



APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

"Take a rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."

Ovid, ancient Roman poet.

Spring is in the air, and that is cause for celebration. There are also other things in the air, a couple of which we've been struggling to reduce or avoid altogether. The interaction of these two things merits contemplation by us as conservationists. One is increased levels of greenhouse gases, whose reduction is a League priority. <https://www.iwla.org/publications/outdoor-america/articles/outdoor-america-2019-issue-2/izaak-walton-league-policy-priorities>. Of course, one of the other things in the air we've been trying to avoid is COVID-19.

I mention these two airborne malefactors together because of the apparently dramatic effect one has had on the other.

You've probably seen photographs of the suddenly clear waters of the canals of Venice – a place that has been notoriously overcrowded with tourists for generations. NASA has observed dramatic drops in nitrogen dioxide and other 'greenhouse' gases in regions where industry and commuting have been halted in response to the virus. Bluer skies in places where there had been smog. Several scientists have concluded that the reduction in pollution caused by the pandemic response has saved tens of thousands of lives. Just how much of this can be scientifically proven remains to be seen. But it stands to reason that reduction in production and consumption means less pollution.

This is no a great revelation, particularly to the conservation-minded. But it is an example and a reminder. Perhaps as we have adjusted to the changes brought about by the response to the pandemic, we have been given a new way to see what is most important, what we can live without, and what we cannot.

Jeff Seaman
President, B-CC IWLA

**The Chapter is currently CLOSED pursuant
to the Chapter mandate.
Please check the Chapter website for updates.**

Board of Governors

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

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

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

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

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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2020 B-CC IWLA Board of Governors Nominations

Your B-CC IWLA's 2020 Nominating Committee is presently seeking interested members in good standing to serve on the B-CC IWLA's Board of Governors. We have an immediate need to fill our treasurer's position. Call Scott Harmon at 301 467-0645 if interested. The term of service for this slate of proposed officers and Board members will begin September 2020 and conclude August 2021. 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 Butch Mezick, Larry Anderson, John Lamb, Jack Mandel, Frank Parker, and Scott Harmon.

Best Regards,
Scott Harmon
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NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP DINNER CANCELED

The monthly *dinner* scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 has been cancelled.

The monthly membership meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, April 15. An invitation to attend the meeting will be sent to the membership by President Jeff Seaman. If you do not receive an invitation by end of day April 13, please contact Jeff at jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

Summary of the February 2020 Board of Governors Meeting and March 2020 Dinner Meeting

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary
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February 26, 2020 Board of Governors Meeting

- **President's Report:** Several working groups have been formed: 85th birthday party for October, Recruitment working group, Master Plan working group.
- We have received two forest mitigation credit checks this year. The concern is that we're not in March yet and we're lagging a bit behind on revenue. Treasurer Ron Marchessault suggests moving the latest check to the operating accounts, and suggests moving the majority of the Land Fund to the Legacy fund.
- **Insurance:** We are insured through Travelers. Members are insured, but guests are not. All groups that use our property must have insurance.
- **Farm Committee:** Phil Taylor attended a soil conference in Delmarva. A soil health expert will speak to the chapter at a future date.
- **Ponds and Streams Committee:** Shout out to John Novak for pointing out the problem at the big pond and meeting with the first contractor to obtain an estimate.
- **Wildlife Committee:** Larry Anderson singlehandedly followed up with adding a third apartment house to the Purple Marten collection.
- **R&P Committee:** Muzzleloader event canceled.
- **Hunter Ethics:** No one trespassed on neighbors' property this year!
- **Archives:** Contents in safety deposit box are up to date.
- **Website:** Working to finish the membership database and other items.
- **IWLA National:** Can get chapter logo and URL on a bumper sticker for free. National will make and produce 100 free Chapter brochures.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Big Pond vs. Chapter House:** We had a plan to do work on the Chapter House. Since then, it was brought to our attention that the dam on the big pond is eroding. The spillway is too small and the water coming over the dam is eroding the spillway. This will not get better with time. We have received two estimates to fix this and are waiting on a third and possibly fourth estimate.
- Date of spring cleanup is also the opening day of trout season.

NEW BUSINESS

- Move to add to the calendar Pack 694 for Arrow of Light crossover March 26th, 6:00 – 9:00pm. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to transfer from the Land Fund to the Legacy Foundation \$27,750. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to transfer to the Legacy Foundation from the Forest Mitigation sale \$33,628.50. Approved unanimously.

March 18, 2020 Dinner Meeting

- The monthly membership dinner scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 was canceled due to the Board's concern about the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- A designated few members held a brief meeting to maintain the consecutive meeting record.

All events discussed at the March Meeting were canceled.

Pursuant to Governor Hogan's Executive Order 20-03-23-01, the Chapter is CLOSED until further notice.
Please check the Chapter's website for updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

Spring Wild Edibles Class

Campground (Fox Campsite)
Saturday, May 30
10:00am – 3:00pm

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Saturday, June 6
8:30am – 4:00pm

Register at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com

3-D Archery

Saturday, June 6
and
Sunday, June 7
9:00am – 1:00pm

Chapterhouse Cleanup

Sunday, June 13
9:00am – 11:00am

3-D Archery

Saturday, June 20
and
Father's Day, Sunday, June 21
9:00am – 1:00pm

Father's Day Swap Meet & Silent Auction

Sunday, June 21
9:00am

Father's Day Fun Shoot

Shotgun Range
Sunday, June 21
9:00am

Father's Day Family Picnic

Sunday, June 21
1:00pm

All dates are tentative and subject to change.
Check the website for updates.

2020 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

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

Saturday, July 11, 2020
Saturday, September 12, 2020

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



Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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The Rifle Pistol Range is **closed** due to the chapter mandate.

If this changes, the chapter will notify the membership and the R&P committee will notify range officers of their scheduled duty dates.

Shotgun Range Report

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The Shotgun Range is **closed** due to the chapter mandate.

When this changes, the chapter will notify the membership, and I will notify range officers of their scheduled duty dates.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the May 2020 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Vegetable Gardens

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The days are growing longer and warmer temperatures; gardeners are eagerly anticipating and planning for the next growing season. At B-CC IWLA we have an active gardening community, full of members who enjoy the opportunity to play in the soil. Generally, our gardeners find the gardens a pleasant distraction from the hustle and bustle of daily life even with our onslaught of amazing weeds. Again this year, Pat and I will be the organizers of the garden plots.



As has been our custom, current gardeners have first choice of reserving garden plots, so now is the time to contact either Pat or I with your intentions for this year. Single plots (~25x25ft) will rent for \$20 each. For members wishing to become new gardeners please contact either Pat or I, and we will compile a list and start assigning plots as they become available.

B-CC IWLA GUN RAFFLE

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

DONATION IS \$20.00 PER TICKET

- WHAT:** A Gun Raffle
WHY: To Raise Funds To Benefit The Chapter
WHO: Tickets can be sold to Members, Family, Friends, and Colleagues
WHEN: Once all of the tickets are sold.
WHERE: The Raffle will take place at the Chapterhouse, but you do not have to be present to win.

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

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

**SAVAGE 220 CAMMO/BLUE 20GA. or \$650.00 (INCLUDED WITH THIS GUN
is a DNZ Mount (one-piece mount) and Leupold Scope 3x9x40 Rifleman)**

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

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!

***If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets,
please contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis at carol2017@aol.com.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
APRIL		
Wednesday, April 1 through Wednesday, April 30	CHAPTER CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	
Saturday, April 4	CANCELED –R&P Range Reopens to General Membership	
Saturday, April 4	CANCELED –Spring Chapter Cleanup Day	8:00am
Monday, April 6	CANCELED –Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 7	CANCELED –Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, April 11	CANCELED –Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – Meet at Chapter House Parking Lot	8:15am
Saturday, April 11	CANCELED –Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 13	CANCELED –Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 14	CANCELED –Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, April 15	Monthly Membership Meeting – via the Zoom web conferencing application	6:30pm
Monday, April 20	CANCELED –Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 21	CANCELED –Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday April 22	Board of Governors Meeting – via the Zoom web conferencing application	7:30pm
Friday, April 24	May Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Sunday, April 26	CANCELED –New Member Tour & Orientation	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 27	CANCELED –Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 28	CANCELED –Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League	3:00pm – dusk
MAY		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Saturday, May 2	CANCELED – Hunter Safety Education Class – Chapter House	9:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, May 3	CANCELED – Hunter Safety Education Class – Chapter House	9:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, May 3	CANCELED – Montgomery Birders Bird Walk	7:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, May 4	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 5	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, May 9	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, May 11	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 12	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Monday, May 18	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 19	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, May 25	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 26	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, May 29	June Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, May 30	R & P Range New Officer Training Class – Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, May 30	Spring Wild Edibles Class at Fox Campsite	10:00am – 2:00pm
JUNE		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monday, June 1	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, June 2	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, June 6	Introduction to Hunting Seminar	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 6	3-D Archery – Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, June 7	3-D Archery – Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, June 13	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, June 15	Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, June 16	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, June 17	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, June 20	3-D Archery – Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, June 21	3-D Archery – Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Swap Meet & Silent Auction	9:00am
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Fun Shoot – Shotgun Range	9:00am
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Family Picnic	1:00pm
Tuesday, June 23	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, June 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, June 26	July Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Tuesday, June 30	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season. Check the online www.bcciwl.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.		

Archery Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
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We are closed until further notice as per Chapter policy and State mandates.

Leading up to the shutdown, we had several very productive meetings discussing improvements to the ranges, targets and trails. We have much tree work to do, and Marc Bouchard has made a huge effort with his chainsaw and sweat already.

The tractor is being well cared for by Evan; we are starting a maintenance log and would love to get a hold of any other records pertaining to the machine if someone can point us in the right direction.

Deborah B. and her crew plan to keep the Introductory Archery program going once we reopen.

All in attendance at the last meeting agreed that a logical definition of an Archery Range Officer would simply be any committee member who attends a Range Safety Meeting, date TBD.

Marc Bouchard has put into writing a coherent and relatively comprehensive list of operating procedures for range, trails and shoots based on our meeting discussions. This document will be made available to all committee members via the gorgeous new website within a few weeks.

Ron Marchessault has uploaded our 3-D Shoot dates to the Calendar online; we decided on trying more dates at reduced hours (morning only).

To be a committee member, please contact me, Jack Mandel at jmandeldesign@gmail.com and/or Marc Bouchard at combat750@gmail.com.

NestWatch News

Diane Seward, Coordinator, Citizen Science Projects
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We have two newsworthy items to report: First, I am excited to report that Larry Anderson installed our first 12-unit gourd system for our Purple Martins, just in time for our first martin scouts. Four male martin scouts were observed flying over the martin houses on March 22. They were observed again on March 26 and March 30. See the photo of the 12 gourds, ready to welcome martins that have migrated from South America.

Second, Tree Swallows arrived at about the same time as the martins, and one pair has already begun, as of March 26, building a nest. Tree Swallows raise young just once each season; they are a very special and fragile species and amazing aviators. The photo, courtesy of Brett Davis, chapter Photography Committee Chair, shows a pair of Tree Swallows perched on the nesting box they have claimed this spring. They will be in residence about six weeks. We wish them well!



PHOTO BY LARRY ANDERSON, WILDLIFE CHAIR

New PUMA house with snake guard.



PHOTO BY BRETT DAVIS, PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR

Tree Swallows

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020



**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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240 620-6942 (cell)**

Membership Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair
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THE LATE FEE DEADLINE FOR YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL!!!

Well, this has certainly been a membership renewal season filled with unexpected challenges!

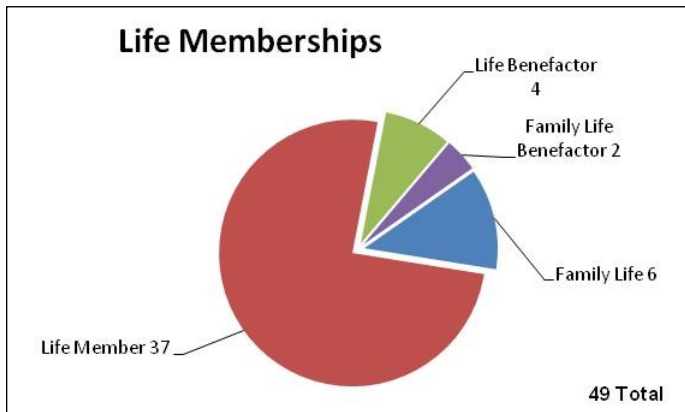
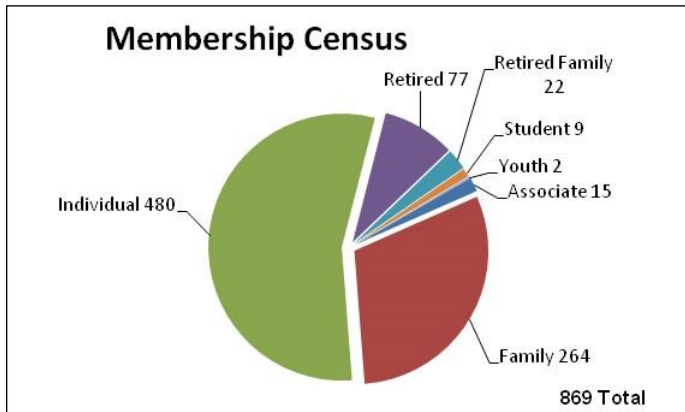
Just as we were turning the corner on clearing our data hurdles and getting everything processed, COVID-19 sent people home to work remotely. The membership staff at IWLA National HQ are working from home to keep processing renewals and sending back 2020 membership cards, but they are facing their own challenges with turnaround.

My advice to members remains:

- Please text me directly at **301 252-8825** if you have not received an invoice or if you have any questions. Call me if you need a faster response.
- Rest assured that if your check has cleared the bank, your renewal is in the processing pipeline.
- We will get membership cards out to you with decals as soon as we get them from IWLA National.

The **New Member Orientation Tour for April 2020 has been cancelled** to comply with Governor Hogan's stay-at-home order.

The active membership breakdown as of this printing is:



The Montgomery Bird Club walk scheduled for May 3 has been canceled.

Classes at the Campground (Fox Campsite)

All classes are free for members
*email jackhkang@gmail.com
to sign up for classes*

Spring Wild Edibles

Saturday, May 30

10:00am – 2:00pm

Instructor: Tim MacWelch

MacWelch has been a survival instructor for two decades. He's also the author of multiple

New York Times Bestsellers including

Survival Strategies

<http://www.advancedsurvivaltraining.com/instructors/>

<https://www.outdoorlife.com/authors/tim-macwelch/>

Lost Hiker Survival

Saturday, September 26

10:00am - 2:00pm

Instructor: Tim MacWelch

Bow Drill Fire

Saturday, October 10

10:00am – 3:00pm

Instructor: Jack Kang

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The April Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 22**. As last month, the meeting will be held via Zoom. An invitation will be sent to the membership by President Jeff Seaman. If you do not receive an invitation by end of day April 20 and would like to attend the BOG meeting, please contact Jeff at jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

B-CC QUIZ

Question: What does the Historical Marker on River Road west of Seneca, and East of B-CC IWLA (39° 4.876' N, 77° 22.383' W) have to do with our solar system's largest planet?

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

B-CC IWLA SUMMER BIATHLON PROGRAM 2020 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

IF CHAPTER HAS REOPENED

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

Firearms Hunting Season

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

Firearms Hunting Season

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



**Father's Day
Family Picnic
Sunday, June 21**

**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

Donations are needed...

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

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

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

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



HUNTING PRINCIPLES – Do You Agree That These are Valid?

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Often people go about their leisure interests with the purpose of satisfying desires and supporting beliefs built up over a lifetime. The focus is on a particular cause or project because in some way we see a benefit and/or enjoyment from participation in them.

There is a bigger picture than our own specific interests. We as members of the Izaak Walton league and particularly our Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter have recognized this and come to believe in a conservation ethic well described by the Izaak Walton pledge.

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and wise stewardship of the land and its resources,

To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space,

To the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it,

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America."

Our attention to hunting on the Chapter's farm is one manifestation of the pledge. The world around us however, often doesn't see the connection to this wide view of conservation, especially as it relates to hunting. The following excerpt from an article, *The Future of Hunting in America* (American Hunter magazine, March 2020.) by Frank Minter addresses this disconnect. Please read it over and see if you agree with the principles it describes.

"Hunters, hunting-related companies, and hunting-conservation groups are often too conservative. They're afraid to offend. None of us want to attract negative attention. We'd understandably prefer to enjoy our pastimes without worrying about culture wars. We go to the woods to get away from all that. But we can't hide in the woods and expect our sports to continue.

All of this has now led hunters to a new moment for hunting in America. We can either revitalize the hunter-conservation movement by proudly and loudly finding ways to make what hunter-conservationists do clear to the general public or we can allow hunting to be increasingly misunderstood and marginalized on social media and by the mainstream media.

A good way to push back is for us to articulate what we're for to the 94 percent of the American public that doesn't hunt. Here's a start. Here are seven principles for us to boldly stand on. As you read them, realize that *American Hunter* wants to hear from you. What else can hunters do? Are there other principles you think should be included? Would you like to edit these? Let us know and we'll publish your responses later as a part of this important and continuing conversation.

PRINCIPLE 1: People Are a Part of The Wild

As any honest wildlife biologist can tell you, we are not separate from the natural world. Wildlife doesn't respect the invisible boundaries around our public lands. Unless we want to fence-off nature, we have to concede we share ecosystems with wildlife. This then requires us to balance our needs with wildlife. Hunting is an important part of keeping this balance across America-- and with keeping our wild roots.

PRINCIPLE 2: Wildlife Belongs to All of Us

This is foundational to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Since the 19th century, many U.S. courts have upheld and refined the premise that fish and wildlife belong to all. Still, any landowner who owns a lot of land can effectively control how wildlife is locally managed. This is why the NRA and many hunter conservation groups support Walk-In Access programs and other ways for allowing average Americans to help control and conserve our wildlife.

PRINCIPLE 3: Hunters Are Game Managers

Aldo Leopold, the father of modern wildlife management, began his eloquent crusade for a science-based system of conservation in the 1920s and '30s. Leopold, who was a hunter, helped refine a new ethos that led to trained biologists crafting pro-hunting policies based on scientific data. This process is influenced by hunters who attend public hearings held by state game agencies on changes to seasons and more. Some environmentalists are doing all they can to short-circuit this system. We have to stay aware and prevent them from using their emotion to trump reason.

PRINCIPLE 4: Hunting Has Deep Ethical Rules

In 1900, Sen. John F. Lacey helped push the Lacey Act through Congress. This act banned trafficking of wild game meat, ending the slaughter by market hunters, which gave wildlife a chance to recover. Not selling our hard-earned game meat is only one segment of an overall hunter ethic that starts with fair chase. We need to understand and teach this ethic.

PRINCIPLE 5: We Can All Get Along

Everyone has the opportunity to influence conservation. Hunters and non-hunters alike have advocated for landmark environmental laws. Also, hunter-conservation groups often work together to lobby for important conservation programs as part of the Farm Bill and more. Hunters need to stand together.

PRINCIPLE 6: Collaboration is Fundamental

Waterfowl migrate across boundaries between states, provinces, and countries. Such is why it was critical that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 made it illegal to kill ducks and geese except as allowed by regulated hunting. These and other protections have been critical to bringing back so many waterfowl species.

PRINCIPLE 7: Introduce Others to The Hunt

Talking about hunting to non-hunters can be difficult. But we can't shy away from this anymore. They'll likely be surprised to hear just how much hunter-conservationists do. They also might not know that taxes on firearms and ammunition, for example, fund conservation. Likewise, they might not be aware that hunting license sales also pay for so much game and non-game animal research and protections. When they find out how central hunting is to conservation they might just want to try it themselves, if only to get a little wild, free-range meat for their table. The NRA has a lot of resources to help hunter get started, to find training courses and so much more (explore.nra.org/interests/hunting).

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The April New Member Orientation Tour
has been canceled.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT...



FATHER'S DAY SWAP MEET & SILENT AUCTION SUNDAY, JUNE 21



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 21, 9:00am-3:00pm



Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor its annual "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on **Saturday, June 6**. 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 tree stand 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 nearly 100 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 continue until around 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/>.

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 31.

B-CC Quiz Answer: The Historical Marker honors the discovery in 1955 by scientists Bernard Burke and Kenneth Franklin who discovered naturally generated radio waves from Jupiter using a 96-acre antenna array located in what is now a part of the McKee-Beshers WMA. The discovery led to greater understanding of planetary magnetic fields and plasmas and opened a new window in our exploration of the solar system. Several other Historical Markers are within 2 miles of this location, including The Historic Seneca Schoolhouse, Seneca, and Seneca Mill. B-CC IWLA is not listed as a Maryland Historic Site.

For more information:

Planetary Radio Emissions Discovery Site:
(<https://mht.maryland.gov/historicalmarkers/Details.aspx?id=RM-1023&recNum=12&county=Montgomery%20County>)

(<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=745>).

McKee-Beshers WMA:
(<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/publiclands/central/mckeebeshers.aspx>).

There are 22 Historical Markers in Montgomery County:
<https://mht.maryland.gov/historicalmarkers/SearchResults.aspx?county=Montgomery%20County>

Quiz by Jim Tate



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