coming to one of our sampling events.

My goal with these messages is to get you outside, whether it is at the chapter or elsewhere, and enjoy what nature has provided. We have more family-friendly events coming up in June that I encourage you to attend. Two of the more popular are the Father's Day Swap Meet & Picnic and Heritage Day. These events showcase the diversity of our chapter and are a great way to meet your fellow chapter members. There are more details about both in the newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Jerry Murray
President

Summary of the April 2026 Board of Governors Meeting and the April 2026 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
- Guests: Valerie Carregal, John Lamb
- Advanced Planning update: Container ordered for barn. Received pricing on new stove. Valerie Carregal will look into additional pricing and discounts/donations for stove. Provided update on grant spending for Ponds and Streams and Junior Rifle programs. Grant applications for the Shotgun Range screens have been submitted. We should hear about a Log Cabin grant for roofing in July.
- Bob Pavlick is stepping down as National Director due to health issues. If anyone is interested in taking over let Jerry Murray know.
- Bob Kelly provided an update on our account balances and major deposits and withdrawals.
- The two NRA classes contributed funds to our budget.
- Membership Secretary Scott Harmon reported that 4 new members joined last month. Total membership is at 635. Two membership applications were approved.
- Andy Wight provided a brief update on how the member section of the website will work in regard to renewals.
- 1st VP Shannon Novak gave an update on spring clean up, we had about 60 members attend.
- Discussion about Porta-John's (Sam's Creek) - the quality of the service has declined. We will notify the vendor.
- An update was provided on the Shotgun Range. A 50 target sporting clays course has been set up. We need more range officers. Members do not have to wait a year to apply to become a range officer.
- John Lamb talked about the upcoming Hunter Education class.

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SUMMARY

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- Conservation Education Dinner on May 28. Samantha Puckett from National IWLA will be the speaker, talking about the league's clean water programs.
- Heritage Day is being held on the last weekend in June, Saturday only.
- Andy Wight talked about the revised Poolesville Day.
- Janet Lamkin mentioned that the scouts are looking for projects.
- Discussion about orienteering proposal. We have applied for a grant to set up a program.
- IT will set up 'alias' emails for the committees. Val mentioned that Google workspace has a similar set up for non-profits. Andy Wight said they will investigate using Google.
- Ad-hoc Committee - Donations and Grants: Valerie Carregal discussed setting up a donation page using Zeffy to collect the donations when the DONATE button is used. She showed National's web page and how their DONATE button follows you on each page. Val showed other options we can use with this system.
- Motion was made by Andy Wight to add a donation button to the web page for general donations. **Motion passed.**
- Andy Wight asked Val to do a write-up about donations for the webpage and the newsletter.
- Jerry Murray stated that we should have a dedicated social media coordinator to post on our sites.
- Andy Wight provided an update on the nominating committee.
- Jerry Murray talked about the annual awards that will be submitted to Maryland and National.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Bob Kelly reviewing liability waivers for facility and firearm use.
- Donated firearms policy will be added to the chapter rules.
- National Convention is July 16-18.
- Father's Day: Carol is looking into a menu for lunch. Shotgun, R&P, and Archery ranges will be open. Larry Kotchek will have the tables set up in chapter house for the swap meet.
- Andy Wight wanted to make sure we are collecting money for use of the facilities.

NEW BUSINESS THAT REQUIRES A MOTION:

- **Motion** for the Rural Republican Women to use the chapter house for an event from 12:00 noon till 9:00pm on Saturday, October 10. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** for NAVHDA to use the chapter house, the dog training field, and the big pond on June 13 and 14. Andy requested they provide insurance liability (additional insured). **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** to allow members to take live fish from the large pond at the discretion of the Ponds and Streams chair in order to keep an optimum fish population. Board will review and provide approval on a case by case basis. We have one request from a member for bass and bluegill to stock his pond. **Motion passed.**
- John Lamb read request from Rich Clements for a **Motion** to use the chapter house (or boardroom) 8:30am - 6:00pm and ranges from 1:00pm - 3:30pm for NRA training classes on: June 7th - Basic Pistol; July 12th - Basic Pistol; August 9th - Basic Shotgun. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** made to approve new member applications. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** made to release funds for the Past President's dinner. **Motion passed.**

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Scott Harmon stated that Walt Allensworth volunteered to coordinate the Land Fund telethon this year.
- Discussion about a bookkeeper to help with the financial reports.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Wednesday, April 15 – 1,087th Membership and Dinner Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President Jerry Murray.
- President Jerry Murray reviewed the following events: Spring Cleanup Day; Hunter Education Course; Montgomery Bird Walk; Military Fun Shoot; and Family Campout. Emphasized volunteer needs for committees, kitchen team, and accounting support.
- 50/50 raffle conducted; proceeds directed toward AV equipment.
- Recognition presented to Janet Lamkin for receiving the **2025 Judge W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award.**
- Guest speaker Chris Oleniewski presented on **concealed carry laws and responsibilities in Maryland.** Key points:
 - o Maryland Wear & Carry Permit requirements (age, background, eligibility).
 - o Training requirements (16 hours initial, 8 hours renewal).
 - o Legal restrictions, particularly in Montgomery County.
 - o Carry insurance: not required but strongly recommended.
 - o Practical considerations for lawful carry and personal responsibility.
 - o Q&A covered reciprocity, transport rules, and risk considerations.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly reported on the balance of the Chapter's 6 accounts.
- Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin shared information on:
 - o Continued promotion of conservation and family-focused programming.
 - o Environmental Initiative – Wildflower Planting – Emphasis on long-term habitat restoration and natural propagation benefits.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Notification of Pepco rate increase hearings and upcoming public meeting dates.

Motion to adjourn approved.

HELP NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN -

Membership Dinner Meetings

We are still in need of additional cooks for our dinner meetings. If you can help out in any way, either short or long term, please get in touch with Carol Hulce-Efdimis. The help does not have to be a long-term commitment, even cooking or helping for one dinner would be appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

B-CC IWLA and Community

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

1,088th Membership / Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, June 18
Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm
Chapter Elections
See this page of the Newsletter

New Prospective members Orientation Tour

Saturday, June 20
10:00am – approximately 11:30am
Meet at the Chapter House
See page 11 of the Newsletter

Father's Day Events

Sunday, June 21
Swap Meet and Silent Auction in the Chapter House
9:00am – 3:00pm
Archery, R&P & Shotgun Ranges are open
See pages 1 and 6 of the Newsletter

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 25
7:00pm
See this page of the Newsletter

Heritage Montgomery Day

Saturday, June 27
12:00 noon – 4:00pm
See page 8 of the Newsletter

Trapper Education Training and Certification Opportunity

Saturday, August 29
10:00am – 6:00pm
See page 9 of the Newsletter

Small Pond Trout Fishing

*There are still trout in the
small pond!*

***Report the number and
species caught to:**

John Novak,
novakgang4@comcast.net,
301-385-0943

or

Peter Wirth,
Peter_Wirth@verizon.net,
301-915-6763.



June 2026 1,088th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

50 / 50 Raffle

(tickets are available in the Boardroom)
Price per ticket: \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5

Dinner Tickets are sold in the Boardroom
Adults – \$15; Kids – \$7

Menu

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Appetizers, Rolls, Dessert
Bring your own Libations

Dinner served starting at 6:15pm

Membership Meeting starts at 7:30pm

**Chapter Elections of Officers
and Board Members**

June 2026 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

7:00pm

Membership Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Membership Secretary & Committee Chair
301 467-0645 (cell) membershipsecretary.bcc.iwla@gmail.com

As of the May Board Meeting, membership stands at 652 total Members: 325 Individuals, 218 Family, 62 Retired Individuals, 34 Retired Families, 9 Associates, 3 Student, and 1 Youth.

We are on the verge of going live with the new member's area of the website. In this private area, members will be able to manage their profile, request membership changes, log their work hours and quickly renew memberships.

This year members should log their own work hours. Please use the link below to log your hours.

<https://bcciwla.org/log-your-hours/>

If you have an interest in joining the Membership Committee, reach out to me as we can always use the help.

Lastly, it's important to increase our membership this year. Share our beautiful farm by inviting friends and family to join you at our ranges, fish at the big pond, go for a hike, or bring them to a dinner meeting.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!

The following were inducted as members to the Chapter at the May Dinner Meeting:

Mike and Abigail Finan – Family Membership
Interests: Archery; Campgrounds; Hunters Education

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Weekly Events

Mondays

Troop 2027G Meetings (Board Room)

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Mondays

Troop 496B Meetings (Chapter House)

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Sundays

Shotgun Range Open

9:00am – 3:00pm

JUNE

Wednesday, June 17	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, June 18	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday, June 18	Cub Scout Pack 694 – Chapter House	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, June 20	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am – 9:30am
Saturday, June 20	IWLA MD Division Meeting – in the Chapter House	9:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Swap Meet & Silent Auction & Picnic & Ranges are open	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, June 20	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am – 9:30am
Saturday, June 20	New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour SignUp Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-62715355-bcc	10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday, June 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Thursday, June 25	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Friday, June 26	Articles for July Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, June 27	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am – 9:30am
Saturday, June 27	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, June 27	Heritage Day at the Chapter	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 28	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm

JULY

Wednesday, July 1	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range – Veterans & Active Military Invited	6:00pm – dusk
Thursday, July 2	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, July 4	No Maryland DNR Fishing License Required	6:00am – 10:00pm
Thursday, July 9	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, July 11	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am – 9:30am
Saturday, July 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, July 12	NRA Basic Pistol Training Class	8:30am – 6:00pm
Wednesday, July 15	Monthly Dinner & Membership Meeting	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, July 16	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, July 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, July 23	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, July 25	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am – 9:30am
Saturday, July 25	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, July 26	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday, July 30	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Friday, July 31	Articles for August Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 5	Apollo Archery to the Archery Range – Veterans & Active Military Invited	6:00pm – dusk
Thursday, August 6	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, August 8	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am
Sunday, August 9	NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting Course	8:30am – 6:00pm
Thursday, August 13	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, August 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, August 15	NAVHDA Fall Test	8:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, August 16	NAVHDA Fall Test	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, August 19	Monthly Dinner & Membership Meeting	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, August 20	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, August 22	Summer Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am
Wednesday, August 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, August 27	Log Cabin Workday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Friday, August 28	Articles for September Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, August 29	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, August 29	Trapper Education Training and Certification	10:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday, August 30	3-D Archery Course Open to members and guests	9:00am – 1:00pm

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS Sunday, June 21

Swap Meet and Silent Auction
Tables are available for \$10
9:00am — 3:00pm
in the Chapter House

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Archery Range Open
(Field Range — target bags)

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Shotgun Range Open
Sporting Clays
9:00am — 3:00pm
Members — \$10; Guests — \$12
(special price for Father's Day only!)

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Rifle & Pistol Range Open
9:00am — 4:00pm

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Cookout at the Chapter House
12:00 noon

Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth

Steve Poss
bandsposs@gmail.com



We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 14, 2026 and runs through August 22, 2026.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

Chapter Elections and the Election Committee

Andy Wight, Committee Chair
240 205-3982 andywight1@hotmail.com

Our Chapter is entirely volunteer run, with all officers and members of the Board of Governors serving one year terms. Each term begins on September 1 and concludes at the end of August. Thanks to strong participation and steady leadership, we maintain excellent continuity from year to year. Officers typically progress through the leadership ranks toward the presidency, which allows them to serve for multiple years. The immediate past president also remains on the board as a voting member for the year following their term.

The proposed 2026 - 2027 slate is published below and posted on the Chapter House notice board. Elections take place at the June dinner meeting, and the incoming board is sworn in at the August meeting.

Please consider attending the June dinner meeting to vote on the proposed slate.

At the present time, the 2nd Vice President position has not been filled. If you are interested in serving in this position, please feel free to contact the Election Committee Chair, **Andy Wight**, at **240 205 3982** or andywight1@hotmail.com, or speak with any current Board member. Serving is a wonderful way to learn more about the League and all that our Chapter offers its members.

Proposed Slate for Board of Governors 2026 – 2027

Officers

President	Shannon Novak
First VP	Sean-David Waterman
Second VP	Open
Treasurer	Bob Kelly
Membership Secretary	Gina Staver
Recording Secretary	Derek Woodward
Corresponding Secretary	Janet Lamkin

BOG Members

Alex Cowan	Tom Moore
Vic Ezerski	Dan Pasquale
Sebastian Fainbraun	

Past President

Jerry Murray

Legacy Board – B

Ted Whitehouse

Muzzleloader Raffle Winner

Chapter member Jason Griffin won the muzzleloader raffle with ticket #0132. We sold 60 tickets for the raffle so the chapter netted \$1,200 which will go into our general fund. The rifle was one of two donated by Greg Mueller. The other rifle was donated by the chapter to IWLA National for their silent auction at the 2024 National Convention in Cambridge, MD.



Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

Larry Hess, Chair
larry.a.hess@gmail.com

The Range will be open on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Any current Range Officer who has not received their duty day assignments should contact Larry Hess (larry.a.hess@gmail.com).

4th Annual Military Fun Shoot

The shoot was held on May 16th (Armed Forces Day). We started out with a round of Battleship on the Pistol side of the range. This was followed by the Best Poker hand (totally random, 10 shots at the back of the card deck best 5 cards wins). We finished with a skill competition (5 shots at the back of the target, "draw", flip the target to the front side, throw away up to 4 cards with an ace and shoot for the best hand while looking at the cards. This was done with both rifles and pistols. Prizes were awarded to the winners.



Firearms Training Courses

We will be hosting a variety of firearms training courses at the chapter this year thanks to member Rich Clement who is certified in a wide variety of firearms training courses. The next three offerings the **NRA Basic Pistol Training including MD Handgun Qualification**, scheduled for June 7th and July 12th and the **NRA Basics Shotgun Shooting Course** on August 9th. More courses are planned subject to scheduling restrictions.

Junior Rifle Program

We started the new season of the Junior Rifle Program on May 12th and are planning to continue approximately twice a month on Tuesday evenings. We are starting with some introductory sessions followed by a structured marksmanship program with regular practices that include safety briefings and skill development with the opportunity to compete in local competitions. All equipment will be provided. If interested, please contact Larry Hess: larry.a.hess@gmail.com or Daniel Koehn: dkoehn13@gmail.com.



Archery Range Committee Update

Chuck Thornton, Chair
Archery.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

We have resumed hosting military service members and veterans and the first responder community for Apollo Archery on the first Wednesday of each month through October. Apollo Archery dates: July 1st; August 5th; September 2nd; October 7th.

We will offer the 3D shoots from 9:00am – 1:00pm on the last weekend of each month. Public 3D shoot dates: June 27 – 28, July 25 – 26, and August 29 – 30.

The Archery Committee will also be offering instructional sessions throughout the Summer. Stay tuned to the archery email list for announcements.

Finally, we are planning to host a fun tournament next Summer (2027). Please contact Scott Gordon at Archery.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com if you would like to help us with planning and logistics.

And of course, the range is always open – come out and shoot any time!

Shotgun Range Report

Jerry Murray
jerrym5@comcast.net

A 50-target Sporting Clays course is set up at the shotgun range. The range is open on Sundays from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The fees per round will remain the same as before: \$14 for guests, \$12 for members (same for members from other IWLA chapters w/ ID) and \$55 for a book of 5 tickets.

If you are interested in being a range officer at the range, please contact me.

B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program 2026 Practice Schedule

MISSION: To provide a venue for novice through world class summer biathletes to learn and/or refine the skills inherent to the sport.

To provide a vehicle to introduce athletes of other sports to the shooting sports and consequently an understanding of firearms and the Second Amendment.

(B-CC IWLA members – please recruit, in particular, middle school, high school, and collegiate athletes – freedom/liberty is never more than one generation away from extinction.)

ELIGIBILITY: Summer Biathlon is open to all B-CC IWLA members 12 years and older, as well as, sponsored guests. **B-CC IWLA members rate is \$2.00 per session. Non-member rate is \$5.00 per session. SEASON PASS:** member – \$25; non-member – \$65

EVENT: Running distances at B-CC IWLA are set at 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) split into 5 loops or 3 -- one-mile loops. Currently, a single course at each length has been laid out. A short course for those working up to the other distances has been laid out as well. The regulation shooting distance is 50 meters, however, targets are also set at 25 meters for development of the shooting art. There are four shooting stops on the 5km course and two stops on the 3 mile course. Shooting stops alternate between prone (lying down) and off-hand (standing) positions. Five rounds are fired at each stop for a total of 20 shots on the 5km course and 10 shots on the 3 mile course. An equal number of shots are fired from each shooting position.

SCORING: Scoring is based on a time to complete basis. A penalty of either one (1) minute or a 50-100 meter penalty lap will be assessed for each shot missed.

EQUIPMENT: .22 caliber biathlon rifles are the standard; however, any magazine fed, .22 caliber rifle with either bolt or lever action is permitted. **Only standard velocity .22 caliber target ammunition is allowed.**

If you have questions or wish to be on the B-CC IWLA mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz c: 240- 472-6512 (text/best) / fitnesscrafters@proton.me, chairman B-CC IWLA Biathlon Committee. Other points of contact are: Sonny Lacey c: 469-360-3500 (text best) / sonny@coldwaterdesign.com; Sean Stevens c: 202-230-2256 (text best) / seanhoya@gmail.com.

Practice Schedule Dates

Saturday, June 20	7:30am
Saturday, June 27	7:30am
Saturday, July 11	7:30am
Saturday, July 25	7:30am

Saturday, August 8 7:30am (3rd Annual B-CC IWLA Biathlon)

Saturday, August 22	7:30am
Saturday, Sept. 12	7:30am
Saturday, Sept. 26	7:30am
Saturday, Oct. 3	7:00am*

*Note earlier start time



HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION AT THE CHAPTER

Saturday, June 27

12:00 noon – 4:00pm

The B-CC IWLA Chapter is pleased to open its doors once again for Heritage Days and will offer access to our site to promote our conservation message as well as share our local history. This year marks the 27th annual Heritage Days weekend, a countywide festival offering programs, activities, and tours appealing to visitors of all ages and interests.

We encourage you to come to the Chapter, enjoy our displays, activities, and discover things about the chapter you may not know. Family activities such as fishing, archeology, colonial living, archery, air pistols, bird watching, wildlife and insect displays, in addition to a picnic lunch and soft drinks. This is a great chance to visit the chapter with your family and/or bring guests to show what the IWLA is all about. Gates will be open from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on Saturday, June 27th (Rain or Shine).

Questions, contact Andy Wight –
ConservationEducation.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

We need volunteers to help at the event!

Have time to volunteer or need volunteer hours? Please sign up using the link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-63229059-2026>



PHOTOS FROM JUNE 2025 EVENT

Trapper Education Training and Certification Opportunity

Saturday, August 29th 10:00am – 6:00pm

On Saturday, August 29, from 10:00am – 6:00pm, there will be a training at the Chapter to be certified as a Trapper as part of the Maryland Advanced Hunter Education program. Attendees will be taught by experts with years of experience. Take advantage of this opportunity as this training is usually hours away; instead the instructors will be coming to Poolesville.

This class is the in-person Maryland Trapper Education Course. This is part of the Maryland Hunter Safety Program's Advanced Hunter Education Series. However, a Maryland Furbearer Permit AND Trapper Ed Certification is required if a person intends to trap furbearers in Maryland.

Here is the link to register:

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/244359>

It is important to follow all of the instructions in this registration announcement including reading the Welcome Letter and using the QR code to download and print the Maryland Trapper Ed Workbook which needs to be filled out ahead of time as part of the training. The Maryland Trapper Student Manual is also downloadable as an aid.

Conservation Education and Award Dinner

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair

On Thursday, May 29, we held our annual Conservation Education and Award dinner, which was unfortunately poorly attended by members. Following our traditional spaghetti dinner, a big thank you to Mark and his team, we recognized five outstanding projects completed by the seniors in the Global Ecology program at Poolesville High School. Awards for these projects, aligned with our mission of conservation education, were presented to:

- Clara Becker for her study of a new model for mitigation banking (growing trees on land to offset development) using natural forest regeneration.
- Nicole Bocek for her tests of PFAS levels, comparisons to EPA benchmarks, and the need for continued testing and mitigations in the Poolesville municipal water supply.
- Riley Sutton for his survey of hikers of the Appalachian Trail at Harpers Ferry looking at whether or not hikers of different skill levels would benefit from different messaging about "Leave No Trace" policies.
- Maren Petersen for her interesting public data study on how noise levels around Florida correlate to populations of endangered birds.
- Kareena Gupta for her research on re-using dredged material from Baltimore harbor along roadways to filter the asphalt runoff and prevent auto waste from entering streams while also solving the problem of what to do with the dredged material.

On top of this, we also had guest speaker Samantha Puckett, Clean Water Program Director from National IWL. Samantha talked about the various water programs, Nitrate Watch, Saltwatch, and Save our Streams, highlighting the role of citizen scientists, the importance of understanding the quality of the water we drink and what we can do to help monitor. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped setup, cook and clean at the end of the night.



Wildflower Committee Report

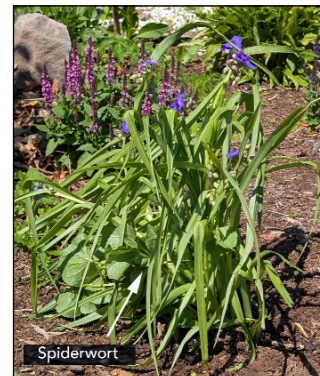
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The Wildflower Committee has two goals:

- First, to improve the quality of our meadows. In particular to improve our monarch butterfly habitat near the Chapter House.
- And second, to promote appreciation and understanding of wildflowers.

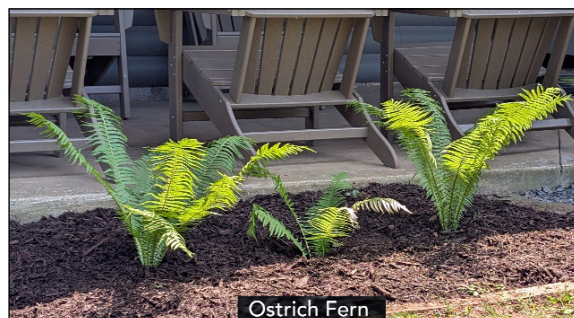
Our farm contains 32 acres of meadows of which 2.5 acres is designated as our "Wildflower Meadow". The good news is that Native Milkweed has become firmly established in this field.

But we need additional flowers that bloom at other times of the year. Therefore, members of our committee planted a wildflower named **Spiderwort**. It is a native plant that has been missing from our farm. **Spiderwort** has an unattractive sounding name. But it's highly beneficial for pollinators because it produces a lot of flowers for several weeks during springtime. Furthermore, Spiderwort is deer-resistant, drought-tolerant, and it spreads quickly.



In addition, we planted native **Wild Violets**. Violets form a ground cover and are a favorite food for both rabbits and deer. Hopefully these plants will put up a fight against the foreign invasive plants that are established in this field.

On another occasion our committee planted **Ostrich Ferns** along the edge of the front porch. These attractive plants beautify the Chapter House. Signage informs members that these are a native species.



PHOTOS BY WILDFLOWER COMMITTEE

Nearby, on the eastern side of the building, is a garden with a number of native wildflowers. We added a large **Spiderwort** plant there as well. Members can take a close look at his interesting flower without needing to walk out into the meadow.

DUE DATE
for July Newsletter Articles is
Friday, June 26.

Submit articles to: j.lamkin@comcast.net
If the article contains photos, please submit them as separate jpg files and include a caption and photo credits.

The Log Cabin Committee Report

David Mecklenburg, Chair
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Thank you to all the chapter members who helped at the log cabin in May. By the time you read this, the painting of the trim on the inside windows should be completed with primer coat and two coats of paint. The white paint really brightens things up, also new latches on the windows should be in place. This coming month we will be working on painting the outside trim.

The log cabin committee has an email list of current members who are willing to help with future tasks. We are currently meeting on Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm and as the weather improves some weekend days which will be announced. If you would like to be added the email list, please send me your contact information to dmecklenburg1@gmail.com. Helping at the cabin is a great way to earn work hours.

The log cabin will be open for Heritage Day on June 27th so please come down and visit.



PHOTO BY DAVID MECKLENBURG

New latches are being installed on the windows.



June 13, and July 4, 2026
No recreational fishing license required on these days.

All other state fishing regulations apply.

Go to dnr.maryland.gov for more information.

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Calendar Submissions

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to **1st Vice President Shannon Novak**, snovak516@gmail.com; **Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin**, j.lamkin@comcast.net, and **Archaeology Chair**, bcc_archaeology@yahoo.com.

**50/50
Raffle**
Help Support
the Chapter!



**Raffle tickets will be available
at the monthly dinner meeting**

\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

50% goes to the ticket holder

**50% goes to the Chapter
to improve the A/V system:**

**update sound/projector system, with
ability to host and record zoom meetings**

NestWatch Committee Report

Linda Green
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By the last week of May, the Eastern Bluebirds nesting in the boxes on our property were wrapping up their first broods, with most chicks already fledged. This is the time that you may be lucky enough to witness the young birds begging for food from their parents, as they are still learning to navigate finding food on their own for their first couple of weeks out of the nest. The Tree Swallows have been moving in closely behind these completed Bluebird nests, with most of their new nests full of eggs or hatchlings now. In fact, several nests were built directly on top of the recently fledged Bluebird nests! Near the Chapter House, the Purple Martin towers and gourd nests are nearly all filled with large broods of 5 – 7 eggs each. Their chicks generally hatch in early June.

These boxes will require nest changes from mid-June through early July, to reduce the risk of parasites affecting the health of the chicks. This will be especially important for some of the gourd nests that have taken on additional moisture with the rainy weather in the last weeks of May. It is during this time that the NestWatch team could use additional support. If you are interesting in getting involved with this project, please email Linda Green at lindakpgreen@gmail.com.



Eastern Bluebird Eggs



Eastern Bluebird Chicks



Eastern Bluebird Older Chicks



*Tree Swallow Hatchlings
and Egg*



Tree Swallow Chicks



Tree Swallow Adult Male

New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour

Come join us on the B-CC IWLA Orientation Tour. The next tour will take place on: **Saturday, June 20** from 10:00am to approximately 11:30am ***if weather permits.***

There will not be a tour in July nor August. Tours resume in September.

This event is open to all members (new and old) and those who are interested in membership to the chapter or just curious about what we do.

Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House. Follow Izaak Walton Way through the gate to the Chapter House parking lot where we will be meeting to start the tour.

Signup for the tour using the signup genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-62715355-bcc>

Please make sure you include your email address and cell phone number so that if the tour needs to be canceled due to a change in the weather, Christine will be able to contact you.

Contact Christine – christineakcp@comcast.net or 301 938-9773 (cell) if you have questions.

Spring Advancement and Crossover Highlights at the B-CC Chapter - Izaak Walton League

Michael Garland, BSA Troop 773

Celebrating Our Scouts Moving Up, With a Special Thanks to the B-CC IWLA

On the weekend of May 2nd, our Cub Scout Pack 773 gathered at the B-CC Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for our annual Spring Advancement and Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony. More than 30 families enjoyed the outdoors for the afternoon including field games, picnics, and a campfire. 12 families camped overnight, some for the very first time.



Older Scouts Lead the Opening Ceremony

The event kicked off with the older youth from the Scouts BSA Troop 773 leading the opening ceremony. Nine middle and high school scouts came to lead the campfire and the advancement ceremony, providing leadership and public speaking opportunities for them. Wearing their uniforms, they marched in the American and pack flags to the beat of a drum.

Having the older scouts run the opening ceremony is a long-standing pack tradition which kept the younger Cub Scouts focused and exemplified the leadership skills they will develop as they grow in Boy Scouts.



Celebrating Pack Advancements

The first half of the evening focused on celebrating the hard work of the entire pack.

- **Moving Up:** Every den (age group) was called up to the campfire to be recognized for completing their rank requirements.
- **Parent Participation:** Parents joined their scouts up front to help swap out their old neckerchiefs for the colors of their next rank.
- **Patches and Handshakes:** Pack leaders and older scouts congratulated each boy with a handshake and their new rank patch.
- **Stories and Tales:** Our Cubmaster taught the families some local history and shared the story of the restoration of the Willard Cabin.



The Arrow of Light Crossover

The main event of the night was the Arrow of Light ceremony. This rank is the highest achievement a Cub Scout can earn, marking the official end of their time in the pack and the beginning of their journey into Boy Scouts. 11 fifth-grade scouts earned their Arrow of Light Crossing Over from Cub Scouts to join the Boy Scout troop.



To mark the transition, the pack held an arrow lighting ceremony. Each Webelo scout came forward and with the guidance of pack leaders, held a flaming arrow to symbolize taking on new responsibilities and outdoor adventures.

S'mores and Wrap-Up

Once the formal ceremony concluded, the pack finished the night with an exciting campout. Scouts had roasting sticks, graham crackers, and marshmallows for s'mores around the fire.

A big thank you to the B-CC Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for allowing us to use your facilities, and to Mr. LeNard for being a wonderful host of those beautiful grounds and wonderful property.

Congratulations to all our advancing scouts and our new Boy Scout members. Good luck on the trail ahead!

PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER
Thursday, June 4, 2026



On June 4th, Past Chapter President Andy Wight hosted the Past President's Dinner. Fifteen of our Past Presidents attended along with members of the current Board of Governors.

Standing – left to right:

Andy Wight, Ken Northup, George Coakley, Ron Marshessault, Byron Ricketts, Butch Mezick, Jack Mandel, Walt Allensworth, Scott Harmon, John Lamb, Carol Hulce-Efdimis

Seated – left to right:

Bill Gordon, Frank Parker, Dick Hanna, Frank Och



Chapter President Jerry Murray presents the President's Award to Past President Andy Wight.