## **OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**



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

Serving the Community Since 1935

PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

www.bcciwla.org

## **President's Message**

On Saturday, October 4, we had the fall cleanup day at the chapter. Thanks to our Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin's getting the word out thru the newsletter and e-blast, we had over 35 members came together at the chapter to participate. We even had a prospective member attend to fulfill one of their meeting requirements. 1st Vice President Shannon Novak had some morning sustenance available for those that got there early, and several committee chairs had submitted work lists so we knew where to send the volunteers. Our 2nd Vice President Sean-David Waterman was there to help get people pointed in the right direction and assist with the work.

John Lamb's chapter house team tackled one of the more daunting tasks, the re-staining of the exterior of the chapterhouse, but their preparation and planning paid off and the result is stunning. Some of the other committee chairs that were there and had asked for volunteers included; Dave Mecklenburg at the log cabin, Brian King on the trails, John Novak for the ponds, Blaine Elkins at the chestnut orchards, Don Perino for the wildflowers, Warner Parks at the shotgun range, and committee members Steve Eschholz and Bob Dowlut at the R&P range. There were also members working on the garden areas. Chuck Thornton had organized archery's work day the week before in conjunction with the season end dismantling of the 3D course.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis put together a hearty lunch to cap off the official end of the day but many of our members returned to continue their work into the afternoon.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that made this event successful. We would not have this beautiful place without the contribution of your time and talent. Please come out and take some time to enjoy it.

Jerry Murray President

# 2nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

\$10 Per Ticket or \$100 for 11 Tickets

#### Ruger

10/22 semi-auto 22 cal. Rifle

#### Ruger

10/22 semi-auto 22 cal. Rifle with scope

## Glenfield (Marlin) Model 60 semi-auto

Model 60 semi-auto 22 cal. Rifle

Winner will be chosen during the December 17, 2025 Dinner Meeting

Need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at the Dinner
Meetings and the R&P Range,
or contact Jerry Murray
jerrym5@comcast.net
or Andy Wight
andywight1@hotmail.com

Winner will be contacted and prize must be claimed within 30 days after date of drawing

#### **Board of Governors**

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

#### **OFFICERS**

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**Stephen Austin Alexander Cowan** Sebastian Fainbraun Lloyd Iden **Warner Parks** 

Andy Wight, Past President 240 205-3982 • andywight1@hotmail.com

\* 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

To conserve, restore and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters and wildlife.

#### Summary of the August 2025 Board of **Governors Meeting and the August** 2025 Membership Dinner Meeting

Sean-David Waterman, Recording Secretary

#### Wednesday, August 28, 2025 - Board of Governors Meeting

- · The meeting was called to order by President Andy Wight at 7:06pm.
- FY26 Budget was ratified at the August dinner meeting.
- Membership card access updates and member compliance underway.
- Invasive species work is ongoing.
- Website prototype is in testing phase.
- A stream sampling by the Ponds & Streams Committee is scheduled for September 7 at 2:00pm.
- Archaeology Dig is scheduled for October 19 including a potluck lunch.
- Final 3D course cleanup planned.
- NRA-certified firearms training program was proposed.
- National focus on increasing youth outreach and streamlining member engagement.
- Motion passed to raffle .22 caliber rifles (500 tickets at \$10
- Motion passed to sell honey at the October dinner meeting with \$5 per jar donated to the chapter.
- Parking and facility walkthrough is planned by the Accessibility Review Committee.
- Encouragement for volunteers to support September events.

## Wednesday, August 20, 2025 - Membership Dinner

- Meeting called to order by President Andy Wight at 7:14pm.
- Membership Secretary Scott Harmon introduced new member candidates who shared their interests.
- Motion to induct new members was approved.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly reviewed the balances of Chapter's bank accounts,
- Savings accounts were used to improve interest income.
- Members reminded to submit volunteer hours and dues.
- President explained chapter's financial structure and revenue sources.
- A 12% dues increase was proposed and passed by member-
- FY26 budget was also ratified by membership vote.
- · Key points: declining revenue, rising fixed costs, new grants, and efforts to reach break-even operations.
- New Board of Governors members were sworn in by Past President Carol Hulce-Efdimis.
- National IWLA Awards (Earl Hower), State IWLA Awards (Curt Howard, President of Maryland Division), and President's Awards (Andy Wight) were presented to the Chapter, Chapter Members, or Committees.
- Phase 2 of the Lead Reclamation (Shotgun Range) has been completed.
- Shotgun Range Committee is being formed.

REMEMBER...

Guest hunters are not permitted at B-CC IWLA.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS /** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**B-CC IWLA and Community** 

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

#### **Membership / Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 15 Kid Friendly Menu available Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm See page 4

#### **Rifles Raffle Ticket Sale**

Tickets - \$10 each or 11 for \$100 Available at Dinner Meetings See page 1

#### "Bianchi" Pistol Match

October 11 Starting at 9:00am at the R&P Range See page 12

#### **Archaeology Dig at the Log Cabin**

Sunday, October 19 Pot Luck Lunch included 12:00 noon – 3:00pm See page 6

#### **Fall Family Campout**

Saturday, October 25 – Sunday, October 26 2:30pm - 9:00am See page 10

#### Sight-In-Day

Get Ready for Hunting Season! Sunday, November 2 10:00am – 4:00pm Rifle & Pistol Range See page 10

#### **Trout Fishing Day**

Saturday, November 15 12:00 – 4:00pm Small Pond See page 11

#### From the MDDNR website:

#### REPORT YOUR BIRD BANDS ONLINE: WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV

Each year state and federal biologists mark tens of thousands of migratory birds with numbered leg bands. Hunters who report bands recovered from harvested birds receive specific information on when and where the bird was banded while providing important information for migratory bird management. The 1-800 telephone number for reporting bird bands has been discontinued. Hunters who recover a banded migratory bird should now use pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/. Anyone reporting a band will need the following information: the band number, hunters name and address, and the date and location (nearest town) of the harvest.

#### **Ad Hoc Committee Formed to Study Accessibility Concerns**

An ad hoc committee has been created to study the physical accessibility of all Chapter facilities with a view towards improving the ability of members and guests with physical limitations to use and enjoy all that the Chapter property offers. As a general overview of the committee's objectives, it will begin by identifying problem areas - areas where the present physical configuration poses difficulties that limit or completely eliminate access by those with a physical limitation. The committee will then make recommendations as to corrective improvements, then rank them in terms of priority for correction.

The committee is chaired by Bob Kelly, who also serves as the present Treasurer of the Chapter. Please contact him if you are interested in participating in the committee's work. He can be reached at rnkelly1974@gmail.com. Time spent participating in the committee's work can be recorded as volunteer hours.

#### 50 Year Hall of Fame Award



Dan Neuland, Maryland Western Regional Hunter Education Coordinator, presented a 50 Year Hall of Fame Award to Butch Mezick.

#### **Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!**

At the September 2025 Membership Meeting, the following were inducted as members to the Chapter:

John Adams – Family Membership

Interests: Archery Range; Forestry; Legislation

John Ganz - Individual Membership

Interests: R&P Range; Shotgun Range; Farming

John Pentecost – Individual Membership Interests: R&P Range; Forestry; Nature Trails

Qaing Wan - Individual Membership

Interests: Shotgun Range; Hunter Safety; Conservation

Education

Tao Wang – Individual Membership

Interests: R&P Range; Hunter Safety; Hunter Education



## **Poolesville Day Update**

Thanks to everyone who helped at the B-CC IWLA booth during Poolesville Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. As usual, the weather was perfect and with over 12,000 people attending the event we were pleased to see steady traffic from members, families, and neighbors interested in the Chapter. With hands-on archery and fishing stations, activity was higher than in previous years, and roughly 50 visitors expressed interest in joining.





#### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for some members who have financial background or just like numbers to help our treasurer and the board to manage the chapter finances. The duties would include exploring new avenues for bringing in revenue, saving on our expenses, and running cost analysis on future improvement projects and maintenance. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Murray at jerrym5@comcast.net or 202 438-4202.

#### October 2025 1,080th Monthly Dinner / **Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, October 15

50 / 50 Raffle

Dinner Tickets are sold in the Boardroom

In Honor of Oktoberfest

**Appetizers** 

Pork Loin, Kielbasa, Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Carrots, Rolls, Various Desserts Coffee, Lemon Water, Jug of Ice Tea **Bring your own Libations** 

Kid Menu

Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies/Ice Cream, Juice Box

**Gun Raffle Ticket Sale** 

Tickets - \$10 each or 11 for \$100

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

October 2025 **Board of Governors Meeting** 

Wednesday, October 22

7:00pm

#### **IT Committee Report**

Julie Wight, Chair jwight00@gmail.com

The IT Committee is looking for someone to be the social media person for the chapter. This person should like taking pictures and posting to Facebook.

Contact me if you are interested.

#### **Chapter Entrances**

Members must not block chapter entrances (main gate and cattle gates) along Izaak Walton Way and West Willard Road. Emergency vehicles and farm equipment must have access at all times.

#### **Chapter House Holiday Decorating** Saturday, December 6

Meet at the chapter house at 10:00am to decorate for the winter holiday. We need help for inside and outside the chapter house. It's a great way to get your volunteer hours in.

From the Farm Committee

As a friendly reminder – if you are in the fields hunting, always pick up your empty shells.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

#### Monthly Events

**Mondays** Troop 2027G Meetings (Board Room) **Mondays** Troop 496B Meetings (Chapter Housee) 7:30pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm

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OCTOBER							
Wednesday, October 1	Apollo Archery	6:00pm – Dark					
Saturday, October 4	Summer Biathlon Program Practice (note earlier start time)	7:00am					
Saturday, October 4	Fall Chapter Cleanup and Picnic	8:30am – 3:00pm					
Saturday, October 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon					
Saturday, October 11	"Bianchi" Pistol Match at R&P Range	Starting at 9:00am					
Wednesday, October 15	Membership Dinner Meeting – Kids' Friendly Dinner	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm					
Thursday, October 16	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting in Chapter House	6:00pm – 8:00pm					
Thursday, October 16	R&P Range Closed All Day – Opening of Muzzleloader Season	Closed All Day					
Friday, October 17	R&P Range Closed All Day – Opening of Muzzleloader Season	Closed All Day					
Saturday, October 18	R&P Range Closed All Day – Opening of Muzzleloader Season	Closed All Day					
Saturday, October 18	New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am					
Saturday, October 18	Rural Republican Women's Club Dinner in the Chapter House	12:00 noon – 8:00pm					
Sunday, October 19	Archaeology at the Log Cabin	12:00 noon – 3:00pm					
Wednesday, October 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm					
Saturday, October 25	Articles for November Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day					
Saturday, October 25	Fall Family Campout	Gates open at 3:00pm					
Saturday, October 26	Fall Family Campout	Breakfast and Cleanup					
NOVEMBER							
Saturday, November 1	Biathlon Program Practice (note earlier start time)	7:00am					
Sunday, November 2	Sight-In Day at the R&P Range	10:00am – 4:00pm					
Saturday, November 8	Biathlon Program Practice	7:30am					
Wednesday, November 13	Legacy Board Meeting in Boardroom, Chapter House	7:00pm – 9:00pm					
Saturday, November 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon					
Saturday, November 15	Trout Fishing Day – Small Pond	12:00 noon – 4:00pm					
Wednesday, November 19	Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm					
Wednesday, November 19	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting					
Thursday, November 20	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting in Chapter House	6:00pm – 8:00pm					
Saturday, November 22	New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour (tentative date)	10:00am – 11:30am					
Saturday, November 29	Articles for December Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day					
DECEMBER							
Saturday, December 6	Decorate the Chapter House for Christmas	10:00am – 4:00pm					
Saturday, December 13	Annual Christmas Party in the Chapter House	6:00pm – 10:00pm					
Sunday, December 14	Montgomery Bird Club, Christmas Bird Count	7:00am – 12:00 noon					
Wednesday, December 17	Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm					
Wednesday, December 17	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting					
Thursday, December 18	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting in the Chapter House	6:00pm – 8:00pm					
Friday, December 26	Articles for January 2026 Newsletter due – send article to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day					
The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.							

## AS A REMINDER... Registering to Hunt on Chapter Property

If you intend on hunting on the Chapter property, you must register on the Chapter website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

Link to register: https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/

Questions? Contact Hunting Ethics and Oversight Committee Chair Larry Anderson at andupton9@hotmail.com

#### **B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program 2025 Practice Schedule**

ELIGIBILITY: 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.

**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 is best)/ fitnesscrafters@proton.me, Chairman B-CC IWLA Biathlon Committee.

#### Last 2 Practices for 2025 **Muzzleloader Hunting Season**

7:30am Saturday, November 1 Saturday, November 8 7:30am

#### Archaeology Dig at the Log Cabin

Archaeology Committee bcc\_archaeology@yahoo.com

There will be an archaeology dig at the Log Cabin on Sunday, October 19 (weather permitting).

To start things off, there will be a pot-luck lunch at noon. We will have a grill going with hot dogs. After that, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm we will be excavating and exploring the root cellar and entrance to it.

Kid's love to dig! This is an opportunity for them to learn how an archaeological dig is performed. No experience necessary. If possible, please bring gloves and a small trowel or putty knife.

This is a family-friendly, educational event that will also add to our



Collecting dirt in the root cellar.



Sifting for manmade objects.

understanding of the cabin. We have not conclusively determined the depth of the original floor (the root cellar has been filled-in). Also, there might be buried stone steps leading down.

Hope to see you there!

#### **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.

#### **Membership Committee Report**

Scott Harmon, Membership Secretary & Committee Chair MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com 301 467-0645 (cell)

As of the September Board Meeting, membership stands at 720 total Members: 369 Individuals, 230 Family, 67 Retired Individuals, 38 Retired Family, 12 Associates, 3 Student, and 1 Youth.

All renewal notices have been mailed in to you. If you did not receive a renewal notice, we need to talk. Please give me a call so we can get your information added to our database. Our new 2025/2026 fiscal year started September 1st. By renewing early, you help the chapter continue operating the farm and ranges during the fall months. All members that have not renewed for 2025 have had their access cards turned off. This year a late fee of \$37.50 will be added to returning members that have not paid by January 2, 2026. Please renew as soon as you are able.

#### There are three ways to renew:

- 1. By mail The mail method is easy but takes extra time for delivery and pickup. You increase your exposure to identity theft by writing a check and mailing it. This is now the most common way to have your banking information stolen.
- 2. In person at a dinner meeting The second way is to see me at a dinner meeting and hand me a check or cash. This is a more preferred way to renew and will require a copy of your renewal notice.
- 3. Online The third way, and most preferred way, is to renew online. To renew online, use the link below:

#### https://bcciwla.org/memberrenew/

If you did not volunteer 6 work hours at the chapter this past year, a \$75 in lieu of Volunteer Fee has been added to your renewal invoice notice.

Please choose the method that works best for you but also helps the chapter the most.

You are responsible for recording your work hours. Just click the link below to enter the information.

#### https://bcciwla.org/log-your-hours/

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.

#### **ATTENTION New Members!**

Chapter House cleanups will be on: Saturday, October 11 Saturday, November 15 Saturday, December 13 Starting at 9:00am

Join us and earn 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.

> Signup for the cleanups using the signup genius link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-51060445-monthly

> Questions? Contact John Lamb ipatricklamb@aol.com

#### **New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour**

Come join us on the B-CC IWLA Orientation Tour. The next tour will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00am to approximately 11:30am if weather permits.

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/ 10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-54255111-newmember

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.





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

#### **Family Friendly Chapter Dinner**

Our next Family Friendly Chapter Dinner will be held October 15. As usual, we will have kid's activities while adults enjoy the regular chapter meeting. Hot dogs, chips, cookies/ice cream, and juice boxes will be provided. Vegetarian options are available. Keep the date clear and use this opportunity to bring your kids to the chapter.

## HONEY

Pure, Raw, from the bees at the Chapter

\$18 for a 1lb. jar

\$5 from each jar sold will go to the Chapter.

Support the Chapter and enjoy a sweet product of the club. It will be sold in the boardroom before the October dinner meeting.



### DUE DATE

for November Newsletter Articles is Saturday, October 25.

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.

#### 2025 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 _	<b> \$100</b>	<b> \$200</b>	<b></b> \$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, donate via paypal on the Chapter's website, or give your donation to a Board Member at a monthly dinner meeting.

#### **Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report**

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

#### As a Reminder:

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be closed on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, October 11, the Pistol side will be closed for the Bianchi Match. The Rifle side will be open subject to stoppages for target changes on the Pistol side
- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 16 18, for the Opening of Muzzleloader Season. The Range will reopen on Sunday, October 19.

We are in the process of making changes to the range officer training process, by eliminating the one-year probationary period and instead require prospective range officers to complete three visits to the range, participate in shooting events, take a class, and pass an exam.

Please remember to put away target frames when you are done shooting and police your brass.

#### Calling all Pistol Enthusiasts...

The R&P range will hold a "Bianchi"Pistol Match on October 11, 2025. The full course of fire (posted in the Chapter House and Range House) includes four types of pistols (rim-fire revolver, rim-fire semi-auto, center-fire revolver, center-fire semi-auto) with 40 rounds for each type with the NRA Bianchi Cup D-1 targets placed at the 50' line. You need not shoot all four segments to participate. Each segment of the course of fire includes trigger manipulation by strong and weak hand, one and two hand hold and slow and timed rate of fire, testing the participant's skill, endurance and versatility. Anyone achieving a score of 1500 out of a possible 1600 will get their name on the chapter plaque. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each segment. The match will start at 9:00am with a break for lunch and continue into the afternoon depending on the number of participants. Targets are available in the Range House for practice. See flyer on page

Advanced registration with the Sign-up Genius link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-58322286-bianchi



Bianchi Practice

#### Get ready for hunting season!

Sight-In-Day, Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sight in your legal deer hunting firearms:

- Shotgun with slugs
- Straight Wall and other Center fire rifles, pistols or muzzleloading firearms

15-yard – 100-yard target distances available with 45 min time limit per shooter

Trained and experienced shooters will be there to assist with bore sighting equipment and to troubleshoot

> **Lunch Provided** \$20 per shooter



Bore Sighting





Check out our Facebook page!

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

If you would like an event to be posted on Facebook, contact Andy Wight at ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

#### **Wildlife Committee Report**

Larry Anderson, Chair andupton9@hotmail.com 240 246-5302

The 2025-2026 hunting season is upon us. Several seasons are already open: deer archery, dove, squirrel. Early Deer muzzleloader season is coming up, Oct. 16 through Oct. 25, antlerless deer only Oct. 20 through Oct. 25. All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must:

- 1) Have a valid MD hunting license (including all necessary stamps, i.e. HIP stamp for doves or Muzzleloader stamp for deer)
- 2) Have a current and valid B-CC IWLA membership card as proof of permission to hunt on private land
- Have a current and valid parking sticker displayed on their
- 4) Register on our website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly require-

We are a large chapter with many hunters and nonhunters that all enjoy a day in the field, so we ask that everyone be safe, courteous and respectful in their activities on our farm. We adhere to and endorse MD DNR hunting regulations and policies. The MD hunting regulations can be found at: http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/, and can be downloaded on our website. Again, there are not many changes to the MD DNR hunting regulations this year from last. The bag limit remains at 2 antlered deer per year across all hunting seasons (archery, muzzleloader and firearm) and only one of those deer may have fewer than 3 points on one antler. In region B (our farm is in Region B), hunters may purchase a bonus antlered deer stamp that allows harvest on 1(one) additional antlered deer (cannot be used in early muzzleloader season). The bag limit of antlerless deer is now unlimited for archery seasons (we are in the Suburban Deer Management Zone), 10 for muzzleloader seasons and 10 for shotgun seasons.

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.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we had numerous sightings last year, and we like to believe our habitat is healthy enough to support an occasional bear or two. Bears in Montgomery Co. are protected and should not be harassed.

The farm committee has been busy tending the fields to improve habitat and attract a wide variety of wildlife to our farm. Once again, Phil and all the volunteers working with Phil have worked hard to prepare our farm for hunting seasons - Thanks all! The plantings benefit all wildlife, including our deer population. There are several salt block stations out placed by the farm committee. We do ask that our members do not place salt blocks in our fields; they wreak havoc with our crops and equipment. As a reminder, we do not allow baiting on our farm by members.

This year, the mast crop appears to be modest and spotty. Acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts, and a wide variety of soft mast (persimmons, paw paws and many types of berries) are in modest abundance this year. One consequence of a lower mast year, according to MD DNR, is that deer harvest numbers are generally higher. The theory is that with not so abundant food supplies deer search and move more frequently, making them more visible to hunters.

New this year, the chronic wasting disease (CWD) management area has been expanded to include all of Allegany, Washington, Carroll, Montgomery, Howard, and Baltimore Counties. The management plan restricts the movement of deer carcasses (or parts) out of these areas. MD DNR recommends common-sense precautions to deer hunters in handling of venison and add that: Concerns over CWD should not stop hunters from enjoying the hunting season or any venison they may acquire. More information about CWD and the management plan can be found at:

#### https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/ hunt\_trap/CWD\_in\_Maryland.aspx

As a reminder, we do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. In the event that you need to track and recover a deer that makes it off our farm, members need to get permission before entering our neighbor's property. The property located to the north and west of our farm (near the big pond) on several different boundaries is owned by Joe Morin (301 674-5397), the property located north of the NE Woods is owned by Vikki Van Winkle (301 379-3560), and the property across Willard Road from the NE woods is owned/managed by Bob Cissel (301 775-8978). Members may enter their property only after calling them and receiving permission. You must not enter their property with a weapon of any kind. 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. If you are caught trespassing, you will lose your privilege to hunt and may lose your membership. Trespassing on posted property is a serious crime and punishable under Md. Criminal Law §6-402. A first offense is punishable by imprisonment of up to 90days or a fine not exceeding \$500, or both.

Happy hunting and think safety!

#### 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, 8:00am - 4:30pm)? Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-463-6497

#### **R&P Range Closures**

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 16 - 18 for the Opening of Muzzleloader Season. The Range will reopen on Sunday, October 19.



### **SAVE THE DATE! 2025 Fall Family Campout**

This year's Fall Family Campout will be held from Saturday, October 25 - Sunday, October 26. Chapter members, prospective members, their families, and their escorted guests are all welcome. Gate will be open at 2:30pm on Saturday. Events will start Saturday afternoon and end after breakfast on Sunday morning.

Use the link below to sign up for the campout with your name and the number of people in your party attending in parenthesis to let us know for food planning. Pleasee indicate any dietery restrictions.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-57867474-2025

#### **Archery Range Committee Report**

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

The Archery Committee has wrapped up major operations for the year. We've taken down the 3D courses and Apollo Archery held its final 2025 session on October 1st.

The Archery Range, however, will remain open to members and their guests throughout the Fall. We have acquired new target bags and additional equipment, and the range is in great shape. Come out and shoot during the cooler autumn months to keep your skills sharp!

We will not hold monthly Archery Committee meetings in October and November. Check in with us during the December meeting to plan Winter activities and the 2026 schedule of events.

#### **CAMPGROUND NOTICE**

The Camparound is closed during all black powder and firearms deer seasons.

#### SIGHT-IN DAY

(at the R&P Range)

Sunday, November 2 10:00am - 4:00pm

\$20 / shooter (Lunch and Range Fees included)

Sight in your legal deer hunting firearms:

- Shotgun with slugs
- Straight Wall and other Center fire refiles, pistols, or muzzleloading firearms

15-yard – 100-yard target distances available with 45 min. time limit per shooter

Trained and experienced shooters will be there to assist with bore sighting equipment and to trouleshoot

#### Sign up using the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-59011953-2025

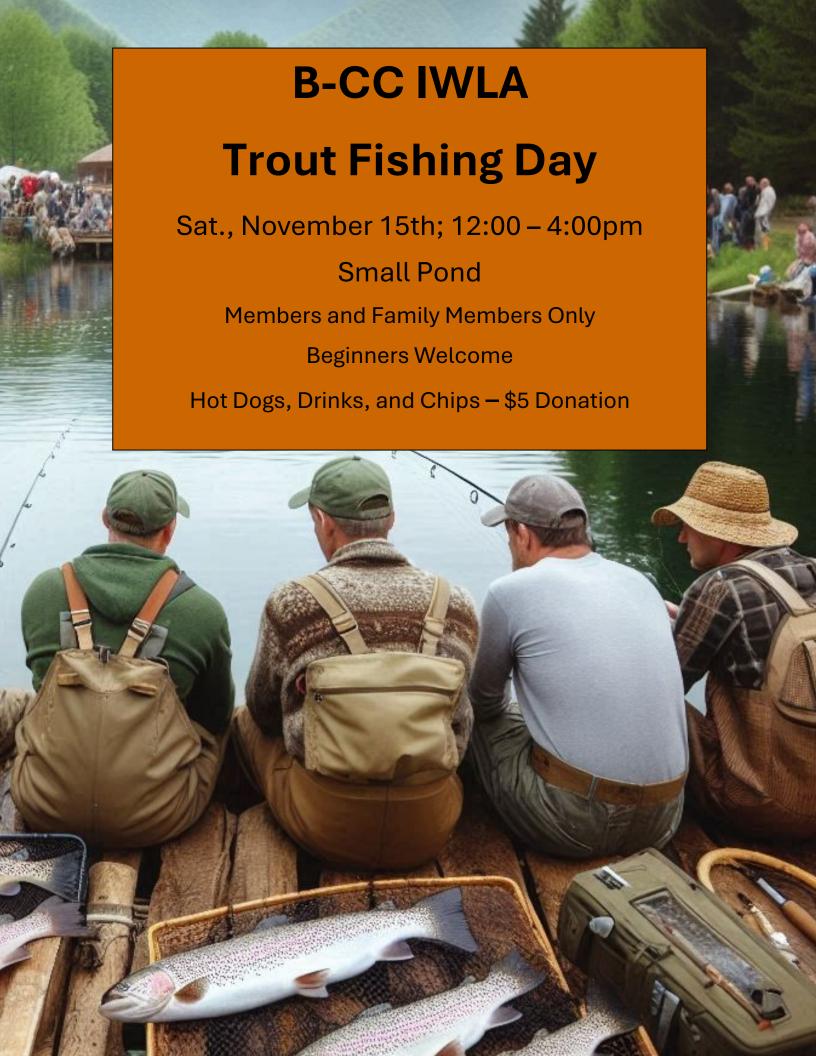


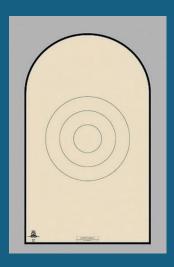
Hunter Education members with Maryland NRP (National Resources Police).

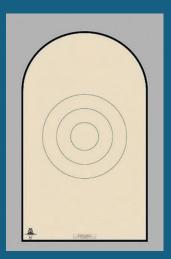
#### Wildflower **Committee Report**

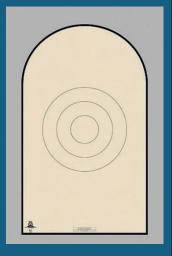
On Sunday, September 14, the Scouts planted Black Eyed Susan in our Wildflower Meadow. Within minutes we had our first "customer."













## Join us for a

## "Bianchi" Pistol Tournament on October 11, 2025. 9:00am start

The full course of fire includes four types of pistols:

- rim-fire revolver,
- rim fire semi-auto,
- center-fire revolver,
- center-fire semi-auto

## 40 rounds for each type with the targets placed at 50'

Each segment of the course of fire includes trigger manipulation by strong and weak hand, one and two hand hold and slow and timed rate of fire, testing the participant's skill, endurance and versatility.

Anyone achieving a score of 1500 out of a possible 1600 will get their name on the chapter plaque.

Prizes will be awarded, and lunch is available

Only \$20 per shooter (including lunch)

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Please register in advance