



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

"Some of my finest hours have been spent on my back veranda, smoking hemp and observing as far as my eye can see."

—Thomas Jefferson

There is no doubt some of my finest hours have been spent sitting on the porch of the B-CC Chapter House, watching the PUMA boxes, and giving thanks that we have this wonderful property, dedicated volunteer members, and committed officers and board members.

An old hunter once stated that we are happier in each other's company, and that good company makes the way seem shorter. I want to thank the officers and board members who served with me this past year. We learned together and we are happier for it. We all discovered, committee chairs and members alike, that the greatest accomplishments are made not by one star performer working alone, but rather by teams of friends working together in the direction of the path laid before them.

So, fellow travelers, if you are not already helping on one of our Committees, join the team of your choice and we all will do even better in FY2018-19.

Starting next month you will see me often on the Chapter House porch. Thank you for letting me be your President for the past year. From now on, expect me to get back to hunting, fishing, and birding as more than just memories. Expect me to spend more time with family, friends, and dogs. Being the President of B-CC IWLA has been a great honor, but now it is over. Much like owning a boat – *"A boat owner's happiest day is the day he buys his boat and also the day he sells it."*

By the way, the quote from Thomas Jefferson, like so much of what we see and hear today, is not true. The quote first appeared as an internet hoax in 2008, was printed in newspapers: in the US (*Detroit Free Press*), British Columbia, and India and was even repeated by a U.S. presidential candidate during a 2012 television interview.

Although he did raise hemp, according to AU professor J. Campbell in *Getting It Wrong: Debunking the Greatest Myths in American Journalism*, it is not true that President Thomas Jefferson was a dooper.

Jim Tate

Opening Day Dove Hunt and Cook Out

Saturday, September 1, will be opening day for dove hunting. As is our tradition, we will welcome the new hunting seasons with our dove opening day cook out. We start at 5:30pm at the chapter house, and encourage our hunters to come out of the fields (to let doves roost and feed, thereby extending future hunting opportunities) to join us at the cook out. We ask for a donation of \$5 to help defray costs from attendees.

The farm committee has been working and continues to work hard prepping the fields. We have been blessed this year with an abundant crop of sunflowers and in addition an abundance of a wide variety of other small grain crops. During the upcoming weeks, the fields will be manipulated in accordance to MDDNR guidelines and will be readied for the fall plantings.

From the MDDNR website

(<http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/migratory-game-bird-hunting/>)



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 www.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.

As a reminder...

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

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.

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:

Tom Lamkin
tomlamkin@comcast.net or
Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com
301 706-3934



UPCOMING EVENTS for B-CC IWLA and Community

Summer Biathlon Practice

Saturdays, August 11 and 25; September 8 and 22
7:30am

Explore Archery Class

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

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Booth

Volunteers needed for each shift
August 10 -18

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
9:00am – 12:00 noon

Opening Day Dove Shoot and Cook Out

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

Adopt-A-Road

Saturday, September 8
8:00am

Sporting Clays Fun League at B-CC IWLA

Saturday 16, October 21, November 18,
and December 16
9:00am – 1:00pm

Poolesville Day Festival

Need help with B-CC IWLA Booth
Saturday, September 15
10:00am – 4:00pm

Friction Fire Class

Saturday, October 6
10:00am – 3:00pm

Family Campout

Saturday, October 20 – 3:00pm
until Sunday, October 21 – 10:00am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the September 2018
newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.**

2018 National Convention Wrap-up

Wondering what you missed at #IKEcon2018? Our IWLA staff has already published the highlights of the Convention in Fredericksburg complete with a photo gallery of the proceedings. Go to iwla.org/convention for all of the details.

Our Chapter had five delegates and eight members present at the National Convention: **Bob Pavlick**, **Bill Gordon**, **George Coakley**, **Shannon Novak**, and **Jim Tate**. It was pleasant to see ex-National President **Bob Chapman** and his wife Glenda as well.

The Chapmans remain as members of B-CC IWLA even though they have moved to SC. When Bob was President in 2014, he wrote down his thoughts on the Izaak Walton League. I suspect you will find them still interesting today – <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/news/2014/04/01/compleat-angler-offers-conservation-vision>.

The convention staff produced a two-page newsletter called the **PISCATOR** each morning of the Convention that highlighted the schedule and events of the day.

The **Century Society** and **Corporate Partners** were announced to help celebrate IWLA's first century. At the 2022 National Convention the IWLA will complete its first 100 years of conservation and connecting Americans to the outdoors and look forward to the next century.

At the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, the IWLA's prestigious Shooting Sports Award was presented to **Mark Gochmour** and **Scott Harmon** for their annual 'Introduction to Hunting Seminar'.

The 2019 National Convention will be held from 16 – 19 July at the Sheraton West in Des Moines, Iowa.

The 2020 National Convention will come to the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, Maryland 12 – 16 July. Our Chapter, like all chapters in Maryland, will be doing everything we can to help make 2020 a big success.

Bring Your Kids to the Chapter Dinner

As part of a new program, we will be hosting a kids friendly chapter dinner on September 19. Dinner will be held as usual, but at the start of the meeting kids will be asked to go to the board room where we will have child friendly activities and education. Kids and parents will be reunited at the end of the meeting.

Please keep this date marked on your calendar!



B-CC IWLA to Participate in Poolestown Day Festival

The Chapter is planning on attending and hosting a booth at this year's Poolestown Day that occurs on Saturday, September 15 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. This annual town-wide event, which attracts over 12,000 visitors, is a great opportunity for us to connect with local residents and visitors.

Anyone interested in helping staff the booth, please reach out to andywright1@hotmail.com.

2020 National Convention

Bob Pavlick
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roberpav1@verizon.net

The IWLA National Convention is coming to Maryland in 2020. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, Maryland on July 12 – 16. All Maryland chapters will be asked to help out.

If anyone is interested in being on the planning committee or helping in any way, contact Ken Lefebvre, WAC Chapter in Damascus, leken@comcast.net, or let me know.

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, 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
FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON	
Saturday, November 3, 2018	7:30am
Saturday, November 10, 2018	7:30am
FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON	
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:
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2018-2019 B-CC IWLA OFFICERS AND BOG MEMBERS

OFFICERS

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Board Member: **Walt Allensworth**
 Board Member: **Shannon Novak**
 Board Member: **Christina Peterson**
 Board Member: **Jack Shaw**
 Board Member: **Joe Snider**
 Past President: **Jim Tate**
 Rural Legacy Board: **Frank Parker**

The 2018-2019 B-CC IWLA Board of Governors has been voted in and will be formally inducted during the August dinner meeting. The nominating committee would like to thank these chapter members for volunteering to dedicate their time and energy by agreeing to become the leaders and directors of our chapter.

Welcome to Summer from the Chapter Membership Committee

R. Tucker Mostrom, Membership Secretary
 MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

Annual membership renewal season is just over a month away, so please take these steps to improve your renewal experience:

- Ensure that you are receiving chapter emails at every email address where you expect to receive them. Check your "Spam", "Quarantine", "Junk", "Promotions" folders, etc., and anywhere else your own email system might be diverting chapter emails mistakenly as undesirable.
- Go to the IWLA National website (www.iwla.org), create a member account, and access / verify 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 National's to maintain the most accurate contact information.
- Send an email to MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com if you have not received a 2019 renewal package by October 1.

The chapter membership stands at the following levels as of the July Board of Governors meeting:

530 Individual Members
 172 Family Members (x2=344)
 2 Youth Members
 15 Student Members
 13 Associate Members
83 Retired Members
 983 Active Memberships

The Board of Governors has 5 membership applications for its approval: Troy Anderson, John Gorney, Michael Harrington, Laura Marriott, John Seeger.

There are 5 new applications in the dinner-meeting pipeline.

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 (240 888-7600) with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot.

2018 - Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

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

- Saturday, September 8
- Saturday, December 8

Litter bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available for participants. If you would like to participate or have questions concerning the upcoming road cleanups, contact John Robinson - 301 641-1188.



Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the July dinner meeting.

Ben Davies

Interests: Archery; Farm; Rifle & Pistol

Hiep M. Nguyen

Interests: Facilities; Chapter House; Conservation Education; Family Picnic; Farm; Forestry; Charity Fundraising; Hunter Education; Nature Trail; Photography; Ponds & Streams Management; Programs; Chapter Public Affairs; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol; Scout Camp Area; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management; Youth Activities/Scouting

Kyle S. Peterson

Interests: Conservation Education; Forestry; Hunter Education; Nature Trail; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol; Star Gazing; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management

Henry Tout Shu

Interests: Farm; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife Management

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
AUGUST		
Thursday, August 2	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday, August 7	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, August 9	Explore Archery Class	6:30pm – 8:30 pm
Saturday, August 11	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, August 11	Ponds & Streams Committee Meeting in the Board Room	9:00am
Saturday, August 11	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, August 12	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
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 – 8:30 pm
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 – 8:30 pm
Saturday, August 25	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, August 25	Fun Tournament Style Shoot – Archery Range	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, August 26	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Tuesday August 28	Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
SEPTEMBER		
Saturday, September 1	Dove Shoot	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
Saturday, September 1	Opening Day Cook Out	5:00pm
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	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:00am
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 – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 15	Poolesville Day Festival (B-CC IWLA sponsoring a booth)	10:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, September 16	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 – Bring Your Kids to Dinner	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
OCTOBER		
Monday, October 1	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, October 6	Friction Fire Class – Boy Scout Fox Campsite – Sign up required	10:00am – 3:00pm
Monday, October 8	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, October 12	Rural Republican Women's Set Up	Afternoon
Saturday, October 13	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, October 13	Rural Republican Women's Night in the Country	3:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday, October 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, October 15	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 17	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, October 20 – Afternoon	Family Campout	3:00pm
Sunday, October 21 – Morning	Family Campout	until 10:00am
Monday, October 22	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Monday, October 29	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm

**The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.
Check the online www.bcciwla.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.**

Archery Report

Dave Drazen, Committee Chair
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Time is running short for the 3D season. We have three shoots left: two normal shoots and a fun tournament style shoot. The tournament will run from 9:00am – 12:00noon. Entry is free and we will have trad and compound classes for adults and children. There will be a rotating start with the last groups leaving around noon.

A big thank you is owed to Pete Hamnes and Jim Willard. They came out in early July and helped me replace one of the bag target stands on the range. We have plans to replace two more next year as we try to be proactive before they fall. As a reminder, the range is open all year round.

So come on out, get the rest of your kinks out before hunting season starts, and join us before we take the course down for the season. If you're interested in helping with course take down, we will be cleaning up on August 26 after 12:00 noon. As always, 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.

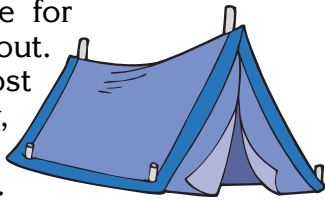
SCHEDULED SHOOTS

Saturday, August 11 9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, August 25 Tournament (9:00am – 12:00 noon)
Sunday, August 26 9:00am – 12:00 noon

SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the date for our Fall family campout. We are aiming to host this on Saturday, October 20 through Sunday, October 21.

Typically starting at 3:00pm on Saturday with activities for families, dinner, campfire with s'mores and hot chocolate, and breakfast provided the following morning, this provides a great opportunity to share the chapter with your family.



B-CC IWLA Eagles Junior Rifle Club

Rex Gori, Head Coach
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Do you want to learn to shoot .22 rifles well? If you or any youth you might know (11 and up) who wishes to learn to shoot safely and effectively, give me a call or send me an email. Years ago, one of our great "kids" was a 63 year-old attorney! Another amazing young lady participant went on to shoot in Junior Olympic competitions! The B-CC IWLA Eagles Junior Rifle Club's upcoming season begins in October. We practice approximately twice a month until June. We normally meet at the R&P Range on Saturdays at 1:00pm. Participants earn NRA qualification awards and medals, have fun, and gain great skills. There are even several fun in-house competitions with prizes! Our reasonable season fee is \$90.00 (\$70.00 for B-CC IWLA Members). I hope you can join us.

Mags for Vets Update

Douglas Smith

Many thanks to the members that dropped off their mags, books, and DVD's for our veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (aka Bethesda Naval Medical for us older guys and gals).



Your kindness is paying off and the vets now have access to many more types of media to help them pass the time while recuperating.

FYI – we almost set a record for the amount of mags, books and DVDs we collected and delivered.

Thank you IKEs – you done good!

Hunters Ethics Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Committee Chair
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Hunting season is right around the corner so don't forget to register online to hunt the B-CC IWLA Farm. You must register every year! Planning to hunt the farm for Dove on September 1, you need to register. If you need help with registering, don't hesitate to give me a call. It's an easy and simple process that only takes 5 minutes max.

When on the B-CC IWLA farm hunting, you need to carry your membership card with you as proof of permission, a form of picture ID, and hunting license with appropriate stamps. Also let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan to be back home. When parking on the farm, please park in designated areas only and display your membership sticker on your vehicle.

Finally, I welcome you to reach out to me for help if you wound a deer that crosses onto our neighbor's property, need help understanding hunting rule and state laws, or just want to share a great hunting story. Above all be safe out there.



PHOTO BY GINNY ANDERSON

Wildlife Committee Report

Larry Anderson, Committee Chair
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The 2018-2019 hunting season is coming, with several seasons opening the first week of September. 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)
- 2) Have a current and valid BCC-IWLA membership card as proof of permission to hunt on private land
- 3) Have a current and valid parking sticker displayed on their vehicle
- 4) Register on our website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

We are a large chapter with many hunters and non-hunters 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. There are not many changes to the MD DNR hunting regulations this year from last, with the notable exception that there is now a statewide bag limit on antlered deer. The new bag limit is 2 antlered deer per year across all hunting seasons (archery, muzzle-loader 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. The requirement to harvest 2 antlerless deer prior to using the bonus antlered deer stamp is no longer in effect. The bag limit of antlerless deer is now 15 (not unlimited) per weapon season. Other changes this year, expand Sunday hunting opportunities. Our chapter also has rules of hunter conduct, please be sure to review them on our website.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we have had sightings this 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.

Happy hunting and think safety!

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

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 to sign up for the class.



SPORTING CLAYS FUN LEAGUE 2018

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League
Poolesville, MD

Contact: Warner Parks – 240 620-6942

Shoot Dates

September 16 ♦ October 21

November 18 ♦ December 16

9:00am until 1:00pm (final signup)



Frederick County Fish & Game

Pt. of Rocks, MD

Contact: John Ortaldo – 301 695-8322

Shoot Dates

September 9 ♦ October 7

November 4 ♦ December 2

9:00am until 1:00pm (final signup)



League Details

League will consist of 8 shoots held at 2 different clubs. Each shoot will be 50 Targets.

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Load Limit: 12 Gauge 1-1/8 oz. – 3 Dram Equiv. 7-1/2

Optional Lewis (\$5) Purse [3 places/(60-40%)]

Lucky Draw \$ Game

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 995th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 15** 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, 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, August 22.** Board members are expected to attend.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
301 540-1947 (Home) 240 620-6942 (Cell)
wparks29@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL RANGE OFFICERS – when closing up, make sure all of the cords are picked up and put away. Also, make sure all of the machines have been released and turned off.

SPORTING CLAYS FUN LEAGUE WINTER DATES 9:00am – 1:00pm

B-CC	FCFGPA
Sunday, September 16	Sunday, September 9
Sunday, October 21	Sunday, October 7
Sunday, November 18	Sunday, November 4
Sunday, December 16	Sunday, December 2

Please remember that there will be no trap and skeet shooting until the last squad has shot and the fields are clear.

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

AUGUST

Sunday, August 5 Mark Mense
Sunday, August 12 Ed Stewart
Sunday, August 19 **Need Range Officers**
Sunday, August 26 Richard Drummon

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 2 **Need Range Officers**
Sunday, Sept. 9 Charles Aubertin, Joe McGovern,
Stephen Pinozzi
Sunday, Sept. 16 Philip Groven, Mike Leahy – Winter
League
Sunday, Sept. 23 Randy Benson, Mort Taubman

HOURS OF OPERATION

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



PHOTO BY CAROL HULCE-EFDIMIS

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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The Range needs the rocks brought to surface by heavy rains removed from the Pistol berm face. We will need to do this as soon as the first 3 to 5 dry days make walking the berm face possible. We will need 8 to 10 younger RO's to **do this safely. Please contact the committee via the email above if you are able to assist.**

Range Officers – let's pay attention to our meeting notes, completing the opening and closing reports among all the items discussed.

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

AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 4 Terry, J., Rogers, B., Newsom, D.,
McDaniel, M.
Sunday, Aug. 5 Maisel, J., Spence, P., Newsom, D.,
Sanfuentes, J.
Saturday, Aug. 11 Brockman, M.
Sunday, Aug. 12 Campagna, C., Konrad, E.,
Saturday, Aug. 18 Adams, J., Watt, D., Gallagher, J.,
Sunday, Aug. 19 Brockman, M.
Saturday, Aug. 25 Mense, M., Spence, P., Midberry, K.
Sunday, Aug. 26

SEPTEMBER

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



14th 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

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!

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NestWatch Report

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator

The Purple Martins put on a great show this month. In the mornings about 20 martins could be seen flying hither and yon, catching insects, perching on our two houses, and simply enjoying the good old summertime. Their 15 nestlings, divided among four compartments, have fledged, with only one loss, a clutch of four that was taken by a black snake. But unlike bluebirds and Tree Swallows, the martin juveniles come home at night to roost for a week or so. At some point the martins will move on and eventually head down to the Amazon where they will stay until early next spring.

Our bluebirds are concluding their second nesting attempts. Early in July our boxes hosted eight-second nests; by July's end, six clutches containing 31 nestlings had fledged. Two nests with a total of six nestlings were lost to black snakes. So our bluebird success rate for second nesting attempts was 80 percent, not bad.

We had one remaining Tree Swallow nest of five chicks down at the big pond. They fledged toward the end of the month. The adults put on quite an aerial show all month at the pond, flying and diving and checking out the boxes, at least two-to-three dozen swallows. It was quite a remarkable sight.

Next month: NestWatch wrap-up with totals for our three monitored species.



Adult male bluebird with 8 day old nestlings



Martin House



Bluebirds - 8 days old



Tree Swallow Nestlings, three days old

PHOTOS BY THERESA ZMOLA

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

August Farm Report

Phil Taylor, Committee Chair
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The farm committee has been busy this summer around the farm mowing the paths, trimming low hanging tree branches, and giving some of our rough areas a once a year mowing. The hard work planting the fields this spring is paying off. We have the sunflowers in the front field just starting to bloom and some in the B3 field drying down. That wasn't the plan; the first attempt at planting sunflowers in the front field was a failure due to the wet soil condition affecting seed germination. We replanted the field in late May taking a chance that looks to be paying off. We planted different crop mixes in different fields throughout the farm. The purpose for the mixes is to build our soil naturally and attract beneficial insects. One mix we planted was a sunflower mix that consisted of spring peas, spring lentils, cowpeas, spring oats, sweet clover, proso millet, yellow mustard, broadleaf mustard, sunflowers, buckwheat, and flax. These plants are all very beneficial to building soil. I will describe a few benefits about each plant to give you an idea. The flax and buckwheat produce blooms that attract beneficial insects, seeds for birds, and their roots work to free up phosphorus in the soil for future plants to up take. The mustards and sunflowers have a deep tap root to loosen our heavy clay soil. This root also works to pull up unused nutrients that will be applied to the top layer of soil as the plants decay. The cowpeas, clover, lentils, and spring peas are the legumes (green manures). They pull nitrogen from the atmosphere and store it in their roots system and what is not used for the plant seed production is left for future plants to benefit from. The plant matter from all of these plants left to return back to the soil will be very beneficial on building up our organic matter in our soil. This mix is planted in the B3 field next to the sunflowers. We planted a similar mix in the B4 field. This mix consists of daikon radishes, sorghum sudan grass, pearl millet, sunflower, hybrid brassica, and cowpeas. The radishes and sunflowers have deep tap roots that penetrate the soil to break up soil compaction. The sorghum sudan produces lots of organic matter to put back in our soil. The millet has a very fibrous root system and grows very fast in most soils to prevent erosion. The hybrid brassicas are excellent scavengers of nitrogen and other nutrients, including calcium, sulfur, and magnesium that will be left for the next crop. The cowpeas are the legumes in this mix and will withstand the summer heat and drought condition very well. The benefits of these plants are much more than I described in this article. The results of using cover crops to build soil health are amazing. The start of August means we are beyond halfway through the summer. We will begin to prepare the fields for the upcoming dove season. Please try not to disturb the B3 and A2 fields in the afternoon and evening time to allow the doves to feed.

If anyone is looking to volunteer around the farm, please contact me through this chapter email. We need all the help we can get. The work we do vary. We would like to have a list of volunteers so when something needs attention we can send out an email and those who can help can reply. As always I encourage all members to take a walk and enjoy our beautiful farm.



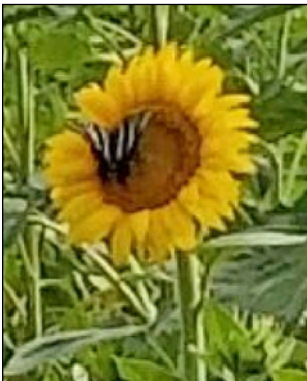
Sunflowers in B3 field



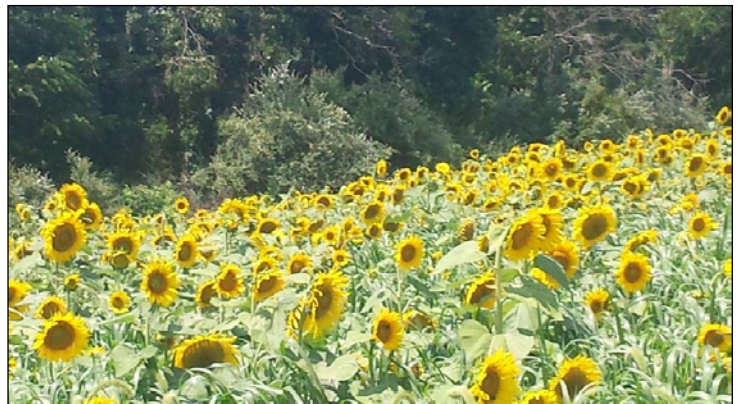
Spring Wheat and Sunflowers in Front Field A2



Soil building mix described in this report in the B4 Field



A Beautiful Butterfly enjoying the Sunflowers in A2 Field



Sunflowers in the B3 Field

Big Pond Electrofishing Study

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On June 8, 2018, Solitude Lake Management under a contract with the Bethesda-Chevy Chapter, conducted a study at the big pond using a boat-mounted electrofishing system. The purpose of this study was to gather information on the current status of the fishery, analyze the data collected and, based on the study results, make management recommendations for enhancing or improving the fishery, as needed. Jack Mandel, Shannon Novak, and John Novak assisted the Solitude fishery biologists during the electrofishing. Two sampling runs were conducted, and all fish over 3 inches were collected resulting in a total of 95 fish which included 34 bluegill, 21 largemouth bass, and 40 redear sunfish. No minnow species, a forage fish for largemouth bass, were collected. Length, weight, and abundance data were recorded. Relative weight (the ratio of the actual weight of captive fish to the standard weight of fish of that same species and size class multiplied by 100) was calculated for largemouth bass and bluegills. The health of the fishery was evaluated by determining size classes and size distribution for largemouth bass and bluegill.



The largemouth bass collected ranged in size from 3.9 to 20.2 inches; 17 were of catchable size (over 8 inches). Few young-of-the-year fish were present as indicated by their length; most fish measured between 11 and 20 inches. The largest largemouth bass captured weighed between 4 and 5 pounds but the relative weight calculated for largemouth bass in the pond was less than the target number of 100 for a quality fishery. The size distribution of largemouth bass indicated that there is a lack of fish between 8 and 12 inches so catchable size fish in the pond are primarily over 12 inches. In an effort to assess the future growth and overall health of largemouth bass in the pond, four largemouth bass were tagged with Floy Tags inserted in the back near the dorsal fin. If these fish are recaptured, then changes in size and health can be assessed. The bluegills collected ranged from 4.4 to 7.2 inches in length indicating that the population of bluegills is comprised of small individuals; however, young-of-the-year bluegills were rare. The calculated relative weight of bluegill decreased as length increased indicating a forage problem. Based on the catch analysis, the predator to prey is considered fair (largemouth bass prey upon bluegill).

The study rates the current status of the big pond habitat as fair. The rating is not higher because the pond lacks dense shoreline cover for young-of-the-year fish, an important pond habitat component, and there are few areas with hard bottom within the pond that would provide spawning habitat. Also, the pond appears to be lacking in productivity meaning there is little phytoplankton present, a principal component of the aquatic food chain. The fishery, itself, is rated fair to

good. Overall biomass was low (only 95 fish were collected) with a low number of predators (only 21 were collected). The sampling indicated that the 2017 and 2018 age classes (1 and 2-year-olds) of largemouth bass are missing from the pond. The weights of largemouth bass were less than expected indicating a lack of or deficient forage base. The size distribution for largemouth bass was skewed high as a result of the low number of 8- to 12-inch fish collected. No bluegills larger than 7.2 inches were collected while there were few redear sunfish collected that were smaller than 6 inches.

The management recommendations from the study are as follows:

- stock 900, 4.5-5.5" bluegills and 100, 4.5-5.5" redear sunfish to provide forage for largemouth bass,
- feed bluegills a high quality, low phosphorous feed April-November,
- stock 70, 8-10" largemouth bass to supplement the missing 2017 and 2018 year classes,
- create spawning habitat for bluegills with the addition of gravel,
- increase shoreline cover for young-of-the-fish with downed hardwood trees weighted with cinder blocks,
- annually stock 125 pounds of golden shiners to supplement largemouth bass growth,
- plant emergent vegetation such as pickerel weed or duck weed, and
- budget another electrofishing study in two years to assess the success of the above recommendations.

Of the above recommendations, Ponds & Streams plans over the next four to five months to implement fish feeding (food pellets have been purchased and feeding has commenced), place spawning gravel at selected locations (sufficient gravel has been acquired), and place weighted brush near the sites of the spawning gravel. Stocking 900 bluegills, 100 redear sunfish, 70 largemouth bass, and 125 pounds of golden shiners will require the finding of a source and determining a cost for these fish. Possibly Solitude Lake Management can assist us in doing this. If any stocking occurs this year, it would not take place until at least October when water temperatures have cooled a bit. Planting emergent vegetation-pickerel weed or duck weed may not be necessary if the brush provides adequate cover for young-of-the-year fish. Further, there is the concern that once emergent vegetation becomes established it may grow of control and require treatment with an herbicide. Conducting a follow-up electrofishing study in two years would make it possible to evaluate the success of the recommended measures and should be considered. In conclusion and based on the results of the electrofishing study Ponds & Streams recommends the continuation of the catch and release policy for the big pond.

