

## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

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## President's Message

This Chapter has long had a relationship with scouts. We have gladly offered our Chapter House, ranges, ponds and forest to the scouts, as well as our financial support. The scouts have over the years bestowed upon us many a scout project – bridges, kiosks, and most recently a beautiful pavilion at the archery range, furnished with hand-made table and chairs (thank you Girl Scout Rachel Behrend). Too, the presence of the scouts has made us a better place for reasons more complex, and not reducible to the presence of a new wooden structure. Our respective missions have much in common, and it has been a fortunate thing for us and for the scouts. I am also glad to relay to you that the number of scouts within our Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 496 has been growing.

But many would say and have said that there was something missing. By way of example, at its last meeting the Board of Governors heard from mothers who were cub scout leaders, and whose daughters wanted to participate with their brothers and friends as scouts – but could not.

The Boy Scouts of America has apparently heard this call. Last year the BSA decided to allow scout troops to include girls, reasoning that the values of scouting – trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courteousness, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, bravery, cleanliness and reverence – are all just as relevant and important for young women as for young men.

But the decision by the BSA was not the last word on the issue. Instead, the BSA left to the individual chartering entities (like our Chapter) the decision of whether girls would be allowed to be part of the troop. I am happy to report to you that at its January meeting, the Board of Governors agreed with the BSA's reasoning and unanimously voted to include girls within Troop 496 of the National Capital Council. As I write, the formation of that troop is underway. Thank you to Ms. Zoe Welsh, who made the request, to the adult leaders of Troop 496, and to our Scout Liaison Mr. Doug McKenney. A fine way to begin the decade.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

### Chapter Monthly Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 19  
6:30pm

### Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, February 29  
6:00pm

### Current R&P Range Officer Sign Up

Saturday, March 7  
*See article on Page 6*  
9:00am at the Chapter House

### Shotgun Range – Range Officers Sign Up

Sunday, March 8  
9:00am at the Chapter House

### Shotgun Range Officer Training Class

Sunday, March 8  
After the Sign Up

### Current R&P Range Officer Sign Up

Saturday, March 14  
*See article on Page 6*  
9:00am at the Chapter House

### Kid Friendly Chapter Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 18  
6:30 pm

### Spring Chapter Cleanup Day

Saturday, March 28  
8:00am

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the March 2020 newsletter  
**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.**

## Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

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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 December 2019 Board of Governors Meeting and January 2020 Dinner Meeting

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary

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### December 18, 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

- Think about ways, resources, etc. for expanding our membership.
- Archives committee is continuing to document newsletters and older membership lists. They are looking into OCR technology.
- Request from the Beekeeper's association to do another event in March.
- Total for donations set aside this year is \$8,500. \$1,000 for Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH), \$5,500 for Poolesville High School ecology program, \$1,250 for Ruffed Grouse Society, \$500 for Poolesville Fire Department, leaving a balance of \$250.
- Front door to Chapterhouse is hard to open. Do not try to open the door until you hear the click from the lock.
- Proposed letter for the comment period for Department of Environment. We are endorsing the Trout Unlimited and DNR plan for release of cold water for trout.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Move to transfer \$300 from management reserve to operating account to compensate Poolesville Plumbing and Heating Company. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion to approve the eight applications. Motion passes unanimously.
- Make the donation to FHFH in the amount of \$1,000. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion to sign the letter for the Department of Environment. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion to execute/accept the MOU with GWU with proposed changes. Motion passes with Joe Trotter dissenting, objecting to approving a legal document before it is finalized and properly reviewed by the board.

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Ron Marchessault spoke about possibly doing a gun raffle at the Wild Game dinner. The funds would come out of Management Reserve.

Adjourned at 9:53pm.

### Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Dinner Meeting

- Chapter President Jeff Seaman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Jeff opened the meeting by informing the membership of next month's speaker, Lori Mayhew, who will speak about conservation and agriculture in Montgomery County.
- **Farm Management:** Things have been slow so we've had time to work on equipment maintenance. We've sent in soil samples to Texas for testing of ammonia, nitrites, and other chemicals that can be used for fertilization. The testing will allow us to have a better idea of what kinds of cover crops we should use. Ultimately, the idea is to eliminate all additives and achieve peak soil health.
- **Wildlife Management:** Firearm deer season is over, 18 deer off the property this year, a little lower than previous but in line with state averages. Turkey season is coming up.

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## SUMMARY

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- **Forestry:** Ash spores are killing Ash trees and causing a mess on trails. The trails will be cleaned early this spring.
- **Hunter Ethics:** A tree stand was removed from the West Woods. You cannot leave a stand out overnight!
- Letter was sent to DNR to release cold water for fisheries.
- People donated approximately \$21,610 for the Land Fund during the fundraising drive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

## Chestnut Grove Report

Blaine Elkins, Committee Chair  
BlaineElkins@verizon.net

### CHESTNUT GENOME GROVE SPRING WORKDAY

The chapter spring cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. The Chestnut committee will be cleaning up the Genome Chestnut grove near the campground. This will include planting up to 20 pure breed American Chestnut seeds, placing protective tubes and setting weed-block aprons around them, and replacing weathered weed-block aprons at existing seedlings/saplings. We will also place identifying markers at all 60 seedling locations and perform general clean up.

## Unusual Species Observed During the Seneca Christmas Bird Count

Diane Seward  
Chair, Citizen-Science Projects

The 61st Seneca Christmas Bird Count took place on December 15, 2019. Last month we reported on the results of the count that took place on chapter grounds. This month the focus is on the entire 7 (out of 16 sectors in the count circle), which comprises parts of Fairfax and Loudon Counties in Virginia as well as sections of Montgomery County in Maryland.

The Seneca CBC participants counted 100 species of birds this year, a higher number than in the last two years, plus 3 additional "count week" species—species observed during the week of the count, but not on count day. The birds that we typically see at our feeders were observed—a variety of woodpeckers, cardinals, chickadees, titmice, Dark-eyed Juncos, Blue Jays and Song Sparrows. More than 3,000 crows, 242 Whitethroated Sparrows, 166 Cedar Waxwings, and 265 Red-winged Blackbirds were counted in our sector. In the "unusual species" category this year, Sandhill Cranes showed up again, as they have in the past three years. These birds seem to spend their nights on the Virginia side of the Potomac, in the Algonkin Nature Preserve, then fly over the river to feed in the agriculture preserve during the day and in the golf course on West Willard Road. Snow Geese and Tundra Swans were also observed, as were a Pine Warbler and a Laughing Gull, all considered unusual. The most unusual species seen was a female Rufous Hummingbird, which is a first for the Seneca CBC and brings our cumulative Seneca CBC species to 173. Pine Siskins and Red-breasted Nuthatches, both "irruptive" species—not normal wintertime residents-- were not observed this year.

Many thanks to Jim Nelson whose submission to the Maryland Bird Club was adopted for this report.



## SAVE THE DATE! Kid Friendly Chapter Dinner

Our first kid friendly chapter dinner of 2020 will be held on March 18. As usual, we will have activities for the kids while adults enjoy the regular chapter meeting. Hot dogs, cookies, and juice boxes will be provided. Save the date and use this opportunity to bring your kids to the chapter.

### Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the January dinner meeting:

**Mark D Barrett**

**Interests:** Conservation Education; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management

**Carlos Tomas Graveran**

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

**Art Incao**

**Interests:** Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

**Elaine Veronica Schuler**

**Interests:** Chapterhouse; Conservation Education; Charity Fundraising; Nature Trail; Programs; Recreational Activities; Youth Activities/Scouting

**Kevin C. Stemp**

**Interests:** Archery; Farm; Rifle & Pistol

**Mike Stonestreet**

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

**Jonathan Todd Tarkowski**

**Interests:** Ponds & Streams Management; Programs; Recreational Activities

**COMING SOON**

## **SPRING FAMILY CAMPOUT**

**We plan to hold the  
Spring Family Campout in April.  
More information to come  
in the March Newsletter.**

### **2020 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule**

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will meet at the Chapter House at 8:15am for cleanup on the following dates:

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Saturday, April 11, 2020  
Saturday, July 11, 2020  
Saturday, September 12, 2020

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



### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR**

This month's New Member Orientation Tour will be on Saturday, February 29 from 10:00am until 12:00 noon.

## **B-CC IWLA GUN RAFFLE**

**DONATION IS \$20.00 PER TICKET**

**ONLY 500 TICKETS  
WILL BE SOLD!!!!**

- WHAT:** A Gun Raffle  
**WHY:** To Raise Funds To Benefit The Chapter  
**WHO:** Tickets can be sold to Members, Family, Friends, and Colleagues  
**WHEN:** April Dinner Meeting on April 15, 2020 or, once all of the tickets are sold at the next Dinner Meeting  
**WHERE:** The Raffle Will Take Place At The Chapterhouse

*Stateline Gun Exchange, LLC located in Emmitsburg, MD will provide the following three guns for the raffle:*

**BERETTA A300 12GA.  
BLUE/WAL. J30TJ10 or \$750.00**

**SAVAGE 220 CAMMO/BLUE 20GA.  
or \$650.00 (INCLUDED WITH THIS GUN**

*is a DNZ Mount (one-piece mount) and Leupold Scope 3x9x40 Rifleman)*

**TIKKA T3X 6.5 CREEDMORE BLUE/WAL. 24" JRTXA382 or \$600.00**

**Tickets will be available at dinner meetings**

*\*If you have any questions, please contact Ron Marchessault at 202 320-3834 or, via email: RMarchessault12@aol.com*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday, February 3	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Saturday, February 8	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at Chapter House Parking Lot	8:15am
Saturday, February 8	Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance	3:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday, February 9	Shotgun Range – Range Officers Sign Up – Chapter House	9:00am
Monday, February 10	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Saturday, February 15	Private Event at Chapter House	11:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, February 16	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, February 16	Membership Envelope-Stuffing Work Party	12:00 noon – 2:00pm
Sunday, February 16	NAVDHA Annual Meeting – Chapter House	12:00 noon – 3:00pm
Monday, February 17	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting – Dinner Speaker Lori Mayhew	6:30pm
Wednesday, February 19	Gun Raffle Tickets Available – \$20 per ticket	
Monday, February 24	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, February 28	March Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, February 29	New Member Tour & Orientation	10:00 – 12:00 noon
Saturday, February 29	Wild Game Dinner	6:00pm – 10:00pm
<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday, March 2	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Saturday, March 7	R&P Range Officer Sign Up – Chapter House – Sign Up List Available	7:00am
Saturday, March 7	R&P Range Officer Sign Up – Chapter House – Registration Form Available	8:30am
Saturday, March 7	R&P Range Officer Sign Up – Chapter House – Meeting	9:00am
Saturday, March 7	Greenhouse – Build Squirrel Proof Enclosure for Chestnut Tree Pots	Contact Blaine Elkins
Sunday, March 8	Shotgun Range – Range Officers Sign Up – Chapter House	9:00am
Sunday, March 8	Shotgun Range Officer Training Class	After the Sign Up
Monday, March 9	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Saturday, March 14	R&P Range Officers Sign Up – Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, March 14	Ponds & Streams Committee Meeting – Board Room	9:30am
Sunday, March 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, March 16	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, March 18	Kid Friendly Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, March 21	Chestnut Seed Planting – Greenhouse	9:00am
Monday, March 23	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, March 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, March 27	April Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, March 28	Spring Chapter Cleanup Day	8:00am
Sunday, March 29	New Member Tour & Orientation	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, March 30	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
<b>APRIL</b>		
Saturday, April 4	R&P Range Reopens to General Membership	
Saturday, April 4	Black Powder Day/Muzzleloader Event	9:00am – 4:30pm
Monday, April 6	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Saturday, April 11	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – Meet at Chapter House Parking Lot	8:15am
Saturday, April 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 13	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, April 20	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, April 24	May Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Sunday, April 26	New Member Tour & Orientation	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 28	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm

**The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.  
Check the online [www.bcciwa.org](http://www.bcciwa.org) electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.**

## Membership Committee Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair  
301 252-8825 MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

### THE LATE FEE DEADLINE FOR YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED AGAIN !!!

We are still working to overcome the previously unforeseen data issue that directed a significant number of renewal invoices to incorrect addresses.

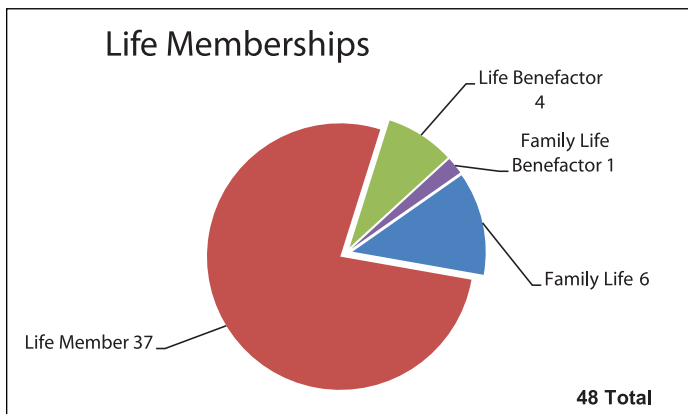
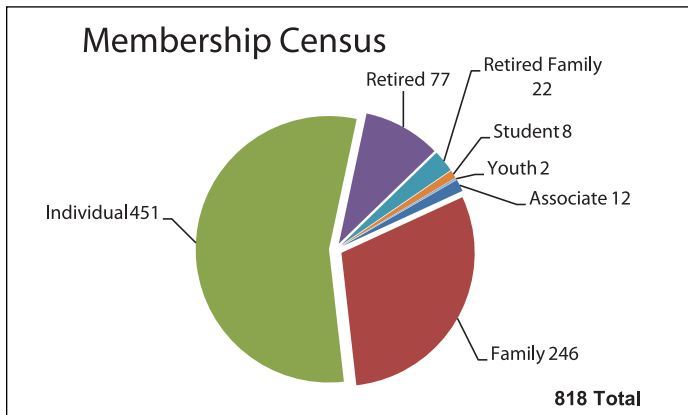


January New Member Orientation Tour

- Please text me directly at 301 252-8825 if you have not received an invoice.
- Another envelope-stuffing work party has been scheduled at the chapterhouse on Sunday, February 16 from noon – 2:00pm(ish).
- We are still in the process of emailing 2020 invoices to all members who have not yet responded for renewal (100+) under the assumption that their postal addresses are no longer valid.
- The process is still being worked on to share updates between the chapter's data and IWLA National's database.

The **New Member Orientation Tour** this month will take place on **Saturday, February 29**.

The active membership breakdown as of this printing is:



## B-CC QUIZ

**Question:** How much has the price of an acre of land in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve risen since the first purchase that later became the core of the B-CC Conservation Farm?

- A. 100 %
- B. 200 %
- C. 300 %
- D. 400 %
- E. More than 400 %

*Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.*

## Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer  
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### CURRENT RANGE OFFICER SIGN UP

This year's RO sign up will be held on the following days:

- Saturday, March 7 at 9:00am
- Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am

Bring your current chapter membership card and last year's RO card.

The RO fees are \$60 for Family memberships and \$40 for Individual memberships. Remember this is based on your chapter membership type.

On March 7, the sign-up list will be in the Chapter House at 7:00am and registration forms will be passed out at 8:30am with the meeting to start immediately at 9:00am. If you are not present at this time, your spot is gone and you will go to the end of the line. Selection of duty days will start immediately following the meetings.

### RANGE CLOSURES

The range will be closed the months of February and March to the general membership except when opened by a Range Officer. **Chapter Spring Clean Up is scheduled for March 28 but the range will not be open that weekend for general membership use.** It will reopen back up to the general membership on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

### RANGE MAINTENANCE

The target stands and the interior of the Range house are your responsibility. Make sure they are neat and organized each time you enter.

### DAILY MAINTENANCE

- All members using the Range – please remember that this is your range; help us keep it.
- Call or email when supplies are low, not out; i.e. sign-up sheets, etc.
- Know the SOP's.
- Clean up after yourself – put brass in the buckets and paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.
- Keep watch on Guests you bring to the range; it is your responsibility to brief them on the SOP's.
- Be safe and enjoy the range respectfully.

### HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

On the chapter's website, under R&P Range, you can print off a copy of the Hold Harmless Agreement. If you are bringing a guest to the range, it is preferable to do this just in case we are out of stock in the range house.

## Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair  
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### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

*Winter hours for the Shotgun Range are  
9:00am to 4:00pm.*

Please note that the **Saturday, March 7 Range Officers Sign Up** has been changed to **Sunday, March 8** in the **chapter house at 9:00am** – please mark your calendar. There will be a **Range Officer Training Class** following the **March 8** meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Shotgun Range Officer.

Range Officers – please double check and make sure all release cords and extension cord are returned to the range house.

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

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers **ONLY**.

If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let Joel or me know ASAP.

### RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2	Need Range Officer
Sunday, February 9	Need Range Officer
Sunday, February 16	Need Range Officer
Sunday, February 23	Need Range Officer

#### MARCH

Sunday, March 1	Need Range Officer
Sunday, March 8	Need Range Officer
Sunday, March 15	Need Range Officer
Sunday, March 22	Need Range Officer
Sunday, March 29	Need Range Officer

### HOURS OF OPERATION

#### WINTER HOURS

Sundays 9:00am to 4:00pm Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

## Donations are needed...

The Maryland Division needs our Chapter's help with the 2020 IWLA Convention in Cambridge, Maryland on July 20-22.

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction (3 per chapter) plus items for the Regular Auction and the Youth Convention. All items should be new. Auction items ideas: hunting, shooting, fishing, possible fishing trip, conservation related items (beekeeping, bird watching, etc.).

Corporate and Individual Sponsors are also welcome. Names will be included in a program booklet and also on a banner.

Contact Bob Pavlick for more information – roberpav1@verizon.net or 301-526-4303 (cell).



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### February Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 19

Contact Chip Dunn, cdunn20842@aol.com, if you can help with food preparation, setup, and/or cleanup. 1:00pm setup start time.

### Wild Game Dinner Saturday, February 29 6:00pm

Contact Lin Tate at lin@tate-tate.us if you can help with the setup and cleanup.

### March Dinner Meeting Wednesday, March 18

Contact Chip Dunn, cdunn20842@aol.com, if you can help with food preparation, setup, and/or cleanup. 1:00pm setup start time.

### Spring Chapter Cleanup Day Saturday, March 28 8:00am

## SCOUT LEADERS OF TROOP 496



Not shown – Scout Liaison Doug McKenney.

## Chestnut & Greenhouse Project Squirrel Proof Enclosures

On Saturday, March 7 the Chestnut and Greenhouse committees will be building three squirrel proof enclosures in the greenhouse. These will be used later in March for planting 1,300 chestnuts in tree pots in conjunction with the Maryland chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation. There will be 3 enclosures 4 feet wide, 45 feet long and 3 feet high built with 2"x2" stakes and 1"x2" lath stringers with chicken wire on the sides and top.

It would be great if you can bring a cordless drill/driver with a couple of charged batteries. Please contact Chestnut Committee chair Blaine Elkins at blaineelkins@verizon.net if you can join the party.

## Black Powder Day / Muzzleloader Event 2020

Muzzleloading enthusiasts will gather for the annual Black Powder Clinic and Shooting Match, Saturday, April 4th from 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Did you receive a blackpowder firearm as a present and don't know what to do with it? Are you ready to test your skills against others in the afternoon shooting match and compete for prizes? Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity for knowledgeable instruction, loads of fun, and the unique smell of blackpowder smoke!

Participants will meet at the Rifle & Pistol Range at 9:00am.

Inlines, percussion or flintlock shooters are all welcome. There will be instruction time for new shooters or those with new muzzleloaders while "veterans" and more experienced shooters will sight-in their guns.

Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark Gochnour know in your email that you would like to try one out so he can arrange for a loaner. Learn directly from individuals having experience and knowledge. (Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder Instructor.) If you have never fired a black powder gun or you have one you have never used before or are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, come during the morning but stay for the shoot!



Lunch will be served in the Chapter House around 12:00 noon with the shooting competition beginning at 1:00pm.

Match participants will be provided opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including – The Flopping Plate. Targets will be shot at a variety of ranges from up close and out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters. An overall Grand Prize could be a frozen turkey or ham. **During the**

**afternoon match, due to safety issues, only muzzleloader shooting participants will be allowed to use the Range.** (After its conclusion, Range Officers and their guests may shoot.) Others may shoot in the morning but the range will be under the ERO working with the muzzleloaders but there may be limited shooting lanes due to blackpowder shooters.

Contact Mark Gochnour at [mgdonutman@gmail.com](mailto:mgdonutman@gmail.com) for further details, questions, or to pre-register for the event. It is important to contact him; especially, if you are bringing a new gun because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of and its lack could sabotage your experience.

Cost is only \$20 for lunch and the shooting match. Any applicable R&P range fees are extra.

## Chapterhouse Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair  
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### FURNACES, FIREPLACES, AND THE BOARDROOM IN GENERAL

Our committees have been very active in this chapterhouse this winter (awesome), which has brings with it a few concerns that committee chairs and members should keep in mind:

- NEVER try to light a fire in either fireplace with any furnace or exhaust fan running! Until the chimneys heat up and get strong positive updrafts going, they are very susceptible to suction created by any running furnaces exhaust fans in the chapterhouse. 50% of the intake for the furnace that services the boardroom comes from a return in the boardroom itself. That furnace especially must NOT be running when the fireplace is being lit.
- Please open the flue on any fireplace you are lighting by pulling the handle toward you. Keep the screens in front of the fireboxes to reduce the danger of sparks, especially if you are leaving the chapterhouse. Please also make plans to get back to the chapterhouse in the next day or two to close the flue.
- Please only power up the furnaces / air conditioners you need to be comfortable, and set them to the exact temperature you want the room to be. Nothing gets hotter or colder faster if you set the thermostat for 80°F when you really need 68°F. Be conservative. Open your coat and get comfortable, but maybe try leaving your coat on and setting the furnace a little lower.
- The thermostats will soon be labeled with the areas they serve. Please only activate the units for the parts of the chapterhouse you are actively using.
- The boardroom is there for members and committees to enjoy and meet in. The bookcase from the card room has been moved into the boardroom with outdoor books of all flavors. Get comfortable and find a good read.



- Please return the boardroom to its regular configuration after you are done using it. The boardroom table MUST BE LIFTED when being moved. The legs that swing out to support the leaves are fragile and can easily be broken if the table is dragged.





## B-CC IWLA SUMMER BIATHLON PROGRAM 2020 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

To provide a vehicle to introduce athletes of other sports to the shooting sports and consequently an understanding of firearms and the Second Amendment (B-CC IWLA members please recruit, in particular, middle school, high school, and collegiate athletes – freedom/liberty is never more than one generation away from extinction).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Summer Biathlon is open to all B-CC IWLA members 12 years and older, as well as sponsored guests. B-CC IWLA members no range fee. **Non-member rate is \$5.00 per session.**

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

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

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

If you have questions or wish to be on the B-CC IWLA mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz, B-CC IWLA Biathlon Committee Chair – c: 240 472-6512 (text is best)/fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net. Other points of contact are: Thoran Menser (thoran.menser2@verizon.net and Chris Efdimis (bcciwla.rp@gmail.com).

### SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21, 2020	8:00am
Saturday, April 4, 2020	7:00am
Saturday, April 18, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, May 2, 2020	7:00am
Saturday, May 16, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, May 30, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, June 13, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, June 27, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, July 11, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, July 25, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020	7:00am
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020	7:30am

### Firearms Hunting Season

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020	7:30am

### Firearms Hunting Season

Saturday, March 20, 2021	8:00am
Saturday, April 3, 2021	7:30am
Saturday, April 17, 2021	7:30am

# Wild Game Dinner Slide Show Pictures Needed

If you have hunting pictures  
or pictures of nature you  
would like to share  
for a slide show shown  
at the wild game dinner,  
please email them to  
**Scott Harmon**  
**(scott.w.harmon@verizon.net)**  
and **Lin Tate (lin@tate-tate.us).**

**B-CC Quiz Answer: E (467 %). The price of an acre of land incorporated into the Conservation Farm rose from \$30 to \$14,000 over a sixty-year period.**

YEAR	PURCHASE	ACRES*	PURCHASE PRICE	PRICE PER ACRE
1949	CORE PURCHASE	366	\$11,000	\$30
1997	WEST WOODS I	127	\$400,000	\$3,150
2006	WEST WOODS II	30	\$180,000	\$6,000
2010	NORTHEAST WOODS I	50	\$500,000	\$10,000
2012	NORTHEAST WOODS II	50	\$700,000	\$14,000

\*The total acreage for the B-CC Conservation Farm is 624 acres when all the fractions of acres are included. A square mile of land contains 640 acres. All numbers rounded to nearest \$1.

**DUE DATE**  
for  
**March Newsletter Articles**  
**Friday, February 28**

Submit articles to:  
**j.lamkin@comcast.net** or  
**Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com**

## Keegan Morrison: Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Lin Tate, Second Vice President  
lin@tate.tate.us

If any of you have missed the opportunity to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, find one and beg to be a participant! Keegan Morrison, of Troop 496 (chartered by B-CC IWLA), celebrated his achievement on January 4 here at the chapter house, with Christmas decorations still in full glory and over 50 friends, relatives, and fellow scouts present to honor him. The program, which honors achievement of the



highest advancement rank in scouting, was complicated and impressive, including presentation of the colors, ceremonial lighting of candles, recitation of Scout laws and charges, formal recognition of parents, Jacqueline and Kyle Hildebrand and Matthew Morrison, and

remarks by Troop Scoutmaster Jon Kasner, by Mrs. Hildebrand, by Doug Robbins, Poolesville Elementary School Principal, and, of course, by the honoree himself. And refreshments and a party followed!

Just a few of Keegan's achievements: Over 200 hours of community service, renovation of Poolesville Elementary School softball field, Bahamas Sea Base Captains Club Award (this, in connection with sailing in the Bahamas!), over 50 nights of camping, over 60 miles of hiking, service as



Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for three years, certificates of recognition from Maryland Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, and a Governor's Citation from Governor Larry Hogan. Wow. It truly made me proud to be an Ike, a participant, and it taught me a lot about scouting. These are teenagers who give us all hope for our future!



### February Dinner Speaker

This month we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Ms. Lori Mayhew. Ms. Mayhew has for two decades been a teacher at Damascus High School and at Future Farmers of America. She is also the 2019 recipient of the Royce Hanson Award, which is given annually to persons for their work to improve the Agricultural Reserve or local agriculture. Ms. Mayhew has, often against the odds and against common expectations, guided many students to careers in agriculture. She will talk to us about the challenges of agricultural education, about some successes in the classroom and in the community, and about her hopes for the future of agricultural education locally.

## Spring 2020 Hybrid Chestnut Seed Planting

Blaine Elkins  
blaineelkins@verizon.net

On Saturday, March 21, the chapter will partner with the Maryland chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation to plant seeds from select mother trees as part of the TACF program for breeding blight resistant American Chestnuts for reintroduction to their original range in the eastern hardwood forest. TACF has pursued a program of crossing American Chestnuts with blight resistant Asian chestnuts. The resulting hybrid seeds were planted and raised to the point of fruiting. These crosses were backcrossed over 2 to 4 generations with pure American Chestnuts. Each generation was assessed for blight resistance and the most resistant progeny were retained.

The nuts we will be planting in the spring are the result of three generations of breeding, on average. The nuts have been collected from 13 different mother trees. Some nuts from each of the same mother trees will also be planted in February at a greenhouse in Baltimore, where they will be inoculated with blight and assessed for resistance, a process called a progeny test. We will plant the balance of the nuts from each mother tree in the spring, outdoors and nurture them through the normal growing season.

Once the assessment of the greenhouse seedlings is complete, TACF will know which mother trees have yielded the most blight resistant progeny. Seedlings from these mother trees that have grown in the B-CC IWLA planting will be selected for inoculation to test their individual levels of resistance in spring 2021. The most resistant of these will be planted in TACF's seed orchards in the fall of 2021 as part of the breeding program.

The BCC/TACF project has the potential to improve the quality of trees in the TACF breeding program, while reducing the time and labor that goes into producing them. It will also enlarge our footprint in conservation efforts in Maryland.

This work is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the greenhouse near the archery range starting at 9:00am. Jobs available will be: 1) packing pots with potting mixture, 2) labeling pots, 3) planting chestnut seeds in pots, 4) watering completed plantings, 5) placing chicken wire on the top of the squirrel proof enclosures. Light garden gloves might help if you don't want to get your hands dirty.

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 1,012th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 19** at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:15pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include Salad, Roasted Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Rolls, Lemonade, and Dessert.

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House on **Wednesday, February 26**. Board Members are expected to attend.



# BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING A GUEST – TO THE B-CC IWLA WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday, February 29  
6:00pm – 10:00pm

## SHARE THE TRADITION!

*“The strength of the pack is in the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.”*

*–Rudyard Kipling*

**SHARE YOUR HARVEST!** Join your fellow B-CC members, their families and guests for a great evening of food, stories, and fun. This is potluck – so bring your favorite game (or other) dish – main course, appetizer, salad, bread, or dessert. We’ll serve appetizers at 6:00pm and dinner thereafter.

**SHARE YOUR PRIZE PHOTOS!** Have some great hunting or outdoor photos you’d like to boast about? (or not!) ... Scott Harmon is putting together a slideshow that will run throughout the event, and he needs photos! [scott.w.harmon@verizon.net](mailto:scott.w.harmon@verizon.net)

**SHARE YOUR STORIES!** Jim Tate will emcee a storytelling session, asking fellow Ikes and their guests to share their best hunting stories – and if you want to add photos, go for it. This is a totally casual event – think sitting around the fireplace! Truth appreciated but may be embellished...

For more information, contact Lin Tate [lin@tate-tate.us](mailto:lin@tate-tate.us).



**GREAT FOOD, RAFFLE PRIZES, FUN, AND MEMORIES ARE ON THE AGENDA...  
SHARE THE TRADITION!!!!**

## 2020 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 (written out to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

## Conservation Speaker Dinner Update

Jack Shaw, B-CC IWLA Board Member

On the final Saturday in January our Chapter held its Annual Conservation Dinner, with Jack Mandel acting as presiding host and Mark Gochnour providing his traditional and outstanding spaghetti dinner. And Tucker Mostrom included his Chapter House home-baked bread as well.

Members of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society also attended as guests. The program this year featured a presentation on Maryland's participation in a multi-year 13 state study of Woodcock Migration via satellite telemetry. The study had its genesis in continuing concerns about the long-term secular decline in woodcock populations on the Atlantic seaboard. As opposed to the traditional banding procedure with all its limitations, the use of transponders and satellite tracking affords us the opportunity to observe the stop-overs, directions and distance of migrations over time as well as information on the woodcock's choice of cover and habitat. The national Ruffed Grouse Society has provided initial funding for the multi-state project as a basis for securing additional Pittman-Robertson funding.

Our featured speaker was Bill Harvey, Maryland's Project Leader from our Department of Natural Resources. Bill works out of the Cambridge Field Office and shared an impressive power point presentation. We also had the opportunity to hear from Dave Hansroth, RGS' national Middle Atlantic Field Director who directs and oversees the programs and activities of RGS chapters in nine states ranging from New York to Kentucky and Tennessee. We also benefitted from remarks contributed by Dr. Linda Ordiway, Mid-Atlantic and Southern Appalachia Field Biologist who has responsibility for managing RGS habitat projects ranging from Pennsylvania to Tennessee.

Dave presented a special numbered print of a woodcock by Richmond artist N.S Heindl as a gift to our Chapter, while Jack presented a check for our annual contribution to the Potomac Valley Chapter, capping a sum of more than \$14,000 in contributions over recent years, in support of both habitat work in McKee-Beshers and the telemetry project.

Some 60 Members and guests comprised an attentive and appreciative audience and provided one of those special occasions where the Q&A period lasted longer than the formal presentation.



Past President Jack Mandel, Dave Hansroth, Bill Harvey, Jack Shaw



American Woodcock print by N.S. Heindl



Speakers Bill Harvey and Dr. Linda Ordiway



Kitchen Crew

**2020 IWLA National Convention**  
**July 20 to 22, 2020**  
**Early Bird - July 19, 2020**



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Other attractions include: charter boat fishing in the Chesapeake, sea kayaking, sporting clays, bird watching.

**\$165/night (group rate)**

**This rate is over 50% off the normal rate.**

**Plus Free Parking, RV Parking, and No Resort Fee**

The IWLA group room rate applies three days before and three days after the convention, but rooms availability is only guaranteed for the three days of the convention and not for the three day extended periods before and after the convention. The Cambridge Hyatt Regency is a very popular luxury resort that normally sells out well before the beginning of the summer season, and if you are planning to stay at the hotel during one of the extended periods, you should make your reservation now, while rooms are available. Note: Most people arrive a day before the convention to attend the Early Bird social event held the night before the convention.

#### Nearby Attractions and Activities

- Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- Harriet Tubman Museum
- Phillips Warf Environmental Center
- Pickering Creek Audubon Center
- Tilghman Island
- St. Michaels

Extend your vacation at our Atlantic beach resort of Ocean City, MD or explore Chincoteague Island and its famous wild ponies. Whatever you choose please join us to play, relax, and discover Maryland's Chesapeake.



For reservations:

**800-323-7249**

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