



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

In the September president's message, I urged members to "ask not what your chapter can do for you, ask what you can do for your chapter." In October's message, this theme is continued with a discussion of areas where we need the most help, and who you can contact to volunteer. Monthly workdays are being scheduled where you can help out on a periodic basis, and build up some work hours. Please see our calendar (<https://bcciwla.org/events/>) to find out when our next workday is scheduled.

We are a conservation farm and plant crops for the benefit of our local wildlife, and to manage our soil for maximum health. Phil Taylor our farm chair (bccfarmchairman@gmail.com) is constantly in need of help with planting, mowing, setting up electric fences, equipment maintenance, and all the other things it takes to keep our farm operation going. If you are handy with a wrench, or know something about farming or just want to learn, please contact Phil.

Our monthly chapter house dinner meetings are how we connect with prospective new members and reconnect with old friends, and our meals are a big part of that. With the much-deserved retirement of our previous Kitchen Chair, Chip Dunn, we are in need of help. Jack Mandel and Scott Harmon (Kitchen.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com) have stepped up to help get us organized but we need members who can help prepare meals. Many hands make light work, so if you can help please contact Jack or Scott.

Our chapter house is in need of some sprucing up. John Lamb (Chapterhouse.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com) has agreed to be our interim chapter house chair and could use your help. Please reach out to him if you are handy with a paintbrush, a hammer, a sander, or other hand tools.

There are other opportunities to contribute... weed whacking, watering, mowing in the chestnut orchard, clearing trails, fixing up the cabin, maintaining our ponds and streams, planting trees, wildflowers, and milkweed, and many, many more. So many opportunities, in fact, that there is not enough space to list them all here! So if you have an interest in any of the activities around our conservation farm, please don't hesitate to ask me, or ask any of our committee chairs where you can help out. So in closing, please come out and enjoy our 624 acres of heaven, but also please come out and pitch in to keep it the beautiful place it is today.

Walt Allensworth
President

Hunter's Ethics Report

Scott Harmon, Committee Chair

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The hunter's ethics committee has had its first report from our neighbor to the north of a deer that was gutted on his property next to his field edge. It is our responsibility as members to **NOT TRESPASS** on our neighbor's property. The first step to hunting our farm is to register to hunt on our website. In doing so you acknowledged that you have read our hunting rules and regulations and that you know our property lines. The property boundaries to the north are marked with a standard blue slash on trees along that boundary.

DEER RECOVERY PERMISSION PROCEDURES

If you have a wounded deer that travels off our property onto Joe Morin's, Vicky Van Winkle's, or Billy Willard's property, we must get verbal permission to enter their property **before** we cross the property line. To gain access you must **contact me by cell number at 301 467-0645**. I will then contact the neighbor for permission with instructions from them on how to proceed. We are not to carry a bow or firearm under any circumstances onto their property.

Bob Cissel's farm borders the two 50-acre lots north of the Chapter. It is across Willard Road from the creek north to the golf course entrance. If you shoot a deer that crosses the road and you can see it dead in the field, go ahead and retrieve it. Please drag it back across the road and gut it on B-CC's property. If you blood trail the deer onto their farm, please back out and call Bob at 301 775-8978. He will come help you track and recover the deer.

PUNISHMENT FOR TRESPASSING

If you are caught trespassing, DNR will be called, and an investigation will occur. The Board of Governors will be notified, and you will be referred to them to determine what action will be taken. The precedent has been set that you will lose your hunting privileges for up to two years and that you may lose your membership if caught hunting on our neighbor's property. Don't let this be YOU.

In closing, I have heard people saying that all the deer are on our neighbor's property. This is simply not true. The grass may seem to be greener on the other side of the fence but it just isn't. To protect our hunting heritage and privileges, it's of the utmost importance to not trespass.

*As always –
Be Safe out There*

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

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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 August 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the September 2022 Membership Meeting

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Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05pm and the regular BOG meeting commenced.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman reported the Sandy Spring Bank account balances. Bill noted that currently the Operating Account is a gross figure, as dues and Land Fund donations are commingled. This will be sorted out soon.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke reports the swearing in of 5 new members at the August dinner. The Board voted online to approve two prospective members who will be sworn in at the September dinner meeting.
- President Lin Tate provided a schedule of Legacy Board appointments showing that the terms of Mark Shanker and Jim O'Connell will expire this year. In June, Jeff Seaman was appointed for one vacancy.
- The Board agreed to have a budget meeting on August 30 at 7:00pm at the Chapter House. Meanwhile those committee chairs that have not yet submitted requests will be encouraged to do so or funding will be unchanged.
- Hunters are reminded to review the Chapter Hunting Rules and to register.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Andy Wight reviewed the Chapter's productive milkweed crop and its standing as a Monarch butterfly waypoint for migration.
- Andy also noted Chip Dunn's retirement and wondered how upcoming dinner meetings will be handled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 1,043rd Membership Dinner Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Walt Allensworth.
- President Walt Allensworth gave a big thank you to Jack Mandel for getting the dinner organized. We still need a kitchen committee chair and members to help. Please contact Jack Mandel or Scott Harmon if you are interested.
- Our speaker next month will be David Ellis, President of the local North American Versatile Dog Hunting Association (NAVDHA).
- A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Budget that was presented to the chapter membership in the September newsletter. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed during which Bill Brockman answered questions about the reductions in some categories due to the lower chapter membership. The motion to approve the budget was then voted on and passed.
- Membership Renewals will go out by mail followed by an e-mail reminder. Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke is looking for help on the membership committee to assist during the busy renewal period.
- Seventeen prospective members introduced themselves.
- First VP Carol Hulce-Efdimis swore in three new members.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly gave his report on the account balances.

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SUMMARY

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- Environmental Stewardship Chair Blaine Elkins gave a report on the status of the shotgun range lead reclamation project.
- Chapter House Committee Chair John Lamb is putting together a priority list for improving the appearance of the chapter house and would like to hear suggestions from the members.
- Farm Committee Chair Phil Taylor talked about the latest harvest from the vegetable field. He has started clearing some of the other fields and putting in the fall cover crops. Looking for volunteers to help with this and the monthly workdays.

Phil mentioned that *Plenty* magazine has inquired about doing an article about the food plot; he is going to get more information and present it to the board. Suggestion was made about trying to get an article in *The Monacle* about the plot.

- Chestnut Grove Chair Blaine Elkins is looking for help collecting burrs and doing maintenance work at the groves.
- Ponds & Streams Chair John Novak reported: See page 6 of the Newsletter.
- Archery Chair Jack Mandel reported: See page 6 of the Newsletter
- There will be an Introduction to Shotgun Course on Saturday, October 15.
- Conservation Education Chair Andy Wight reminded everyone:
 - o The Family Campout will be on October 29 and there will be a haunted house in addition to the other activities.
 - o The dinner at the November 16 meeting will be a kid friendly meal.
 - o 60 to 70 people came out to the chapter on Heritage Day.
- Bill Gordon reported that there would be a Maryland Division meeting at the Rockville Chapter on Saturday, November 8.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Andy Wight reminded everyone to please read the newsletter for information and to access the sign-up links.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Chapter House Report

John Lamb, Committee Chair
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We are looking for a few good members to assist with the management and upkeep for the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Our house is in need of attention and this is an opportunity for those wanting to get involved. Gradual improvements and some changes are coming, but I need volunteers with ideas and a can-do attitude! If this sounds like something for you, please come out to the November 13th (it's a Sunday) chapter house cleanup where we will discuss ideas after setting up for the dinner meeting. If you can't make the 13th but want to be a part of the Chapter House Committee, you can email me at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

Dinner Meetings, Special Events, Food Prep Committee



We need your help! A committee has been formed to help the chapter with food preparation for special events and dinner meetings. We are looking for members who have an interest in the culinary arts. No experience is necessary just participation. Let's talk about the possibilities. Contact Jack or Scott for more information.

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October 2022 1,044th Monthly Dinner/ Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 19

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

Menu

**Appetizers will be available before dinner
Roast Pork Tenderloin, Grilled Potato Wedges,
Grilled Vegetables, Salad, Dessert**

October 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, October 26
7:30pm

Register to Hunt

As a reminder ... all chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

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

Chapter Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 15
8:30am to approximately 2:00pm

1,044th Monthly Dinner and Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 19
Dinner served beginning at 6:15PM
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
Speaker – David Ellis (NAVHDA)

Board of Governors Meeting

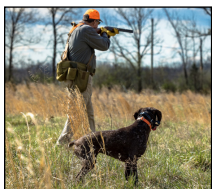
Wednesday, October 26
7:30pm

Annual Fall Family Campout

Saturday, October 29 – Sunday morning, October 30
2:30pm (Saturday afternoon) to 10:00am (Sunday morning)

Membership Meeting Speaker

David Ellis, President of the Potomac Chapter of North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA), will give a presentation about the organization at the Chapter's October Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 19.



After enjoying dinner, listen to David's presentation about the oldest regional chapter of NAVHDA. Their committed members have been training their own dogs and helping new members learn to train dogs for years.

Summer Biathlon Program Schedule

Steve Eschholz
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B-CC IWLA Biathlon Practice consists of (5) 1-kilometer loops and 4 shooting stops at the range:

- Shooting stops 1 & 3 are from the prone position
- Stops 2 & 4 are off-hand

If you have any questions about the biathlon, or would like to be on the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz.

Remaining schedule for 2022 is listed below:

Saturday, November 5 7:30am
Saturday, November 12 7:30am

Annual Fall Family Campout



Join us on October 29th – 30th for the Annual Fall Family Campout. This is open to members and their guests and is great chance to get the kids and you away from smart phones and TV and enjoy some of the benefits the chapter offers. We will be pitching tents next to the Chapter House parking lot:

SATURDAY

- 2:30pm - 6:00pm Gate open to pitch tents
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm Fishing at big pond / Pumpkin Patch (to be confirmed)
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Burgers/Dogs at chapter house
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Campfire building
- 7:00pm - 7:45pm Spooky activities
- 7:45pm - 8:30pm S'mores and hot chocolate

SUNDAY

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast will be served for campers
- Breakdown and cleanup should be completed by 10:00am

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 26th, if possible, with numbers in your party via the signup genius link below. Please note in the comment section any dietary restrictions. This will help us ensure we have enough food to go around, and contact you if weather forces a postponement.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-fall1>

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in September 2022:

Pablo Rodriguez

Interests: Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife; Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays

Thomas Wang

Interests: Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays; Farming; Outside Events

REMEMBER...

Guest hunters **are not** permitted
at B-CC IWLA.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

Saturdays & Sundays

Sundays

Mondays

R&P Range Open through Friday, November 25

Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand

BSA Scout Meetings – Chapter House &

Shotgun Range Pavilion

9:00am – 5:00pm

9:00am – 4:00pm

7:30pm-9:00pm

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1	Fall Cleanup Day & Picnic Rescheduled to October 15	8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 5	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 5	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, October 8	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	Rural Women's Republican Club Dinner – Chapter House Closed	12:00 noon – 7:00pm
Sunday, October 9	Advanced Finance & Planning Committee	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday, October 11	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, October 15	Fall Cleanup Day & Picnic	8:30am – 3:00pm
Saturday, October 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 15	Introduction to Shotgun Class – Shotgun Range	10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 19	1,044th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting Speaker, David Ellis (NAVHDA)	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, October 20	R&P Range CLOSED for Muzzleloader Season	Closed All Day
Friday, October 21	R&P Range CLOSED for Muzzleloader Season	Closed All Day
Friday, October 21	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, October 22	R&P Range CLOSED for Muzzleloader Hunting Season	CLOSED ALL DAY
Saturday, October 22	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 22	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, October 23	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, October 25	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday, October 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday, October 27	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	6:30pm – 9:00pm
Friday, October 28	Articles for November Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day or sooner
Saturday, October 29	Fall Family Campout	gates open at 2:30pm for setup
Sunday, October 30	Fall Family Campout	breakfast and cleanup until 10:00am
Sunday, October 30	Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 2	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, November 5	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 9:00am
Tuesday, November 8	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, November 12	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 9:00am
Sunday, November 13	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00noon
Wednesday, November 16	1,045th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Wednesday, November 16	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 17	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting – Chapter House	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, November 19	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, November 20	Last day in 2022 that R&P Range will be open to the general public	Open all day
Tuesday, November 22	Pack 694 Den Meeting – Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday, November 25	Articles for December Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3	Decorate for Upcoming Holiday Season	10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, December 10	Chapter Holiday Party – pot luck appetizer / dinner	Starting at 6:30pm
Sunday, December 11	Shotgun Range Officer Signup Meeting – Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, December 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 17	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, December 21	1,046th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 21	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting
Friday, December 30	Articles for January 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.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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Weather permitting there will be a **Sporting Clays Fun Shoot** on Sunday, October 30 starting at 9:00am. There will be no trap or skeet until the last squad has shot. I need volunteers to help with the shoot. Any range officer needing work hours please let me know.

There will be a **Range Officer Signup meeting** on Sunday, December 11 at 9:00am in the chapter house.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. Keep the range clean and restocked for the next range officer and shooters.

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let me know.

RANGE OFFICERS SCHEDULE OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2	Greg Ossi, Kevin Batteh
Sunday, October 9	John Kipfer, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 16	Mike Bowman, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 23	Rick Tomlin, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 30	FUN SHOOT – Andrew Bellamah, Evan Kurtz

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6	John Frick, Bill Keller
Sunday, November 13	Brian Gleicher, Terry Macdonald
Sunday, November 20	Steve Kirsten, Keith Fungar
Sunday, November 27	Need Range Officers

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays

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

Hunter Education Report

John Lamb, Committee Chair
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The B-CC IWLA graduated 37 more new hunters at the September 2022 Hunter Education Class. I want to give thanks and recognition to all the instructors whom helped make this happen – Shannon Novak, Randy Royen, Butch Mezick, Richard Latimer, Doug Smith, Frank Och, Mark Laurenzi, Matt Chambers, Walt Allensworth, Scott Harmon, Mark Gochnour, Ken Forti, Tad Bodmer (and Lynn Bodmer), and David Boyton. You all rock and the students were very happy with their comments.

Next Year's B-CC IWLA Hunter Education Classes are on the chapter calendar for May 6th & 7th and September 9th & 10th. The first one will be posted with <http://www.register-ed.com> in January and the second will be posted in June 2023.

ATTENTION New Members!
The next Chapter House cleanup is on
Saturday, October 15
Starting at 9:00am

Driving on Chapter Property

Privately owned vehicles are to remain on the main Chapter roads at all times. They are **NOT** allowed to drive through the fields or park in open areas. This includes no vehicle traffic to the back pond or in the fields unless the vehicle is in use in conjunction with a project being overseen by a Chairman or Committee.

Archery Range Committee Report

- The 3D Course is closed until next year, but the target course remains open all year. There are new targets and pads on the target course to reduce arrow loss, but NO broadheads please.
- The Committee holds a Zoom meeting on the first Monday of every month. All chapter members are invited to attend.
- Several youth archery seminars have been held this year, and the committee would like to have a full youth program; looking for a volunteer to run the administrative side.

Contact Jack Mandel, Committee Chair, if you have questions or would like to volunteer at the Archery Range – jmandel@design@gmail.com.

Ponds & Streams Committee Report

- The third pump at the big pond has been replaced and all three pumps are working. The battery, timer, and controller at the small pond have been replaced and the aerator is now working. The fish feeder at the big pond is working. Both ponds had successful largemouth bass and bluegill spawning.
- Several workday projects are planned for the October 15 Fall Cleanup. A fishing event for kids is planned around the end of October.
- Solitude Lake Management will be electroshocking the large and small pond later in October for fish management studies.
- The SOS (Save Our Streams) program has been out twice this year to take samples from the streams. They will be out once more this year. This is a good learning experience for kids.
- Participating in the Salt Watch Program to monitor the salt mix that is placed on the roads.
- Looking into building a wooden bridge across the outflow channel at the large pond to help get the mowers over the outflow rocks. Need three or four poles 25-30 foot long to span the rocks.

If you would like more information, can help with any of the above projects, or know of a source for the poles, contact John Novak, Committee Co-Chair – novakgang4@comcast.net.

DUE DATE

November Newsletter Articles
Friday, October 28 or sooner

Submit articles to:
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If the article contains photos, please submit them as separate files.

Centrarchidae – Sunfish Family

John Novak, Co-Chair, Ponds & Streams Committee
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Centrarchidae, the sunfish family of 30 species in North America, is composed of a diverse group of warmwater fishes well known to freshwater anglers – kids and adults alike. There are sixteen sunfish species reported to occur in Maryland freshwaters. This family includes the popular bluegill, crappie (black and white), and black basses (large-mouth and smallmouth). In addition to these species, the redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, green sunfish, and longear sunfish are found in Maryland freshwaters. No members of the sunfish family occur in marine waters; however, redbreast sunfish, largemouth bass, and pumpkinseed may at times be found in brackish waters. Largemouth bass, bluegill, and redear sunfish are found in the big pond while largemouth bass and bluegill occur in the small pond. Largemouth bass is the largest member of the sunfish family and may reach a length of 35 inches while the smallest member is the banded sunfish at 1.3 to 2.8 inches.

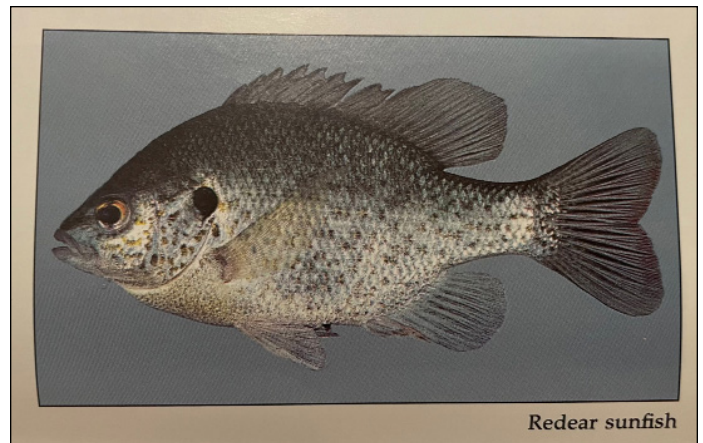


Bluegill

Some species of the sunfish family found in the Potomac River drainage in Maryland are not known to be native to this area. These species include the largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white crappie, rock bass, bluegill, longear sunfish and redear sunfish. Most sunfish species were originally described by early naturalists in the 1700's and the 1800's in the Mississippi River and St. Lawrence River drainages. Today, sunfish species occur in ponds, lakes, reservoirs, and streams because they have been stocked throughout the U.S. by individuals and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies. The most common species stocked in impoundments are largemouth bass and bluegill. Typically, stocking of bluegill and largemouth occurs at a ratio of one largemouth bass for every 10 bluegills per acre of water. Sunfish species are highly adaptable to impoundment environments and thrive quite well with adequate food sources and water quality (especially pH, temperature, and dissolved oxygen) that is conducive to their survival. Sunfish may tolerate a low pH of 4, but the



Largemouth bass



Redear sunfish

normal range for good survival is pH 6.5-8.5. Suitable dissolved oxygen concentrations should not fall consistently below 5.0 milligrams per liter; however, dissolved oxygen as low as 2.0 milligrams may be tolerated for short periods of time. Water temperatures reaching the mid 80's degrees Fahrenheit are tolerated by most sunfish.

Sunfish feed on a variety of food organisms. These prey items include terrestrial and aquatic insects, crustaceans (crayfish), worms, mollusks (clams and snails), and fish. Mouth size is a determining factor in prey selection and hunger likely plays a role. The largemouth bass, an opportunistic feeder, preys heavily on fish and can take a range of sizes given its large mouth; it may also prey on frogs, snakes, and even small ducklings. Many of the lures used to catch largemouth bass imitate fish, frogs, and worms. There is an almost endless array of lures designed to attract and catch largemouth bass. One only needs to go to Bass Pro Shops to see the numerous shelves of bass lures. On the other hand, fishing for bluegills is relatively easy and simple; one only needs a cane pole, plastic bobber, and earthworm. However, at times, large bluegills may also strike a lure intended for a largemouth bass.

Sunfish are nest builders. They spawn in shallow circular cavities constructed along the shoreline of streams, ponds, and lakes. The male digs the nest cavity in gravel or suitable substrate by fanning with the tail to remove silt and debris. Spawning for most sunfish occurs during spring to early/mid-summer. The male guards the nest after spawning occurs and only leaves to chase away predators or other fish. During the period of guarding the nest, the male is vulnerable to capture, as they tend to remove any foreign objects such as lures that land or come near the nest. Bass fishermen are well aware of this characteristic of largemouth bass. The female largemouth bass leaves the nest area after spawning and may spawn again at other nest sites.

In summary, sunfish are a diverse and a highly adaptable family of warmwater fish providing a wide variety of angling opportunities in Maryland freshwaters. These colorful and obliging fish can be found just about anywhere there is suitable habitat. So grab your fishing gear and head to the big pond, small pond, a state impoundment, or the nearby Potomac River for some light tackle action.

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Rifle & Pistol Report

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RANGE CLOSURES

The R&P Range will be closed Saturday, October 22 for opening Muzzleloader Hunting Season.

The last day for the R&P to be open to the general membership will be Friday, November 25. Range will reopen in March 2023.

The Range is moving to Winter Hours on October 31. It will now be open 9:00am to 4:00pm until mid March.

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

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 1	Epstein, G. , Keller, A., Urgo, C., White, M.
Sunday, Oct. 2	Keller, A. , Chung, K., Chung, W., Harmon, S.
Saturday, Oct. 8	Dickerson, C. , McKenney, D., Bryan, T., Tarkowski, J.
Sunday, Oct. 9	McKenney, D. , Flinchum, D., Dickerson, C., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Oct. 15	Johnson, G. , Gage, K., Roth, A.
Sunday, Oct. 16	Finnegan, J. , Sanfuentes, J., Mense, M., Ossi, G.
Saturday, Oct. 22	RANGE CLOSED: MUZZLELOADER SEASON Zic, T., Bryan, T.
Sunday, Oct. 23	Flinchum, D. , McUlsky, A., Nguyen, H., Chung, W.
Saturday, Oct. 29	Drummond, R. , McUlsky, A., Meima, S., Capalupo, P.
Sunday, Oct. 30	Lowe, C. , Ives, S., Kelly, P., Nanof, T.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 5	Hodgson, E. , Gallagher, J., White, M., Drummond, R.
Sunday, Nov. 6	Princiotta, M. , Bissett, R., Wadsworth, H., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Nov. 12	Kipfer, J. , Lowe, C., Johnson, G., Sypes, E.
Sunday, Nov. 13	Sanfuentes, J. , Sypes, E., Pedersen, P., Chung, K.
Saturday, Nov. 19	Epstein, G. , Hodgson, E., Nguyen, H., Calderwood, J., Bowman, M.
Sunday, Nov. 20	Pedersen, P. , Harmon, S., Calderwood, J.
Friday, Nov. 25	Bixler, D. , Kipfer, J., Plata, D.

** Attention Hunters **

Tree stands, ground blinds, or any other material that might "save" a location for a hunter must not be left out on chapter grounds overnight.

FROM THE PAST

OUTDOOR AMERICA – OCTOBER 1958

The Best Kind of Therapy – Fishing

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of Bethesda, Maryland, gave over 100 patients at the Walter Reed Army Hospital a chance to fish during the past summer.

The Chapter conducted the seven-week program in cooperation with the American Red Cross and authorities at the Washington, D.C. hospital. Patients tried their luck at the two conservation farm ponds on Chapter grounds near Poolesville, Maryland. Largest catch during the seven-week program was 14-inch bass.

Doctors and Red Cross officials praised the project for its therapeutic and morale values. Other League chapters, who are located near establishments like Walter Reed, should investigate the possibilities of holding a similar program.



Check out our Facebook page!

Izaak Walton League of America
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter

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 date:

December 10, 2022 (Saturday)

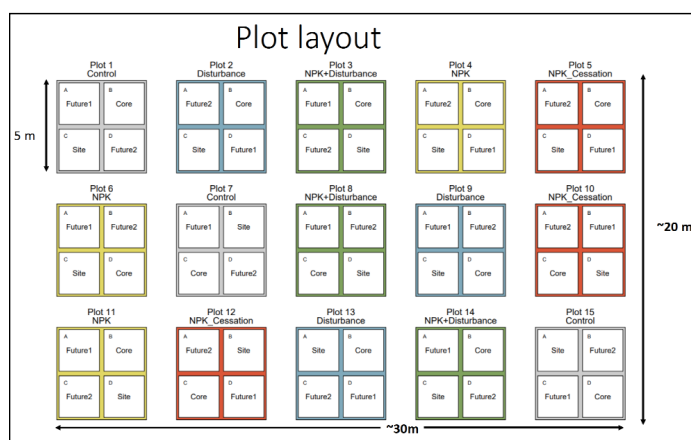
Trash bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available. Please direct any questions to John Robinson, 301 641-1188.



DRAGNet Global Research Study

Our beautiful conservation farm will participate in a global research study - the Disturbance and Resources Across Global Grasslands Network- whose aim is to assess the factors that influence plant community recovery and assembly after disturbance in herbaceous dominated ecosystems. Dr. Betsy von Holle will be conducting this 10-year study in coordination with approximately 75 other sites worldwide. Betsy works for the National Science Foundation, Division of Environmental Biology and is an Associate Research Professor at George Washington University. She is on sabbatical this year and wishes, inter alia, to work on the disturbance and restoration project.

Arthur Belendiuk and Phil Taylor helped Betsy von Holle determine a 35 x 25 meter plot on the B-CC IWLA farm that fit the criteria of the study and that is a good location with respect to farm management. The site will be near the Boy Scout camp and is located in the field across and down from the chestnut tree enclosure. T-posts will mark the site, with flagging on the posts and individual plots, and signs will be placed to explain the goals of the project. Details of the study can be accessed at <https://nutnet.org/dragnet>.



There are opportunities to participate in the project, which is being set up in the month of October, and so please contact Betsy directly with your interest in participating in this plant science project: betsy.vonholle@gwu.edu.

New-Member Orientation Tour

- The next tour will take place on **Saturday, October 22** from 10:00am to approximately 12:00 noon.
- Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House.
- The front gate will be open until the tour begins.
- New members, prospective members, and current members are invited to take the tour.

Calendar Submissions

Contact 1st Vice President Carol Hulce-Efdimis, carol2017@aol.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net, with dates of meetings and events to be added to the website and newsletter calendars.



PHOTO BY PHIL TAYLOR

Great Horned Owl

2022 Land Fund

As a member of the B-CC IWLA, I want to do my part and contribute the following amount to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund Campaign.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

_____ **\$50** _____ **\$100** _____ **\$200** _____ **\$500** _____ **\$1000** _____ **OTHER**

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please mail contribution form and check (made payable to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837 or donate via paypal on the Chapter's website, www.bcciwla.org.

Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Committee Chair
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Early deer muzzleloader season starts on Thursday, October 20 and runs through Saturday, October 22. In region B (our region), muzzleloader season continues Monday, October 24 and continues until Saturday, October 29. Antlered deer may be harvested only October 20 through October 22; antlerless deer may be harvested throughout the 10-day season. There is no muzzleloader deer hunting on Sundays during this season. Deer archery season is open throughout the muzzleloading season and archery hunters may hunt on Sundays until 10:30am. We ask that all members, whether hunting or not, wear something with high visibility colors while on the farm during deer firearms seasons.

From casual observations and reports, the soft mast crop appears to be good. The soft mast most common on our farm includes grape and persimmon. The hard mast crop this year appears to be spotty at best. While we have many species of oaks in our woods, only the saw-tooth species seem to be producing a reasonable crop of acorns this year. There are a good number of hickory nuts dropping now, and the walnut crop is below average. At this writing, the statewide mast report has not been published, but again casual observations suggest a general low mast crop across the state. Typically MD DNR correlates a higher deer harvest when mast crops are low due to the increased movement of deer in search of food. Thanks to the efforts of our farm committee, our fields are in good shape, with a variety of grass crops, legumes, root crops and standing corn. This abundance should support a wide variety of wildlife throughout the winter.

As a reminder, our chapter follows the guidelines and rules of MD DNR hunting on public land by **not** allowing baiting on our farm. This restriction will also apply to salt blocks and licks. Likewise, treestands, ground blinds, or any other hunting equipment may not be left overnight in the woods. These prohibitions are designed to give all our hunters/members equal access to spots in the woods.

We ask that all hunters be safe and courteous, read and follow our rules, and respect the all property lines. B-CC IWLA chapter website has our updated rules and a variety of methods to distinguish our property lines. The Chapter's Trail Guide on the website is a good way to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm.

All members intending to hunt on our farm must acknowledge that they have read our rules and understand where our property lines are by registering on our website (see link below). This is a yearly requirement.

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

Besides registering on our website, all hunters must have with them:

- current hunting license with all applicable stamps
- photo ID
- current BCC chapter membership card
- current vehicle decal displayed on their vehicle

We do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. If you have a wounded deer that travels off our property onto Joe Morin's, Vicky Van Winkle's, or Billy Willard's property, we must get verbal permission to enter their property before we cross the property line. To gain access you must contact **Scott Harmon by cell number at 301 467-0645**. He will then contact the neighbor for permission with instructions from them on how to proceed. We are not to carry a bow or firearm under any circumstances onto their property.

Bob Cissel's farm borders the two 50-acre lots north of the club. It is across Willard Road from the creek north to the golf course entrance. If you wound a deer that crosses the road and you can see it dead in the field, go ahead and retrieve it. Please drag it back across the road and gut it on B-CC's property. If you blood trail the deer onto their farm, please back out and call Bob at 301 775-8978. He will come help you track and recover the deer.

Our farm is considered private property (MD-DNR land code 430 for harvest check in), so your current valid membership card is used as the written permission to hunt as required by MD DNR and must be carried along with your valid hunting license. Also, a current B-CC IWLA chapter vehicle decal must be visible in all vehicles on the farm. We ask that deer and turkeys taken on our farm be recorded either in our game logbook, located outside the chapterhouse's main door, or by sending an email to andupton9@hotmail.com. When reporting your deer or turkeys, we ask for the following information; your name, doe or buck (antler count), date and weapon used, and the total number of ticks found on the ears of your deer. Other details may also be included such as estimated weight or unusual features.

Statewide only 2 bucks may be taken throughout the hunting year, only one of which can have less than 3 points on an antler. Only one buck may be taken in a weapon year. A bonus buck may be taken in region B (our region) after purchasing a bonus buck stamp and can be used for any weapon season, still maintaining the antler point restrictions. Fluorescent pink is an approved legal color like fluorescent orange that hunters must wear to promote hunter safety. This change will require all of hunters to watch for 2 colors in the field that will alert us to the presence of other hunters.

Bears are protected in Montgomery County and we adhere to the policies setup by MD DNR. We ask that all of our members be aware of the possibility of encountering a bear does exist while on our farm.

Catch a Poacher 24 Hour Hotline
1-800-635-6124

Citizens who supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poaching violator are eligible to receive cash rewards. Give names, addresses, vehicle descriptions, and as much information as possible. The anonymity of the caller is guaranteed.

To report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife
(Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)
Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-463-6497

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

Opening Day Dove Hunt Update

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair
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Traditionally September 1st is a busy day at the Chapter, as we enjoy the opening day for Dove Hunting. In 2021, we had torrential rain and the event was cancelled. This year the weather was perfect, warm and sunny. Unfortunately, the lack of sunflowers, due to poor weather early in the growing season, impacted the success of those people brave enough to try. Although the catch was not as bountiful as previous years, at least 2 members came away with more than memories. At the end of the event, everyone came back to the Shotgun Range for beer, dogs, and burgers cooked by our new Chapter President, Walt Allensworth.

A big thanks to everyone who helped and participated, and we look forward to another Opening Day next year.



IWLA's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration at the Chapter Sunday, September 18

As you know, this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the IWLA. To celebrate, we held an open house and party on Sunday, September 18. We used this day to share who we are, what we do, and promoted our conservation message. More than 40 guests and volunteers joined us throughout the afternoon viewing displays about the farm, local wildlife and insects, Monarch Butterflies, and Chapter history. Outside, visitors learned about local history at the log cabin, took part in our mock archeology dig, had the ability to see 18th Century Long Hunter living first hand, and enjoy fishing in the small pond. Rounding off the day, we had a demonstration of retrieving dogs by the handlers and dogs from the Potomac Chapter of NAVHDA. Together with warm sunny weather and a large birthday cake, this turned out to be a wonderful way to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. A huge shout out to all the volunteers who made this possible.



Poolesville Day Update

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair

On September 17th, the town of Poolesville celebrated its annual Poolesville Day. This one-day event celebrates the local community, and draws people from outside the town. Vendors, food stops, kids' activities, and bands coupled with sunny weather contributed to a hugely successful day. As part of our mission to promote our conservation message, we hosted an IWLA booth, highlighting our Chapter, our IWLA mission, and providing information for perspective members and guests.

Big thanks to Walt Allensworth, Rachel Jacobs, Derek Woodward, Paul Holley, Olivia Wight, and George Coakley, who volunteered at the booth, and to those members who just stopped by to say hello. We spoke to over 60 families over the course of 6 hours, several of whom joined us the next day at our 100th Year Celebration.



PHOTOS BY ANDY WIGHT