



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

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President's Message

We are doing things, the shutdowns, closures, etc., notwithstanding. Since the closure orders were issued from Annapolis, trees have been planted on the Farm. Trails have been cleared in the woods and at the archery range. Turkeys are finally being hunted. The new houses for the purple martins are up and occupied. Cover crops are doing their work in our fields, enriching the soil, polinator-friendly cover and sunflowers are planted.

At the old greenhouse, hundreds of nascent chestnut trees are being brought along in squirrel-proof cages. The fish have been fed. Biologists from Georgetown and George Washington Universities have begun insect studies on the Farm. Our website and Facebook pages are blooming weekly, and updates to our Conservation Education and Archaeology pages are underway. Our Campgrounds website page now features bushcraft videos by our Chair Jack Kang. The League's National office was so impressed it has posted Jack's videos on its own website.

And we are planning things. As of this writing, our Security and Range Chairs are preparing protocols to be used when the ranges can re-open. Our Archery Committee Chair has plans to replace and repair bridges on the 3-D range and to update the pavilion. Our Log Cabin Committee Chair is assembling a plan to repair elements of the cabin and the spring house, and to encourage their use for events (to get your name on the list of cabin-restorers, contact our Log Cabin Chair, Doug Martin, at dwm.wash.dc@gmail.com or sign up on the "Volunteer" page on the website). Youth and women's shooting classes are in the works. There are rumors of a big party in the fall . . .

There is and will be more. Keep reading and stay tuned, via the new website and our Facebook page. And look for an email invitation to our next monthly meeting via Zoom. Get outside!

Update – The Governor's Order and Our Ranges . . .

Yesterday (Wednesday, May 6), Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order which expands the scope of the "permitted outdoor activities" previously listed in the prior Executive Orders. It specifically identifies "small group sports" such as golf, tennis "and similar activities; . . . recreational fishing, hunting, shooting and archery; . . ." It specifically indicates that outdoor archery and shooting ranges may open. Gatherings of 10 or more are still prohibited, and social distancing protocols must be adhered to.

I want you to know that the Chapter is ahead of the game, due to the coordinated efforts of our Security and Range Chairs. Hats off to them and to our very own public health advisor, Board member Sean David Waterman, who has been providing guidance.

Here is a statement from our Security Chair about what has happened so far and what to expect in the coming weeks:

As precautionary measure, Viral Cleanse LLC, which is a Chapter member owned company, visited the Chapter on May 6 and performed a decontamination of the following areas: interior and exterior of the Chapter House, Shotgun and R&P range houses and shooting positions.

At this time, while the Chapterhouse, Shotgun and R&P ranges are still closed, the Chairmen are creating range specific guidelines and procedures for the health and safety of our members. The R&P Range is aiming to open up on Memorial Day weekend and the Shotgun range will follow in June. The guidelines will be communicated via email before the opening of each range.

The Archery Chair has developed operation protocols and will open the range soon. Stay tuned.

Jeff Seaman
Chapter President

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the June 2020 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 27.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The May New Member Orientation Tour
has been canceled.

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:

Janet Lamkin
j.lamkin@comcast.net or
Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com
301 466-6557



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

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary

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March 22, 2020 Board of Governor's Meeting

- President Jeff Seaman sent a letter to the Office of Legal Counsel for Maryland to clarify whether or not people can use the chapter while keeping with "social distancing" guidance.
- Joe Trotter read the minutes, which were approved unanimously.
- We are overall doing pretty well for the year. We are at about 91% of meeting our goal from membership renewal fees! We are doing well in terms of donations as well.
- We're 80% for meeting our projected income, but we still have five months left. Revenue is down for both firearm ranges due to the virus.
- The pond is in trouble and needs some help and needs to be repaired before the end of the fiscal year. The issue is that the headwall is not concrete and the pipes are narrow, leading to significant erosion in the spillway. The plan is to widen the spillway and add necessary rocks/concrete/landscaper's cloth to prevent further damage.
- People need to contact Jeff Seaman and Carol Hulce-Efdimis about obtaining permission to come work on the property.
- Wildlife Committee: Trees are coming, couldn't be stopped. They will need to be planted in small groups over time. Trees are a variety for a variety of purposes.
- Garden Plots Committee: Going very well! Interest is high despite inability to use the farm.
- Log Cabin Committee: Bug treatment evaluations (termites) are in the works.
- Hunters Ethics: Registration is up and running online.
- **ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED DUE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to reimburse Phil Taylor for soil conference at \$80. Approved unanimously.
- Approve virtual attendance for membership requirement at the April 2020 dinner meeting. Approved unanimously.
- Move to fund complete repairs of the spillway project, including a concrete headwall, rip rap, and other improvements using \$25,000 in Capital Expenditure Funds and up to \$25,000 from Forest Mitigation Bank sale proceeds. Approved unanimously.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Fill out your census form!

April 15, 2020 Membership Meeting

President Jeff Seaman called the meeting to order at 6:52pm.

- President's message: President Jeff Seaman explained how the board is working overtime to comply and make tough calls on what we can and cannot do with the property. We've stayed in constant contact with the governor's office. Everyone's been understanding and patient. We are maintaining the farm so it will be in good shape when we open the farm. Carol Hulce-Efdimis has been in contact with DNR about our approach, and at least one high-ranking official has praised our approach.

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SUMMARY

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- Doug Martin is our featured speaker! Sworn in on the thousandth meeting, Doug spent a lot of time working on the log cabin. Doug talked about the history he knows about of the cabin and its more recent renovations, as well as some of the future renovations the house will need. He also spoke about the spring house and the smoke house.
- Maintenance is being done on the farm. Phil Taylor and Larry Anderson are planting crops and trees. According to Larry, about 100 trees need planting and 50 button bushes are available for the pond. Cathedral of the Pine replacement trees are ready for planting. 50 oak trees were planted around the shotgun range.
- Garden plots are still available.
- Everything is moving along okay with the ranges, which are still closed.
- Father's Day picnic is coming up in June.
- National Convention is canceled.

NEW BUSINESS

- Status of the farm: Right now it's closed. However, if members are adhering to social distancing guidelines and not using the facilities (including the bathrooms), we may be able to allow people onto the farm.
- Motion to allow access to the farm pursuant to activities allowed by the governor's executive order but leaving all recreational facilities closed. Motion does not pass.
- Motion to allow access to the farm pursuant to activities allowed by the governor's executive order but leaving all recreational facilities closed and disallowing turkey hunting until further notice. Motion passes.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Carol Hulce-Efdimis asked that the e-blast about the access to the farm motion be sent by tomorrow night. She asked for another email blast about the raffle tickets.
- Richard Latimer, Sr., past president, died in early April.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis took down the names of people who attended the meeting in hopes of becoming members.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly *dinner* scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 has been cancelled.

The 1,015th monthly membership meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, May 20. 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 May 18, please contact Jeff at jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

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

Past Presidents' Dinner

Date to be determined

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

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.



Archery Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
jmandeldesign@gmail.com

We hope to reopen soon pending State and Chapter policy decisions.

Thanks to Walt, Dave, and Marc for their help getting 3-D targets laid out in woods ready for installation.

Thank you, Deborah for keeping the lawn looking great and ready for reopening.

Thanks to Evan and Scott for donating an entire Saturday (and a lot of sweat) to the repairs on the tractor. They reduced it to an unrecognizable pile of nuts, bolts and sheet metal, and they put it back together, sporting new belts all around, fresh oil and a fresh lease on life.

Hope to be back on track soon with news about shoots and Archery Instruction programs, but, until then, stay ready, and we will pick right back up where we left off.

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

Cheers!

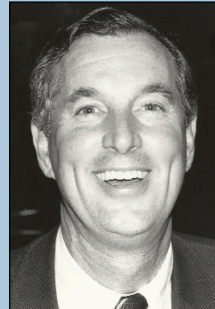
Mags for Vets

Douglas Smith
301 452-5650

Mags for Vets will not be held this June as planned – please watch our newsletter for future updates.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD LEE LATIMER, SR.



We are saddened to hear of the passing of Past President, Richard Lee Latimer, Sr. Dick served as President of the B-CC IWLA Chapter 1960 – 1961. In addition to being a golf icon in the Washington DC metropolitan area, Dick was an avid outdoorsman, believing strongly in the preservation of land and natural resources. When not on the golf course, he could be found with a fly rod on the Potomac River or coursing local farms with his English setters and pointers.

Dick is survived by his son Richard L. Latimer, Jr. (B-CC IWLA Past President 1997 - 1998) and family. Memorials can be made to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund. Memorial service details will be announced at a later date.

B-CC IWLA GUN RAFFLE

DONATION IS **\$20.00** PER TICKET

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

- 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
MAY		
All dates are tentative/canceled 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	Canceled – Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 5	Canceled – Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, May 9	Canceled – Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, May 11	Canceled – Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 12	Canceled – Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Monday, May 18	Canceled – Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 19	Canceled – Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting via Zoom web conferencing application	6:45pm
Monday, May 25	Canceled – Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 26	Canceled – Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, May 27	Board of Governors Meeting via Zoom web conferencing application	7:30pm
Friday, May 29	June Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	by end of day
Saturday, May 30	Canceled – R & P Range New Officer Training Class – Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, May 30	Canceled – Spring Wild Edibles Class at Fox Campsite	10:00am – 2:00pm
JUNE		
All dates are tentative/canceled and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monday, June 1	Canceled – Scout Troop 496 – Chapter House	7:30pm
Tuesday, June 2	Canceled – 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	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, June 13	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Monday, June 15	Canceled – 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
Saturday, June 27	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30pm
Tuesday, June 30	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun Range	3:00pm – dusk
JULY		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Sunday, July 5	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, July 7	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun League	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, July 11	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, July 11	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, July 11	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapterhouse parking lot	8:15am
Tuesday, July 14	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun League	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, July 15	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday, July 18	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, July 19	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, July 21	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun League	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, July 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, July 24	August Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	by end of day
Saturday, July 25	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Tuesday, July 28	Tuesday Sporting Clays Summer League – Shotgun League	3:00pm – dusk

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.

Nomination Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Committee Chair
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To the Members of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Governors for the 2020-21 fiscal year. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to submit this slate to you for consideration in the May newsletter and post it at the chapter house. We will also send this to the membership in an email blast in late May to remind our membership to attend the June dinner meeting to vote on and ratify the slate. If anyone would like to run in opposition to this slate, they must submit a petition to our current president that must be signed by a minimum of 10 members in good standing before the May dinner meeting requesting consideration to serve on the Board by our membership.

At the beginning of the June dinner meeting, an election will be held. After the June election, the Board of Governors will be sworn into office during the August dinner meeting by our current past president. Term of service is from September 1, 2020 till August 31, 2021. If you have interest in our nomination and election process, please refer to the chapter bylaws which can be found on our website under the Our Chapter tab and B-CC IWLA By-Laws, Article VI – Nominations and Elections.

I personally want to congratulate and thank each member of our Nominating Committee for a job well done. I extend this recognition to the members of our committee, Larry Anderson, John Lamb, Butch Mezick, Frank Parker, and Jack Mandel. If you run into them on the farm, please thank them for their service and dedication to our chapter. Lastly, I would like to thank our proposed slate of Board members and officers for stepping forward to donate their time and talents to our chapter. Please find your proposed slate below for consideration.

Officers

President Ron Marchessault
First Vice President Lin Schmale Tate
Second Vice President Walt Allensworth
Membership Secretary Joe Trotter
Treasurer Bill Brockman
Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary John Stinson
Past President Jeff Seaman

Board Members

David Boynton
Brett Davis
Shannon Novak
Sean David Waterman
Peter Wirth

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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The range is tentatively scheduled to reopen for normal Sunday hours – 9:00am to 5:00pm – starting Sunday, June 7. Tuesday hours to be determined at a later date. New temporary rules and cleaning protocols will be sent out.

All range officers – please check your duty days and let me know if you are able to do your duty day. I will be sending out a list of days that need to be covered. Any range officer that

has not signed up, please contact me to get signed up. Any range officer that missed their duty day during the closure and would like to make it up, please contact me.

RANGE OFFICERS

- Please double check and make sure all release cords and extension cord are returned to the range house.
- 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

JUNE

Sunday, June 7 Brett Davis, David Boynton, Jared Mott
Sunday, June 14 **Need Range Officers**
Sunday, June 21 **Need Range Officers**
Sunday, June 28 **Need Range Officers**

JULY

Sunday, July 5 Mike Noble, Kurt Behrend
Sunday July 12 Ben Kohler, Robert Quattlebaum
Sunday, July 19 David Boynton, Jon Tarkowski
Sunday, July 26 **Need Range Officers**

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00pm to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays
Tuesdays TBD Sporting Clays ONLY

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

wparks29@gmail.com

240 620-6942 (cell)

Date is tentative and subject to change.
Check the Chapter Website for Updates!

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Date is tentative and subject to change.
Check the Chapter Website for Updates!

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/>.

You 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.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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The Rifle & Pistol Range is still closed, but may reopen on Memorial Day weekend. The R&P Committee will notify Range Offers of their scheduled duty dates.

Dinner Speaker for May 20 Membership Meeting

Jane DiCosimo, formerly of NOAA Fisheries, will speak to our assembled Zoom attendees about federal fisheries management. Jane, who has served in several regions, including Alaska, will give us some insight about the fascinating and vital work of monitoring and conserving ocean fish populations.

Membership Report

Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair
301 252-8825 MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

THE LATE FEE DEADLINE FOR 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED (AGAIN) THROUGH MAY!!!

Hopefully, this membership report finds you healthy and well!

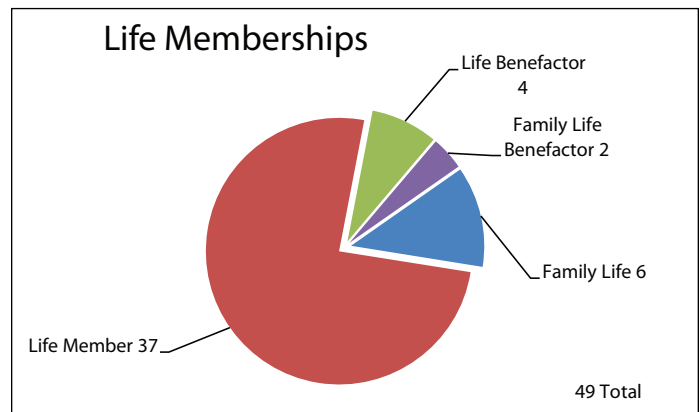
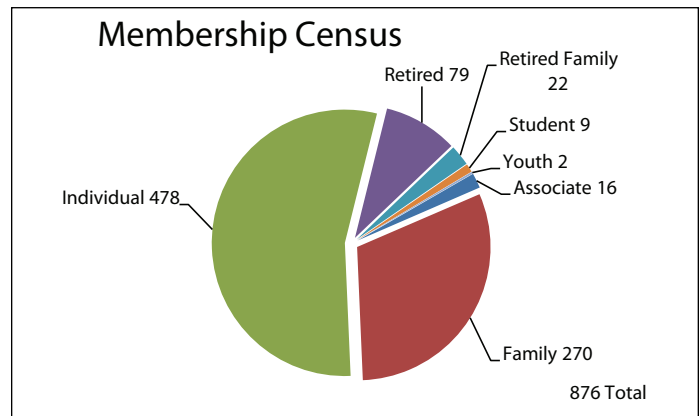
COVID-19 has really put a dent in our recruitment of new members. As we gradually emerge from these stay-at-home orders, please consider bringing (properly socially-distanced) friends out to the chapter whom you think might enjoy the B-CC IWLA experience. The chapter has invested heavily in improving our facilities, especially the ranges, and membership at the chapter will be a great way for your erstwhile guests to chart a healthier and more enjoyable life path after weeks and weeks of cabin fever

With regards to any lingering membership or 2020 renewal questions:

- 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 send membership cards out to you with decals as soon as we can after we get them from IWLA National.

The New Member Orientation Tour for May 2020 has been cancelled to comply with Governor Hogan's stay-at-home order. Tours will resume once we are allowed to gather once again, at least in small groups, in the chapterhouse.

The active membership breakdown as of this printing is:



B-CC IWLA SUMMER BIATHLON PROGRAM 2020 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**All Dates Are Tentative. Check the
Chapter Website for Updates!**

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

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

**Date is tentative and subject to change.
Check the Chapter Website for Updates!**

IWLA 2020 CONVENTION CANCELED

On April 13, the Executive Board of the Izaak Walton League of America and the League's Maryland Division acted jointly to cancel the 2020 National Convention scheduled for July 19-22 in Cambridge, Maryland.

Pursuant to League bylaws, which require in-person voting at the convention to conduct business, including electing national officers and approving policy resolutions, the League will not attempt to conduct portions of the convention using the internet, conference calls, or the U.S. mail. Current national officers will remain in office until the 2021 convention.

The League will move forward with national awards and national conservation scholarships as scheduled.

B-CC QUIZ

Question: What native plant found on the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm is usually associated with the southwestern states?

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

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



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Farm Committee Report

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The last few months have been very busy for the farm committee.

It is the time of year that we inspect, service, and repair all the farm equipment. One major issue we had to address was the steering valve on the large tractor that we were able to repair in house. We had some major repairs on the mowing equipment this year, and they too were fixed on site. Now all the gear is in good operating order.

The local Farm Bureau, Soil Conservation Districts, and Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) conduct their educational seminars during the winter months. This year I attended the Delmarva Soil Health Summit held in Georgetown, Delaware with Duane Hovorka who is the IWLA Agriculture Program Director. The conference had many expert speakers. The speakers consisted of soil microbiologists, soil science professors and researchers, and expert farmers from all over the United States.

They discussed current research on chemicals, fertilizer, and cover crops regarding their effects on soil health. Other topics included the positive effects of no-till and equipment options and modification. I met some new friends and gained a wealth of knowledge on soil health that I plan on implementing in this year's planting schedule.

In the first week of March, a wonderful group of volunteers helped to plant eleven wildlife fruit trees in the B4 field.

The varieties that were planted were apples, pears, and crabapple trees. The Wildlife Group was the company we purchased the trees from and they specialize in trees for wildlife. The package of trees they put together for us was designed to produce fruit from late August thru January. Each tree will flower at different times of the year to keep our pollinators busy. The trees were shipped to us as bareroot four to five foot whips. I have checked on the trees and they are looking very happy and healthy.

In the month of March, we started our first planting of the fields on the farm. We had to start by mowing down last year's corn that was left standing for the wildlife in the B4 field. The standing corn did not allow us to plant a cover crop over the winter. You must keep a living plant in the ground to feed your soil biology to build up your soil health. The corn served its purpose providing wildlife food over the winter months. After watching the weather, we found a window of opportunity to plant when the fields were dry.

With some much-needed help from Blaine and Jack, we were able to plant a mixture of oats and spring peas in the B4 field. Oats have many soil health benefits that include erosion control, nutrient scavenging, weed suppression, and building organic matter. Spring Peas grow very well with oats. Peas are a legume. The soil health benefits that peas provide are nitrogen production, great root structure for soil conditioning, and attraction for pollinators. Both oats and peas are well liked by deer and turkey.

One of my goals this winter was to research a seed mix to benefit pollinators. The two seeds that we found for that purpose was Hubam sweet clover and Phacelia. Phacelia is a cool season plant that produces a purple flower that is highly attractive to bees as is Yellow sweet clover. Yellow sweet clover will bloom only in its second year of growth. We found a white Hubam sweet clover that is an annual (meaning it will grow and flower all in one season). We planted the garden field with that seed mix on the second week of April. I am excited to see the results. Farmers that have planted this mix rave about it.

We have received our soil samples from our fields and the results look great. One great result is our organic matter has increased almost one percent in the last two years – a great result from our farming plan and practice.

We look forward to the spring plantings. We began to order supplies to plant our sunflowers, summer cover crops, and corn. April is the month we begin mowing around the farm. I would like to thank Tom, Janet, Mike, Kevin, Ed, Jack, and Chip in advance for your help on the mowing needs around the farm this year. As I write this article the farm is closed, but I am hopeful things will open soon, and I wish everyone great health and happiness.

I hope to see you all around the farm soon.



Dogwood Tree

PHOTO BY BRETT DAVIS

Log Cabin Restoration Report

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The log cabin at its outbuildings are one of the many gems on our farm. But this gem is not just to look at and admired but should be well used, wants to be well used. How many of you have seen the cabin up close and ventured inside? If



you have not, I invite you to do so, I am sure you will appreciate the rustic beauty and early American inventiveness as I do. But one thing you will see is that the cabin needs a little TLC. Our goal is to work together to ensure the cabin can be used for recreation, as meeting place and a learning center for years to come. When the current crisis is over and we can all get back to using the farm to its full potential, we will begin a program to spruce up the cabin so all can benefit from this resource. I am asking for volunteers, all are welcome and anyone with renovation, carpentry, roofing expertise would truly be appreciated. The first items on the list are: general clean up inside and the grounds outside, strengthening a critter chewed log rafter, and restoring the water flow in the spring house so we have a carbon neutral way to cool our favorite beverages.

The cabin has been used for education and recreation in the past and with a little help will be even more accessible soon, so please pitch in if you can.

One final note, if you have used the cabin in the past and are storing items there please contact me so we can work out how best to securely store your things and provide access and use of the cabin to all, thanks.



Cozy fireplace



Critter chewed log rafter



Spring house - dammed-up water flow



Spring house

Classes at the Campground (Fox Campsite)

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

Spring Wild Edibles

CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED

Saturday, May 30

Instructor: Tim MacWelch

Lost Hiker Survival

CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED

Saturday, September 26

Instructor: Tim MacWelch

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR TIM'S CLASSES NEXT YEAR.

Bushcraft and Camp Crafts Classes

Classes may be offered if events are allowed at the Chapter soon. Please check the [campgrounds](#) section of our website for updates.

Bow Drill Fire

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

Instructor: Jack Kang

B-CC Quiz Answer: [The cactus \(Opuntia\) population found in the Shale Barrens on the Conservation Farm.](#) The Eastern Prickly Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*) is the only cactus native to the northeastern and mid-Atlantic states. This low growing cactus is nearly, or totally without spines and in the summertime, bears bright yellow flowers. In winter the broad, green stems dehydrate and shrivel. As a result, the Eastern Prickly Pear is resistant to the relatively cold wet conditions of our area. If you see *Opuntia* on the Conservation Farm, be careful. It may have few spines, but it does have small tufts of brownish hairs called glochids. These tiny, hair-like tufts of barbed spines readily penetrate the skin and are very irritating.

Quiz by Jim Tate



Photo of cultivated Eastern *Opuntia* by Janet Lamkin

For more information:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opuntia>

Opuntia humifusa, the only native cactus found throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic states is easily rooted from stems, and is widely available in nurseries for year-round plantings.

NestWatch News

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The coronavirus has quieted almost all human activity at the chapter; nonetheless, the annual springtime arrival of Purple Martins and nest building by overwintering Eastern Bluebirds have proceeded apace. Purple Martins scouts were observed flying over our two martin houses on March 26. Recall that this marvelous species winters in Brazil and other South American countries, then begins its arduous journey north in February to its breeding grounds. Scouts arrive first, then, a few weeks later, more adults. As of April 24, the martin houses and new gourd system had attracted 20 martins, perching on their porches and chattering with excitement. Incidentally, mornings at the chapter are a great opportunity to see and hear these marvelous aviators as they begin nest building and rearing their young.

For their part, Eastern Bluebirds began nest building in March. We found two nests with eggs down at the big pond on March 26. By April 17 the chapter hosted nine bluebird pairs with 30 eggs and four hatchlings. Ten days later, several more eggs had hatched and additional eggs were laid, bringing the total, as of April 27, to 35 bluebird eggs and 17 bluebird young.

By April 27, Tree Swallows had begun nest building in three of our nestboxes, but had not yet laid any eggs.

Our NestWatch data is submitted to Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology for analysis. The project is conducted nationwide with thousands of participants reporting nesting data throughout the spring and summer months. If you would like to join the nest watching team, or simply join us on a trail walk, please email me at the address above. Bird watching is an extremely satisfying hobby, offering us a view into, literally, another world.



Clutch of bluebird eggs.



First hatchlings of the season
(Eastern Bluebirds).



Four bluebird hatchlings, two days old,
with one unhatched egg on left; new-
borns will not damage unhatched egg.



Martins enjoying the view
from our new gourd system.



Ethan Zmola helps his mom, Theresa,
install a new nestbox near the cabin.

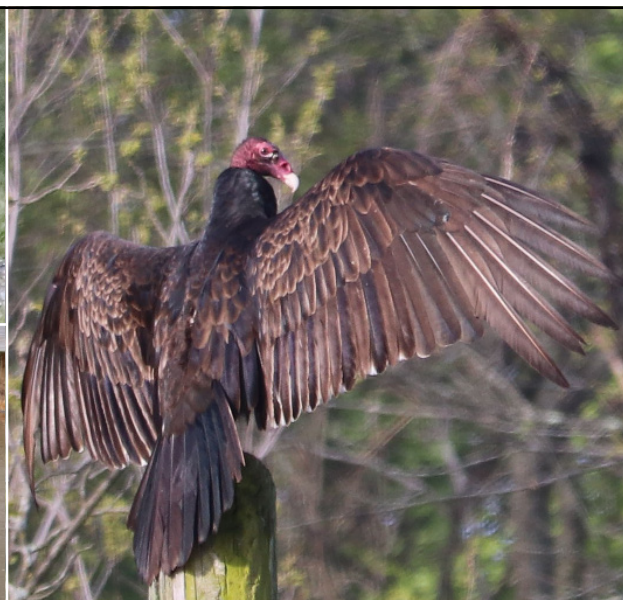


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George Washington University and Georgetown University to Conduct Cicada Study

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Two local ecology professors, Dr. Martha Weiss of Georgetown University and Dr. John Lill of George Washington University are beginning work on what will be a multi-year ecological research project in forested areas of the conservation farm. John and Martha are very nice and very knowledgeable about the plants and insects found on the



conservation farm. If you see them on the property or while walking through the woods, please stop and say hello. They



will be setting up their experiments along the trail between where the B-3 and B4 fields meet and the scout camp. They will not be working in the area of the scout camp itself. They will also be using the West Woods south of Clearing B near River Road. The trees they are studying are oak saplings and they will be clearly marked with orange and white flagging tape. One of the reasons they chose our farm is that we have lots of oak saplings growing in our forests. In other

parts of the area, deer eat the leaves of oak saplings, but because we maintain the deer population in balance, we have a healthy supply of oak trees. If you happen upon any of the trees they have marked, please be considerate and do not disturb their work.

Below Martha and John describe what they are planning to do over the course of the next few years:

"As some of you may know, next spring (May-June 2021), the Brood X periodical cicadas will be emerging by the millions. This only occurs once every 17 years and forested lands bordering the Potomac River have historically hosted record densities. We have spent most of our scientific careers studying plant-insect interactions and are excited to work together to investigate the 'ecological cascade' of interactions involving trees, birds, and caterpillars that will be altered when this incredible pulse of insect biomass occurs. As part of this project, we plan to monitor the emergence of the Brood X cicadas by placing several dozen small mesh 'emergence traps' both in the forest and along forest edges (staked to the

ground). They look like small pop-up tents and are actually just 'food covers' for picnic tables to keep flies away. When the cicada nymphs tunnel up to the surface, they will molt inside the tents and we will count them. The overwhelming majority will emerge next year, but there are always a few that are bad at counting to 17 and emerge a year early or a year late, so we plan to monitor emergence using these emergence traps over the next three years. **If you happen to see one, please don't remove it!** The traps will only be out during the month of May.

As some of you may recall from past emergence events (2004 and earlier), any animal that CAN consume cicadas DOES consume cicadas, including many local birds and mammals (and your pets – dogs and cats are notorious consumers!). For local birds that are in the middle of fledging their young, we predict that the abundance of nutritious insect biomass that will be present next summer will cause some of the birds to shift their foraging to focus on cicadas rather than their usual baby bird food: caterpillars. If our hypothesis is correct, then we should see an 'ecological release' in the local forests, with higher-than-normal caterpillar densities (due to decreased bird predation) next year. The extra caterpillars should then consume more leaf material, increasing the amount of damage incurred by local plants. To study this, we will be counting caterpillars and measuring the leaf damage on understory white oak trees in two locations on the property: along the trail that begins where the B-3 and B-4 fields meet and the scout camp and at the western end of the West Woods property sloping down to River Road. We will also be putting out small 'decoy' caterpillars on white oak trees at each location to gauge the level of caterpillar foraging by the local birds in both cicada and non-cicada emergence years. These 'sentinel caterpillars' are made out of non-toxic modeling clay and have been used in past studies to assess the intensity of bird predation at sites throughout the world. The soft clay retains the 'peck marks' of foraging birds as a record of their foraging attempts. Our trees are marked with orange and white striped flagging. **We just ask that you not remove the flagging or disturb the trees.**

We are excited to be working at this beautiful location and look forward to giving a talk and meeting the members at an upcoming monthly dinner, once gatherings are again permitted. A special thank you to the IWL-BCC board and to Arthur Belendiuk for providing access and supporting our upcoming research activities."

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The May Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27**. The meeting will be held via Zoom. An invitation to the meeting will be sent to the membership by President Jeff Seaman. If you do not receive an invitation by end of day May 25, and would like to attend the BOG meeting, please contact Jeff at jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

Past Presidents' Dinner

The dinner will be rescheduled for a later date.