



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

Serving the Community Since 1935

PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

www.bcciwla.org

President's Message

Fellow members, this should be a summer to remember at the Chapter.

First, the July membership meeting will present some reasons to celebrate, as we will be announcing the receipt by the Chapter of some national awards. Normally, these awards are made at the Annual Convention. Sadly, that was cancelled. But there's nonetheless some good news for all of us. Attend the meeting to find out more about why and how your Chapter has been recognized by the national organization.

Please also make plans now to attend the August meeting on the 19th so that we can conduct some important business. At this meeting, the Chapter membership will vote on whether to accept a gift of three islands in the Potomac River. The acquisition of the islands has been considered by an ad-hoc committee and the Board has voted to accept the donation. The final step in the Chapter's decision-making process concerning the acquisition of additional land is a vote by you, the members. More detailed information about these islands, including some maps and photographs, will be available on the website in the "Blog" section. There will be an opportunity for some discussion at the meeting, but feel free to take a look at what's available on the website to learn more. If after reviewing the material you have questions about the islands, please email them to jeff_seaman@hotmail.com and we will answer them at the meeting.

The Zoom invitation to the July membership meeting is available on the website calendar. Just navigate to the calendar and click on the July 15 membership meeting event. The Zoom information is there.

This summer we will celebrate, and even possibly make, some Chapter history.

Jeff Seaman
301 775-4973

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

3-D Archery
Sunday, July 5
Saturday, July 18
and
Sunday, July 19
9:00am – 1:00pm

July New-Member Orientation Tour
Saturday, July 18
10:00am – 12:00 noon

**Father's Day Fun Shoot
Shotgun Range**
Sunday, July 26
9:00am

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The July Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 22, at 7:00pm**. **As last month, 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 June 20, and would like to attend the BOG meeting, please contact Jeff at jeff_seaman@hotmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the August 2020 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 24.

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 May 2020 Board of Governors Meeting and the June 2020 Dinner Meeting

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary

210 352-0055 jtrotterccp@gmail.com

May 27, 2020 Board of Governor's Meeting

- **President's Report:** Thank you to Tucker Mostrom for the very successful new member walk! Also, thank you to everyone involved in re-opening the ranges.
- **Item For Discussion:** We discussed changing the bylaws to allow for electronic notices of meetings with appropriate notice, as well as electronic signatures.
- Arthur Belendiuk is working with the GW and Georgetown Universities; someone removed the tape studying the trees. They also have cicada traps that should not be touched!
- Archery and R&P are open with restrictions.
- No National Convention this year, Maryland isn't eligible to host again until 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to accept new members. – Motion passes unani- mously.
- Motion to request modest contribution (\$2) from non- members using the target range. – Motion passes unani- mously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

June 17, 2020 Membership Meeting

- **President's Report:** Despite the closure a lot of things have been going forward behind the scenes. Thank you to Carol Efdimis and the range chairs! We are going to discuss potentially re-opening the chapter house.
- We established that we had a quorum and the Past President introduced the 2020 – 2021 slate of officers. The membership unanimously voted for the slate.
- **Farm Committee:** Farm is looking beautiful! We've been trimming the field edges. Want to thank Mike Noble and the Lamkins for their help mowing. B3 field has some slug damage; we lost 35% of the sunflowers due to a mixture of wet conditions and our low-impact planting. Electric fence is holding the deer back. Planted another nine acres of sunflower field, but the deer ate it. There is also a fox- tail millet issue. Took apart the planter and fixing it, looks like something we can handle in-house.
- **Wildlife Committee:** One turkey taken on the farm. NestWatch looks good. Snake defenses look adequate this year.
- Christmas trees are looking good. From August on you can shape and tag trees.
- **Ponds & Streams Committee:** Algae bloom came from upstream. See article in newsletter.
- **Trails Committee:** Cleared in the West Woods so that the bush hog can reach grassy areas. Nature trail is also cleared, and North Woods are next.
- **Log Cabin Committee:** Some progress on the Spring House, the water is flowing again. See article in newsletter.
- **Archery Committee:** Record numbers of use for the 3D course! We have beginner bows, and it's fun for the whole family.
- **R&P Range Committee:** Big thanks to the RO's. We are now comfortable with members bringing one guest, even if it isn't from the household.

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SUMMARY

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- **Shotgun Range Committee:** Guests can come only if they are in the immediate household.
- **Campgrounds:** 72 hour wait for individual campsites between use.
- **Legislative:** There is a lot going on with National in the federal realm. Montgomery County's Master Plan called Thrive Montgomery

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Do not drive to the big pond or in the fields.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

The 1,017th monthly Membership Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:45. Below is the contact information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251523743>
Meeting ID: 842 5152 3743

One tap mobile
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Dial by your location

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 842 5152 3743

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251523743>

You can also go to the website calendar and click on the July 15 Membership Meeting Event. The Zoom information is there.

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.



Budget Planning Meeting

Ron Marchessault, 1st VP and Acting Treasurer
202 320-3834 (c) RMarchessault12@aol.com

To ALL Chapter Committee Chairs:

Our Goal is to hold a membership vote on our new 2020 Operating Budget at the August Dinner Meeting to ensure that we have a working budget in place at the start of the new fiscal year on September 1. A Budget Planning Meeting will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, August 8 to finalize the new operating budget and have it printed in the August 2020 Newsletter for membership to review prior to the Dinner Meeting.

At this time, we are requesting that each Committee Chair start to plan their proposed FY 2020 operating budget to include both projected Income and Expense and to either present at the Budget Meeting on August 8, preferably, or, if unable to attend, to email their proposed budget to me prior to the August 8 budget meeting in order for your budget to be included in the budget planning process.

FY 2020 Budget Calendar:

June –

1. Committee Chairs begin planning and drafting new operating budget.

July –

1. Advanced Planning and Finance Committee will meet at 10:00am on Saturday, July 25 to review FY 2019 operating budget income and expenditures.
2. Committee Chairs can email FY 2020 draft budgets if unable to attend the Final Budget Meeting.

August –

1. Budget Meeting on August 8 at 2:00pm with Committee Chairs to draft the new FY Operating Budget.
2. Print FY 2020 Budget in August Newsletter for membership to review.
3. Membership Vote at monthly Dinner Meeting.

Note: If you require a copy of your actual income/expenditures for the current fiscal year to assist you in budget planning, do not hesitate to contact me at the email or cell provided above.

Scum / Algae Blooms

Anyone that observes scum or algae blooms on the big pond surface, please contact John Novak, novakgang4@comcast.net, 301 385-0943 or Pete Wirth, peter_wirth@verizon.net, 301 915-6763, immediately. **Photos would be helpful.**

B-CC QUIZ

Question: What is the difference between **Phrenology** and **Phenology** (besides the letter 'r') and why does it matter to us?

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Log Cabin Restoration Report

Doug Martin, Committee Chair
dwm.wash.dc@gmail.com

Slow but sure progress is being made on restoring the log cabin complex. The Log Cabin committee is truly grateful for the assistance of Jack Mandel and Brian King for getting the ball rolling. Brian has generously donated a supply of weathered hardwood salvaged from a 1900 era garage that will be used on various repair projects. Jack has been a huge help singlehandedly restoring the water flow of the spring

box by cutting away a section of the concrete pad that was acting as a dam, installing a drain and general repair of the stonework. Soon the rotted door and frame will be replaced, with appropriately weathered wood thanks to Brian. After cleaning out the accumulated settlement inside, the members will have an energy free place to cool their favorite beverages. We have already confirmed it can chill beer very well.

We also would like to thank the Board of Directors for approving the additional funds needed to have all three buildings treated to resolve a carpenter bee infestation.

Stay tuned, there is more to come.



Prior to repair - damed-up water flow



Repaired stone work



Restored water flow

PHOTOS BY DOUG MARTIN

2020 Land Fund

As a member of the B-CC IWLA, I want to do my part and contribute the following amount to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund Campaign.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ OTHER

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
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	Canceled – Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, July 11	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, July 11	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapterhouse parking lot	8:15am
Tuesday, July 14	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, July 15	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm
Saturday, July 18	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, July 18	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, July 19	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, July 21	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, July 22	Board of Governors Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm
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
Saturday, July 25	Advance Planning and Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am
Saturday, July 25	Chapterhouse Exterior and Ground Cleanup	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 26	Canceled – Father’s Day Swap Meet & Silent Auction – may be rescheduled in the Fall	9:00am
Sunday, July 26	Father’s Day Fun Shoot – Shotgun Range	9:00am
Sunday, July 26	Canceled – Father’s Day Family Picnic – may be rescheduled in the Fall	1:00pm
Tuesday, July 28	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
AUGUST		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Saturday, August 1	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, August 2	3-D Archery at the Archery Range	9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, August 4	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, August 8	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, August 8	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, August 8	Budget Meeting with Committee Chairs – FY Operating Budget	2:00pm
Saturday, August 8	Ruffed Grouse Society 16th Annual Fun Shoot – signup required	8:30am – 3:00pm
Tuesday, August 11	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Tuesday, August 18	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, August 19	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Saturday, August 22	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Tuesday, August 25	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, August 26	Board of Governors Meeting via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, August 28	September Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
SEPTEMBER		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Tuesday, September 1	Opening Day Shoot – Dove Season	12:00 noon to dusk
Tuesday, September 1	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Tuesday, September 8	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, September 12	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, September 12	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Tuesday, September 15	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, September 16	Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday, September 22	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, September 23	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, September 25	October Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, September 26	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Tuesday, September 29	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00pm to dusk
<p>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.</p>		

Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
jmandel@design@gmail.com

The Target Bag Range is open for business from sunrise to sunset 365 days a year. We have successfully reopened after the county shutdown with some basic commonsense social distancing guidelines. We now require a simple sign-in at the Range Patio steel box with a small suggested donation.

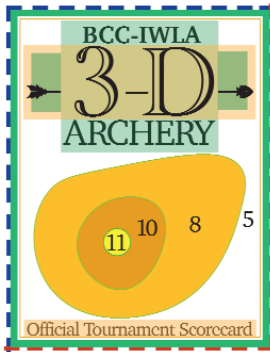
The range is open to all members, and it can be used in the absence of Range Officers, but if you have not used the range before, please contact me via email before your first visit, so we can go over safe use practices.

The 3-D Range has hosted four events this month, and we have had phenomenal success! New members, experienced archers, families and, most importantly, youth archers have been hiking through our well maintained trails and shooting at life sized targets in record numbers. Families have set up picnics and beginning archers have been given instruction, and we have hosted many potential new members' very first archery experience. 3-D shoots are scheduled for July 5th, 18th, and 19th from 9:00am – 1:00pm; please join the fun!

We plan to hold two seminars on the weekend; one in August, one in September for beginning archers. Exact dates and times TBD.

We will be updating the Archery pages on the website more frequently and plan to post 3-D scores in the near future.

Please contact me, Jack Mandel, jmandel@design@gmail.com or Marc Bouchard, combat750@gmail.com for more info.



Driving on Chapter Property

Privately owned vehicles are to remain on the main Chapter roads at all times. They are NOT allowed to drive through the fields or park in open areas. This includes no vehicle traffic to the back pond, in the fields, or on the trails unless the vehicle is in use in conjunction with a project being overseen by a Committee Chair.



PHOTO BY BRETT DAVIS

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020



75 TARGETS
\$15.00

25 Skeet Targets
25 Trap Targets
25 Sporting Clays Targets

Optional Lewis
\$5.00

For more information, contact Warner Parks

wparks29@gmail.com

240 620-6942 (cell)

E-blast will be sent when date is confirmed!



Check out our Facebook page!

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

Membership Report

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

The chapter's temporary shift to online meetings has yielded some unexpected benefits in the form of a modest boom in new memberships. Check out this month's list of new members, all of who were inducted online since February.

The New-Member Tour has been very popular with new and prospective members. Below is the June tour group photo.



The chapter will be keeping all members with lapsed 2020 membership on our email rolls through 2021 to encourage any who dropped for 2020 to consider renewing for 2021. The chapter has a modest late fee for members who skip a year of membership.

With regards to any lingering membership or 2020 renewal questions:

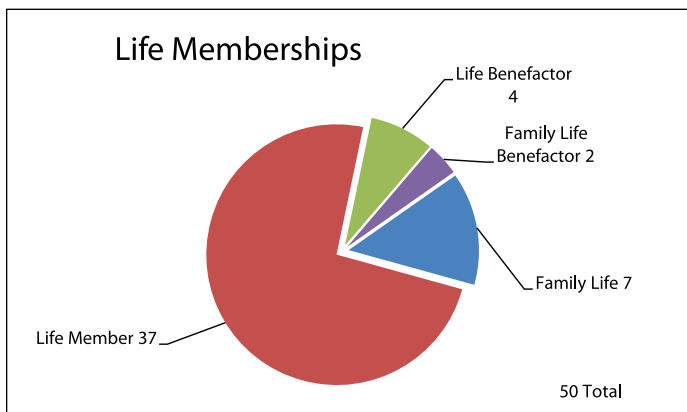
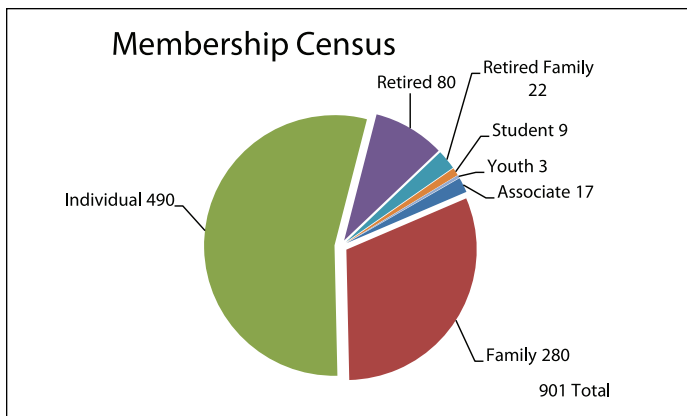
- Please text me directly at **301 252-8825** if you have not received an invoice or if you have any questions. Call me if you need a faster response.

The **July 2020 New-Member Orientation Tour** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 18th, 10:00am – 12:00 noon.**

The B-CC IWLA's "Doc Holton" Conservation Farm is a uniquely beautiful environment to bring family and friends for a day of fun, an evening of relaxation, or even a weekend of camping. Everyone has at least one friend who would enjoy coming out to the chapter with you

Bring them!

The active membership breakdown as of this printing is:



Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted from February to June:

Bob Adeli

Interests: Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Ben Carver

Interests: Wildlife; Nature Trails

Chris Cathcart

Interests: Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Dan Crowley, Sr.

Interests: Legislation; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Daniel F. C. Crowley, Jr.

Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Michael A. Dawson

Interests: Ponds & Streams; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management

Dan Dutton

Interests: Conservation Education; Ponds & Streams; Wildlife Management

Dwayne T. London, Sr.

Interests: Archaeology; Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays; Chapter Functions (Cleanup, Foodservice)

Harry Stanley Max

Interests: Archery; Hunter Education; Rifle & Pistol

Terry McDonald

Interests: Forestry; Ponds & Streams; Wildlife Management

TC Shi

Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Joshua N. Stachura

Interests: Archery; Forestry; Nature Trail

Chuck Thornton

Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Star Gazing

Tyler J. Thornton

Interests: Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife Management

Dave White

Interests: Conservation Education; Rifle & Pistol

Chapterhouse Exterior Cleanups

The Chapterhouse Committee has scheduled a cleanup of the chapterhouse exterior and grounds for Saturday, July 25th, 10:00am to 2:00pm. This will count as a chapterhouse cleanup rain or shine for any new or prospective members who need to fulfill that requirement.

B-CC IWLA BIATHLON PROGRAM 2020-2021 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.

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, 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

2020 FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON

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

2021 FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON

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

Chapter House Grounds...

Help is needed with picking up the dead falls around the chapter house and picnic area and placing them in the fire pit at the picnic area. Call either Tom or Janet Lamkin (301 466-6557 or 301 706-3934) if you are able to help. Time spent can go towards your yearly volunteer hours.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
240 620-6942 wparks29@gmail.com

The range is open normal Sunday hours – 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Tuesdays shoots 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 are able to do your duty day. Please check the newsletter for open days that need to be covered; if anyone can cover, please let me know. 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 let me know.

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

JULY

Sunday, July 5	Mike Noble, Kurt Behrend
Sunday, July 12	David Boynton, Ben Kohler, Robert Quattlebaum, Jon Tarkowski
Sunday, July 19	John Thereault, Joe Contrera, Ed Stewart
Sunday, July 26	Pat Dady, Need a Range Officer

AUGUST

Sunday, August 2	Mike Burns, Mel Watkins, Kurt Behrend
Sunday, August 9	Need Range Officers
Sunday, August 16	Need Range Officers
Sunday, August 23	Douglass Craig, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, August 30	Joe Contrea, Need a Range Officer

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Chestnut Genome Orchard

We need some clean 5-gallon paint or dry wall buckets to use in watering the seedlings in the Chestnut Genome Orchard. Please contact Blaine Elkins at blaineelkins@verizon.net if you have any to spare.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
301 972-8353 bcciwla.rp@gmail.com

Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
240 372-2258 bcciwla.rp@gmail.com

Range Usage Procedures are still in place and can be found on the website. The range is now open to one guest outside of your immediate family household.

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

JULY

Saturday, July 4	Roger, B.
Sunday, July 5	No RO on Duty
Saturday, July 11	Schweikert, B., Gori, R., McDaniel, M., Donovan, P.

Sunday, July 12

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

AUGUST

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

**Pasquale, D., McDaniel, M.,
Schweikert, B., West, K.**

Gori, R., Kipfer, J.

Schilling, J., King, K.

Ives, S., Riccio, R., Urgo, C.

Midberry, K., West, K.

Kipfer, J., Rogers, B.

Hammes, P., Schaefer, S.

Shi, P.

Midberry, K.

Reilly, J., Twomey, P., Gochnour, G.

Twomey, P., Gochnour, G.

TBD

Summers, D.

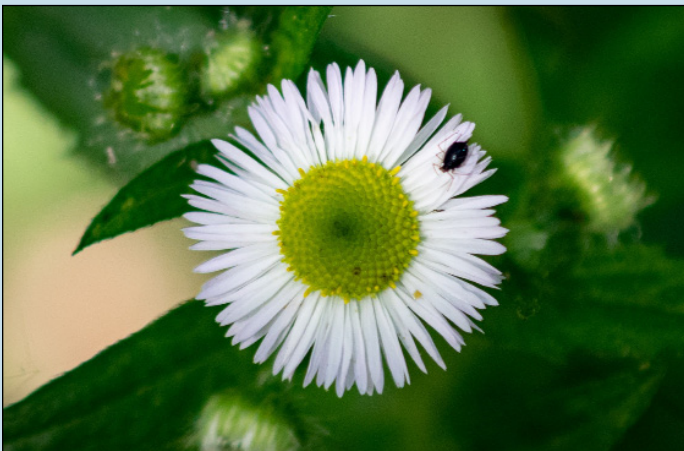
Terry, J., Williams, B., Zoulis, T.

Widenhofer, S., Adams, J.,

Williams, B., Terry, J.

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The tour will be held on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00am.



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Spring is Sprung: a long and pleasant spring on the Conservation Farm

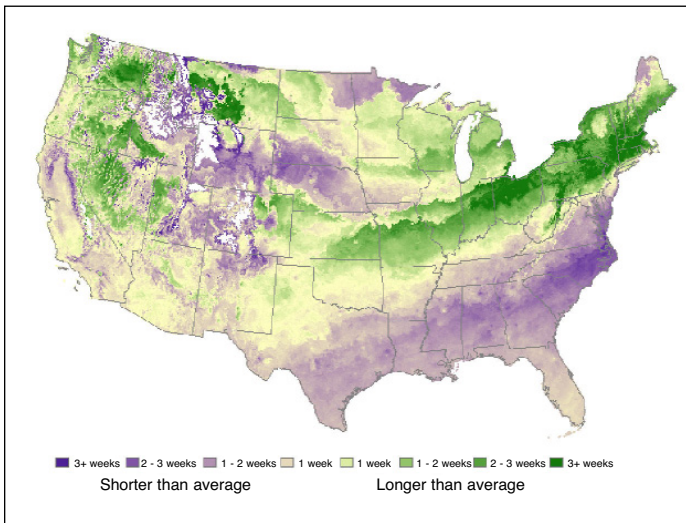
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About 6:00pm on Saturday, June 20th our calendars recorded the arrival of the Summer Solstice. Springtime was officially over. Lin remarked one day in mid-June that it had been a comfortably long and pleasant springtime. Turns out that it was quite unusual.

We know this as a result of analysis of citizen science data submitted to the USA National Phenology Network (<https://www.usanpn.org/>) an organization focused on tracking and sharing information on the timing of seasonal biological events such as leaf-out and flowering through an all-volunteer network.

For example, in our area, the data showed leaf-out of deciduous trees started earlier than usual and was ongoing for nearly two months longer than usual. At the same time, arrival of other signs of spring such as flowering was shorter than average.

Spring leaf-out arrived across much of the country 3-4 weeks earlier than the long-term average (1981-2010) in parts of the West, Southeast, and Northeast and up to 3 weeks late in parts of the northern Great Plains, upper Midwest, and upper Northeast.



Spring bloom flowering arrived across much of the country and followed a similar pattern of earlier spring bloom across the Southeast and later spring bloom in the northern Great Plains, Midwest, and parts of the Northeast.

In parts of the Southeast and Northwest, this year's spring leaf-out was the earliest in the 39-year record. In parts of Nevada, Wyoming, and Montana, this year's spring leaf-out was the latest on record.

In parts of the Midwest and Northeast, this year's spring bloom was the latest on record.

Or as Bob Dylan said:

*Come senators, congressmen / Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway / Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt / Will be he who has stalled
The battle outside ragin' / Will soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls...*

For the times they are a-changin'

Website Report

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With the new website up and running, we are looking to add new and update existing content. While many of our pages have already been updated, we urge committee members and chairs to look at their pages and add new or streamline existing information. Likewise, we would be thrilled to add posts from members who want to share stories, tricks and tips, recipes, or pictures. If you need any help or want to submit content, please contact Joe Trotter (Joe@TheTrottSpot.com).



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, July 13

Contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188

Chapterhouse Exterior Cleanup

Saturday, July 25

10:00am – 2:00pm

Contact Tucker Mostrom – 301 262-8825 or
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Cleanup debris and dead falls around the BBQ Pit/Picnic Area

Anytime

Contact Janet Lamkin – 301 466-6557 or
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NestWatch Report

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Oh, those remarkable Purple Martins! June was a very productive month for our martins. Thirty-nine breeding pairs produced 155 nestlings growing and expected to fledge in July and about 10 eggs due to hatch in July and fledge in August. The normal clutch is four-to-six eggs, but our pairs produced one clutch of 7 eggs and one of 8 eggs. The average incubation period is 16 days, and martins typically fledge 28 to 32 days after hatching.



Purple Martins - Photo by Brett Davis

It has been a productive breeding season for the Tree Swallows as well; 35 swallows fledged in June from seven nests, and a few more nestlings will mature and fledge in July.

Our Eastern Bluebird nesting pairs are working on second and third nesting attempts; three pairs are rearing nine nestlings which will fledge in July; one of the three is a third nesting attempt. Three additional bluebird nests boast a dozen eggs, which will hatch and fledge in July.

We heartily welcomed Brett Davis to our team this month. He arrived just in time to help with our challenging Purple Martin monitoring. A number of Brett's photographs are included with this report.

As always, our team would be happy to include you in a nestbox check. If interested, please email me.

Many thanks to Peter Cappellino and his daughter Amelia, who photographed many of our martin nestlings this month. Thanks also to Theresa Zmola, who has contributed so much of her time and talent to the NestWatch project, and to her son Ethan, whose assistance this season has been so appreciated.



Theresa Zmola checking a bird box - Photo by Brett Davis



Purple Martin clutch of 9 eggs in one of our new gourds - Photo by Theresa Zmola



1-2 day old Purple Martin chicks - Photo by Theresa Zmola



10-11 Day old Purple Martin chicks - Photo by Theresa Zmola



2 day old Bluebird chick - Photo by Theresa Zmola



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Big Pond (Walton) Algae Problem

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On Sunday, June 14, 2020, Larry Anderson reported to John Novak that the big pond surface had a scum/algae accumulation (see photo 1). A trip to the big pond on Monday morning (6/15/20) revealed that the scum/algae was still there. The source of this accumulation, while unknown, came

into the big pond via the inflowing stream at the uppermost end. This small stream that flows through private property was observed to be choked with algae where it enters the big pond (see photo 2). John Novak reported the incident to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MD DEP), and contacted Boggs Environmental Consultants, Inc. (Boggs) located in Middletown, MD who agreed to come out to the chapter to inspect the big pond on Friday morning (6/19). Pete Wirth, Bryan Kurtz, and John Novak met with Boggs, and upon arriving at the big pond, it was observed that the scum had disappeared, but algae was still present on the surface (see photo 3). The solar-powered aerators were operating (see photo 4) which may have contributed to the scum disappearance. After Boggs' visit, we asked them to provide a contract to investigate the algae issue to include algae identification, nutrient analysis, dissolved oxygen, pH, any remedial measures, and cost. We also contacted Solitude Lake Management about investigating the algae issue. We have received a contract from both firms and are now reviewing them. Also, on Friday morning, Chris Lockett, biologist with MD DEP, met with John Novak down at the big pond. Mr. Lockett walked around the pond and noted concentrations of algae, likely blue green, dispersed on the surface of the pond including the cove above the solar panel. Mr. Lockett analyzed a sample which showed high concentrations of three blue-green algae species which produce toxins. A preliminary report was provided to John Novak. MD DEP then conducted an analysis of these blue-green algae for the toxin, microcystin. Results of the toxin analysis provided to John Novak revealed a microcystin concentration of 115 parts per billion (ppb) which is well above MD DEP's standard of 8 ppb for a contact advisory. Monitoring of the big pond for blue-green algae will continue with a proposed re-testing by MD DEP in about two weeks.



Photo 1

PHOTO BY LARRY ANDERSON



Photo 2

PHOTO BY JOHN NOVAK



Photo 3

PHOTO BY PETE WIRTH



Photo 4

PHOTO BY PETE WIRTH

Contact with the big pond water should be avoided until re-testing for the toxins is completed and the water is deemed safe. However, should someone come in contact with big pond water, thorough hand washing is recommended. Further, dogs should be kept out of the water, as blue-green algae can be deadly for dogs. We will keep the chapter membership updated on the big pond algae situation.

B-CC Quiz Answer:

Phrenology is a pseudoscience which involves the measurement of bumps on the skull to predict mental traits. I suppose the **Phrenologists** are looking at the bumps on the President's head to predict the future of our nation.

Phenology is the study of periodic plant and animal life cycle events and how these are influenced by seasonal and year-to-year variations in climate. As we noted in last month's quiz, the Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere occurred at 5:43pm on **June 20**. Springtime was officially over and the **Phenologists** were tabulating their citizen science data. The **Spring is Sprung** article in this newsletter gives us an idea of what citizen scientist Phenologists discovered about the spring of 2020.

Quiz by Jim Tate

For more information:

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

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

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

<https://natureecoevocommunity.nature.com/users/397272-theresa-crimmins/posts/spring-2020-started-with-a-bang-how-did-it-wind-up>