



JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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

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## President's Message

"Wow! The year is almost over."

"What?" You say. "Have you spent too much time in the sun fishing on the Bay? Have you been birdwatching and the heat of summer has finally gotten to you, Jim?"

Thanks for your suggestions on why I would say such an outrageous thing as "The Year is almost over." The fact is that the B-CC 2017-2018 fiscal year has a month and a half or less to go. On 1 September 2018, we will have new officers and there will be a new Sheriff and deputies in town.

I can't help but worry a bit about the last minute surprises that will undoubtedly continue to come our way in these last few weeks of the fiscal year. I still feel every goof up at B-CC personally. As I was reminded at the Board meeting in June, the buck stops with me – for now.

At the same time, our full schedule of good works, our dedicated volunteers, and our favorable financial position are to be celebrated.

I know that working together over the remaining days of the fiscal year we will: resolve our account books, create a new budget, finish up the work of the *ad hoc* committees before they expire, swear in a new set of officers, celebrate our current volunteers, remember our faithful but departed members.

I hope to see you on the ranges, in the Chapter House, or around the Conservation Farm. When I do, say hello, share your successes, and then take time to enjoy the summer months.

Jim Tate

## UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

### Summer Biathlon Practice

Saturdays, July 14 and 28  
7:30am

### Adopt-A Road

Saturday, August 4  
8:00am

### Explore Archery Class

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16, and 23  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Sign up required

### Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Booth

August 10 -18  
Volunteers needed for each shift

### Ruffed Grouse Society Annual Fun Shoot & Sporting Clays Challenge

Saturday, August 18  
12:30pm – 6:00pm  
Sign up required

### Archery Fun Tournament Style Shoot

Saturday, August 25  
Time to be determined

### Opening Day Dove Shoot and Cook Out

Saturday, September 1  
Shoot – 12:00 noon – 5:00pm  
Cookout 5:30pm

### Friction Fire Class

Saturday, October 6  
10:00am – 3:00pm

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the August 2018 newsletter  
**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 27.**

## Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

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\* Indicates Officers and Board Members who were absent from the previous month's Board of Governors meeting.

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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 June 2018 Dinner Meeting and May 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

Shannon Novak, Recording Secretary  
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### June 20 Dinner Meeting

The 993rd consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Chapter President Jim Tate gave his report and noted that there is now a full slate for the Board of Governors for the upcoming year. Nominating committee chair Scott Harmon presented the slate to the membership, and the motion to accept the nominated Board members was seconded and approved. Also, three new members were inducted into the Chapter.

### NOTABLE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Farm (Phil Taylor) – Spring planting finished. Larry Anderson put up an electric fence around the sunflowers in B3 and A2.
- Ponds & Streams (John Novak) – Water level in big pond dropped significantly following a rainstorm. Following another rainstorm, the pond refilled. No answer as to why this happened. Fish study was done at big pond on June 8. Report with recommendations will be available soon.
- Archery Range (David Drazen) – 4 week Explore Archery course planned for August 2-23 (Thursdays only) 6:30-8pm. Working on a championship shoot to be held at the end of August.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to induct one new member was seconded and approved.

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- (Mark Gochnour) – Montgomery Countryside Alliance did a survey of all running for office in MD – responses are available on their website. Election is next Tuesday – recommended to read their responses.
- (Jim Tate) – Mayfly Project fundraiser will be held on June 24 at 7 Locks Brewery in Rockville.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 8:20pm.

### May 27 BOG Meeting

Chapter President Jim Tate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Six Chapter officers, the Past President and four Board members were present. Two were not present. Seven members in good standing attended as well as two guests.

The Chapter President Jim Tate gave his report and opening remarks, including:

- Frank Parker: proposed a visit from the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Advisory Committee on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:00pm. Would like to use tractor and wagon to transport the visitors around the property.
- Concerns over the electronic newsletter have been raised.
- Membership renewal issues were discussed.
- New member would like to work with the BOG on updating the Chapter's website. Will be more cost-effective to build a new website.

Chapter Treasurer Bill Sherrill presented his report on the chapters accounts and finances and noted that the 2018-19 budget will be created within the next few months

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## SUMMARY

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Membership Secretary Tucker Mostrom presented his accounting of the size and breakdown of the chapter membership and presented 4 membership applications for the Board's consideration during new business. It was also noted that the Chapter email database is now updated to renewed members only. The database needs to be maintained. He also noted that he would like to plan a day to get new members out to the Chapter to encourage new member involvement.

The following officers and committee chairs presented their updates to the Board:

Chapter 1st Vice President Jack Mandel (Conservation & Farm Operations) –

- Calendar:
  - MD division meeting in Rockville on June 9.
  - March 2019 – Montgomery Bird Club Social – Jim Tate generously offered the Chapter as the venue for the 2019 social.
  - Conservation Education meeting May 26
  - Ponds & Streams meeting June 9, 10:00am-12:00 noon
- Ponds and Streams (John Novak) – Small pond stocked with 100+ bluegills at the end of April. Small pond currently full of green algae – not harmful but takes away from aesthetic. Not necessary to kill the algae at this time. Small pond is not open to fishing – would like to see what happens with algae growth. Big pond – reported that pond was down on May 21-22. Provided pictures of the pond. Big pond was reported to be full this morning (May 23). Solitude would like to come out next week – Wednesday or Thursday for the fish study.
- Chapter House Maintenance (Tucker Mostrom) – Chapter house generally looks great, but some minor projects need to be completed. Cabinet in kitchen was moved to men's room for storage. Warner Parks will take a look at the buffer to fix it. New motion-sensitive lights installed. Doors need to be maintained.

Chapter 2nd Vice President Jeff Seaman (Recreation) –

- Rifle and Pistol Range (Thoran Menser) – work day on June 23-24 – range will be closed. Tucker offered lunch for the workers.

Chapter Corresponding Secretary Tom Lamkin (Public Relations & Education) –

- Conservation and Education (Andy Wight) – Would like to put an ad in Monocacy Monocle for heritage days. Would like to have T-shirts for sale – cost will be around \$500 for production.
- Maryland State IWLA Division (Scott Harmon) – put Billy in touch with someone at the state level who runs a FB page for a chapter.
- IWLA National (Bob Pavlick) – 4 people signed up for the National Convention.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (Leading to a Motion)

- (Tucker Mostrom) – Almost out of conservation farm books. Would like to allocate an amount of \$4,000 to reprint these books to have a two-year supply. Jim Tate would like some more information on the breakdown of the cost of these books and the binders that they go into.
- (Tucker Mostrom) – \$600 from management reserve to purchase a Wi-Fi projector for the main room. Will not need to worry about compatibility or cords.
- Phil Taylor needs a new bush hog to maintain field borders. New bush hog will be compatible with the large tractor.

Dealer has offered a trade-in of the small tractor and cultivator to go towards the purchase of the new bush hog. Will need about \$7,800 in addition.

## NEW BUSINESS (Motions from the meeting floor)

- Motion to accept 4 membership applications – seconded and approved.
- Motion to fund up to \$600 to purchase a Wi-Fi projector for the chapter house from management reserve – seconded and approved.
- Motion to fund the purchase of a batwing style bush hog to fit the large tractor not to exceed \$13,500 – trade in the small tractor and cultivator for an amount not to exceed \$5,700 – motion did not pass.
- Motion to approve up to \$4,000 from management reserve to re-print books – seconded and approved.

## TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Richard Latimer – donated a tractor to R&P range – never received documentation. Tom Lamkin will send a letter.
- Jack MacGregor – has there been any discussion on new date for family campout? No.
- Scott Harmon – management reserve was originally an "emergency fund." CapEx would be more appropriate. Byron Ricketts noted that CapEx should be for expenses such as tractors or a new roof. Books should be an operating expense.
- Tucker Mostrom – would like to get CSI to give us a presentation on the current state of our security system.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 9:04pm.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

The Chapter's Social Media Committee has created a new Facebook page. Please "like" and "follow" Izaak Walton League of America Bethesda – Chevy Chase Chapter to stay up to date on Chapter news and events. More content coming soon!

## 2018 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Program

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will meet at the Chapter House at 8:00am for cleanup on the following dates.

- August 4
- October 13

Litter bags, gloves and orange traffic vests will be made available for participants. If you need volunteer hours, this is a great program for your participation. Questions concerning the upcoming road cleanups may be directed to John Robinson, 301 641-1188.



## Conservation Education – Join the Team

We're looking for members to join the Conservation Education team. We meet approximately once a month to develop and drive initiatives around Conservation Education. Activities range from Heritage Days and the Family Camp-Out to Archeological Digs and the Ecology Program with many programs in between. We need your help and ideas and are looking for core members and the team as well as volunteers to help drive our initiatives. Please send an email to andywright1@hotmail.com to join the team.



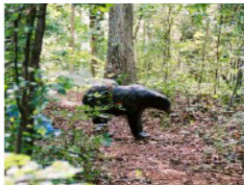
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**3D IBO-Style Archery Shoot Schedule – 2018**  
**(Open to the Public)**



<b>1-July</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9AM – 3PM</b>
<b>14-July</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9AM – 3PM</b>
<b>29-July</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9AM – 3PM</b>
<b>11-August</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9AM – 3PM</b>
<b>26-August</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9AM – 12PM</b>

**Archery Facility Features**

- 30-Target IBO-Style 3D Course
- Target Range (20-50 yard)
- Kids bows available (target range only)
- Food and Picnic Pavilion

**Pricing**

- \$10 for non-members
- \$5 for members
- Kids under 18 free (with paying adult)
- Shooting the target range is free

[www.bcciwla.org/facilities-and-grounds/chapter-ranges/archery-range](http://www.bcciwla.org/facilities-and-grounds/chapter-ranges/archery-range)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>JULY</b>		
Sunday, July 1	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday, July 3	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm
Tuesday, July 10	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm
Saturday, July 14	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, July 14	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, July 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00noon
Saturday, July 14	Ponds & Streams Committee Meeting	10:00am – 12:00noon
Tuesday, July 17	Tour – Forest Conservation Advisory Committee	5:00pm
Tuesday, July 17	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm
Wednesday, July 18	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday, July 24	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm
Wednesday, July 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, July 28	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30pm
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Thursday, August 2	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, August 4	Adopt-A-Road – meet at the Chapter House	8:00am
Tuesday, August 7	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, August 9	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, August 11	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, August 11	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, August 12	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00noon
Tuesday, August 14	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday, August 15	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Thursday, August 16	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, August 18	Ruffed Grouse Society Fun Shoot & Sporting Clays Challenge	12:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday, August 21	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday, August 23	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, August 25	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, August 25	Fun Tournament Style Shoot – Archery Range	TBC
Sunday, August 26	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday August 28	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Saturday, September 1	Dove Shoot	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
Saturday, September 1	Opening Day Cook Out	5:30pm
Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, September 8	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:00am
Saturday, September 8	NRA Hunter Education Class – sign up required	to be determined
Sunday, September 9	NRA Hunter Education Class – sign up required	to be determined
Monday, September 10	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 11	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, September 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00noon
Monday, September 17	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 18	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 19	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, September 22	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Monday, September 24	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 25	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 26	Board of Governors Meeting	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.**



## B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon 2018 Practice Schedule

The Summer Biathlon team meets semi-monthly at the Rifle & Pistol Range to train for a tough combination of physical conditioning, self-control, and marksmanship.

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.**

Saturday, July 14, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, July 28, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, August 11, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, August 25, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, September 8, 2018	7:00am
Saturday, September 22, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, October 13, 2018	7:30am
<b>FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON</b>	
Saturday, November 3, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, November 10, 2018	7:30am
<b>FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON</b>	
Saturday, March 23, 2019	8:00am
Saturday, April 20, 2019	7:30am
Saturday, April 27, 2019	7:30am

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@earthlink.net, Chairman B-CC IWLA Biathlon Committee.

Other points of contact are:  
 Thoran Menser (thoran.menser2@verizon.net);  
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 Chris Efdimis (bcciwla.rp@gmail.com).

## Heritage Days 2018

Andy Wight, Committee Chair  
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On June 23 and 24, the Chapter participated in Heritage Days, a free festival that highlights historic, cultural, and outdoor recreation sites offering special programs including exhibits & demonstrations, live music, and activities for children. It was our second year of participating in this event that aligns perfectly with our mission of conservation education. We expanded our exhibits over last year to include a butterfly exhibit, insect collection, and Save our Streams, in addition to the existing wildlife, water insect displays, and children



activities. Our outside activities included the ever-popular fishing, archery, archeological digs, and the wagon ride. This year at the log cabin, Mark Gochnour in period costume, demonstrating black powder shooting. Although poor weather on Saturday reduced the number of visitors, we ended the weekend with 120 guests, slightly down on last year's 135. We had a couple of repeat visitors, who had enjoyed themselves so much last year they came back, and had several people interested in membership.



A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help including Archery, Archeology, Ponds and Streams, Events, and Conservation Education members. Also call out to Tucker Mostrom and his team for excellent food (as always), Ernie Smith for driving the tractor, Suzanne Novak and Gregg Gochnour for the butterfly and insect displays respectively, and Tim Smith for the Save our Streams presentation. This weekend would not have been possible without all the individual volunteer's dedicated help and enthusiasm. Thank you for making this a great day.

## Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the June dinner meeting.

**James Hendrickson** ..... Jgh8810@gmail.com  
*Interests:* Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management

**Will Hild, III** ..... WillHild@gmail.com  
*Interests:* Facilities; Legislation; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

**Caitlyn Potts** ..... Caitlyn.E.Potts@gmail.com  
*Interests:* Nature Trail; Chapter Activities (Planning, Decorations); Rec. Activities

**Roger Johnson** ..... Kosmik\_Kaos@verizon.net  
*Interests:* Forestry; Chapter Functions (Cleanup, Food Service)

## Shotgun Range Report

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wparks29@gmail.com

I would like to thank Tom Lamkin, Joel Graham, Gary Melvin, Jerry Neal, Bill Thelemann, Jack MacGregor, Linda Murphy, and everyone else who helped make the Father's Day shoot a success.

Remember to stand to the side when cocking all arms. The TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm. Refill and restock the skeet houses and uncock all machines when done. Additional targets are stored in the container next to the parking lot, the trailer under the tower, and the low skeet house on the left field. 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 Joel or me know ASAP.

### RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

#### JULY

Sunday, July 1	Bill Klein, John Thereault
Sunday, July 8	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, July 15	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, July 22	Pat Dady, <b>Need 2nd Range Officer</b>
Sunday, July 29	<b>Need Range Officers</b>

#### AUGUST

Sunday, August 5	Mark Mense
Sunday, August 12	Ed Stewart
Sunday, August 19	<b>Need Range Officers</b>
Sunday, August 26	Rich Drummon

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday's	9:00am – 5:00pm	Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesday's	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Sporting Clays Only

## Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair  
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer  
240 372-2258 bcciwla.rp@gmail.com

### REMINDERS

- All Must PICK UP THEIR BRASS!
- 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.

### RANGE OFFICER DUTY DAYS

#### JULY

Sunday, July 1	<b>Ryba, J.</b> , Zic, T., Sweeney, J., Cho, F.
Saturday, July 7	<b>Burns, M.</b> , Rogers, B., Donovan, P., Seward, T.
Sunday, July 8	<b>Seward, T.</b> , Maisel, J., Burns, M., Abid, G.
Saturday, July 14	<b>Eschholz, S.</b> , Fiol, C., Gallgher, J., Youssef, K.
Sunday, July 15	<b>Midberry, K.</b> , Hammes, P., Quinn, B., Yousseff, K.
Saturday, July 21	<b>Zoulis, T.</b> , Konrad, E., Behrend, D., Ryba, J.
Sunday, July 22	<b>Sanfuentes, J.</b> , Watt, D., Bouchard, M., Zoulis, T.
Saturday, July 28	<b>Kosogof, J.</b>
Sunday, July 29	<b>Kosogof, J.</b>

### AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 4	<b>Terry, J.</b> , Rogers, B., Newsom, D., McDaniel, M.
Sunday, Aug. 5	<b>Maisel, J.</b> , Spence, P., Newsom, D., Sanfuentes, J.

Saturday, Aug. 11	<b>Brockman, M.</b>
Sunday, Aug. 12	<b>Campagna, C.</b> , Konrad, E.,
Saturday, Aug. 18	<b>Adams, J.</b> , Watt, D., Gallagher, J.,
Sunday, Aug. 19	<b>Brockman, M.</b>

Saturday, Aug. 25	<b>Mense, M.</b> , Spence, P., Midberry, K.
Sunday, Aug. 26	

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 1	<b>Goldshine, W.</b> , Hill, D., Chung, K.,
Sunday, Sept. 2	
Saturday, Sept. 8	<b>RANGE CLOSED – HUNTER SAFETY</b> Range Officers will aide Hunter Safety <b>Latimer, R.</b> , Hensley, J., Peterson, C., Coates Jr., L., King, B., Boynton, D., Gochmour, M., King, D.
Sunday, Sept. 9	<b>Novak, J.</b> , Adams, B., Sy, K., Smith, E.
Saturday, Sept. 15	<b>Reilly, J.</b> , Raredon, G., Leahy, M., Sy, K.
Sunday, Sept. 16	<b>King, K.</b> , Smith, E., Hammes, P.
Saturday, Sept. 22	<b>Shallow, T.</b> , Griffin, J., Bush, L., Bush, L.
Sunday, Sept. 23	<b>Harmon, S.</b> , Novak, J., Allensworth, W., Reilly, J.
Saturday, Sept. 29	<b>King, D.</b> , Haake, T., Raredon, G., Morgan, R.
Sunday, Sept. 30	<b>Haake, T.</b> , King, D., Mense, M., Finley, J.

## Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth



We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 10 and runs through August 18. Volunteers are needed to work the 6-hour shifts. The early shift runs 10:00am to 4:00pm and the late shift 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Volunteers get free admission and a parking pass. It's a great way to earn your volunteer hours, as well as an opportunity to promote our organization and educate the community about our mission. I'm also looking for any promotional material about the chapter and our activities that can be displayed or handed out at the booth. Please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259 or bandsposs@gmail.com) if you have any questions or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 994th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 18** at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. All members and guests are invited.

**Appetizers** will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Pitt Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, 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, July 25. Board members are expected to attend.**



## Archery Report

Dave Drazen, Committee Chair  
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Our 3D season will end in about two months, but we have a couple of exciting events planned in that time. We have four open shoots left, dates are below and in the flyer seen elsewhere in the newsletter. In August we will have an Explore Archery class. It will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm from August 2-23. The rain date is August 30. We will provide an introduction to shooting and focus on proper form using a curriculum developed by USA Archery. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. The minimum age is 8 and we have space for 15. You can email me to sign up.



We will be hosting a fun tournament style shoot on August 25. Details are still in the works, but be sure to come out and practice on the range so you'll be ready for the end of August.



I want to give a big thank you to Jared Mott, Jeff Seaman, Craig Campbell, and Scott Harmon for helping set-up and run the archery range during Heritage Days. We couldn't have done it without them. We had a great turnout, with ages as young as three. I've attached some photos from the event.

We look forward to seeing you out on the course. The bag target range is open year round,

but will be closed during the classes we will hold in August. Any questions or feedback for the upcoming year can be directed to me. If you're interested on getting on the archery email list, just shoot me an email.

### SHOOT SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 14	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, July 29	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, August 11	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, August 26	9:00am – 3:00pm



## Membership Committee Report

R. Tucker Mostrom, Membership Secretary  
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Welcome to Summer in earnest from the chapter Membership Committee.

Annual membership renewal season is only two months away, so consider a few suggestions for improving your renewal.

- Ensure that you are receiving chapter emails at every address where you expect them: check Spam, quarantine, "Promotions" folders and anywhere else your own email system might be diverting them.
- Go to the IWLA National website ([www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org)) and create an account to access your membership information.
- Access your membership information on the IWLA National website, verify it, and update it if necessary.
- The chapter "trues up" our data with theirs to get the most accurate information.
- Start looking for email announcements about renewal in early September.

The chapter membership stands at the following levels as of the June dinner meeting:

528 Individual  
172 Family (x2=344)  
2 Youth  
13 Student  
13 Associate  
83 Retired  
983 active memberships

The Board of Governors approved three new applications for membership: Heip Nguyen, Henry Shu, Kyle Peterson.

One member filled-out an application for their first meeting last month: Laura Marriott.

Five more applications have been submitted online, with those prospective members considering attending their 1st meeting in July.

## Friction Fire Class

Join Jack Kang, Campground Committee Chair, at the Fox Campsite on Saturday, October 6 from 10:00am – 3:00pm for a Bow Drill Fire class. Class is open to all Chapter members. Subject of the class is bow drill fire: proper fire construction, types of timber, fire by Ferrocerium rod if time allows. Contact Jack at [jackhkang@gmail.com](mailto:jackhkang@gmail.com) to sign up for the class.



## Conservation Education – Subscribe to our Group Chat

Subscribe to our google group's distribution list to keep up-to-date on conservation activities, ideas, and events. Please send an email to [andywight1@hotmail.com](mailto:andywight1@hotmail.com) to subscribe to the newsletter.





# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Shoot & Sporting Clays Challenge

Saturday, August 18, 2018

BCC Chapter of the Izaak Walton League  
Izaak Walton Way • Poolesville, MD 20837

Simple Directions

South of Poolesville, MD just off West Willard Road.  
For complete directions and map, please visit: [www.bcciwla.org](http://www.bcciwla.org)

**Registration:** 12:30 p.m.

**Shoot:**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Last Shooter Out:**

3:00 p.m.

**Dinner**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Awards**

After Last Shooter Finishes

**Individual - \$55.00**

*Includes:*

50 Targets  
(25 Skeet & 25 Sporting Clays)  
Dinner ▪ Trophies ▪ Prizes  
Door Prizes

**Additional Options:**

Senior Division Class - \$10.00  
(Over 65)

Side x Side Division - \$10.00

**Non-Shooter Dinner Only - \$15.00**

***Limited To 50 Shooters, Please Sign Up Early!!!***

**New and inexperienced shooters welcome.**

**Help and instruction provided!!**

**Prizes Will Be Awarded In The Following Categories:**

High Gun ▪ High Ladies ▪ High Youth (16 Years & Under)  
High Senior (Over 65) ▪ High Side x Side ▪ New Shooter

***Individuals Can Only Win In One Category!***

***For More Information, Please Contact:***

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## NestWatch Report

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator

The big news in the month of June was the discovery of five productive Purple Martin nests in our Purple Martin houses. Each of our two Martin condos has 14 nesting spaces ("slots"), and the martins, so far, seem to prefer the lowest slots. By month's end the five nests had produced 19 nestlings varying in age from newly hatched to about 14 days old.

News at the big pond: We lost a beautiful tree swallow nest – five nestlings and the adult female – to a flying predator, possibly an American Kestrel, that entered the nest-box and consumed the chicks and adult, leaving the adult's plumage in its wake. But the tree swallows were not intimidated; a couple weeks later a pair built a new nest in a different box on the pond, and five eggs are being incubated. The big pond also has two new bluebird nests with hatchlings, a second nesting attempt for each pair this season.

Competition for a nest-box at the archery range: First, a nest holding four 10-day-old bluebird chicks suffered snake predation. A brief second nesting attempt by a tree swallow

was interrupted and superseded by a bluebird that laid four eggs. Those eggs were cracked and submerged under yet another bluebird nest, presumably a different female. This bird laid four white eggs instead of the typical blue. White bluebird eggs are uncommon, occurring infrequently. Another first for chapter nest-boxes was a clutch of six bluebird eggs. The normal clutch is four or five eggs.

At month's end, chapter nest-boxes sported 18 bluebird eggs (all second nesting attempts) and a nest of four tree swallow eggs, 26 bluebird nestlings (second nestlings) and four tree swallow chicks. And in the Purple Martin condos, 19 nestlings.

Many thanks to Larry Anderson and Theresa Zmola for their help with the Purple Martin houses and to John Novak for checking the boxes at the big pond.



*Eastern Bluebird Eggs – White Eggs instead of Blue-unusual*

## PURPLE MARTIN NESTS



*Eggs*



*1 day old*



*5 days old*



*10 days old*



*14 days old*

PHOTOS BY DIANE SEWARD



## Introduction to Hunting Seminar Held on June 2

This was one of the largest classes Scott Harmon and Mark Gochnour have taught in the five years that it has been held. The demographics of the group ranged from senior citizens in their 70's to early 20's. As in the past, there is training from the manual that each attendee is provided by taking the training. Scott and Mark "co-teach" to novices as well as those who are getting back into hunting after a passage of time by sharing their experiences and the knowledge gained from decades of hunting.

Attitude, ethics, the right equipment and technique, technology – apps for phones, stories – funny, lessons learned & teachable moments, experiences, mistakes, gun and archery purchase recommendations are just a few of the areas discussed with the participants.

Anticipating rain in the morning, Scott brought out two tree stands and some of the participants practiced getting in and out of a tree stand with all of the required harnesses while others observed.

Since the rain was still pending, after lunch the group went exploring in the woods west of the Nature Trail. As usual, participants wandered through the woods looking for deer sign, bedding areas, identifying select trees good for wildlife, potential trees for tree stands, and the like. While in the woods, there are opportunities to learn –

walking quietly, measuring distances, learning to see, and while waiting for a deer to stroll by – identifying plants, trees, animals. You never know what you might discover in the woods or see when you remain quiet and just observe.



The program is evaluated from year to year and adjustments are made to the presentation, but the manual has required few revisions over the past two years. This manual provides a wealth of information to be read and examined for years to come.



Here are a few comments from this year's participants.

### Why did you take this seminar?

- *I like to be self-sufficient. Hunting is fundamental to that.*
- *Hone my skills.*
- *To improve my knowledge of hunting.*
- *Never had a hunting class – been hunting game since 1994 – the class exceeded expectation.*

### Any other comments –

- *I liked it a lot.*
- *Thank you for doing this and putting in your time!*
- *No! Excellent work!*
- *Thank you for the fantastic guide book. It is a treasure.*
- *Your knowledge, years of experience -- including some secrets -- are invaluable. And that you've put this together out of affection for/ devotion to the practice means that much more to your students – I'm pretty confident I can speak for all of them in that regard.*

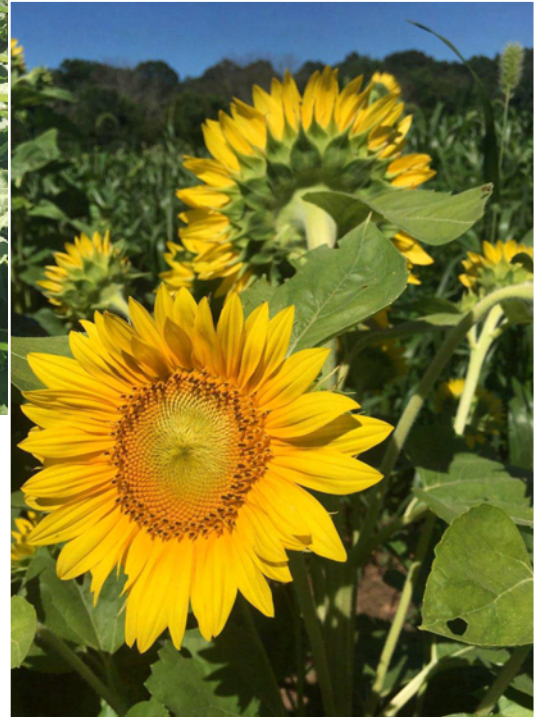
If you know someone who wants to take a refresher course in hunting or is brand new to hunting having just gone through Hunter Education, it is recommended that you consider taking the class. Schedule this course now on your calendar for June 1, 2018. Watch for the notification to register for next year's session. The charge is only \$15. It is a bargain!



Chapter groundskeeper Tom Lamkin  
on his chariot

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# Sunflowers in B3 Field

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## 2018 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 Tucker Mostrom, B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837