



MAY 2023 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

We Ike's are a conservation-minded bunch. Our roots are in fishing and hunting, and through a 11% tax on hunting equipment the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 has recently generated over \$750,000,000 a year for wildlife conservation. Most people pay this gladly to support the many conservation programs that would not exist without these funds. So this begs the obvious question... in what other ways can directly you participate in conservation? The answer to this depends on your nature and your capabilities, and history is full of interesting examples of the many different ways people have contributed.

Political: Nevada Senator Key Pittman and Virginia Congressman Absalom Robertson went the route of political advocacy. Their act was signed into law by Franklin D. Roosevelt on September 2, 1937. Notable species that have come back from the brink of extinction since the implementation of this act include deer, wild turkeys, and wood ducks. At the time this act was signed, deer had been virtually eradicated from land east of the Mississippi by market hunting.

Activism/Civil Disobedience: The origin of the term "tree hugger" dates back to 1730 when 294 men and 69 women of the Bishnoi Hindu religion died while trying to protect trees in their village from being turned into building materials for a palace. They clung to the trees while being slaughtered by foresters. However, their actions lead to a royal decree prohibiting the cutting of trees in any Bishnoi village. More recently, Julia 'Butterfly' Hill, who was born on February 18, 1974, became famous as an American Environmental Activist by living in a California Redwood tree for 738 days from December 10, 1997 to December 18, 1999 to prevent it from being cut down by the Pacific Lumber Company. Ultimately a resolution was reached where the tree was saved, including a 200-foot buffer zone around it. Hill and other activists raised \$50,000 during the cause, which was given to the logging company as part of the resolution, and subsequently this money was donated to Humboldt State University for sustainable forestry research.

Direct involvement: Personally, I'm more of a 'boots on the ground' type and being pretty non-confrontational could not recommend chaining yourself to a tree. Luckily our IWLA chapter provides many opportunities for you to pitch in on conservation efforts and make a difference. You can help Larry Anderson plant trees in the springtime. You can assist Phil Taylor, our farm chair, in sustainable farming which improves soil health and provides food for local citizens and animals that live in our woods. If you would like to participate in local legislative affairs in the MoCo AG Reserve, Bob Cissel can point you in the right direction. John Novak, our Ponds and Streams Chair, can always use a hand on workdays for the many projects he leads to protect our waterways. Plus, there are many other ways to participate as well. Please visit bcciwla.com for a list of committee chairs and contact info so you can reach out to help them.

Walt Allensworth
President

IWLA Maryland Division Elections and Nominations

Elections for leadership positions for the Maryland Division will be held on June 17th. This year's openings are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary each for 2 year terms, and two National Director positions each for 3 year terms. Information on position responsibilities can be found in Article VII of the Division by-laws at: <https://www.marylandiwla.org/constitution-and-by-laws>. If you know of someone that might be a good candidate, please send their name to President Walt Allensworth (twangermd@gmail.com) who will forward the recommendations to the Maryland Division. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 17th! Contact Cindy Stevens, famstevens@gmail.com, for more information on any of the positions and to volunteer.

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

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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 March 2023 Board of Governors Meeting and the April 2023 Membership Meeting

Jerry Murray, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – Board of Governors Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Blaine Elkins provided an update on a proposed repair for the electric feed at the archery pavilion.
- Blaine Elkins, American Chestnut Chair, talked about a genetically modified chestnut seedling that may be released soon, the Darling 58. This has been created to help restore the native species. If we can get these, Blaine would like to get the Board's approval to remove the Chinese chestnut hybrids from the chapter and replace them with these. We would also need to get the SCB approval. He will keep the Board updated.
- Jack Lamb, Chapter House Chair, talked about the meeting he had on March 12 about the stove and how we are gathering pricing for a new unit.
- Dan Dutton, Handbook Committee Chair, stated that committees need to review and provide updates for their sections of the handbook. There was discussion about putting together a PR book for the chapter.
- Meg O'Rourke volunteered to chair the Chapter's 2024 Convention Committee; she will talk to Abby Hileman from National to see what's needed.
- Janet Lamkin said we usually make a donation for the Youth Convention and for the Maryland Room at the Convention.
- National has an Endowment Foundation and Janet Lamkin recommended that we donate to it. We used to donate but have not done so in the past 5 years.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke said that membership is at 836.
- Conservation Dinner is scheduled for May 20.

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING A VOTE:

- Motion was made to approve 3 prospective members to be inducted into the chapter. **Motion approved.**
- Motion was made to approve the donation of \$1,000 for the CapEx line item of Adirondack chairs. **Motion approved.**
- Motion was made to approve Troop 1988 to hold a leadership training campout in the chapter house and to camp on the lawn adjacent to the chapter house on April 21-23. **Motion approved.**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 1,049th Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- We still need help with preparing the monthly dinners. If you can help, please contact our kitchen chairs; Jack Mandel and Scott Harmon or Walt Allensworth.
- 14 prospective members introduced themselves and talked about their interests and why they want to become members.
- Motion was made to induct 4 new member candidates. **The Motion was seconded and passed.** The new members were sworn in.
- Bob Cissel talked about current and pending legislation in Annapolis and Rockville that affects the Montgomery County agricultural producers. See page 6.

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SUMMARY

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- Environmental Committee Chair Blaine Elkins provided an update on the status of the shotgun range. See page 11.
- 1st Vice President Carol Hulce-Efdimis reported that we had about 60 people come out for the re-scheduled spring clean up. A lot got accomplished and a hearty lunch was served.
- Chapter House Chair John Lamb reported that he is getting pricing for painting the inside and outside of the chapter house.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor reported the fruit trees were fertilized on work day and he has not seen any spotted lantern flies here yet. He is planting the vegetable field again this year and could use help putting the electric fence in. The Mont. Co. Master Gardeners will harvest the crops. We will be planting 2 acres this year, one for vegetables and one for pollinators. There should be an article in an upcoming issue of *Plenty Magazine* about last year's garden.
- The bees have started honey production so you will be seeing swarms around the area as they start collecting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.



The B-CC IWLA Chapter is pleased to open its doors once again for Heritage Days on June 24th and 25th and will offer access to our site to promote our conservation message as well as our local history. This year marks the **24th annual Heritage Days weekend** – a countywide festival offering programs, activities, and tours appealing to visitors of all ages and interests.

During this weekend, we encourage you to come to the site, visit others and enjoy our displays, activities and discover things about the chapter you may not know. Family activities such as fishing, archeology, colonial living, archery, bird watching, wild life and insect displays, in addition to food and soft drinks will be available.

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 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on the June 24th and 25th (Rain or Shine).

Have time to volunteer? Please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-20231>

Chapter Elections and the Nominating Committee

Our Chapter is entirely volunteer run, and our officers and board of governors all serve one-year terms. Terms begin on September first of each year and conclude at the end of August. We seem to maintain a great deal of continuity in the administration and experience on the board, as the officers typically move through the ranks towards the presidency, thereby serving multiple years. Our most recent past president remains on the board as a voting member for the year immediately following his or her presidency.

A five person Nominating Committee is selected each year by the current president as instructed in our chapter bylaws. This committee is responsible for assembling a slate of board members and officers for the June election. The nominating Committee also makes selections for the Legacy Foundation board.

The Legacy Foundation is a Supporting 501c3 non-profit charged with the stewardship of the majority of our liquid assets. Their board has three-years terms that are staggered by design, and they are entirely installed by our chapter. Some members are proposed by our president for the election slate, some by our nominating committee and voted on by the membership.

On the nominating committee, we arrive at a slate by discussing plans of current officers and board members and reaching out to active members we believe might have interest and ability. The slate is put together as a baseline for the election process, so we all know we have hands on the wheel in the coming year, but any member can also petition to be included on the election ballot at the May dinner meeting.

The election is held at the June dinner meeting; the incoming board is sworn in at the August meeting.

As always, if you are interested in serving on the B-CC Board of Governors, feel free to contact any of our committee members or Board of Governors to discuss possibilities.

– **The Nominating Committee:** chairman- Jack Mandel, Bill Gordon, John Lamb, David Mecklenburg, and Christine Peterson

Proposed Slate for Board of Governors 2023 – 2024

Officers

President	Carol Hulce-Efdimis
First Vice President	Andy White
Second Vice President	Jerry Murray
Treasurer	Bob Kelly
Corresponding Secretary	Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary	Mark Lauver
Membership Secretary	Scott Harmon
Past President	Walt Allensworth

Board Members

Deborah Behrends
Marc Bouchard
Dan Dutton
Joe Finnegan
Phil Taylor

Legacy Board

Ted Whitehouse

Vegetable Gardens

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The days are growing longer and warmer temperatures becoming more common which means gardeners are getting restless, anticipating and planning for the next growing season. At B-CC IWLA we have an active gardening community, full of members who enjoy the opportunity to play in the soil. Generally, our gardeners find the gardens a pleasant distraction from the hustle and bustle of daily life even with our onslaught of amazing weeds. Again this year, Pat and I are the organizers of the garden plots.



As has been our custom, current gardeners have first choice of reserving garden plots, so now is the time to contact either Pat or me with your intentions for this year. Single plots (~25x25ft) will rent for \$20 each. For members wishing to become new gardeners please contact either Pat or me, and we will compile a list and start assigning plots as they become available.

Apollo Archery 2023 Program

Chuck Thornton
apolloarchery.bcciwla@gmail.com

APOLLO ARCHERY IS BACK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON!



We inaugurated the Apollo Archery program in 2021 to provide archery instruction and experiences for current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their families.

For 2023, we will host Apollo Archery sessions on the first Wednesday of each month through October. Sessions will start at 6:00pm (we will try to start by 5:30pm if you would like to come early for the extra daylight) and finish when it gets dark.

2023 dates:

May 3; June 7; July 5; August 2; September 6; October 4

If you know of veterans and current Service members in the Montgomery County, Maryland area, please share this opportunity with them. There is no fee for participation.

For additional details contact Chuck Thornton at apolloarchery.bcciwla@gmail.com!

ATTENTION New Members!
Chapter House cleanup this month will be on:
Saturday, May 13
Starting at 9:00am

Join us and get volunteer hours

As a reminder – probationary (new) members need to help out in one chapter house clean-up as part of their sixteen volunteer hours.

Conservation Education Dinner Saturday, May 20

Please block your calendars and register for this year's Conservation Education Dinner. This annual dinner is open to members, their guests, and interested members of the public, and traditionally features a speaker who addresses a conservation-oriented area, work, or issue.

Our guest speaker this year will be Greg Glenn, CEO of Rocklands Farm Winery. We are excited to have him come and share his thoughts on wine, farming, education, ecology, land stewardship to mention just a few. As you listen to him talk, you will find out that Rocklands Farm Winery and his passion is much more than wine, it's about holistic agriculture, sustainability and responsibility.

ROCKLANDS FARM WINERY

In addition, this year we will also be presenting our B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Awards to selected projects from the Global Ecology Program at Poolesville High School that our review team felt were aligned with the conservation values of our chapter. The Global Ecology Program at PHS is a field-based program that provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the scientific, cultural, social, political, economic, and technological conditions that affect the quality of life on our planet. All seniors in the program are required to complete a hands-on environment-related project prior to graduation.



The Global Ecology Program

Adding an excellent spaghetti dinner to a compelling speaker and a chance to recognize our Award recipients promises that this Conservation Dinner will be another that you don't want to miss.

Dinner will be served 6:00pm – 7:00pm, with awards starting at 7:00pm, followed by our guest speaker.

Dinner is free of charge, but reservations are required. Please sign up on the link below: (We want to make sure that there is enough spaghetti for all!!!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-iwla1>

If you are able to help with the setup, preparation of the dinner, and cleanup for this event, please sign up on the link below:

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

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday night, May 20 at 6:00pm!

Andy Wight

B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Committee Chair
ConservationEducation.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

2nd and 4th Saturdays	Archery Range 3-D Courses Open	9:00am – 1:00pm
2nd and 4th Sundays	Archery Range 3-D Courses Open	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays	R&P Range Open	9:00am – 5:00pm
Mondays	BSA Meetings – Chapter House & Shotgun Pavilion	7:30pm – 9:00pm

MAY

Tuesday, May 2	Pack 694 Den Meeting – in Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 3	Pack 694 Den Meeting – in Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 3	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, May 6	Spring Hunter Education Course - R&P Range closes at 12:30pm	7:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday, May 7	Montgomery Bird Club's Walk on the Conservation Farm	7:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, May 7	Spring Hunter Education Course	7:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, May 13	Girl Scout Archery Training – Archery Range Reserved	9:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, May 13	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 17	1,051st Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Thursday, May 18	Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, May 20	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, May 20	Archery is for Everyone Program	11:00am – 12:30pm
Saturday, May 20	Conservation Education Dinner with Speaker and Awards	Dinner – 6:00pm Awards & Speaker – 7:00pm
Sunday, May 21	1st Annual Military Fun Shoot – R&P Range – signup required	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, May 26	Articles for June Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

JUNE

Saturday, June 3	Introduction to Hunting Seminar - Signup required	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 3	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Saturday, June 3	Archery Range Campsite Reserved	
Wednesday, June 7	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, June 10	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Thursday, June 15	Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday, June 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, June 21	1,052nd Monthly Dinner Membership Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Saturday, June 24	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, June 24	Heritage Days	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 25	Heritage Days	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Monday, June 26	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, June 27	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 28	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 28	Board of Governors Meeting – Board Room	7:00pm
Thursday, June 29	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 30	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 30	Articles for July Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

JULY

Tuesday, July 4	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Wednesday, July 5	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, July 8	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House	8:15am
Saturday, July 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, July 19	1,053rd Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Thursday, July 20	Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday, July 20	Beginner Adult and/or Child Archery Seminar – at Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Saturday, July 22	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, July 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, July 27	Beginner Adult and/or Child Archery Seminar – at Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Friday, July 28	Articles for August Newsletter due - send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

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

April Meeting Speaker – Bob Cissel

At our April Dinner Meeting, Chapter member Bob Cissel talked about current and pending legislation in Annapolis and Rockville that affects the Montgomery County agricultural producers. The topics discussed included:

- The Montgomery Electric Bill (now law) that mandates that by 2026 all new housing in the county must use electricity for all appliances, heating and cooling. No gas or oil. Agricultural buildings have been exempted.
- Blower bill to ban the sale of gas leaf blowers in the county by 2024 and use of gas blowers in the county by 2025 went back to committee.
- Of note, 90% of the agriculture in Montgomery County is grain production and the average age of farmers nationwide is 59.
- Power plant in Dickerson has been sold and the new owner is looking to keep the gas fired plant as a back-up energy source, install a solar power field, and build a data center on the property.
- The country and rural roads program in the county (designated by brown road signs) has over 100 roads. The Master Plan that set up the program is currently under review because many of these roads are in the agricultural reserve and the minimal maintenance given these roads results in clogged culverts and overgrown side vegetation. This creates a lack of clearance for the farmer's combines and they must go around these roads to get from one field to another.
- There is currently a moratorium on forest mitigation credits.
- In Montgomery County, there are 330,000 acres of farmland and 37,000 of parkland.

May 2023 1,051st Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

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

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner

Broiled Chicken, Slaw, Rice Pilaf,
Veggies, Dessert

May 2023 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

7:00pm (note time change)

Shotgun Range Committee Report

Warner Parks, Chair
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The shooting activities on the Shotgun Range continue to be suspended until further notice, but see updates as of April 30, 2023, from Blaine Elkins, Environmental Stewardship Committee, on page 11 of the newsletter.

The shotgun pavilion is open to members and other organizations to use (with reservations).

Archery Committee Report

Jack Mandel, Chair
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Marc Bouchard
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Next Committee Zoom Meeting is scheduled for: May 15th, at 7:00pm. Our meetings are open to all members, always. Please email us for Zoom invite or get on our mailing list.

TARGET STANDS

The target range is open 365 days a year, from sunrise to sunset. Guests must sign "hold-harmless" agreement form and deposit in field box by shooting stations. No ROs need be present, but if you wish to get instruction, please contact us, and we'll get you started!

3-D COURSE

The trails are free of debris from fallen branches and trees, and the target animals are set up. We have a newly donated mower which is a good candidate for trail maintenance. It will be in the Pavilion, ready for use after a quick tune-up.

3-D course is available for use only on scheduled days for members and guests; open to all ROs at all daylight hours.

Schedule is on member calendar and on Archery Range page of website (2nd and 4th weekends of each month and 3rd Thursday evening of each month).

APOLLO ARCHERY

Chuck Thornton and John Gorney have launched the Apollo Archery program this season with a great start. The Apollo schedule is on the Archery page and club calendar, and we encourage anyone interested in helping with this military active duty and veteran program to come participate.



SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Deborah Behrends is continuing her long tradition of helping scouting groups earn merit badges and learning the archery discipline.

Camping is available at the range as well. Contact us for scheduling.

BEGINNING ARCHERY SEMINARS

Scott Binder will be heading up a few youth and beginner seminars. Check calendar and Archery web page for dates, and page 13 of the newsletter for flyer.

*If you'd like to be on our mailing list,
write us at the attached addresses.*

Contacts: Jack Mandel jmandel@design@gmail.com and
Marc Bouchard combat750@gmail.com

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in April 2023:

Max Deste

Interests: Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife

Linda Green

Interests: American Chestnut Program; Bird Conservation; Forestry Conservation

Tom Moore

Interests: Archery; Nature Trail; Youth Programs

Paul Serino

Interests: Photography; Rifle & Pistol; Skeet & Trap

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and Community

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

1,051st Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm

New-Member Orientation Tours

Saturday, May 20

10:00am – 1:00pm

Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House

Conservation Dinner with Awards & Speaker

Saturday, May 20

Dinner - 6:00pm; Awards & Speaker - 7:00pm

Sign up Required

See page 4 of the Newsletter

1st Annual Military Fun Shoot at the R&P Range

Sunday, May 21

9:00am – 12:00 noon

Sign up Required

See page 8 of the Newsletter

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

7:00pm

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Saturday, June 3

8:30am – 4:30 pm

Sign up Required

See page 9 of the Newsletter

Note: Please do not substitute honey or use red food coloring, both could prove harmful to birds. It is recommended to fill the feeders to capacity and to change the nectar every 3 days during very warm weather so that the nectar doesn't get moldy or rancid.

Steps:

1. Mix sugar and boiling water until sugar is dissolved.
2. Cool and fill feeder.
3. Hang up your feeder outside and wait for the hummingbirds to come.

You can also attract hummingbirds and provide additional nectar by planting nectar-bearing flowers and shrub plants in your yard, such as: Salvia, Fuchsia, Hibiscus, Azalea, Zinnias, or Cosmos.

– Janet Lamkin

DUE DATE

for June Newsletter Articles is
Friday, May 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 credit.

Summer Biathlon Program

Steve Eschholz

240 472-6512 (text) fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net

Biathlon is open to all B-CC IWLA members 12 years and older, as well as sponsored guests. Contact me if you have any questions or a desire to be on the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program mailing list – fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net or text 240 472-6512.

This year's schedule is below:

Saturday, May 13	7:30am	Saturday, August 19	7:30am
Saturday, May 27	7:30am	Saturday, Sept. 9	7:00am
Saturday, June 10	7:30am	Saturday Sept. 23	7:30am
Saturday, June 24	7:30am	Saturday, Oct. 7	7:00am
Saturday, July 8	7:30am	Saturday, Nov. 4	7:30am
Saturday, July 22	7:30am	Saturday, Nov. 11	7:30am
Saturday, August 5	7:30am		

THEY'RE BACK!

Hummingbirds have returned to the Chapter. Many thanks to George and Cora Coakley for providing the feeders (several around the Shotgun Range) and replenishing them as needed with nectar.

Although they may be some of the smallest birds in the world, they are known to flap their tiny wings at up to 90 beats per second. Hummingbirds need to eat a lot to maintain their momentum. They consume half their body weight in bugs and nectar by feeding every 10-15 minutes and visiting 1,000-2,000 flowers per day.

At your home, help these beautiful birds get the nutrients they need by providing them with their favorite treat—nectar. This hummingbird sweet treat can be made with a few simple ingredients. By filling your feeder with the nectar delight, you can watch these beautiful little birds feed and flutter all day.

Materials:

- 1/4 cup refined white sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- Bowl
- Spoon



PHOTO BY JANET LAMKIN



June 3, June 10, and July 4, 2023
No recreational fishing license required on these days.

All other state fishing regulations apply.

Go to dnr.maryland.gov for more information.

Rifle & Pistol Committee Report

Gus Zinsser, Chair
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Matthew Chambers, Chief Range Officer
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The R&P Range is now open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

The R&P Range is allowing only 2 guests per member.

RANGE CLOSURE

On Saturday, May 21, the range **will be closed** to regular shooting **9:00am – 12:00 noon** for the **Military Fun Shoot**.

REMINDER FROM THE R&P RANGE COMMITTEE

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the range have changed. Please review the SOP's before coming to the range to re-familiarize yourself and guests with the firearms transporting and safety procedures for our range. This will help you and our range officers to maintain a safe environment.

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!**

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

MAY

Saturday, May 6	Burns, M.; Ma, A.; Roth, A.; Shi, P.; Maisel, J.; Tarkowski, J.; Jones, R.; Snider, J.
Sunday, May 7	Zic, T.; Carroll, P.; King, B.; Roth, A.
Saturday, May 13	Kang, M.; Yau, T.; Kang, J.; Kang, Y.
Sunday, May 14	Saiz, J.; Finn, K.; Snider, J.
Saturday, May 20	Hensley, J.; Efdimis, C.; Capalupo, P.; Weixel, P.
Sunday, May 21	Jones, R.; Hensley, J.; Watt, D.; Batteh, K.
Saturday, May 27	Fiol, C.; Efdimis, C.; Myers, J.; Ossi, G.
Sunday, May 28	Hoover, J.; Thornton, C.; Bouchard, M.; Woodman, G.

JUNE

Saturday, June 3	Widenhofer, S.; Hammes, P.; Tarkowski, J.; Sullivan, A.
Sunday, June 4	Sullivan, A.; Zic, T.; Thorburn, M.; Max, H.
Saturday, June 10	Boynton, D.; Myers, J.; Behrend, D.; Weixel, P.
Sunday, June 11	Spence, P.; Max, H.; Thorburn, M.; Crowley, D.
Saturday, June 17	Kang, J.; Kang, M.; Kang, Y.; Yau, T.
Sunday, June 18	Bouchard, M.; Harmon, S.; Finn, K.; King, K.
Saturday, June 24	Kipfer, J.; Burns, M.; Woodman, G.; Hess, D.
Sunday, June 25	Princiotto, M.; Gori, R.; Adams, J.; Dady, P.

FUN SHOOT

Please join us for the 1st annual **Military Fun Shoot** on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 9:00am - 12:00 noon to honor our Military past and present. Prizes will be awarded. Bring your 20th Century or later US Military rifle, carbine or handgun, (AR-15, M1A, .22 caliber training rifles and any pistol firing

9mm .45ACP or .38 Special will also be allowed but no .50 BMG). Don't have any of those options? Bring your favorite .22 caliber rifle or borrow one at the event. Iron sights, scopes, and red-dot sights will all be allowed, but in separate categories. Bi-pods, rests and slings will also be allowed. Please bring your own ammo. We will be using non-standard targets at 100yds, 50yds and 50ft, designed to allow everyone an equal chance to win a prize.

We will be firing ten shots at the back side (the side not showing the card values) of the target. Five cards will be selected from those hits to make the best Poker hand. If we have enough willing participants, we will have an optional skill competition to determine the best shot in each category. Five or up to ten shots will be fired at the frontside of the target to construct the best Poker hand.

Cost will be \$10 for the event plus any applicable range fees.

Use the link below to signup if you are interested in participating.

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

The R&P Range will be closed to regular shooting during the event.

Contact Event coordinator, Gus Zinsser or Larry Hess if you have any questions:
guszinsser4@gmail.com or larry.a.hess@gmail.com

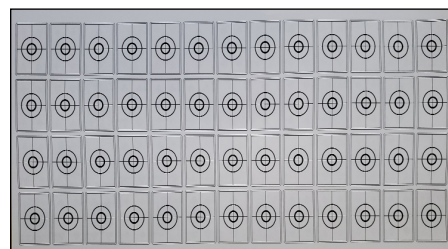
SPRING CLEANUP



PHOTOS BY MATT CHAMBERS



IMAGES OF (FUN SHOOT) TARGETS BY LARRY HESS



NestWatch Report

Diane Seward
Citizen-Science Projects Coordinator

The Purple Martins have returned! Come out to the chapter and enjoy watching the colony (about 100 individual martins) vocalizing as they go about the business of selecting a nesting compartment, building nests, and laying eggs. There are 46 nesting trays, consisting of 14 in each of our two martin houses and 18 gourds. The martins, who migrate from



Purple Martin Houses

PHOTO BY JANET LAMKIN

South America in late winter to breed in North America, will stay through late July, so you will have many opportunities to enjoy them. The chapter is enormously grateful to Jim Tate and Lin Schmale Tate who donated the martin houses many years ago.

Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows once again have begun nesting on our beautiful conservation farm. As of late April, Eastern Bluebirds have built 11 nests and laid 24 eggs and produced 7 young, while Tree Swallows have constructed five nests and laid 4 eggs. The first bluebird egg was laid on April 2, while the first tree swallow egg was laid on April 27.

The NestWatch team needs a few additional volunteers. Please email me at trina65@verizon.net if you can help. Nestbox checking is educational, the fellowship is enjoyable, the team can train you, and nest monitoring hours qualify for the chapter's work credit. Come join us!

Thanks to Pat McNeilly and new member Linda Green who have been monitoring the species' breeding efforts this spring.



Bluebird Eggs

PHOTO BY PAT MCNEILLY



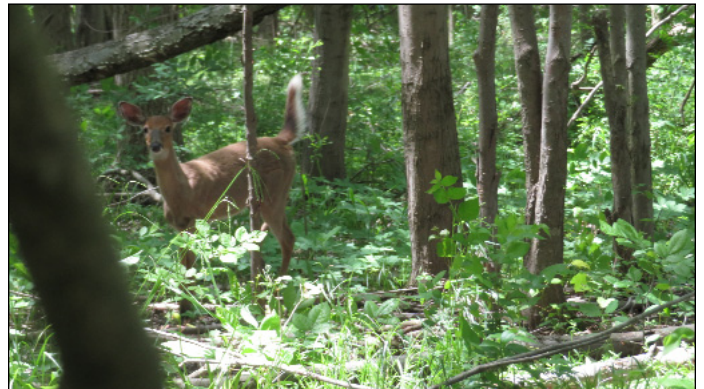
Bluebird Young

PHOTO BY PAT MCNEILLY

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor its annual "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on **Saturday, June 3**. If you have never been hunting before, know someone who would be interested, or had a disappointing experience yourself, you are encouraged to attend. Women, men, and teens are all welcome.

This nationally recognized and award winning training will include instruction and discussions about conservation and ethical behavior, the five W's and How of hunting, what is hunting success, preparing to go hunting, techniques and skills for being in the woods, trailing game, animal habitats and habits, choosing a tree stand location, safety and first aid, being skunked, what can you learn when you miss, advantages and disadvantages of hunting companions, choosing an appropriate bow, long gun, or muzzleloader and more. There will be plenty of time for questions.



This seminar does not replace the required Hunter Safety Education courses but is to supplement that course and to expand one's hunting knowledge. The instructors have had nearly 100 years of hunting experience and what they will share is intended to help participants have a more enjoyable time while hunting.

The seminar will be held in the B-CC IWLA Chapter House and outdoors. Check in begins at 8:30am and we will start at 9:00am and continue until around 4:00pm. The cost is \$15 to cover materials. We will be walking in the woods and fields for at least a mile or more so participants should be prepared for that level of activity. Bring your own lunch, drinks, and wear clothes for outdoor walking and going through briars. Participants should make sure that their clothes are treated with Permethrin or bug spray and exposed body parts with regular bug spray.

All non-B-CC IWLA members must bring their printed and signed off Hold Harmless Agreements, which are available from <http://www.bcciwla.org/>. Participants will be sent a questionnaire to fill out and bring to the event.

Below is the SignUpGenius link for the event. Class size is limited to 25, so registering early is recommended. Registration deadline is May 29th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-intro3>

Questions should be directed to Mark Gochnour at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com.

Calendar Submissions

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Carol Hulse-Efdimis, carol2017@aol.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER Thursday, May 4, 2023



Back Row

Left to right: John Lamb, Joe Snider, Butch Mezick, Byron Ricketts, Pat Tarquinio, George Coakley, Ron Marchessault, Jack MacGregor, Jeff Seaman, Carol Hulce-Efdimis, Kenny Northup, Bob Pavlick, Larry Anderson

Front Row

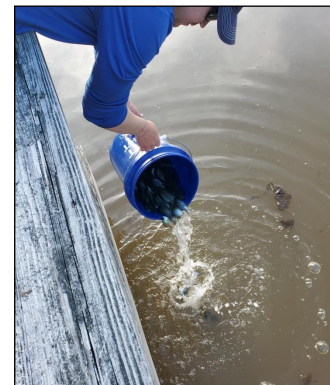
Seated Left to Right: Ted Whitehouse, Dick Hanna, Tom Lamkin, Jim O'Connell, Bill Gordon

At the dinner, Past President Jim O'Connell was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Legacy Foundation. Congratulations Jim!

Small Pond Stocking

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

On April 11, 2023, Solitude Lake Management stocked 1,200 bluegills in the small pond ranging in size from 3 to 5 inches. This stocking was recommended in Solitude's report on the electrofishing study of the small pond conducted in October 2022. These fish will provide forage for small pond largemouth bass as well as enhance the bluegill fishery for kids and adults alike. A solar powered automated fish feeder will be installed next month and should provide daily dependable feeding for these hungry bluegills. Until the automated feeder is installed, the small pond fish will be hand fed. See the photos of this stocking event.



PHOTOS BY JOHN NOVAK

Ponds and Streams Committee Spring Cleanup

John Novak, Co-chair
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A crew of seven hard working Ponds & Streams members showed up on Saturday, April 15, 2023, (chapter spring cleanup day) to help complete several projects on the small and big ponds. At the small pond, the crew installed three Christmas tree bundles for fish habitat including one bundle



under the aerator box platform; refloated two turtle sunning platforms; cleaned the life ring; removed the floating algal mats along the shoreline; trimmed tall grass along the shoreline; and started the aerator. At the big pond, the crew placed three Christmas tree bundles for fish habitat; refloated two turtle sunning platforms; cleaned the life ring; cut woody saplings on the dam, and trimmed tall grass along the shoreline.

A big thanks to the following dedicated crew for the successful completion of the above projects at both ponds:

Frank Parker, Pete Wirth, Jeff Adams, Roy Davis, Dave Ruf, Patrick Lee, and Suzanne Novak. Dave and Patrick did the difficult tasks of placing the Christmas tree bundles and turtle platforms in both ponds from the boats.



PHOTOS BY JOHN NOVAK AND SUZANNE NOVAK

UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Below are updates on the lead reclamation, suspension of activity on shotgun range, and easement and future activities as of April 30, 2023

Lead Reclamation

The NRI/FSD plans have been approved. The Soil Conservation District has approved the Erosion and Sediment Control plan. The final piece of the permitting process the Forest Conservation Plan (FCP) is complete and ready for submission to the Planning Department. We have filed a Fee Reduction Request with the Planning Department to have the plan review fee for the FCP reduced from \$107,000.00 to \$3,080.00. Once this is approved and payment is made the Planning Department will accept the FCP for review. We should hear from the Planning Department on the Fee Reduction Request shortly.

Once the FCP is approved we can schedule the Contractor to install the sediment and erosion control items and then schedule in the lead reclamation Contractor, En Range.

Suspension of Activity on Shotgun Range

On May 2 the surveyors from our engineers WSSI will begin staking out the stream and wetlands buffers from the shotgun range to Izaak Walton Way. Once the stake out is complete in the shot fall area the shotgun committee may conduct empirical testing to see which shooting stations may be reopened without the risk of shot falling in restricted areas pursuant to the conservation easement or state and federal law.

An annotated drawing of the shot fall zones has been sent to Richard Petticord so he can prepare a proposal for consulting services to assist the Chapter in devising a shotgun program that ensures future operations are in compliance with the conservation easement and any other applicable restrictions.

Easement and Future Activities

On April 27 the wetlands professionals from Wetlands Studies and Solutions walked through the archery 3-D courses in the Wildlife Refuge Woods to ensure there were no other unidentified wetlands in areas actively in use. Fortunately, no new wetlands were identified. Once the stream buffers are staked out the Chapter will be able to make alterations to the 3-D courses to avoid activities in the perennial stream buffers.

2023 NATIONAL IWLA CONVENTION

**Conservation at a Crossroads:
Putting Solutions Into Action**
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln, NE
July 26 – 29, 2023

SCHEDULE:

Early Bird Party and Auction
Wednesday, July 26

Awards Luncheon
Thursday, July 27

Parade of States
Thursday, July 27

Conservation Luncheon
Friday, July 28

Lincoln Chapter Dinner
Friday, July 28

Banquet
Saturday, July 29

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Dr. Doug Tallamy
Entomologist, University of Delaware

Dave Chanda
President and CEO, Recreational Boating and Fishing
Foundation

Andrew McKean
Conservation Editor, *Outdoor Life* Magazine

NOMINATION SLATES:

At the convention, league members vote for
National Officers, members of the Executive Board,
and members of the Endowment Board

More information is available at iwla.org/convention2023

PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER KITCHEN CREW

Many thanks to the kitchen crew
for providing a scrumptious meal.



Left to right: Art Duffy, Joyce Price, Janice Roberson, Chip Dunn, Mary Beitzel, Tom Sigman

Log Cabin Committee

David Mecklenburg, Chair
dmecklenburg1@gmail.com

The log cabin complex at the chapter is changing. The next time you are out the new springhouse door should be in place. We started to reglaze and paint the windows. The jungle of invasive plants growing around the cabin is being tamed, slowly but surely. If you are out at the chapter enjoying one of our beautiful evenings or days, come on down. Plan on having a picnic on the porch or enjoy a little fishing just steps away in the small pond. I enjoy the evenings watching the swallows and martins skim the surface of the pond catching a meal. If you feel industrious and would like to get some work hours in, drop me a line either by email or phone. We have projects for any skill level.

If you would like to know some of the history of the cabin complex, visit our website where you will find a great description.



The frame for the new springhouse door going in.



Looking at the cabin from the south side you can see the cabin, springhouse, smokehouse, the small pond, and in the distance the chapter house.



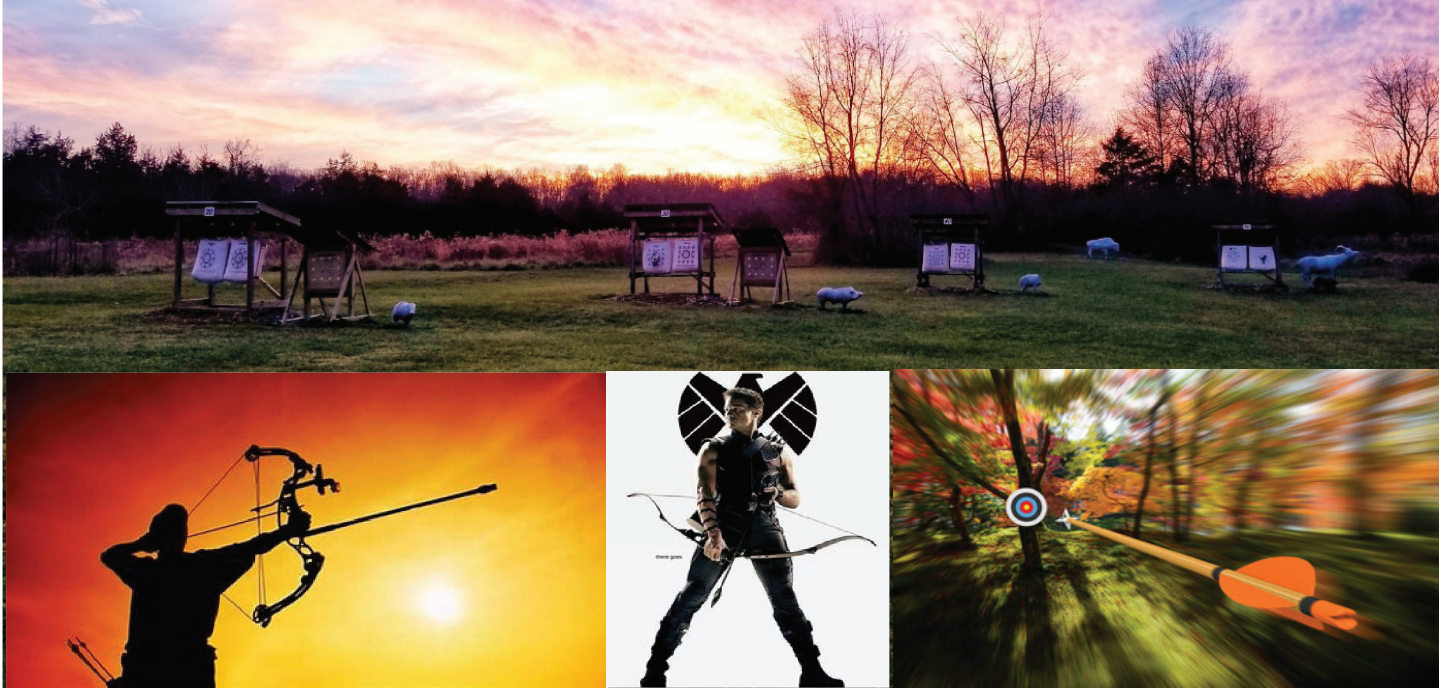
Looking up from the pond by the springhouse, with the new door frame in place, you see the springhouse, cabin, and smokehouse.

PHOTOS BY DAVID MECKLENBURG

Archery is for Everyone

May 20, 2023 11 AM to 12:30 PM

BCC IWLA Archery Range



Want to try archery, but don't know where to start?

Sign up for our free **Archery is for Everyone** program and learn from our certified archery instructors! Our program is open to kids (6 and up) and adults. Whether your goal is to try something new, improve your skills, make the U.S. Olympic Team, or just socialize – archery has something for everyone. All archery equipment will be provided, just come ready to learn, have fun and be prepared to channel your favorite archery **SUPERHERO**! You may just walk away with a door prize.

Please register by sending an email to binderscott@gmail.com and include how many people will be attending, the names of the individuals, and if they are under 18, please include their age.