



MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

Serving the Community Since 1935

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President's Message

Merriam-Webster defines a volunteer as:

- 1- *One who renders a service or takes part in a transaction while having no legal concern or interest*
- 2- *A plant that grows spontaneously without direct human control or supervision, especially from seeds from a previous crop*

We live and die by our members' generosity. Generosity with funds and generosity with time.

Our farm is owned by us, the members. It reflects us as a group and as individuals. It reflects our energy, dedication and our values, collectively and singularly. Only good can come from investing yourself more in our Chapter activities.

In the Coen brothers' movie, *Miller's Crossing*, the character, Tom Regan replies to his boss when told not to worry so much,
"I'd worry a lot less if I thought you were worrying enough."

We have a long list of worriers on the farm. People who are doing the fretting, so we don't have to.

Thoran Menser has come up with a very clever solution to the challenge of reclaiming brass and is working to implement his ideas in the coming months.

Don Perino is developing new theories about those who have farmed and hunted our property in the last hundreds and thousands of years based on his committee's archaeological digs.

Pat Tarquinio and Warner Parks obsessively dedicate themselves to the continual improvement of the shotgun range, and their many years of planning for the skeet station hardscape will soon be realized.

Brian King literally clears the path for us all to enjoy the woods.

Blaine Elkins has removed all invasives from the Chestnut Grove.

John Novak has plans drawn up for a small pavilion at the Big Pond.

Dave Drazen has rejuvenated the Archery Range structures and 3-D courses.

Tom Lamkin and Phil Taylor brood about the weather and how it will affect their mowing and sowing.

Shannon Novak monitors all things digital to enhance our communications.

Jim Tate and Bill Gordon concern themselves with the state of our records and are beginning the process of digitizing and safeguarding them.

Butch Mezick and Jim O'Connell are continually vigilant for possible threats to our land from possible development in the Ag Reserve.

Jack Kang mentors members and guests in survival skills and bushcraft.

No event takes place in the Chapter House without Tucker Mostrom sweating the details (and providing good chow, if needed).

Joe Snider, Larry Anderson, and Diane Seward avidly tend the trees and wildlife.

Have I left anyone out of this list? Yes. It'd be too long to print here, but I'd like to recognize you in the future.

Please step up and volunteer with any of the committees and start worrying a little, so we can all worry a little less.

Jack Mandel, President B-CC IWLA

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.

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Address, phone and email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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Summary of the April 2019 Dinner Meeting and March 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

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April 17, 2019 Monthly Membership Meeting

- The 1002nd consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting was called to order at 7:26pm.
- **Guest Speaker**, Allan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, Montgomery County Government explained via a PowerPoint Presentation what can be recycled or not and how.
- Family Friendly night arranged by Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chairman, was acknowledged. President Jack Mandel noted that our future is in the children that attended.
- Phil Taylor and Butch Mezick were commended for their work, as they gave a tour to holders of our conservation easements (representatives from Maryland Environmental Trust and Sugarloaf Countryside Conservancy).
- Total membership is 891. New practice – those members who participate from serving time to cleaning up at an event get double the volunteer time they spent working.
- Three new members were inducted into the Chapter.
- Don Perino commented that the monarch butterfly population is growing and has been assisted by the milkweed project. It was declining but it seems to be increasing as the acreage of wintering butterflies in Mexico doubled this past year.
- Montgomery County's Range Committee inspected our ranges, deemed they were safe, and they were approved for continued use for the next couple of years.
- Motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 9:30pm.

March 27, 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

- **Chapter President Jack Mandel called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.**
- 5 Chapter officers were present, including the Past President, and 3 Board members. Walt Allensworth and Shannon Novak were not present. Larry Anderson, Bill Gordon, Scott Harmon, John Lamb, Hope Rutley, R. J. Schisell, Mark Shanker, Phil Taylor, and Lin Tate -members in good standing attended.
- **Jack Mandel** noted that the creation of a Smart Book would help with the continuity of operations.
- **Membership Secretary** (Tucker Mostrom) – total members – 875.
- **Archives and Documentation Committee** (Co-Chairs Jim Tate and Bill Gordon) – We need to archive our documents but the how – hardcopy, digitally, or electronically – needs to be determined and where will it be stored.
- **Chapter Treasurer** (Bill Sherrill is stepping down) – Scott Harmon reported that the Nominating Committee is involved in this process and anyone can make suggestions to the Board and bring that person up for approval. Former Treasurer Ron Marchessault is handling these responsibilities until an interim Treasurer is voted in.
- **Conservation & Farm Operations** (Chapter 1st Vice President Jeff Seaman) – A committee is looking into how to handle land donations to the chapter and what liabilities, insurance, and other issues would have to be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS (Motions from the meeting floor)

- Five membership applications were submitted for consideration as new members – Approved.

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SUMMARY

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- Motion to accept the loaner of UTV from Rippeon Equipment of Gaithersburg with retail value not to exceed \$20,000. This is intended to be temporary, for assessing the UTV's usefulness to the chapter – Approved.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Bill Gordon – Ocean City Expo in September, the State Division is looking for volunteers to help, lodging to be paid for.
- Jim Tate – The Maryland Environmental Trust is having a meeting in May, Jim O'Connell is involved with it.
- Tucker Mostrom – The post office will assign street addresses for gates for safety purposes.
- Andy Wight and Mark Gochnour are to go the Monocacy Aqueduct, as Chapter Representatives, and help clean-up trash along the C&O Canal.

Motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation 9:31pm.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT...



**FATHER'S DAY
SWAP MEET &
SILENT AUCTION
SUNDAY, JUNE 16**



We all have too much stuff!!

If you have anything related to outdoor activities
AND
would like a table for the Father's Day Swap Meet
OR
would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction

Please contact Lawrence Kotchek:
(240)793-5316 or lawrence@print1.com

Open to members and prospective members.
Tables are \$10 each. 100% of Table fees and
Silent Auction proceeds benefit the Land Fund.



Sunday, June 16, 9a-3p



B-CC QUIZ

Question: What structures occupied the top of the hill where the Chapter House now stands at the time of the initial purchase of the Conservation Farm.

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

**April Dinner Speaker:
"Trash Talk" Applauded!**

B-CC IWLA Member R.J. Schissell receives information hand-outs from Allan Pultyniewicz, Montgomery County Director of Recycling, for Allen's highly informative talk at the April 17 dinner meeting.



PHOTO BY LIN TATE

"I expect that many of you are Montgomery County residents," Pultyniewicz said, "so you are participating in a program that recycles more than 60 percent of its trash, well on the way toward our goal of 70 percent by the end of 2020." He followed up with a description of how – and why – to sort correctly in order to keep the trash stream running efficiently, noting that with modern technology, much more waste is recyclable than previously. For more information, visit the County's informative and entertaining website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs/>

Schissell has been monitoring the chapter's recycling and trash activities to provide the Board with an official report, so B-CC can make a decision on how to deal with trash and recycling more effectively,

Heritage Days – June 29 and 30

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair
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For over a decade, Montgomery County has hosted an annual "Heritage Days" weekend to celebrate Montgomery County's rich history from the Stone Age through colonialism into the new millennium. This is the third year the B-CC IWLA chapter has joined Heritage Days and will again offer a collection of historic locations and activities here on the Conservation Farm including fishing, archery, archeology, wild life and insect displays, tractor pull, and of course food and drink.

We will need volunteers for this public event to help with the following tasks and more:

- Parking
- Welcome Station
- First Aid Area
- Food Preparation & Serving
- Chapterhouse Exhibits
- Big Pond Exhibit
- Log Cabin Exhibits
- Wagon Shuttle to Big Pond
- Cleanup

The **Heritage Days** run from 12:00noon to 4:00pm on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. A full one-day shift will count as 6 volunteer hours for anyone who helps. We will need volunteers starting at 11:00am and need help cleaning up until 5:00pm. Please contact me for more details and answers to your questions. Save the dates on your calendar and schedule your time to help. Come out and try something new!

2019 B-CC IWLA Board of Governors Nominations

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Your B-CC IWLA's 2019 Nominating Committee is presently interviewing interested members in good standing to serve on the B-CC IWLA's Board of Governors. The term of service for this slate of proposed officers and Board members will begin September 2019 and conclude August 2020. Members of the Board are expected to attend two meetings a month, the chapter dinner meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month, and Board of Governor's meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Serving on the chapter Board is a very rewarding opportunity. The great success of our chapter is due to the dedication and talents of our Board of Governors. As a Board Member, you will learn how the chapter functions as a conservation organization and help make the decisions for our future. The experience of working with men and women from completely different backgrounds and professions as a Board member often provides an opportunity for personal growth. Everyone that has been a member of the B-CC IWLA for one year as of September 2019 is welcome to submit their name for consideration as a Board of Governors member. If you have any interest, please reach out to Scott Harmon or one of the other members of the nominating committee. The committee members are Jim Tate, Larry Anderson, John Lamb, Mark Laurenzi, and Scott Harmon.

B-CC IWLA 2019 – 2020 Current Proposed Slate of Officers and BOG Members

Officers

President Jeff Seaman
First Vice President Ron Marchessault
Second Vice President Open
Membership Secretary Tucker Mostrom
Treasurer Robert Schissell
Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary Joe Trotter
Past President Jack Mandel

Board Members

Board Member Walt Allensworth
Board Member Shannon Novak
Board Member Jack Shaw
Board Member David Waterman
Board Member Open

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the April dinner meeting:

Dave Dense

Interests: Archaeology; Facilities; Photography; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol; Scout Camp Area; Star Gazing; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

Jon Macy

Interests: Archaeology; Chapterhouse; Charity Fundraising; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol; Scout Camp Area; Star Gazing; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management;

Nassir Sheikh

Interests: Archaeology; Charity Fundraising; Facilities; Grant Writing; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol; Scout Camp Area; Star Gazing; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

New Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, May 25

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Saturday, June 1

Maryland Division Meeting

Saturday, June 8

Father's Day Silent Auction and Swap Meet

Father's Day Shoot at the Shotgun Range

Father's Day Family Picnic

Sunday, June 16

Heritage Days

Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The B-CC IWLA chapter will sponsor its annual "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on June 1st. If you have never been hunting before, know someone who would be interested, or had a disappointing experience yourself, you are encouraged to attend. Women, men and teens are all welcome.

This nationally recognized and award winning training will include instruction and discussions about conservation and ethical behavior, the five W's and How of hunting, what is hunting success, preparing to go hunting, techniques and skills for being in the woods, trailing game, animal habitats and habits, choosing a treestand location, safety and first aid, being skunked, what can you learn when you miss, advantages and disadvantages of hunting companions, choosing an appropriate bow, long gun or muzzleloader and more. There will be plenty of time for questions.

This seminar does not replace the required Hunter Safety Education courses but is to supplement that course and to expand one's hunting knowledge. The instructors have had many years of hunting experience and what they will share is intended to help participants have a more enjoyable time while hunting.

The seminar will be held at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Check in begins at 8:30am and we will start at 9:00am and will continue until at least 4:00pm. The cost is \$15 to cover materials. We will be walking in the woods and fields for at least a mile or more so participants should be prepared for that level of activity. Bring your own lunch, drinks, and wear clothes for outdoor walking and going through briars. Participants should make sure that their clothes are treated with Permethrin or bug spray and exposed body parts with regular bug spray.

All non-B-CC IWLA members must bring their printed and signed off Hold Harmless Agreements, which are available from <http://www.bcciwla.org/news/BCCIWLA+Chapter+Hold+Harmless+Agreement/39>

Interested individuals must register at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com. Any questions about the seminar should be sent to this same email address. Class size is limited to 25, so registering early is recommended. Registration deadline is May 25.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
MAY		
Wednesday, May 1	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday, May 2	Past Presidents Dinner	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, May 4	Hunter Education Class – Chapterhouse	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, May 5	Montgomery Birder's Bird Walk	7:00am
Sunday, May 5	Hunter Education Class	8:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, May 6	Scout Troop 496 Meeting – Chapterhouse	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 7	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 8	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, May 11	Summer Biathlon Practice – R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 11	Ponds & Streams Committee Meeting	9:00am
Saturday, May 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, May 11	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – Practice at R&P Range	Starting at 5:00pm
Sunday, May 12	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Monday, May 13	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 14	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 15	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, May 18	NEW R&P Range Officers Training Class	9:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, May 18	Annual Spring Family Campout	beginning at 3:00pm
Sunday, May 19	Annual Spring Family Campout	through 10:00am
Monday, May 20	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 21	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 22	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, May 25	Summer Biathlon Practice – R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 25	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, May 25	New Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, May 25	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – Practice at R&P Range	Starting at 5:00pm
Sunday, May 26	Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am
Sunday, May 26	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Monday, May 27	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 28	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 29	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
JUNE		
Saturday, June 1	Introduction to Hunting Seminar	9:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, June 3	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, June 4	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, June 5	Explore Archery Youth Class – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, June 8	Summer Biathlon Practice – R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, June 8	Archery Range 3D IBO Style Shoot	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, June 8	Maryland Division Meeting – Chapterhouse	Setup at 9:00am / 10:00am – 2:00pm
Monday, June 10	Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, June 11	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, June 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, June 15	Eagles Junior Rifle Club – R&P Range – Final Match and Picnic Shoot	Starting at 5:00pm
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction – in the Chapter House	9:00am
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Family Cookout	1:00pm
Tuesday, June 18	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, June 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, June 22	Summer Biathlon Practice – R&P Range	7:30am
Tuesday, June 25	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, June 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, June 29	Heritage Days	11:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 30	Heritage Days	11:00am – 4:00pm

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

Kid Friendly Dinner

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Who says Chapter Dinners aren't fun! The April chapter dinner was our 2nd kid friendly dinner. With a hearty mix of hot dogs, chips, cookies, popsicles, and juice boxes we prepared the children for an hour of learning. We talked about the animals in our environment and what evidence we can find by looking and listening. We learned about animal tracks, made molds of animal tracks, and discussed how animals walk and run. We talked about the noises animals make (those of you at the meeting may remember the sound of coyotes coming from the small meeting room) and then discussed animal scat. This was a big favorite, as we had



realistic (but artificial) scat allowing us to discuss differences in herbivore, carnivore and omnivore in shape, size and texture. After our introduction, we walked over to the Log Cabin and looked for animal tracks and scat before coming back to join the main group.

Membership Committee Report

Tucker Mostrom, Membership Secretary
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Are you a new or prospective B-CC IWLA member? Do you have a friend or colleague whom you think might want to join the chapter? We have a new solution built just for you! The chapter hosted its inaugural New Member Orientation Tour last month on Saturday the 27th. The weather was sunny & perfect for an introduction to the chapter mission & history followed by a tour of the chapterhouse and a comfortable hike around the ranges. The only thing missing on Saturday's tour was a picnic lunch!

We structured the tour to replace the onerous and incomplete orientation for new members previously held the night of their initiation, but we encourage all members and their guests to come out for one of our coming monthly tours. As Membership Secretary, I would especially enjoy having some more-seasoned members join us for the tour when they can. Above and beyond policies, procedures, maps, and guidebooks, the chapter lives on in its traditions and stories. Let's make this event an evolving success. The tour will generally be held the Saturday after the Board meeting (10 days after the dinner meeting). The next tour will be Saturday, May 25.

Looking forward to 2020 IWLA membership renewals, please keep these important dates in mind:

- **ASAP** throughout the year: Members **MUST** update their street addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers directly in the IWLA National database. (<https://members.iwla.org/lapps/#SignIn>)
- July 1: Members should start receiving email updates regarding their 2020 volunteer-hour status.
- August 2019: Committee chairs **MUST** get volunteer hours to-date for their committee(s) submitted to Membership Secretary. Members must follow-up with their committee chairs to ensure that their hours are recorded accurately.
- August 31: Deadline for earning volunteer hours toward 2020 membership (\$50 alternative).
- September 7: Volunteer party at the chapterhouse to prepare renewal invoices for mailing out to the membership.
- September 16: Members should have received the invoices in their USPS mailboxes.
- October 31: B-CC IWLA Membership Secretary should have received renewal payments from all members.
- January 1, 2020: ALL members who paid by October 1 should have already received their 2020 membership cards and vehicle decals in the mail.

Membership renewals for the current year have effectively closed, but late renewals will be accepted at any time. Members who have not yet renewed will shortly be dropped from the chapter email database.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership stands at the following levels as of April 29:

Associate	14
Family	274
Individual	488
Retired	84
Retired Family	22
Student	9
Youth	3
Grand Total	894

Life Members:

Family Life	6
Life Member	35
Life Benefactor	4
Family Life Benefactor	2
Grand Total	47

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The **1,003rd** dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 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 Fresh Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, 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, May 22. Board members are expected to attend.**

B-CC IWLA and MD/DC Metro FHFH partnership provided thousands of meals during the recent Federal Government Shutdown Crisis

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Poverty is the main cause of chronic food insecurity for families, so for years, the **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America** and the **MD/DC Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (MD/DC FHFH)** have worked closely together to supply Maryland and District of Columbia metro area food kitchens with thousands of pounds of locally grown and harvested venison to serve thousands of meals.

But sometimes, acute, temporary food insecurity conditions are caused by an extraordinary event like a natural disaster, recession, or plant closing, creating conditions that result in weeks or months of missed paychecks, anxiety, and suffering for working families. It could happen to any of us.

Thousands of MD/DC area residents suffered loss of income during the shutdown of the federal government earlier this year. In response, MD/DC FHFH and B-CC IWLA expanded their existing partnership to help meet the extraordinary needs of their community by directing over 750 pounds of processed venison to those impacted by the shutdown of the Federal Government. That's over 3,000 additional servings of high quality, healthy, lean protein.

In addition, MD/DC FHFH and B-CC IWLA took this opportunity to build and strengthen their relationships with other regional agricultural, farm, and hunger advocacy groups. Working with **Montgomery Countryside Alliance** and its network of ag producers, orchards, and bee keepers located in the **Montgomery County's Agriculture Reserve**, pledges were secured for quantities of Montgomery County-produced grass-fed beef, beef sausage, preserves and jams for use in food kitchens and food bank distribution locations. MD/DC FHFH, B-CC IWLA, and MCA expect to continue working together to create other opportunities to bring these "God given renewable resources" to those in need in our community.



**Father's Day
Family Picnic
Sunday, June 16**

**Lunch will be served
at 1:00pm**

**Come and enjoy the events of the day
and a Picnic Lunch offered by the Chapter
Individuals – \$5 and Families – \$10**

Maryland Division Annual Meeting Saturday, June 8

B-CC IWLA Chapter
10:00am – 2:00pm
Refreshments at 9:15 a.m.

Elections for Division Officers and two
National Directors for 2019-2020

Updates on the 2020 Convention planning.

Guest Speaker Sam Droege,
Patuxent Wildlife Research Center,
will talk on native bees and their importance
in keeping our natural areas diverse.

Barely 3 Months Left to Earn 2019 Service Hours!!!

*Look at the Calendar Today for
Volunteer Opportunities*

Tucker Mostrom
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**B-CC Quiz Answer: A sad old barn and other o
utbuildings sat on the hill where the
Chapter House is now located.**



NestWatch Report

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator
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As this year's nesting season began, April brought a flurry of avian activity at the conservation farm. The first big news is that the Purple Martins (PUMA) have arrived!! After overwintering in South America, they began their journey north in February to their breeding grounds. Our first adult male scout was spotted at the farm in early April scoping out our two PUMA houses (each of which contains 14 compartments).

As Theresa Zmola lowered the two PUMA houses to clean them on April 17, a handful of martins approached the houses, then flew away. When she raised the houses about an hour later, the martins magically reappeared, descended and perched on top of the poles, checked out various compartments and best of all, sang and chattered joyfully and continuously for about 20 minutes, then departed. Mornings at the chapter are a great opportunity to see and hear these marvelous aviators as they begin nest building and rearing their young.

The month of April produced seven Eastern Bluebird nests and 33 eggs among our 18 nest-boxes. Tree Swallows typically begin nesting later than the bluebirds. In April we welcomed five Tree Swallow pairs with nests under construction, eggs soon to follow.

One sad note about our fragile Tree Swallows: The males are fiercely competitive during nesting season for reasons not well understood. Down at the pond I opened one of the boxes only to discover two live adult males and one or two dead females. One of the males flew out, dropping one of the carcasses at the foot of the box. The other live male was face down on his upturned mate's breast, clutching her lifeless body with his feet. He would not fly out of the box, so I closed it and walked away. When I returned several minutes later, the male swallow was still prostrate on the lifeless female. I spoke softly, stroked his feathers, and gently grasped his body. He did not resist, but would not give up his bride. I very gently disengaged his feet from the female's carcass and lifted him outside the box. The poor swallow uttered the most mournful pitiable cheeps all the while. Then, when I opened my hand, he flew off toward the pond.



Buebird Eggs



Bluebird nestlings, one day old

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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Our Chapter has just had its annual facelift, thanks to all that came to help. The R&P range looks refreshed and clean. Range officers – let's pay attention to the meeting notes, complete the opening and closing reports among all the items discussed. Use of the Horizon boards adjusted for each shooter as necessary. RO's need to step up to ensure safety for all.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- 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.
- All must **PICK UP THEIR BRASS!**

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

MAY

- Saturday, May 4 **Latimer, R., Youssef, K., Peterson, C., King, D., Hess, D., Burns, M., Ma, A., Richards, M., Gentzel, K., Hensley, J., Maisel, J., Boynton, D.**
- Sunday, May 5 **Burns, M., Sullivan, A., Panashchenko, O., Summers, D.**
- Saturday, May 11 **Lan, K., Pasquale, D., Harmon, S., Shi, P.**
- Sunday, May 12 **Pasquale, D., Kawamoto, D., Yu, Z., Konrad, E.**
- Saturday, May 18 **Yu, Z., Bush, L., Bush, L., Summers, D.**
- Sunday, May 19 **West, K., Bryan, T., Evans, R., Hammes, P.**
- Saturday, May 25 **Bruno, F., Chung, W., Fiol, C., Pickett, M.**
- Sunday, May 26 **Zic, T., Pickett, M., Finnegan, J., Youssef, K.**

JUNE

- Saturday, June 1 **Keenan, J., Kiser, J., Riccio, R., Turner, J.**
- Sunday, June 2 **Hess, L., Hess, A., Keenan, J., Chen, G.**
- Saturday, June 8 **Schilling, J., King, K., Wight, A.**
- Sunday, June 9 **King, B., Adams, J., Hess, A., Chen, G.**
- Saturday, June 15 **Fiol, C., Zic, T., Lastra, C., Gallagher, J.**
- Sunday, June 16 **TBD**
- Saturday, June 22 **Kiser, J., Johnson, G.**
- Sunday, June 23 **Watt, D., Finn, K.**
- Saturday, June 29 **Behrend, D.**
- Sunday, June 30 **Finn, K.**



**Sporting Clays Fun Shoot
at the Shotgun Range**

Sunday, May 26 - 9:00am

Archery Report

Dave Drazen, Committee Chair
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Our archery season is in full swing. We've set up the range and had our first shoot on Sunday, April 28. Our upcoming shoots are listed below. We also had a slow start on sign-ups for the archery class, but we hit capacity and have 12 kids enrolled. I had to turn some away, but we are keeping a list of interested parties so we can let them know of any events in the future. We've got some photos of the class in this issue of the newsletter. I know they had a blast.



Just because we have started the season, doesn't mean we don't need any help. If you're looking for hours or want to give something back to archery, let me know. We will be building some broadhead target stands, rebuilding bag stands, and doing a fair amount of trail upkeep during the season. Just shoot me an email if you're interested and I can fill you in.

It may be archery season, but that also means it is tick season. I highly recommend long pants tucked into socks and permethrin coated clothing. At the very least, be sure to do a thorough tick check once you get out of the woods!

Upcoming Archery Shoots

All are from 9:00am – 3:00pm:

Sunday, May 12
Saturday, May 25
Sunday, May 26
Saturday, June 8

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the June 2019 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 24.

B-CC IWLA SUMMER BIATHLON 2019 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

If you have questions or wish to be on the B-CC IWLA mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz 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).

SCHEDULE:

Sat., May 11	7:30am	Sat., July 27	7:30am
Sat., May 25	7:30am	Sat., Aug. 10	7:30am
Sat., June 8	7:30am	Sat., Aug. 24	7:30am
Sat., June 22	7:30am	Sat., Sept. 7	7:00am
Sat., June 29	7:30am	Sat., Sept. 21	7:30am
Sat., July 13	7:30am	Sat., Oct. 12	7:30am

FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON:

Sat., Nov. 2	7:30am	Sat., Nov. 9	7:30am
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FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON 2020:

Sat., March 2	8:00am	Sat., April 18	7:30pm
Sat., April 25	7:30am		

National Convention – Delegates Needed

National's Annual Convention this year is being held July 16-19 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Chapter is allotted 12 delegates, and the Chapter helps defray the costs of travel and lodging. If interested, contact Bill Gordon at wgordon14@verizon.net.

2019 Annual Chapter Spring Cleanup – Getting It Done!

Jeff Seaman, 1st Vice President
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On Saturday, April 6 nearly 70 of our members showed up at the farm, despite the gray and cold and mist, ready to do the work necessary to get the farm ready for the season. Fortunately for all, our kitchen crew (Jason Griffin, Tucker Mostrom, and Christine Peterson) had breakfast ready, having arrived before dawn to make the coffee, eggs and scrapple. The sun broke through the clouds and gave us a perfect day as volunteers headed to the ranges, the woods, the fields and the groves to put into action the words we say every month at the Chapter dinner meetings. Here's a summary of what got done:

- Larry Anderson's crew went to work in the Christmas tree grove, removing brush, weeds and vines. They did not stop there. They then planted 250 new trees. That's right. Two hundred and fifty. Here are a couple of photographs of their work. If you'd seen the grove before the cleanup, you know the difference is remarkable.



- John Novak's Ponds and Streams gang – removed most of a large tree that had fallen onto the shoreline of the big pond (some of the tree was left in the pond for fish habitat); picked up debris along the shoreline; cut brush and briars around the boat and at another site along the shoreline; set four minnow traps downstream of the dam and overflow basin in an effort to capture any fish that may have escaped the big pond during high flow events (John notes that none were captured, suggesting that no or few fish have been flushed from the big pond as originally thought – further trapping is planned for the upcoming months).

There's more. At the small pond, they planted 50 button-bushes around the shoreline to control runoff into the pond (these bushes will eventually provide habitat and a food source for ducks and other wildlife); removed the partially submerged turtle platform; picked up some debris along the shoreline; and removed some of the floating algae with a skimmer.

- Brian King, our Trails Committee Chairman, had enough volunteers to run 3 crews. One group cleared all of the downed trees on the West Woods Trails. A separate crew walked all of the North East Woods trails and cleared the paths. The third crew started clean up of the Cathedral-of-the-Pines and when the other two crews finished, their work, they joined the Cathedral-of-the-Pines crew to help there.
- Over at the rifle and pistol range, R&P Chairman Thoran Menser had a crew of a dozen volunteers. Some of the volunteers recovered the wood usable for old target backers, then built 45-50 new backers. Jose led the charge cleaning the range house. Mark Richards installed new lights. Bob Dowett climbed the roof of the pistol line to clean massive junk out of the gutters. Two volunteers cleared all the rocks on the pistol berm.
- Down at the shotgun range, Pat Tarquinio led a five-stand cleanup crew and work on a new platform.
- The archery range crew got the shooting lanes cleared and the 3-D targets set up for the season.
- Forestry Chairman Joe Snider's crew planted 35 red cedars not far from the big pond, then moved over to some of our other reforested fields to check and perform maintenance on some of the young trees in need of assistance.
- Mr. Blaine Elkins oversaw the clearing of heavy brush and weeds away from the trees in the American chestnut grove, checked their health, and planted some new chestnuts.
- Around the Chapter House, three volunteers cleaned up the yard of limbs that had accumulated over the winter (there were a lot), to enable the safe and successful maintenance of the lawn for the spring and summer.

While all this work was going on, the kitchen crew was busy making slaw and potato salad to accompany the brisket and pork shoulder that our President Jack Mandel had spent many hours slow-smoking (meat was sourced from our Ag Reserve neighbor Rocklands Farm). Our volunteers were understandably hungry; the kitchen was ready. The food was plentiful and delicious.

A lot of sweat, and some blood, was shed in service to the Chapter. Thank you to all our volunteers for their contribution to our mission of stewardship.

Shotgun Range Report

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The Tuesday Summer Sporting Clays League hours are from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Please come out and join in on the fun. Try to get there early as squads fill up quickly.

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

There will be a Fun Shoot on Sunday, May 26 at 9:00am. Please remember that there will be no trap or skeet shooting until the last squad has shot.

There are still some open days where I need a range officer. Contact me if you are interested in filling one of those days.

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, in 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

MAY

Sunday, May 5 Brian Gleicher, Brian Moncak,
Tracy Lowery
Sunday, May 12 John Frick, **Need R.O.'s**
Sunday, May 19 David Roseman, Douglas Craig,
Christine Peterson
Sunday, May 26 Dave Myers, Gary Melvin, Hiep Ngyuen

JUNE

Sunday, June 2 Brett Davis, Jim Stables
Sunday, June 9 Jeff Schilling, Kevin King, Nate Lowery
Sunday, June 16 James Calderwood, Sr., James Hendrickson,
Harry Simpson
Sunday, June 23 James Calderwood, Jr., Lyle Bush,
Logan Bush
Sunday, June 30 Richard Ricco, Stephen Ives,
James Hendrickson

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesdays 3:00pm to 6:00pm Sporting Clays Only

Annual Spring Family Campout



**Saturday, May 18 – 3:00pm through
Sunday, May 19 – 10:00am**

The B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Committee will host our Annual Spring Family Campout! This is a great time to spend time with your immediate family and to meet some of the family of B-CC IWLA members. Events will start Saturday afternoon and continue into Sunday morning.

If you can't squeeze that much fun into your busy schedule, then join us for the parts of the weekend that you can manage:

SATURDAY

- Tent setup around the chapterhouse begins at 3:00pm.
- Fishing for the kids at the big pond/little pond 4:00pm-6:00pm.
- Evening cookout will be provided from 6:00pm-7:00pm.
- S'mores around the campfire at the chapterhouse firepit.
- The Chapterhouse will be accessible all night for campers who had a little too much hot chocolate.

SUNDAY

- Breakfast will be served Sunday morning to campers starting at 7:30am.
- Breakdown and cleanup will be completed by 10:00am.
- Schedule some more family time at the farm on your own for the day!

There is NO fee for the family campout, but RSVPs are needed! The chapter needs your RSVP to organize the meals, and we want to be able to contact you directly to keep you abreast of any updates or potential weather problems.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 16.

This is also a great event for new members, an introduction to the chapter and its facilities.

See you there, and again, please RSVP at my email address.

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Chair
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Tuesday Sporting Clays

3:00pm until dusk

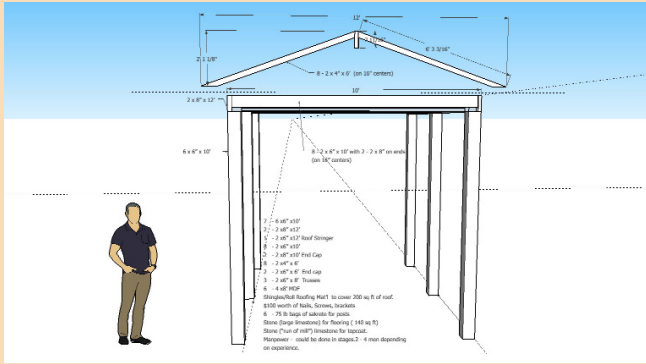
Come join the fun!

For more information contact:

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BIG POND PAVILION



The Ponds and Streams Committee is planning to construct a pavilion down at the big (Walton) pond this spring/early summer. The pavilion will be 12' X 14' with a gravel floor and gabled roof and will be large enough to house two picnic tables so anglers and families can picnic and get shelter from the sun and rain. Construction is expected to occur over 2 to 3 weekends. If any chapter members with carpenter skills would like to help with this project, please contact Frank Parker: vats3@verizon.net or John Novak: novakgang4@comcast.net.

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019



75 TARGETS
\$15.00

25 Skeet Targets
25 Trap Targets
25 Sporting Clays Targets

Optional Lewis
\$5.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more information, contact Warner Parks

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B-CC IWLA Participates in the Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

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On April 6, a few members of the B-CC IWLA chapter slipped away from the Chapter House cleanup and joined



other volunteers from the region to help with another clean up effort, this time on the Potomac River. Meeting at the Monocacy Aqueduct/Lock 27 area and heading down to the river with gloves and trash bags in hand, the group comprising of scouts, students, families, and other volunteers worked hard to collect trash and recycling that had washed up after recent rains. While trash along the riverbank primarily consisted of bottles that were deposited after river flooding, we found lots of polystyrene and building products. Over a 3 hour-period, the 17 volunteers collected 30 yellow bags of trash, 35 blue recyclable bags, six tires, six plastic barrels and other items such as propane tanks, rolls of copper wire, and countless tobacco tins. The Potomac River cleanup occurs annually around the April time frame and is a great (and humbling) opportunity to clearly see the impact that people have on our environment. Look for notices next year to see how you can get involved.



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. We meet at the R&P Range.

2019 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

Clean Up begins 1/2 hour before end of Practice.

May 11 Practice – 5:00pm
May 25 Practice – 5:00pm

June 15 Fun Targets / Final Match and Picnic Shoot – 5:00pm

Always check your e-mail before heading out to practice. If weather conditions or range conditions change, we may have to cancel. I will notify all of you via email. This schedule may be subject to change. You will be notified in advance via phone or email.