



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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

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PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

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President's Message

Greetings.

It seems that not Spring, but Fall at Izaak Walton is a true beginning.

It is the start of hunting season, it is the changing of the guard in the Board Room, and it is a time of reflection on the past year and planning for the next 12 months.

Regarding the start of hunting season, I was witness to the finest opening day of Dove season in recent memory. Thanks to the monumental efforts of Phil Taylor, Larry Anderson, Tom Lamkin and others, not to mention Mother Nature, our sunflower crop is the most robust I have ever seen. Opening Day, hosted by our newly minted Vice President, Jeff Seaman (and his son Nat), was a phenomenal success. Jeff said that a massive flock of dove crossed West Willard onto our property to browse in the sunflowers at about 12:01pm sharp. We had upwards of 60 hunters, some of whom bagged the limit and most of whom came out of the fields with a harvest to fill a dinner table. Tucker Mostrom, Shannon Novak, and Christine Peterson prepared a terrific BBQ dinner in the Chapter House afterwards. A great start to what promises to be a terrific season.

Archery opens soon, and activity on the grounds will get into high gear.

We have some new faces on the Board of Governors and some old friends ready for service. We have some high, but absolutely achievable goals for the coming year, including upgrading our website and our internet presence, completing our greenhouse project, increasing our outreach to students, scouts and other conservation groups, improving infrastructure of our ranges, parking areas and chapter house, seeking out possible land purchases, refining our communications with our members and boosting our volunteer efforts on the farm and out in the community, and continuing our efforts to follow the National Organization guidelines for NetZero and Stream Conservation.

We have an energetic and dedicated slate of officers, board members and committee chairs; please reach out to us so we can help fit your talents with upcoming volunteer activities.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Jim Tate for his dedicated service through the past year and his efforts to make this transition a smooth one.

See you on the Farm.

Jack Mandel, President

Available via cell or text 24/7 at 202 487-8440

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

Biathlon Practice

Saturday, September 8 and 22
7:30am

Poolesville Day Festival

Need help with early set up and
staffing the B-CC IWLA booth
Saturday, September 15
10:00am – 4:00pm

Winter Sporting Clays League at B-CC IWLA

Sundays – September 16, October 21,
November 18, and December 9
(note date change for December)
9:00am – 1:00pm (final signup)

Kid Friendly Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 19
6:30pm

Chapter Fall Cleanup

Saturday, September 29
8:30am

Friction Fire Class

Saturday, October 6
10:00am – 3:00pm

Biathlon Practice

Saturday, October 13
7:30am

Fall Family Campout

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

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

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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 August 2018 Dinner Meeting and July 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

Shannon Novak, Recording Secretary
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August 15, 2018 Dinner Meeting

- The 995th consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.
- The Chapter President (Jim Tate) gave his report.
- The outdoor ethics award was presented to Scott Harmon and Mark Gochnour.
- The Director of Chapter Relations from the IWLA National HQ presented a conservation scholarship from the National Endowment to Anna Jorgensen.
- Scott Harmon swore in the Board for the 2018-19 year.
- Five new members were inducted into the chapter.

NOTABLE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Wildlife Management (Larry Anderson)** – Hunting seasons are approaching. Dove season begins September 1. Must be registered to hunt on the Chapter property – it is a yearly requirement. No changes to bag limits for dove season. DNR has some new hunting regulations. Confirmed spotting of Lophorn Tick in MD.
- **Bird Count (Diane Seward)** – Nest watch season has concluded. Early April – late July. Statistics will be in upcoming newsletter.
- **Ponds & Streams (John Novak)** – Held meeting on August 11 – discussed upcoming projects. Discussed the recommendations from the Solitude Fish Study, which will be implemented in the upcoming months. August 22 meeting in Rockville regarding grant money for upcoming projects.
- **Conservation and Education (Andy Wight)** – Poolesville Day September 15 – looking for volunteers. September 19 dinner meeting will be a kid-friendly dinner meeting with activities. Family Campout October 20.
- **Maryland State IWLA Division (Bob Pavlick)** – The next division meeting will be held at the Mid-Shore Chapter on October 13. Maryland division will host the 2020 National Convention.

Motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 8:16pm.

July Board of Governors Meeting – held August 1, 2018

- Chapter 1st Vice President Jack Mandel called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
- 5 Chapter Officers, the Past President, and 4 Board Members were present; (3) were not present; 9 members in good standing attended as well as 1 guest
- **Jim O'Connell and guest Jim Brown (Sugarloaf Citizens Association)** gave an update on the possible bridge/highway construction in the ag reserve. Would like to partner with B-CC to hire an expert to inventory all parcels of land in the ag reserve – who owns them, controls them, easements, etc. Wants to make sure that all possible land is under easement and not attainable by VDOT/MDOT. 4-F environmental process, harder to override than an EIS (Environmental Impact Study). There are 26 possible 4F parcels. Bridge plan has been defeated 3 times and are confident that a bridge will not be constructed. Wants B-CC to contribute \$2,500 to hire Richard Klein who is a transportation planner.

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SUMMARY

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- **Chapter President Jim Tate** gave his report and opening remarks, including
 - o Presented the new reusable water bottles that were created. Would like to populate the line item in the budget for "swag."
 - o Budget – Jack Mandel – would like to have a meeting soon for the budget. Spreadsheet will be put together soon.
 - o Expenses are due by August 15 – next dinner meeting.
 - o Would like to hold Advance Planning & Finance committee meeting soon.
- **Chapter Treasurer (Bill Sherrill)** presented his report on the chapters accounts and finances.
- **On behalf of Membership Secretary (Tucker Mostrom), Carol Hulce-Efdimis** presented his accounting of the size and breakdown of the chapter membership and presented (5) membership applications for the Board's consideration during New Business.

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

- **Chapter 1st Vice President Jack Mandel (Conservation & Farm Operations)** –
 - o **Calendar:**
 - Need to schedule budget meeting and ADA compliance/patio project meeting.
 - August 2 – Explore Archery class 6:30-8:30pm (next 4 Thursday nights)
 - August 10 – Black Powder event w/ Venture Scouts (range closed to other shooters)
 - August 18 – Ruffed Grouse annual fun shoot.
 - o **Ponds and Streams (John Novak)** – P&S archive proposal being put together by Tim Barry. Would like to move forward with P&S archive. Fish study report is now available. Summarized the study's results and presented Solitude's recommendations for management of the Big Pond. Small pond is now open for catch/release fishing.
 - o **Environmental Stewardship (George Coakley)** – Monthly water quality sampling is going well. 3 reasons – EPA contract: making sure no lead/arsenic is leaving property. No trend of E Coli coming in. Sampling for P&S committee for pond health.
 - o **Trails (Brian King)** – Brian King and Phil Taylor are planning to remove two dead ash trees.
 - o **Wildflowers and Floral Gardens (Don Perino)** – Andy Wight- working on putting together a display with invasive vs. natural species.
 - o **Farm (Phil Taylor)** – "New" bush-hog has arrived and has already used it to cut some fields.
 - o **Jack Mandel** – would like to resurrect the greenhouse for use – there is much potential for it. Hoping to form a committee strictly for the greenhouse and maintaining it once up and running.
- **Chapter 2nd Vice President Jeff Seaman (Recreation)** –
 - o **Archery Range (Dave Drzen)** – Awarded a \$2,500 grant from National Endowment for youth archery.
 - o **Campground (Jack Kang)** – Bushcraft Class on October 6.
- **Chapter Corresponding Secretary Tom Lamkin (Public Relations & Education)** –
 - o **Conservation and Education (Andy Wight)** – Want September dinner to be a family/kid friendly night – will have activities in Boardroom. Poolesville Day September 15 – would like to have a booth. Arrange a new partner-

ship - donate Monarch caterpillars to Poolesville schools – invite students to Chapter for release. (**George Coakley**) – Would like to put a Chapter advertisement in Monocacy Monocle each month to drive attention.

- o **Hunter Education (John Lamb)** – September 8-9 Hunter Safety Class – 52 signed up, expecting up to 60 signups. 8:00am-4:00pm – Fluorescent pink is now accepted as a safety color. Some other DNR policies have changed.

IWLA National (Bob Pavlick) – National Convention recap. Push for SOS/CWC monitoring and to encourage other community organizations for stream monitoring. MD will be hosting 2020 convention – Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge MD. Got all fees waived and rate down to \$165/night. July 12-15, 2020. Sponsored by MD Division – meeting tomorrow August 2 at Wildlife Achievement Chapter at 7:00pm. 2019 convention will be in Des Moines IA at Sheraton Hotel.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (Leading to a Motion)

- (**Tom Lamkin**) – mower seat is being worn out. Would like to get seat replaced and it will cost \$650. Carol noted that it is under farm equipment maintenance and a motion needs to be made.
- (**Jack MacGregor**) – Warner Parks wants to purchase two new machines – two are falling apart and cannot be repaired. Jim Tate recommended to purchase one now and put second one in for next year's budget.

NEW BUSINESS (motions from the meeting floor)

- Motion to approve 5 membership applications seconded and approved.
- Motion to approve minutes from June BOG meeting seconded and approved.
- Motion to fund \$650 to replace the mower seat – motion amended by Jack MacGregor that it will be funded from Shotgun Range budget not to exceed \$650 – seconded and approved.
- Motion to allow the Chapter President to approach the B-CC IWLA Legacy Board to request \$2,500 in funds to partner with the Sugarloaf Citizens Association in hiring a transportation planner for an impact study on the bridge across the Potomac, which affects the B-CC IWLA property seconded and approved.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- **Carol Hulce-Efdimis** – Light in parking lot will hopefully be fixed by next week.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 9:45pm.



Check out our Facebook page!

**Izaak Walton League of America
Bethesda – Chevy Chase**

FALL CLEAN-UP/WORK DAY Saturday, September 29



The chapter membership and their families are invited to take part in this event and help prepare the farm for the coming winter. This is a great opportunity for new members to become acquainted with the Chapter, and for new and current members to work off their required volunteer hours.

The Clean-Up/Work Day will begin at 8:30am. Committee chairs will have a list of projects. Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, loppers and leaf blowers. If you bring a chain saw or weed wacker, please be sure you have the necessary safety equipment.

Lunch will be served after the clean up is completed.

Eagles Junior Rifle Club

Rex Gori, Head Coach
301 922-8328 aurelius.gori1@verizon.net

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

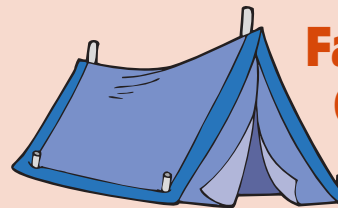
Please submit all articles for the October 2018 newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.**

Chapter Dinner – Reminder Bring Your Kids!

Just a reminder – the chapter dinner on September 19 will be a *kid friendly* dinner. Dinner will be held as normal, but at the start of the meeting, kids will be asked to go to the boardroom where we will have kid friendly activities and education. Kids and parents will be reunited at the end of the meeting.

Small Pond Update

Fishing is *now* allowed at the small pond. **Remember – catch and release only!** If you need more information contact John Novak (novakgang4@comcast.net) or Pete Wirth (peter_wirth@verizon.net).



Fall Family Campout October 20-21

Please mark your calendars with the Fall Family Campout – 3:00pm, Saturday, October 20 – 10:00am, Sunday, October 21. This event, open to members and their guests, is a great way to spend time with your kids away from electronics and TV. Fishing is scheduled in the afternoon, with dinner, night games, and a campfire (s'mores and hot chocolate included) in the evening, followed by a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning. We will be camping by the Chapter House, which will remain open throughout the night. An email announcement will be sent out, and RSVP would be appreciated to ensure we have enough dogs, burgers, and veggies to go around.

RSVP to:
Andy Wight,
Conservation & Education Committee Chair
andywight1@hotmail.com

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the August dinner meeting:

Troy C. Anderson

Interests: Conservation Education; Ponds & Streams Management; Chapter Public Affairs

Taylor Chamberlin

Interests: Archery; Farm; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife Management; Chapter Functions (Cleanup, Food Service); Archaeology

Will Hild, III

Interests: Facilities; Legislation; Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays

Laura J. Marriott

Interests: Hunter Education; Recreational Activities; Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays

Jack Seeger

Interests: Conservation Education; Ponds & Streams Management; Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
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	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed for NRA Hunter Education Class	all day
Saturday, September 8	NRA Hunter Education Class – sign up required	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 9	NRA Hunter Education Class – sign up required	8:00am – 4:00pm
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
Sunday, September 16	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm
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 – Bring Your Kids to Dinner	6:30pm
Saturday, September 22	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Monday, September 24	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 25	Final Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, September 29	Fall Clean-Up / Work Day	8:30am – TBD
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	all day
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	Fall Family Campout	3:00pm
Sunday, October 21	Fall Family Campout	until 10:00am
Sunday, October 21	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm
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
NOVEMBER		
Saturday, November 3	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Monday, November 5	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, November 10	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Monday, November 12	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, November 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, November 18	Winter Sporting Clays League	9:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, November 21	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 21	Board of Governors Meeting	immediately following Dinner Meeting – 8:30pm
Monday, November 26	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00m
DECEMBER		
Saturday, December 1	Decorate the Chapter House for the Holidays	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, December 3	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, December 8	Adopt A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House	8:00am
Saturday, December 8	Chapter Holiday Party	6:00pm
Sunday, December 9	Winter Sporting Clays League	9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday, December 10	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday, December 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, December 17	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, December 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30
Wednesday, December 19	Board of Governors Meeting	immediately following Dinner Meeting – 8:30pm

**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.**



Poolesville Day Festival

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

We are looking for volunteers to come and help for a couple of hours (handing out flyers and answering questions visitors might have). Anyone interested in helping out at the booth please reach out to andywright1@hotmail.com. Remember, this is a great way to get in a couple of volunteer hours.

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 jackkang@gmail.com to sign up for the class.



NestWatch Wrap-up

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator
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Summary: 34 nesting attempts, 142 eggs, 123 nestlings, 104 fledglings

Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, and Purple Martins had a productive nesting season at the farm this year. Eleven nesting pairs of Eastern Bluebirds built 17 nests over the season, beginning in mid-April and ending in late July, fledging 64 bluebirds from a total of 72 nestlings. Three clutches were lost due to snake predation. Six of the eleven bluebird nesting pairs produced two clutches of nestlings each. One pair raised six nestlings in each of their two nesting attempts. Most bluebird clutches have four or five eggs; six is unusual, and six twice from the same pair is even more unusual.

Tree Swallows were also active, with seven nesting attempts, three more than last year. The swallow pairs produced 32 nestlings and fledged 25, almost double the number fledged last year. But one clutch of six suffered avian predation, likely from a small hawk. Another clutch of eggs disappeared before hatching, likely eaten by a black snake. Yet a third clutch of eggs was supplanted by a bluebird nest. Tree Swallows are vigilant parents and beautiful aviators. The only opportunity we have to observe them up close is during

nesting season, which ran from early May to mid-July. Swallows typically have only one nest each season, and we usually do not see them – unless spotted high over head – after their chicks have fledged. However, this year in mid-July 50 or 60 tree swallows were spotted soaring over the Big Pond and perching in nearby trees.

Purple Martins were the new species we monitored this year. Beginning in late May, we had five active nests, which produced 19 nestlings and 15 fledglings. Their only loss was a clutch of four nestlings probably eaten by a black snake. The martins nest in the two tall martin condos close to the chapter house.

Many thanks to John Novak and Larry Anderson who helped monitor the boxes and martin condos and especially to Theresa Zmola whose contributions to the chapter's NestWatch project this summer were invaluable.

Biathlon 2018 Practice Schedule

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

Biathlon practice 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, 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 Escholz

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);
Rex Gori (aurelius.gori1@verizon.net);
Chris Efdimis (bcciwla.rp@gmail.com).

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.



Archery Report

Dave Drazen, Committee Chair
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Our 3D archery season ended the last weekend in August. We had a busy weekend with a club tournament on Saturday



Coby Drazen (8), Bennett Drazen (10), and Marc Bouchard with their plaques after placing in their divisions during the archery tournament.



Finishing strong in the 3D tournament, we all scored on the velociraptor

course back up. Most of us will be out hunting, shooting the bags on the range, or just enjoying the weather. I hope to see you out there.

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.

before we took down the course. Despite small numbers, the tournament was a success and we now have some new club records. Marc Bouchard shot a 230 to take the Adult Compound class while Bennett and Coby Drazen took first and second in the Youth Traditional class with a 96 and a 35. As a bonus we found some chanterelles along the side of the trails while out on the course. Thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to help take down the course. We labored under the mid-day sun, but were successful in getting everything cleaned up.

A huge thank you is owed to Scott Harmon for his help in drafting a grant application to IWLA National. We were successful in getting a \$2,500 grant to support starting up a youth archery program. I hope to get tentative dates for Spring 2019 out in the next few months to give people ample time to plan and spread the word. This grant is a great opportunity for our chapter to get more youth involved in archery and the outdoors. I hope you can contribute by signing up to participate or in helping with the classes. More details will be coming in future newsletters.

Archery activities slow down until next April when we set the



Chanterelles found along the trail in the archery woods

REMEMBER...

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



WINTER SPORTING CLAYS LEAGUE

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League
Poolesville, MD

Contact: Warner Parks – 240 620-6942

Shoot Dates

September 16 ♦ October 21

November 18 ♦ December 9

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

Special Event – Bring Your Kids to Dinner
Kid Friendly Activities and Education During Meeting

The 996th dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 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, Pitt Roasted Chicken, Au Gratin 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, September 26.** Board members are expected to attend.

IWLA Maryland State Division

The Fall Division meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13 at the Mid-Shore Chapter in Trappe, Talbot County (<https://sites.google.com/view/mid-shorechapter/home/locate-us>).

2020 IWLA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Maryland Division of the IWLA will host the 2020 IWLA National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf, Resort, Spa and Marina in Cambridge, MD, July 12-15, 2020. Special rate - \$165 per night.

The Hyatt is the ideal setting to work or play by the bay! Reconnect with family, friends, colleagues, and nature. Explore the 342 acres situated on the Choptank River with a 150 slip full service marina, recharge with one of the many services at Sago Spa & Salon, challenge someone to a round of golf at our River Marsh Golf Course, or simply enjoy the expansive views as you lounge by the pool.

Contact Bob Pavlick (301 348-5892, roberpav@verizon.net) or Scott Harmon (215 450-6903, scott.w.harmon@verizon.net) if you would like help plan or just be involved with the event.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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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

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 1 **Goldshine, W., Hill, D., Chung, K.**
Sunday, Sept. 2
Saturday, Sept. 8

RANGE CLOSED – HUNTERS EDUCATION/SAFETY

Range Officers will aide Hunter Education/Safety

Latimer, R., Hensley, J., Peterson, C., Coates Jr., L., King, B., Boynton, D., Gochmour, 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.**

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.

Shotgun Range Report

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I would like to remind all members that Tuesday afternoons are reserved for Sporting Clays ONLY. *There will be no trap, skeet, or five stand shooting on Tuesdays.*

B-CC Winter League dates are: Sunday, September 16; Sunday, October 21; Sunday, November 18; and Sunday December 9 (note – date change from last month's article). *Please remember that there will be no trap and skeet shooting until the last squad has shot and the fields are clear.*

Please 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. Please 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. Please 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

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

OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 7 Mike Noble
Sunday, Oct. 14 Logan Bush, Lyle Bush
Sunday, Oct. 21 John Frick, Rick Tomlin – **Winter League**
Sunday, Oct. 28 Mark Wildman, Andy Latos

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday's 9:00am – 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesday's 3:00pm – 6:00pm Sporting Clays Only
(last shoot – September 25)



Membership Committee Report

R. Tucker Mostrom, Membership Secretary
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Our vibrant and successful chapter activities sometime overshadow our interdependent relationship with IWLA National. This is never more important than with regard to chapter membership and renewal.

IWLA NATIONAL WEB SITE

- IWLA National holds the contact address, telephone numbers, and primary email address for every IWLA member in the nation.
- Chapter members can and must update their above contact information directly on the IWLA National web site (<https://www.iwla.org>). Click on "Member Center" in the top-right of the National home page.
- Creating an account on the national web site and updating your information will also give you the opportunity to receive email updates from Scott Kovarovic, Danielle Donkersloot, and other National staff regarding current IWLA National events and initiatives.

CHAPTER EMAILS & EMAIL-NEWSLETTER

- 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 automatically diverting chapter emails.
- Email me at 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:

- 534 Individual Members
- 173 Family Members (x2=346)
- 2 Youth Members
- 15 Student Members
- 13 Associate Members
- 83 Retired Members
- 993 Active Memberships

The Board of Governors has six membership applications for its approval: Mark Fleury, Drew Howard, Victor Kernus, Sang Kim, Andrew O'Brien, Craig Rogers

There are five first-meeting applications currently in the pipeline.

MEMBER AWARDS



Mark Gochmour and Scott Harmon were recognized at the National Convention with the League's Outdoor Ethics Award. They received their award for their work in assembling and teaching their annual Introduction to Hunting course, which emphasizes an ethical approach to hunting. They received their award plaques at the August dinner meeting (photo above).



The Izaak Walton League offers two \$2,500 scholarships annually to qualified college juniors and seniors pursuing a degree in natural resource management. The scholarship awardee, Anna Jorgensen and her family are long-term members of our chapter. Anna was one of the League's choices out of about a dozen candidates, including one other applicant from our B-CC chapter. Earl Hower, IWLA Director of Chapter Relations, attended our dinner meeting to personally deliver the award to Anna.

PHOTOS BY ERNIE SMITH

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

Friendlier fish may be quicker to take the bait

The bluegill on your dinner plate might have been more social than the rest of its group, according to a new study, and its removal from the lake could mean major changes for the remaining population.



New University of Illinois research shows that social bluegills are more likely to be caught by anglers, leaving gaps in the remaining population.

Credit: Jason DeBoer, Illinois Natural History Survey

The bluegill on your dinner plate might have been more social than the rest of its group, according to a new study from the University of Illinois, and its removal from the lake could mean major changes for the remaining population.

"There's a reason everyone's first fish is bluegill. They are social fish, forming big groups around structures close to shore. It seemed like their social behavior and their aggression would be super important in terms of angling vulnerability," says Michael Louison, lead author on the study and graduate student in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and the Illinois Natural History Survey at U of I.

Testing this hypothesis meant a week's worth of fishing for Louison, an avid angler. He first stocked an experimental pond with bluegill from a hatchery, each of which had been tagged to allow identification of individuals.

"They had been living in a natural lake environment," he says. "They had to find food and avoid predators in that environment. So they were 'real fish.'"

Over five days, he and another angler fished the pond using typical equipment and methods for bluegill. When they'd catch a fish, they'd quickly check the fish's identification number and release it back into the water. At the end of the week, they drained the pond and brought all the fish they could find back to tanks in their laboratory. They assigned 38 fish to a test group: Half of these had been caught at least once, while the others had never been caught.

To determine if there was a sociability difference in fish that took the bait versus their uncaptured counterparts, Louison and his research team devised a simple test. They split an ordinary rectangular fish tank in half with a glass divider, placing a test fish on one side and six random bluegills from the pond on the other.

"We were looking at how much time this fish spent hanging out right next to the divider trying to associate with the fish on the other side," he says. "You'd expect a social fish to be hanging out close to the glass a lot, whereas you'd expect a non-social fish to be further back."

It turns out that fish that had been caught spent significantly more time near the divider than fish that had never been caught. The trial was repeated twice for each fish, and the results were consistent: Fish that had been caught were inherently more social.

Louison thought aggression might also make a fish more likely to attack bait, so he paired one fish from the test group with another fish from the pond in an open tank.

"In every case, one fish emerged as dominant. It would be hanging out in the center of the tank, with the other fish driven into the corner. Every time the submissive fish tried to come back into the center, the dominant fish would attack it and drive it back to the side," he says.

Interestingly, fish that had been caught were not more aggressive or dominant than uncaptured fish. Only more social.

If anglers are removing the most social fish from bluegill populations, what does that mean for the fish left behind? Louison thinks it could change the entire social structure, at least in the short term, potentially leaving the remaining fish at risk.

"Broadly speaking, for animals living in groups, social individuals are really important. They help spot predators, find prey, and transmit information about these things to the rest of the group," says Cory Suski, associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and co-author on the study.

"Our previous research has shown that removing fish with certain characteristics -- like parental quality or even overall vulnerability to angling -- has potential to change the character of a population," says Jeffrey Stein, fish ecologist at the Illinois Natural History Survey and co-author of the study. "Understanding how characteristics like sociability affect vulnerability to angling can lead to more effective management of high-quality recreational fisheries."

The researchers don't know whether bluegills adjust their social groups when a particularly gregarious individual is removed, or whether consistent removal of these fish through angling might constitute a long-term evolutionary shift.

"In this experimental setting, we've shown that sociability could be under selection by anglers.

The next step, which is more difficult to do, is to actually go out into wild populations and evaluate whether we see differences in behavior in fish in heavily fished lakes versus lakes back in the woods where only one person might fish. That's the next step," Louison says.

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1. Michael J. Louison, Jennifer D. Jeffrey, Cory D. Suski, Jeffrey A. Stein. Sociable bluegill, *Lepomis macrochirus*, are selectively captured via recreational angling. *Animal Behaviour*, 2018; 142: 129 DOI: [10.1016/j.anbehav.2018.06.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anbehav.2018.06.013)

Ponds & Streams Committee Report

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On August 11, 2018, Ponds & Streams placed a spawning bed (10' X 10") constructed of pea gravel in the big pond. This bed will provide spawning habitat for sunfish and large-mouth bass. A hardwood brush bundle was also constructed and placed near the spawning bed to provide a refuge for fry after emerging from the spawning nests. This brush bundle will offer some protection for these young fish from predators. The photos below show Ponds & Streams' members constructing a spawning bed and brush bundle. Other spawning beds are to be constructed in the big pond this fall.

PHOTOS BY TIM BARRY



Frank Parker placing stakes delineating a spawning bed.



Vic Ezerski, Pete Wirth, and Dave Gerth assembling a brush bundle.



Vic Ezerski and Brett Davis placing a brush bundle near a spawning bed.

Venture Crew 496 – Introduction to Black Powder Firearms

Deborah Behrend, Venture Crew 496 Advisor

On Friday, August 10, 2018, BSA Venture Crew 496, (B-CC IWLA is its Charter Organization.), had a fantastic opportunity to learn about Black Powder Shooting. Mark Gochnour volunteered a full day of his time and use of his equipment to help 5 crew members, as well as 2 other adults, complete a grueling 12 plus hour training course, which included class time, range time, a test and short breaks for lunch and dinner.

The participants used flintlock and smoothbore rifles, percussion cap rifle and pistol, as well as a modern inline rifle to earn the NRA/NMLRA certification for the Basic Muzzle loading Course. Each of the students was able to load and fire in rotation the variety of firearms in different shooting positions (standing, bench rest, prone and bipod support which are requirements for the training) under Mark's supervision. The students had their own target used for all of their shots so that they would have a souvenir of their range time and their experience. At the end of the shooting time, each student was assigned one of the guns to clean.

The day's training experience allowed one Venture Crew member to complete the "Hunting" elective for the Venturing Ranger Award and a second Venture Crew member to partially complete (to be finished with Mark this fall) one of the five required electives for the Venture Shooting Sports Medal.

Mark is an NRA/NMLRA Certified Instructor with over 40 years of shooting black powder. Additionally, he provided the group with "Criteria for Choosing a muzzle loading rifle" in case the participants want to continue shooting with these types of firearms. (This training is available to others; so feel free to contact Mark at mgdonutman@gmail.com if you are interested.) Thanks are gratefully given also to Daniel Hess for use of his Inline Rifle and equipment.



54 Caliber Flintlock



1851 Naval Revolver



Inline .50 Rifle

Montgomery County Conservation Committee Visits the Conservation Farm

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The Montgomery County Forest Conservation Advisory Committee (FCAC) is a standing 22-member public advisory committee charged with providing input to the County Executive and County Council on tree and forest conservation.

The Chapter invited the committee to our farm with the goal of explaining and demonstrating the Chapter's work in afforestation and forest management. Many members of the committee work in various Montgomery County government departments. Others are members of the general public, con-



The visit went well with 5 committee members attending. We had sub sandwiches at the picnic tables and then pulled the hay wagon to the B1 Field. Halfway up, Butch Mezick explained the Chapter's 4000 tree planting project and a long discussion ensued which covered everything from planting effort details to survival rates and choices of trees. The visitors were very interested and asked a lot of questions.

We then proceeded to B3 between the west side which has all sunflowers and the east side that has a mix of various, grains, legumes, radishes, etc. We parked there for a long time while Phil Taylor explained the soil nutrition results of the mix, the food benefits for the wildlife, and the overall interactions of the insect-wildlife benefits of no/low fertilizer farming. The members took pictures and asked a lot of questions and made comments.

Next, at the link between B3 and B4 we observed and Butch explained mature forests and the approximate age of the surrounding trees (approximately from the 1920-30's). In



the B4 field Phil went on to discuss the use of sorghum, India grass and legumes as bottom mat in soil augmentation. Butch pointed out the logic behind the trees along the north side of B4 (eventual cover to hunt deer visiting from a neighboring property).

Pausing between B4 and the pond (B5), members got off the wagon and had freewheeling discussions for about 10-15 minutes. It was a very comfortable pace. We finished up by a drive around C3 which was quite a feat considering the overgrowth around the edges on the north side and along the pines.

The visitors were pleased with the outing. The Chairman of the FCAC sent the accompanying pictures to this article and his appreciation for the tour.

Note that the visit was part of the Chapter's outreach to maintain good relations with the County and spread the good word about conservation efforts at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter. Chapter members are encouraged to participate in such endeavors whenever possible. Such efforts are necessary to support our status as a 501(c)3 organization.



struction/developer communities, environmental organizations, civic organizations, public utilities, & arbor-culture, landscape architecture and urban planning firms. Most members are knowledgeable or at least conversant with the Maryland Forest Conservation Act. Some of the things that the committee has done in the past include:

- Recommendations to the County Council suggestions on tree canopy policy, county forest maintenance, land development policy, forestry related budget items, etc.
- Review of Purple Line Plans for canopy and urban forest impacts.
- Street "tree-planting" recommendations, etc.
- Discussions of interfaces between the Forest Conservation Act and County actions/policies.
- Consideration of the impacts of developer community actions on County forests and mitigation for disturbance to the environment as specified by the tree canopy law.

