



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

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## President's Message

Welcome to September! A new season of anticipation and activities for young and old members as we continue to safely emerge from the coronavirus restrictions. Our Farm is beginning to show its Fall Foliage Splendor. Whether a naturalist, fisherman, hunter, shooter, archer, birdwatcher, hiker, photographer, etc., it is a wonderful time to visit the farm. There is no shortage of activities to enjoy.

Our first Chapter event of the year, the annual Dove Shoot on September 1st, was a complete success. There was a lot of action in the fields this year and the weather cooperated. I want to thank Walt Allensworth, our new 2nd VP, and his team for putting this activity together. And I want to thank Phil Taylor, our Farming Chair, for the excellent condition of the fields and Larry Anderson, our Wildlife Chair, for his efforts in collaborating with Phil to provide the best cover crop food source for our wildlife throughout the year.

Fall Cleanup Day will be our next Chapter activity. We are tentatively scheduling Saturday, October 3rd to hold this workday. Fall Cleanup Day provides a great opportunity for members to not only earn service hours but to reengage with old friends and meet new members.

Our Chapter is blessed in many ways not only in our wildlife, woodland, and open space, but especially so by our Membership. And, being so blessed we have much to be thankful for. I want to especially thank Jeff Seaman for his leadership as we 'adjusted' to life with Covid-19. Everything had to be reevaluated, e.g. Monthly Dinner Meetings to Monthly Zoom Meetings, under evolving restrictions from State and County Executive Orders. Jeff was instrumental in guiding our Chapter through this societal convulsion and as Past President he will certainly continue to advise as we go forward. THANK YOU, JEFF!

In closing, I have had the pleasure of working with many members over the years, and I am proud to say that we have accomplished much, but there is always more to be done. I will be seeking your guidance as we proceed through the year, and I thank you for it in advance.

Sincerely,

Ron Marchessault  
President, B-CC IWLA  
202 320-3834

## Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

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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  
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## Summary of the July 2020 Board of Governors Meeting and the August 2020 Membership Meeting

Joe Trotter, Recording Secretary

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### July 22, 2020 – Board of Governors' Meeting

- **President's Report:** We're doing very well! We've won three prestigious awards, membership numbers are up, and people are turning out to use the Chapter facility.
- **Treasurer:** We are doing very well financially despite the virus. We've made two payments totaling \$33,100 to contractors for the spillway. Last payment is \$13,000. We did sign a promissory note to the Legacy Foundation.
- The rifle-hunting bill appears to have passed. Straight walled rifle cartridges are allowed. A three-day primitive hunting season was added in February, including long-bows, recurve bows, and flintlocks.
- **Membership Committee:** Renewals took a long time, but we're on pace to achieve positive membership growth for the year. We are including campgrounds in the new membership tour.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Forest mitigation bank credits.
- Chestnut blight is establishing itself in the orchard. We may need a second location on the property to start a second orchard.
- **Security Committee:** Electronic card gate is having issues due to power issues.
- **Archery Committee:** 3D shoots are extremely successful. We cut sod and added gravel to add a baseline, replaced some target bags, the trails are in great shape, and it looks like the bridge can hold the UTV. Other club's members have been coming out and invited our members to try their course.
- **Shotgun Range Committee:** Tuesday night shoots are back!
- **Campgrounds Committee:** We are discussing having a shorter interval between campers.
- **Scouts:** Virus severely impacted scout activities. Many activities were done from home, and some activities were done with limited members in person.
- **State Division:** Bylaw changes are on the table, maintaining strict requirements of formal nominations.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to transfer \$16,289 from Operating Account to the Legacy Foundation. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion to transfer \$1,080.84 from Management Reserve to Operating Account for American Chestnut expenses. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion to initiate new members. Motion passes unanimously.

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Thank you to the folks who nominated the Chapter for awards!
- Reminder to committees to submit their operating budget.
- It may be worth adding a weather station to the Chapter.

### August 19, 2020 – 1018th Membership Meeting

- **President's Message:** It's been a privilege to work with this Board of Directors through this pandemic. Thank you for working nights and weekends, it's been a pleasure to serve.
- New Board of Governors sworn in.
- New Chapter members voted and sworn in.
- Motion to move funds \$4,500 from Capital Expense

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## SUMMARY

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- Account to Operating Account to repair the front gate. Motion passes unanimously.
- Discussed the upcoming budget. Motion to pass the budget as published. Motion Passes.
  - Motion to transfer \$9,058.69 to Legacy Foundation from the Land Fund. Motion Passes.
  - President Jeff Seaman gave a presentation on the potential acquisition of three islands in the Potomac River.
  - Motion to endorse the Board of Governors' decision to accept from the Potomac Conservancy the sale to this Chapter of Ten Foot Island, Sharpshin Island and Minnie's Island for a total of \$3.00. Discussion ensued.
  - Ted Whitehouse introduced a motion to postpone the discussion and voting on the motion.
  - Bob Pavlick introduced an amendment to require the removal of the structure from Minnie's Island before acquiring the island. Amendment accepted.
  - We went back to Ted Whitehouse's amendment. Ted introduced a motion to postpone discussion and voting for at least 30 days after the Board has made available all information it has regarding the Islands and the chat questions made tonight.
  - A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed.

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly *dinner* scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

**The 1,019th monthly Membership Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:45.** Contact information will be sent to the membership by e-blast and the link to the meeting can also be found on the website calendar.

## Chapterhouse Report

R. Tucker Mostrom, Committee Chair  
Chapterhouse.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

### CHAPTERHOUSE CLOSED !!!

**The chapter is CLOSED to ALL member access !!!**

Despite recent wishful thinking, the chapter cannot meet the requirement of Maryland's requirements for opening the chapterhouse.

## 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, 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

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

### Tuesday Sporting Clays

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29  
Reservations required  
Sign up weekly through the "Sign Up Genius"  
(on website)

### Summer Biathlon Practice

Saturday, September 12 and 26  
Saturday, October 10  
7:30am

### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, September 12  
Contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188

### 1019th Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 16  
6:45pm  
via Zoom

### September New-Member Orientation Tour

Sunday, September 20  
10:00am – 1:00 noon

### Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, September 23  
7:00pm  
via Zoom

### Fall Clean-Up/Work Day

Saturday, October 3  
8:30am –  
Lunch will be provided

### Maryland Division Meeting Mount Airy Chapter

Saturday, October 17  
9:00am coffee and donuts;  
meeting begins at 10:00am  
All members are welcome

## REMEMBER...

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

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the October 2020  
newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.**

## Used Fishing Line

John Novak, Co-Chair, Ponds & Streams Committee  
novakgang4@comcast.net

Recently used or discarded fishing line (monofilament) has been found along the shoreline of the big pond and in the shelter. Some of this line had a hook attached. Discarded fishing line poses a tangling threat to wildlife and dogs and injury to anglers, dogs, and wildlife from snagging a fish hook. Further, anglers may also become tangled in this discarded fishing line. Therefore, it is requested that anglers pick up any of their discarded fishing line and either take it with them when they quit fishing or place it in the red can located on one of the shelter posts. **See photo.** The Ponds & Streams Committee thanks anglers for their cooperation in this matter.



## For the Birds

Jim Tate  
jim@tate-tate.us

**Errata:** Someone who knows more than I do about baseball provided a very kind correction to last month's article about Orioles – the bird and the baseball team. Thank you, Ted Kingsley:

"One little nit in your excellent column on both types of Baltimore Orioles – the baseball Orioles moved to New York in 1903 to become the New York Giants (not Yankees). John McGraw did not take the name with him to New York, but he did take the team colors, which is why the San Francisco Giants continue to play in uniforms that look like ours! As you note, there was also a very successful AAA Baltimore Orioles team between the time McGraw took the team and its colors to New York and when the St. Louis Browns moved here and assumed the current name."

## Maryland State Division Treasurer

The newly elected treasurer of the State Division has unexpectedly resigned, and a replacement is needed. The State Division meets three times a year, and its financial activities are slight. Contact Bob Pavlick, roberpav1@comcast.net, if interested.

## 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.**

## FALL CLEAN-UP/ WORK DAY



Saturday, October 3

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

The Clean-Up/Work Day will begin at 8:30am. Committee chairs will have a list of projects. Bring your masks (should be worn if working in close proximity to another member), work gloves, shovels, rakes, loppers and leaf blowers. If you bring a chain saw or weed wacker, please be sure you have the necessary safety equipment.

Lunch will be served after the clean up is completed.

### As a reminder...

The chapterhouse is currently closed and off limits to members.

## B-CC QUIZ

**Question:** OK! You got your deer. It is field dressed, weighed, and ready to cut up for steaks, roasts, burgers, and the smokehouse. How much meat can you expect to put in the freezer?

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.</b>		
Tuesday, September 1	Opening Day Dove Shoot	12:00 noon to 5:00pm
Tuesday, September 1	Food and Beverages after the Dove Shoot at Chapterhouse	5:30pm
Tuesday, September 1	Tuesday Sporting Clays – Sign Up Required (Sign Up Genius on Website)	3:00pm – dusk
Tuesday, September 8	Tuesday Sporting Clays – Sign Up Required (Sign Up Genius on Website)	3:00pm – dusk
Saturday, September 12	Summer Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, September 12	Range Youth Day	10:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday, September 15	Tuesday Sporting Clays – Sign Up Required (Sign Up Genius on Website)	3:00pm – dusk
<b>Wednesday, September 16</b>	<b>1019th Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting – via Zoom</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
Saturday, September 19	Advanced Planning & Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am - 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 19	Venture Scout 496 Archery Day at Archery Range	
	Archery Range closed early afternoon until late morning on Sunday, September 20	
Sunday, September 20	New-Members Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapterhouse	10:00 – 1:00pm
Tuesday, September 22	Tuesday Sporting Clays – Sign Up Required (Sign Up Genius on Website)	3:00pm – dusk
<b>Wednesday, September 23</b>	<b>Board of Governors Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, September 25</b>	<b>October Newsletter Articles due – send to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a></b>	<b>By End of Day</b>
Saturday, September 26	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Tuesday, September 29	Tuesday Sporting Clays – Sign Up Required (Sign Up Genius on Website)	3:00pm to dusk
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.</b>		
Saturday, October 3	Fall Cleanup/Work Day (lunch will be provided)	8:30am –
Saturday, October 10	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, October 10	Bow Drill Fire Class at Fox Campsite – reservations required	10:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, October 10	Rural Republican Women’s Dinner – Private Event - Chapterhouse	12:00 noon – 8:00pm
Saturday, October 17	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at Chapterhouse	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, October 17	Maryland Division Fall Meeting – Mt. Airy Chapter	9:00am
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>1020th Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	<b>Board of Governors Meeting</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday, October 30</b>	<b>November Newsletter Articles due – send to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a></b>	<b>By End of Day</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Saturday, November 7	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, November 14	Biathlon Practice	7:30am
Saturday, November 14	Advanced Planning & Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am - 12:00 noon
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b>	<b>1021st Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
Saturday, November 21	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at Chapterhouse	10:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Wednesday, November 25</b>	<b>Board of Governors Meeting</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday, November 27</b>	<b>December Newsletter Articles due – send to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a></b>	<b>By End of Day</b>
<p>The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.            Check the online <a href="http://www.bcciwa.org">www.bcciwa.org</a> electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.</p>		

## Chestnut Committee Fall Activities

Blaine Elkins, Committee Chair  
[blaineelkins@verizon.net](mailto:blaineelkins@verizon.net)

This fall the Chestnut Committee will be undertaking a variety of tasks over the next 3 months, and we would welcome new volunteers to join us in completing them

In the Germplasm Conservation Orchard near the campgrounds we will be continuing to mow to the end of the growing season. We will also maintain the weed block around the trees, prune and burn shoots killed by the blight, treat trees with the blight to slow its progress. At the end of the growing season we will perform routine maintenance on the mowers and store them in the barn for the winter.

At the hybrid orchard we will modify one of the enclosures so the hybrids selected for the TACF breeding program can overwinter there. Of the hybrids not selected for the TACF breeding program some will be planted at other locations on the farm in cooperation with other committees. 2 or 3 will be planted along the “Walk in the Woods” trail to be incorporat-

ed into the presentation. 4 to 6 will be planted in cooperation with the Farm committee to establish a small grove near the fruit trees.

There are also some purebred American Chestnuts that were started in pots and moved to our enclosures. This fall we will plant about 5 of them in the field west of the green house and gardens. They will each have their own 3’ diameter deer proof enclosure.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Blaine Elkins at [blaineelkins@verizon.net](mailto:blaineelkins@verizon.net).

### NOTICE

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Lin Schmale-Tate, [lin@tate-tate.us](mailto:lin@tate-tate.us), and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, [j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net).

## Range Youth Day at the Chapter

B-CC IWLA Members – we are taking a day to protect our outdoor legacy!!!

On **Saturday, September 12th**, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, the B-CC IWLA is turning the Archery, Shotgun, and Rifle & Pistol Ranges over to the 18 and under crowd.

Parents can escort their children to the ranges but the kids get to have all the fun on the line.

If you do not have a Chapter Family membership with your child listed on it, you will need to fill out a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) for the ranges. This will be left with a Range Officer (RO) on duty. If you plan to visit more than one range that day, the RO will list the range you attended on the HHA, and you may take it to the next range. Please ensure that you turn-in the HHA at the last range you attend on Saturday.

Each Range has their own set of rules, and there will be Range Officers and instructors on hand to help out as needed.

### ARCHERY RANGE

Range Officers will be on duty, and there will be a \$5 fee this Saturday.

If you do not have your own bows and arrows, the range does have that equipment available.

The archery range has four fixed bag targets at 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards for the kids to try their skills at. There is only one target that is compatible with broadheads, so please ensure that any arrows you bring are using target tips.

### RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE

A Range Officer will be stationed at each shooting position for extra help with range safety and firearm safety this Saturday.

There is a \$5 range fee for all youth, even family members. Members will need to bring their own firearms, ammunition, and ear protection. However, the range house does have foam earplugs as backup. Have your kids bring eye protection that they are comfortable with.

No one under the age of 16 years old is allowed to shoot a pistol: **No Exceptions.**

To maintain physical distancing, there are 5 (every other) positions on the Rifle Range and 3 on the Pistol Range.

If you have a child just starting out with shooting, they will be able to use the Pistol Range for air rifles and small caliber (.22) rifles.

### SHOTGUN RANGE

Range Officers and instructors will be on hand to help youth shooters this Saturday.

There is a \$5 fee for a round of 25 clays. Members will need to provide their own firearms, shells, ear protection, and eye protection, but the shotgun range house will have foam earplugs as backup. There are limited shells for purchase if you run out of those that you brought.

There will be different fields opened up for shooting.

#### Point of Contact for Youth Day Questions:

Carol Hulce-Efdimis  
Range Youth Day Coordinator  
carol2017@aol.com

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – Saturday, September 12

Contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188

### Fall Clean-Up/Work Day – Saturday, October 3

Contact Lin Schmale-Tate – 703 517-3675

### Cleanup debris and dead falls around the BBQ Pit/Picnic Area – Anytime

Contact Janet Lamkin – 301 466-6557

### Join a Committee!

Committees and contacts are listed on the Chapter Website – [bcciwla.org](http://bcciwla.org)

## NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The tour will be held on Sunday, September 20, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

## 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

## Membership Report

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

The 2021 IWLA membership renewal season is officially about to begin:

- Committee chairs **MUST** submit (email) any outstanding accounting for volunteer hours on behalf of members who have worked or engaged in approved committee activities to earn such credit.
- Members themselves must double-check with their committee chairs to ensure that credit for their hours worked have been submitted to membership.
- If members have concerns about the volunteer fee when they receive their 2021 renewal invoices, they should email their questions to **MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com**.
- The chapter is still working now with our web development company to enable members to update their membership profiles online and renew their memberships online. This should be available before Halloween if testing and implementation wrap up quickly.

For ongoing membership or 2021 renewal questions:

- Any members who have not received an invoice by September 30th, or if members have any questions about the invoice that they received, please email Joe Trotter, the Membership Secretary, at **MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com**, or text him directly at 210 352-0055.



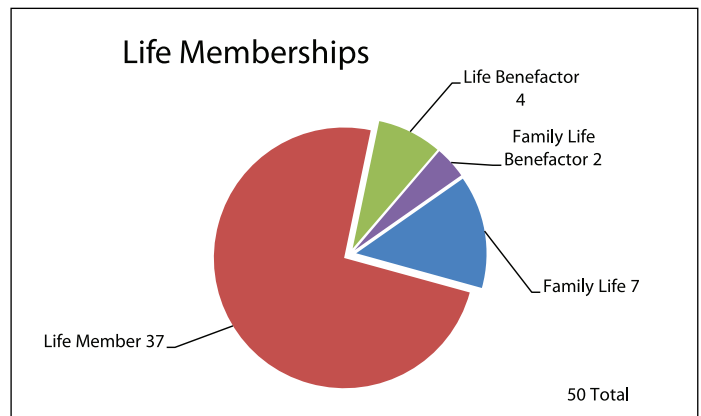
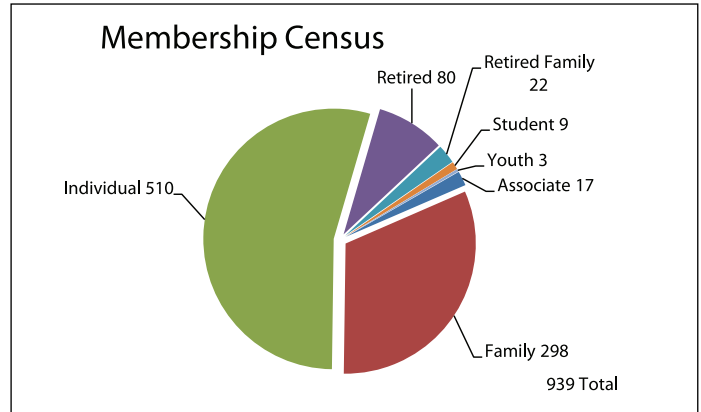
Participants of the August 2020 New-Member Orientation Tour

The **September 2020 New-Member Orientation Tour** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 20th at 10:00am**.

- Have you attended a New-Member Orientation Tour yet?
- What parts of the conservation farm haven't you seen yet?
- What questions about the chapter have you wanted to ask for so long?

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:



### B-CC Quiz Answer:

It depends – on a number of things, including sex and age of the deer, meat lost to wound location, and butchering skill. A general rule of thumb is you can expect the hide to weigh from 6.7% (yearling) up to 8.7% (mature buck) of the field dressed weight. And, bone will weigh from 13.8% (yearling) up to 12.4% (mature buck) of the field dressed weight. The bottom line is that 67% to 70% of the weight of a field dressed deer will be usable meat. Don't forget the other edible parts of the deer: liver, heart, tongue, and even kidneys that are great when properly harvested and prepared. *Bon appetite!*

### Quiz by Jim Tate

#### For more information:

[https://www.butcher-packer.com/index.php?main\\_page=document\\_general\\_info&products\\_id=331](https://www.butcher-packer.com/index.php?main_page=document_general_info&products_id=331)

<https://www.wideopenspaces.com/heres-a-video-showing-how-much-meat-you-should-expect-from-a-whitetail-deer/>

<https://www.vcalc.com/wiki/AndrewBudd/How+much+meat+on+a+deer+%28field+dressed%29>

## 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.

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, September 12, 2020	7:00am
Saturday, September 26, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, October 10, 2020	7:30am

### 2020 FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON

Saturday, November 7, 2020	7:30am
Saturday, November 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

## Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair  
jmandeldesign@gmail.com

We have wrapped up an extremely successful season at the Archery facility.

Thank you to all the ROs who have worked so hard to make this abbreviated program a winner.

The 3-D course was taken down this year in half the time with half the staff because the UTV made it a snap. Of course, getting access to the archery woods via UTV required a ton of trail work. The work paid off; for years to come, the Archery Woods will be far more easily maintained with the Kubota.

The Target Range, as always, is open...all day every day, sunrise to sunset.



PHOTO BY CHUCK THORNTON

*Suzanne Papiewski – Sunset on the Range*

Hold Harmless forms must be filled out by all non-members and slipped into kiosk slot.

September 12th – the Archery Range is joining the Shotgun and Rifle/Pistol ranges to host a Youth Shooting Sports day. (See Newsletter Calendar)

September 19th – will be a Venture Scout 496 Archery Day at the Range and Pavilion. The campers will stay the night, so we will shut down the range starting early afternoon Saturday until late morning Sunday.

Fun season. Looking forward to the next.

If you'd like to be an RO or simply be on our mailing list, please contact me, Jack Mandel, jmandeldesign@gmail.com, or Marc Bouchard, combat750@gmail.com, for more info.

## Maryland Division Meeting

Bob Pavlick, National Director  
301 349-5892 roberpav1@comcast.net

The Fall Division Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17, at the Mount Airy Chapter in Frederick County. Physical address is 6645 Woodville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771, and telephone number is 301 829-2998. Join us for coffee and donuts at 9:00am; the meeting begins at 10:00am.

Masks and social distancing are required. The meeting is open to all members.

All Chapter Presidents, State Delegates, and National Directors will receive the meeting packets when they become available. You can also request a packet by contacting Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net.



PHOTO BY ARTHUR BELENDIUK



## Chestnut Hybrid Project at the Green House

Blaine Elkins, Chestnut Committee Chair  
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B-CC IWLA is partnering with the Maryland Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation (MDTACF) to raise hybrid chestnut seedlings as part of a program to breed trees that are resistant to the chestnut blight fungus that eradicated the American chestnut from the Eastern U.S. over 100 years ago. The seedlings growing at the greenhouse site are, on average, 7/8 or 15/16 American chestnut. They are descended from crosses between pure American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*), which are highly susceptible to the blight fungus, and Chinese chestnut (*Castanea mollissima*) trees, which are highly resistant. They have been back-crossed to wild American trees over 3-4 generations to dilute out all Chinese chestnut traits except blight resistance.

The ongoing, multi-decade project has reached the point where MDTACF has mother trees that show elevated resistance to blight but are otherwise indistinguishable from pure American chestnut trees. These mothers are now being evaluated for how much resistance they pass on to their offspring, so that MDTACF can select the most promising mother trees for further breeding. Last summer and this summer, MDTACF inoculated dozens of seedlings from each candidate mother tree at a greenhouse at the Baltimore Agricultural Center in Cockeysville. By October 2020, we expect to have results indicating which mother trees produce the most resistant offspring. Offspring from those mothers will be overwintered here in Poolesville, and individually screened for resistance in 2021. The remaining seedlings, which may also have elevated resistance, but will not be used in MDTACF's breeding program, will be available to B-CC chapter. Some will be planted elsewhere on the farm and the rest will be available to chapter members for planting at their homes.

## Opening Day Dove Hunt

On the first day of September, some 40 B-CC members kicked off the fall hunting season at the chapter's traditional Opening Day Dove Hunt. The weather cooperated nicely, staying cool and rainless all day; the fields, thanks to hard work and careful management by Phil Taylor, our Farm Chairman, produced a beautiful sunflower crop; and the doves flew on schedule.



PHOTO BY JOE TROTTER

Dove Field

2nd VP Walt Allensworth organized and hosted the day, donating all of the venison as well. He was joined by President Ron Marchessault and 1st VP Lin Tate to greet hunters at a check-in table covered with deer and wildebeest hides, serving grilled venison sausages and occasional hunting advice. Carol Hulce-Efdimis, with a little help from Lin Tate, Christine Peterson and Jim Hubbard, grilled many more venison sausages, bratwurst and hot dogs at the shotgun range, to finish the day with a socially-distanced barbecue as hunters exchanged (mostly accurate) success stories. Several hunters reported bagging approximately a dozen birds, and other hunters reported shooting a dozen times per bird!



PHOTO BY LIN SCHMALE-TATE

Walt Allensworth, Phil Taylor, and Chapter President Ron Marchessault welcomed chapter members.

Phil will continue to manage our fields for fall plantings, benefiting not just the birds, but other wildlife as well, including the B-CC deer population. Several other activities are planned by the various committee chairs, including the special three-range shooting day just for youth. The B-CC Conservation Farm is open to members for fall picnics, hunting, fishing, bird-watching, and nature-walks, as well as sport shooting at all of the ranges and just sitting on the front porches ... come enjoy!



PHOTO BY WALT ALLENSWORTH

William Deutermann with his Flintlock

### As a reminder...

All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

## For the Birds: BirdCasting the Dove Opener

Jim Tate  
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We conducted an interesting experiment for a few days prior to the September 1st opener of Mourning Dove (MODO) season. We looked at the idea that we could possibly predict the bird migration, and thus the likely presence or absence of abundant doves in our area using a Doppler radar app designed for other purposes. Jeff Seaman reminded us that we had tried to explain the lack of doves at the 2019 opener with a lack of migrants. During this year's experiment, we observed bird migration in real time and watched the effect of the remnants of Hurricane Laura on bird migration.

Briefly, the US NEXRAD weather surveillance radar network has been trained over the last 23 years to graphically display bird migration in an app called BirdCast <https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/migration-forecast-maps/>. In our experiment, we compared this depiction of bird migration to our local field observations on the Conservation Farm and in nearby portions of Montgomery County, MD. The testable assumption was that bird migration in general would predict what one species, MODO populations, revealed over the same time period. You can go to BirdCast and pull up the days mentioned here and see for yourself: <https://birdcast.info/live-migration-maps/>.

**This is what we found** – The MODO breeding season had been quite successful this year in the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve, with triple-broods and lots of young MODOs seen daily.

*Migration the nights of Thursday, August 27 to Friday, August 28 and Friday, August 28 to Saturday, August 29 was very small, never exceeding 7 to 10 thousand birds/km/hr. Much of that migration observed appeared to be birds leaving our area for areas to the south and southeast.*

*Bird Migration as depicted by BirdCast changed the night of Saturday, August 29 to Sunday, August 30. Birds filled the skies from sunset to sunrise everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains. Our area had readings as high as 50 thousand birds /km/hr. passing over most of the night.*

*Sunday, August 30 to Monday, August 31 showed another very strong migration in the entire eastern US with a hole in the flow of migrants around the remnants of hurricane Laura. I wondered at the time if there would be a 'migrant fallout' in our area as the storm passed the DC metro area.*

A 'fallout' is a condition where occasionally a stalled weather front causes thousands of birds to drop into a relatively small area, to the joy of birders who are out in that area at that time. Fallouts are rare enough to be mentioned on the social media devoted to birdwatching if and when they happen.

On Monday morning we checked in the woods near our house and by asking local birders if they had observed a fallout. There was no apparent 'fallout' in our area on Monday morning.

At this point we needed to be thinking about Tuesday where the weather projection was for continuing rain. Tuesday, the September 1 opening day for MODO, began with light clouds that cleared by mid-morning, temperatures in the 70s and low humidity. A great day to be afield. The hunt began at noon.

During the post-hunt picnic, hunters relayed their mostly truthful accounts of how well they did, and how successful

the day had been for them. Several full limits of MODOs were reported, along with several more partial limits. Populations of MODOs were much better than 2019 when available forage and field conditions were very similar, but BirdCast observations had shown no migration prior to the opener.

Thank you Jeff. Your suggestion to follow the migration on BirdCast for a second year was a good one. I think even if our predictions are still tentative until we test them a few more times, the experiment provided a lot of fun. Who knows, BirdCast may be a reliable predictor of good MODO hunt days.

## Bow Drill Fire Class

Jack Kang, Campground Committee Chair  
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Bow drill friction fire class, open to all Chapter members, will be held at the Fox Campground on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. In addition to bow drill fire, the class will cover proper fire construction, types of tinder, fire by Ferrocerium rod.

Reservations are required. Please email [jackhkang@gmail.com](mailto:jackhkang@gmail.com) to reserve a spot in the class.



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The September Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 7:30pm (**note new time**). Officers and Board members will meet in person in the Great Room of the Chapterhouse. Masks and social distancing are required. Non Board members are encouraged to join the meeting via Zoom.

## Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in August:

**Neel R. Gearhart**

*Interests:* Archery; Farm; Nature Trail

**Roy Johnson, Jr.**

*Interests:* Family Picnic; Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol

**Chris Midberry**

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

**Charlie Myers**

*Interests:* Photography; Recreational Activities; Rifle & Pistol

**John F. Myers, Jr.**

*Interests:* Hunter Education; Ponds & Streams Management; Rifle & Pistol

**Will Myers**

*Interests:* Hunter Education; Ponds & Streams Management; Rifle & Pistol

**Greg Woodman**

*Interests:* Rifle & Pistol

## 2020 NestWatch Wrap-up

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator  
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**Nest sites monitored in 2020: 61**

**Species monitored:** Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds

It was a banner year for Purple Martins at the conservation farm: 36 nests, 221 eggs, 170 young, and 153 fledglings! Their first egg was laid on May 20 and the last healthy clutch fledged in late July. A clutch of five chicks, due to fledge in early August, was lost in late July due to the extreme heat that month and the location of the nest just below the top compartment in one of the metal houses. Other single martin nestlings were lost in various nests, cause unknown. There was no evidence of snake predation this season. And as was the case in 2019, we still had instances of egg piercing, likely by house sparrows.

The Tree Swallow and Eastern Bluebird young and fledgling numbers have been pretty consistent over the past two seasons. Again, we observed competition between the species for nestboxes. In two cases, a Tree Swallow nest with five eggs (normal clutch size) was supplanted by an Eastern Bluebird nest. And Tree Swallows took over a bluebird nest, killing, we believe, five bluebird nestlings, then building a nest on top of the chicks. The adults began a nest in a vacant box nearby and five bluebird nestlings were raised and successfully fledged. Eastern Bluebirds opened nesting season at the conservation farm by laying the first egg on March 30, a full two weeks earlier than in 2019. Bluebirds also ended the nesting season with the last clutch of 3 nestlings at the small pond, fledging on August 23. Tree Swallows laid their first egg on May 4 and saw their last clutch fledge in July.

Many thanks to Theresa Zmola, Ethan Zmola, Peter Cappellino, Amelia Cappellino, and Brett Davis, who made up our nest box monitoring team. The team maintained the

chapter's nest boxes, relocated a few, and added others. The team is grateful to Tom Lamkin, Mike Noble, and Phil Taylor for cutting the grass around the nest boxes. And thanks to Larry Anderson for installing a 12-gourd system for the martins, which was inhabited to capacity soon after the martin colony arrived in May. And finally, thanks to the may changer members who encouraged us along the way.

The NestWatch data appear below:

### I. Total nesting attempts:

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2020	79	402	310	284
2019	52	226	182	162
2018	34	142	123	104
2017	24	109	102	92

### II. Species summaries:

#### Purple Martins

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2020	36	221	170	153
2019	19	78	51	38
2018	5	unknown	19	15

#### Tree Swallows

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2020	14	71	46	46
2019	11	47	44	43
2018	7	unknown	32	25
2017	5	18	18	13

#### Eastern Bluebirds

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2020	25	110	94	85
2019	22	95	82	81
2018	17	unknown	72	64
2017	18	86	79	74

## Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair  
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There will be **no sporting clays** on **Tuesday, September 1** due to the opening of dove season.

**The range will be closed at 3:00pm on Mondays in order to set up for the Tuesday Sporting Clays.**

### RANGE OFFICERS

- **Both of the skeet fields are now wireless. The controllers are in the safe. Please return them to the range house after each round.**
- Check your duty day(s) and let me know if you are able to do them.
- Check the Range Officer Schedule below for open days that need to be covered; if anyone can cover, please let me know.
- If you have not signed up for a duty day, please contact me.
- Any range officers that missed their duty day during the closure and would like to make it up please let me know.
- Make sure all release cords and extension cords 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

#### SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 6	Ed Stewart, <b>Need a Range Officer</b>
Sunday, Sept. 13	Bill Williams, Jim Terry, Dale Beitzel
Sunday, Sept. 20	Bill Williams, Jim Terry, Doug Martin
Sunday, Sept. 27	Brian Gleicher, <b>Need a Range Officer</b>

#### OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 4	Richard Riccio, Stephen Ives
Sunday, Oct. 11	Kevin King, Jeff Schilling, Hiep Nguyen
Sunday, Oct. 18	Tim Jorgensen, John Novak, Shannon Novak
Sunday, Oct. 25	<b>Need Range Officers</b>

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays  
Tuesdays 3:00pm to 6:00pm Sporting Clays **Only**  
*Sign up for Tuesday shoots on the website (bcciwla.org) (Sign Up Genius)*

## Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair  
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer  
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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

#### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 5  
Sunday, Sept. 6  
Saturday, Sept. 12

**Zoulis, T., Yu, Z.**  
**Yu, Z., Dickerson, C., Neily, J.**  
**YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS DAY:**  
**Latimer, R., Ma, A., Hensley, J.,**  
**Maisel, J., Haake, T., Gentzel, K.,**  
**Campagna, C., Belendiuk, A., King, D.,**  
**Burns, M., Peterson, C., Eschholz, S.**  
**Hensley, J., Haake, T., King, D.,**  
**Hammes, P.**  
**Leahy, M., Betmarik, J.,**  
**Calderwood Jr., J.**  
**Calderwood Jr., J., Wight, A.,**  
**Widenhofer, S., Leahy, M.**  
**Sanfuentes, J., Reilly, J., Donovan P.,**  
**Finnegan, J., King, B.**  
**Johnson, G., Schilling, J., King, K.**

Sunday, Sept. 13  
Saturday, Sept. 19  
Sunday, Sept. 20  
Saturday, Sept. 26  
Sunday, Sept. 27

#### OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 3  
Sunday, Oct. 4  
Saturday, Oct. 10  
Sunday, Oct. 11  
Saturday, Oct. 17  
Sunday, Oct. 18

**Snider, J., Pedersen, P., Hi, P.,**  
**Howard, C.**  
**Princiotto, M., Mense, M., Snider, J.,**  
**Howard, C.**  
**Bissett, R., Yau, T., Terrell, J.,**  
**Johnson, G.**  
**Terrell, J., Jones, R., Bryan, K.**  
**Wadsworth, H., Chung, K.**  
**Betmarik, J., Riccio, R., Ives, S.,**  
**Urigo, C.**  
**Flinchum, D., Behrend, D., Griffin, D.,**  
**Sanfuentes, J.**  
**Lowe, C., Flinchum, D., Jones, R.**  
**Griffin, J., Yau, T., White, M.,**  
**Crowe, C.**

Saturday, Oct. 24  
Sunday, Oct. 25  
Saturday, Oct. 31

#### NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 1  
Saturday, Nov. 7  
Sunday, Nov. 8  
Saturday, Nov. 14  
Sunday, Nov. 15  
Saturday, Nov. 21  
Sunday, Nov. 22  
Friday, Nov. 27

**Keller, A., Bixler, D., Drummond, R.,**  
**Chung, K.**  
**Behrend, D., Pedersen, P., Keller, A.,**  
**Hodgson, E.**  
**Mense, M., Crowe, C., Princiotto, M.,**  
**Drummond, R.**  
**Kang, J., Kang, M., White, M., Kang,**  
**Y., Bissett, R.**  
**Bryan, K.**  
**Hodgson, E., Kang, M., Kang, Y.,**  
**Kang, J.**  
**Lowe, C.**  
**Bixler, D.**

## From the Bee Yard

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In case you were wondering about what is going on in the bee yard as you drive in and out of B-CC IWLA, here is an update.

There are currently three live colonies in the yard. The bulk of what you see is in-used equipment. At one time, there have been up to twenty-five live colonies in the yard.

The bee colonies are protected by an electric fence from bears and skunks. One skunk can eat up to two hundred bees a night. And one bear can completely destroy everything! Bears are primarily interested in eating the bee's brood because it is protein. The honey serves as a very delicious dessert.

Chapter members, through the actions of Farm Chairman Phil Taylor, paid for the electric-fence charger. A big thank you to all members of the Chapter for this support.

Let's wind up today's bee notes with a little history and biography. The Chapter's bee yard was formerly run by Mr. Bill Cunningham, and in the year 2000, when I joined B-CC IWLA, I found the yard inactive. I asked around the chapter's leadership and was given Mr. Cunningham's contact information. I called him up and got his permission to start keeping bees in the yard. He said that he was past the age of keeping bees anymore and would soon be moving into his son's house because he was not physically able to do much anymore. Several years later he passed away, and the world lost a good person who also happened to be a beekeeper and a chapter member.

I am the current beekeeper. My name is Robert (Bob) Mackleer, Jr., and I can be contacted by email at rmackleerjr@gmail.com or phone at 301 908-7605. I prefer that you text or leave a message if you use the phone. I cannot always answer when I am on duty at work. There are several people in the chapter who have expressed interest in beekeeping so let's get in touch!

Regards,  
BeeBob!



Here is a look inside a box



This is the locust tree bloom. This blooms right before the major honey producer - the Tulip poplar tree.



This is me in my bee gear in the yard - a bee selfie.

PHOTOS BY BOB MACKLEER, JR.