



OCTOBER 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

Dear Fellow Members,

This month our Chapter will hold its 1,020th consecutive Membership Meeting and that translates into meeting monthly for eighty-five years. A true milestone for any organization. Members might not know that we received our charter from the Izaak Walton League of America in October 1935. In 1935, our Founding members met at their homes and at local restaurants in Bethesda. The Chapter did not purchase the original farm corpus of 366 acres until 1949. Certainly, a lot of change has happened since 1935. It was not until thirty-eight years later that our Articles of Incorporation were received and approved by the State of Maryland, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, on October 30, 1973. We have now grown into an IWLA Chapter with an expanding membership; currently at 942 members, diverse outdoor activities, and the 624-acre conservation farm we have today. I encourage everyone to meet with Jim Tate and Bill Gordon, our Archives Committee and with Don Perino, our Archeology Committee. They are great folks to speak with and to learn from about our Chapter's history.

Thank you all for participating in our Fall Cleanup Day Activities. All your efforts in cleaning, sweeping, raking, clearing, clipping, pruning, etc. on the farm is much needed and appreciated. These activities are necessary to prepare our property over the Fall and Winter months for Spring growth.

The Islands Committee is actively collecting and collating all available information regarding the 'Islands Question' and when prepared they will present this information to the Membership for review. A Membership 'Special Meeting' will be scheduled to discuss the information and clarify ambiguities. After which a Membership vote on this matter will then be added to the calendar.

In closing, it is wonderful to be part of an organization that has witnessed so much over eighty-five years and continues to evolve into something still greater. I think about the numerous memories that I have and that other members must also have about when they were first introduced to our Chapter and how it continues to play a significant role in their lives today. We will continue to grow young because of our new members.

So, come visit the Chapter, it is a wonderful experience and bring a friend!

Stay safe.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly *dinner* scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The 1,020th monthly Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:45pm. Contact information is listed below and the link to the meeting can also be found on the website calendar.

All prospective members should arrive into the chapter Zoom meeting at least 15 minutes early to be recorded in the attendance roll.

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Hunting on our Farm...

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.

Board of Governors

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

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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 August 2020 Board of Governors Meeting and the September 2020 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
301 325-7454 ringfort3@gmail.com

August 26, 2020 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Reading of the Minutes of previous BOG meeting
- President's report:
 - We've received questions regarding the islands that will be answered and sent to those who attended the meeting, as well as a question and answer memo for general membership.
 - Council Member Hans Riemer sent a message about the Zoning Text Amendment for solar panels and a webinar that people can watch about it.
 - We may receive a number of state awards at the next membership meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Motion to move to executive session on Legacy Foundation Memorandum of Understanding with Legacy. Motion passes.
- Motion to move to executive session on Legacy Foundation appointments. Motion passes.
- **Conservation Farm:** Phil Taylor reports that stone has been applied to the North East woods parking lot, and the winter cover crop is in.
- **Security Committee:** Main gate motors are being replaced.
- Spoke about rain tax and how any crushed rock can increase our taxes.
- **Maryland Division Report/State Division:** State division needs a new treasurer.
- **Archives Committee:** New cloud services to archive documents.
- **Forest Mitigation:** Sales are still going strong! We transferred close to \$70,000 to Legacy Foundation recently. We have 12.74 reforestation credits remaining.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Motion to approve four membership applications. Motion passes unanimously.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- Publications for press release – assignments: Monocle, Plenty, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Montgomery Public Access, Connection Newspapers, WDVM Hagerstown; WAMU local.

1,019th Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2020

- Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.
- **President's Report:** President Marchessault recognized Janet Lamkin for an outstanding September Newsletter. Updates on the Chestnut Hybrid Project, the apiary, the dove opener, and NestWatch were particularly appreciated.

AWARDS

Cherie Aker of the Maryland IWLA presented the following awards to B-CC IWLA:

- Montgomery County Alliance Honor Roll
- Conservation Award to John Lamb
- Ed Turner Awards to Scott Harmon, Robert Pavlick, and Janet and Tom Lamkin
- Elizabeth Welch Award to Ponds & Streams Committee, John Novak

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SUMMARY

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Past President Jeff Seaman presented the following awards:

- John Tobin Award to Jim Tate and Bill Gordon
- Jamison Award to John Novak
- President's Award to Tucker Mostrom

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Treasurer:** The four chapter accounts will be readjusted and reconciled at the September BOG meeting.
- **Membership:** Work hours now may be submitted electronically and will be reviewed by committee chairs. There were discussions regarding exemption from and donation of work hours. Exemption is covered in the bylaws. Donation could be problematic with IRS given our status as a 501(c)3 organization. There were 23 prospective members at the meeting and 3 new members were sworn in.
- **Conservation Farm:** 47 acres of fall coverage were planted, including clover and oats.
- **Security:** With limited resources for rigorous sanitation, the Chapter House remains closed except for BOG meetings where social distancing can be implemented. A new gate motor and sensors have been installed, entry cards synced and the gate itself was straightened. The gate may not withstand another collision. If there is a loss of power or activation of an alarm, the gate will lock itself open.
- **Legislative Outreach:** New representative(s) needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Solar Zoning Text Amendment:** MoCo council votes 9/29. Our objections have been filed; any members wishing to comment further may contact councilmember Sidney Katz.
- **Island Acquisition:** Further discussion proceeded. A sub-committee is creating a concise compendium of members' relevant questions and agreed-upon committee responses, to be distributed internally. Any decisions will be held off until all members have all relevant information (see below). It was stressed that we are under no pressure to proceed and this should be considered only after informed deliberation.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Island Acquisition:** A discussion was had regarding a special meeting or meetings for this consideration. The Membership agreed that no action should be taken until after all relevant information is made available. The following Motion was put to vote, as recollected by your correspondent:

The Motion is to postpone any action on all or any part of the Island Project until more than 30 days after all relevant information from the Island Committee, including the compilation of members' questions and committee answers, have been provided to the membership. After such provision a meeting will be scheduled. A second dedicated meeting may be scheduled more than 30 days from the first, if necessary. The expectation is that the issue will come to a vote when appropriate.

The motion passed by majority vote. It was stressed that all deliberations regarding the island project must be kept internal.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- It was suggested that prospective members RSVP for orientation tours. Eligible prospective members can pay dues at orientation and receive activated entry cards.

- For Global Ecology initiative Interpretive tours for Poolesville HS students discussed. Discussion was had regarding recording such tours. On November 7 two tours are scheduled.
- Discussion was had regarding pending approval of B-CC IWLA for MoCo Student Service Learning hours. As of now, students require a teacher's approval.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

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

Maryland Division Meeting at the Mount Airy Chapter

Saturday, October 17

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

1,020th Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

6:45pm

via Zoom

October New-Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, October 24

10:00am – 1:00 noon

Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range

Sunday, October 25

9:00am

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

7:30pm

BOG at Chapterhouse; Membership via Zoom

Future Events

Build and Launch a Rocket

Date to be determined

Kids' Fishing at the Big Pond

Date to be determined

REMEMBER...

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

Chapter's Organization Master Plan

Ron Marchessault, Jr., Chapter President
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The Advance Planning and Finance Committee met on Saturday, September 19, 2020 to discuss and plan normal fiscal year Chapter operations. Included on the agenda was a discussion to actualize a Master Plan outlined by George Coakley, Environmental Stewardship Committee Chairman, and past President, in December 2019. This will be a significant undertaking; but is needed as we continue to grow as an organization.

"The responsibility and goal of the Master Plan group of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA) is to create and periodically update a Master Plan for consideration and adoption by the Board of Governors and Chapter members. Such plan should reflect the social, economic, and physical realities facing the Chapter.

The Plan is intended to help the Chapter achieve its full potential and enable the leaders and members to implement a vision for how the Chapter is to look and function in the future. The Plan includes some of the recommended tools necessary for its proper execution.

Important features of the 2020 Plan, based on various sources, are to ensure that the characteristics that make the Chapter unique are preserved and strengthened in future years and that efforts for improvement are encouraged and supported." – George Coakley

Date: The initial meeting date will be forthcoming.

Committee Members: The Master Plan Committee shall be represented by Board Members, Committee Members, Past Presidents, and general membership.

Specific Skills: Members with experience as a Discussion Facilitator and/or having participated in developing a Master Plan for another organization is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration, please do hesitate to contact me.

Youth Range Day

Carol Hulce-Efdimis
carol2017@aol.com

On Saturday, September 12, the Archery, R&P, and Shotgun Ranges decided to make lemonade out of lemons. Due to Hunter Safety being cancelled that weekend, the ranges decided to turn it over to those 18 and under. There was an active number of participants on all 3 ranges that learned safety and received instruction. It seems like a good time was had by all so the decision was made to hold this event again.

I would like to hear thoughts and ideas from those that participated or would like to participate in the future so we can fine-tune this event. Please contact me at Carol2017@aol.com.

B-CC QUIZ

Question: The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America was chartered –

- A. 75 years ago.
- B. 85 years ago.
- C. 95 years ago.
- D. We don't know for certain.

Answer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Target Delivery – Shotgun Range

Saturday, October 24

Meet at range at 8:00am

Chestnut Committee

Help with various projects needed

Contact Blaine Elkins – blaineelkins@verizon.net

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

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@verizon.net, if interested.

Maryland Division Meeting

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

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in September.

Sean W. Case

Interests: Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

Kelly J. Guerrero

Interests: Archery; Hunter Education; Nature Trail

Barry F. Peters

Interests: Hunter Education; Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
OCTOBER		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Saturday, October 3	Fall Cleanup/Work Day (lunch will be provided)	8:15am –
Sunday, October 4	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
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
Sunday, October 11	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 17	Maryland Division Fall Meeting at the Mt. Airy Chapter	9:00am
Sunday, October 18	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, October 21	1020th Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Thursday, October 22	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed – Muzzleloader Season	All Day
Friday, October 23	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed – Muzzleloader Season	All Day
Saturday, October 24	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed – Muzzleloader Season	All Day
Saturday, October 24	Shotgun Range – Target Delivery – volunteers needed	8:00am
Saturday, October 24	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at Chapterhouse	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, October 25	Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	starting at 9:00am
Wednesday, October 28	Board of Governors Meeting – BOG at Chapterhouse; Membership Via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, October 30	November Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
NOVEMBER		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Sunday, November 1	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, November 7	Biathlon Practice at R&P Range	7:30am
Sunday, November 8	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, November 14	Biathlon Practice at R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, November 14	Advanced Planning & Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, November 15	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 18	1021st Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Wednesday, November 18	Board of Governors Meeting – via Zoom	immediately following Membership Meeting
Sunday, November 22	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at Chapterhouse	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, November 22	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, November 27	December Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
DECEMBER		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Sunday, December 6	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, December 13	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, December 16	1022nd Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Wednesday, December 16	Board of Governors Meeting – via Zoom	immediately following Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 19	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at Chapterhouse	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, December 20	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, December 27	Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand	9:00am – 5:00pm
Monday, December 28	January Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
<p>The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season. Check the online www.bcciwla.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.</p>		

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, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

As a reminder...

The chapterhouse is currently closed and off limits to members.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the November 2020 newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.**

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

The tour will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
jmandeldesign@gmail.com

Archery is typically the first shooting sport that we participate in, and the Archery Committee is dedicated to helping new archers get involved in shooting sports. We have hosted record numbers of shooters this year and are proud to be the gateway to new membership for B-CC IWLA.

The Archery 3-D course has been stowed for the season, but the Target Range is open for business all year long. Our ROs have been generously using their time on the range to train beginning archers; we will continue to teach throughout the year.

If you would like to learn how to shoot, please contact us by email addresses below, and we can meet you out there.

The Archery Facility mainly consists of: the Pavilion, the Target Range, and the 3-D Course in the Archery Woods. The Pavilion has grilling facilities and a firepit along with space for camping. If you are a member, we encourage you to come down and use it!

We have recently hosted a Venture Scout 496 Beginning Archery Seminar, a Cub Scout monthly meeting, various overnight campers and many, many beginning archery tutorials.

Campers and scout groups must register in advance via email. Contacts: Jack Mandel, jmandeldesign@gmail.com and Marc Bouchard, combat750@gmail.com.

Youth Day at the Ranges was a great success. The archery range had steady stream of participants, mostly youth accompanied by one or more parent, and all were treated to expert instruction by ROs Scott, Deborah, Dave, Marc, Matt, and John. This was a beautiful idea hatched by Carol Hulce-Efdimis, and we are hoping this event becomes an institution!



Venture Scout 496 Beginning Archery Seminar



At our September Committee Meeting, we agreed to hold a bow maintenance clinic this winter. Date TBD.

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 Committee Report

Joe Trotter, Membership Secretary
210 352-0055 MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

The 2021 IWLA membership renewal season has officially begun!

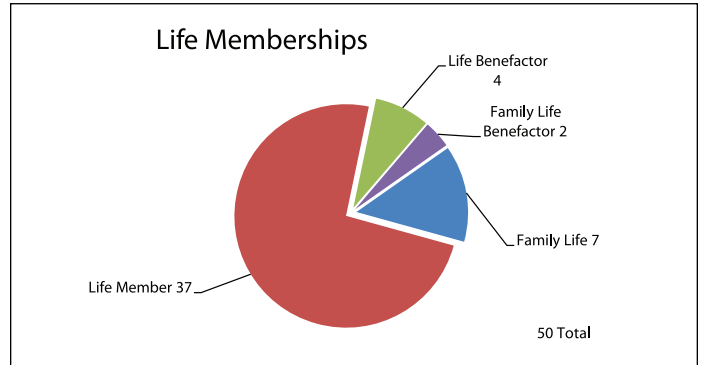
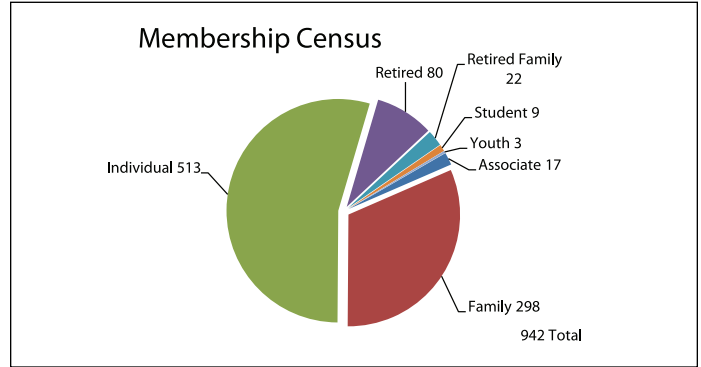
- Please note that the method of submitting volunteer hours has changed. There is an online form where members must submit their own hours, which can then be reviewed by committee chairs.
- Members themselves must double-check with their committee chairs to ensure that credit for their hours worked has 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

For ongoing membership or 2021 renewal questions:

- Any members who have not received an invoice by September 26, 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.

The October 2020 New-Member Orientation Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at 10:00am.

The active membership breakdown as of this printing is:



Participants of the September 2020 New-Member Orientation Tour

FUN SHOOT AT THE SHOTGUN RANGE

Sunday, October 25

Starting at 9:00am

More information about shoot will be sent out by e-blast.

A Trip Through Time-

Jim Tate
jim@tate-tate.org

Ten thousand years ago hunter-gatherer paleo-peoples occupied the north shore of a continent rich in biodiversity. They lived just above the geologic fall line of a great river coming out of the hills to the west.

Three thousand years ago about eight thousand woodland people, most of whom spoke variations of the Algonquin language group, lived in this same area. One of the names they used for the river was 'Potomac', meaning, "place where people trade."

Three hundred years ago Europeans discovered, explored, and settled the area, rather quickly displacing the previous occupants. About 250 years ago, The Colony of Maryland was established by the English loyalist, Lord Baltimore. Robert Peter, the first mayor of Georgetown in Washington, DC was deemed about one thousand acres of land in the area which he named 'Crossbasket' after his ancestral home in Scotland.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter (B-CC) of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) was chartered by the State of Maryland on October 23, 1935 and designated the B-CC chapter by IWLA National in January of 1936, with an initial membership of fifteen hunters, fishermen, and dog handlers.

In late June of 1949 the chapter purchased a 366-acre portion of the original Crossbasket, now a depleted farm, south of Poolesville, Maryland. The title history of the land now called 'Charbasket' includes Robert Peter's heirs and others.

In 2020, when this 'Trip Through Time' was written, B-CC IWLA has grown to about one thousand members, added acreage to the original purchase and now manages a Conservation Farm of nearly one square mile in the midst of the Montgomery County Agriculture Reserve. A more thorough, soon to be revised, look at the history of the B-CC IWLA and its properties can be found at <http://bcciwla.org/chapter-history/>.

Quiz Question answer is: B. By the State of Maryland on October 23, 1935. Eighty-five years ago. The 'History' page on our website states, B-CC was chartered on October 23, 1935. This refers to the State of Maryland incorporation. Appendix 2.2 of the Archives states that the IWLA National Charter document did not survive the chapter house fire of 1988, and that National does not have copies of chartering documents. We found a Petition for Charter in Appx. 2.1 of the archives dated January 20, 1936 indicating that the chapter was designated the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter in January 1936.

We have a better idea about when the initial purchase for the B-CC Conservation Farm was made- in late June of 1949 (deed of sale June 23, 1949, certificate of title June 28, 1949). So, it appears the first purchase for the farm was made seventy-one years ago last June.

NOTICE: The information in this article is available because of the B-CC Archives program and the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. We are entering a new phase of the Archives Program and more help is needed for double-checking available items, downloading, and managing the collection of documents. Please contact either Bill Gordon or Jim Tate if you can help. Your volunteer hours helping the Archives Committee will count toward your annual volunteer requirement.

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

Muzzleloading enthusiasts will gather for the annual Black Powder Clinic and Shooting Match, Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Did you receive a blackpowder firearm as a present and don't know what to do with it? Are you ready to test your skills against others in the afternoon shooting match and compete for prizes? Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity for knowledgeable instruction, loads of fun, and the unique smell of blackpowder smoke!

Participants will meet at the Rifle & Pistol Range at 9:00am. Inlines, percussion or flintlock shooters are all welcome. There will be instruction time for new shooters or those with new muzzleloaders while "veterans" and more experienced shooters will sight-in their guns.



Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark Gochnour know in your email that you would like to try one out so he can arrange for a loaner. Learn directly from individuals having experience and knowledge. (Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder

Instructor.) If you have never fired a black powder gun or you have one you have never used before or are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, come during the morning but stay for the shoot! Last year, one shooter used a loaner gun to compete in the shooting match and turned out to be excellent marksman!

Lunch will be served in the Chapter House around 12:00 noon with the shooting competition beginning at 1:00pm.

Match Participants will be provided opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including last year's favorite – The Flopping Plate. Targets will be shot at a variety of ranges from up close and out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters. An overall Grand Prize could be a frozen turkey or ham.



Due to safety issues, only muzzleloader shooting participants will be allowed to use the Range since the availability of shooting lanes may be limited. (After the afternoon shooting match, Range Officers and their guests may shoot.)

Contact Mark Gochnour at mgdonutman@gmail.com for further details, questions, or to pre-register for the event. It is important to contact him; especially, if you are bringing a new gun because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of and its lack could sabotage your experience.

Cost is only \$20 for the entire event, which includes lunch and the shooting match. Any applicable R&P range fees are extra.



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The September Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28, at 7:30pm**. **Officers and Board members will meet in the chapterhouse; membership will attend via Zoom**. Contact information is listed below and the link to the meeting can also be found on the website calendar.

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- 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

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	Need Range Officers

NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 1	Harold Hoffman, Mike Noble
Sunday, Nov. 8	Rick Tomlin, John Frick, Bill Keller
Sunday, Nov. 15	Ken Gentle, David Bixler
Sunday, Nov. 22	Keith Fungler, Steve Kirstein, George Hodge-Fulton
Sunday, Nov. 29	Need Range Officers

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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There will be a target delivery on Saturday, October 24. Anyone needing work hours please be there by 8:00am.

FALL FUN SHOOT

Shoot is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 starting at 9:00am. Please remember that there will be no Trap or Skeet shooting until the last Sporting Clays squad has shot and we have finished breaking down the course.

RANGE OFFICERS

- All range officers please check your duty days and let me know if you are able to do your duty day.
- Please check the newsletter for open days that need to be covered, and if anyone can cover, please let me know.
- Any range officer that has not signed up, please contact me.
- If you missed your duty day during the closure and would like to make it up, please let me know.
- Double-check and make sure all release cords and extension cords are returned to the range house.
- Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting.



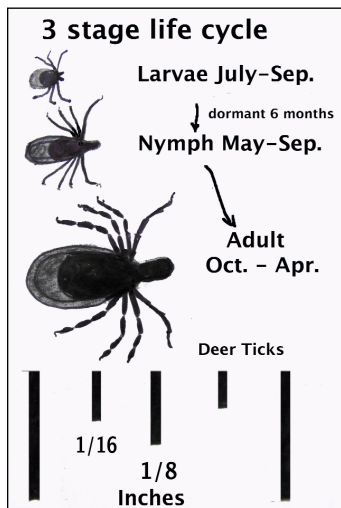
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Ticks – What You Need to Know

With the advent of Lyme disease simply enjoying the outdoors has become complicated. In addition to Lyme, ticks can potentially infect humans with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and many other diseases. Each species of tick carries its own set of risks. But suffice it to say any tick bite is potentially dangerous. The best way to avoid getting sick is to avoid being bitten.

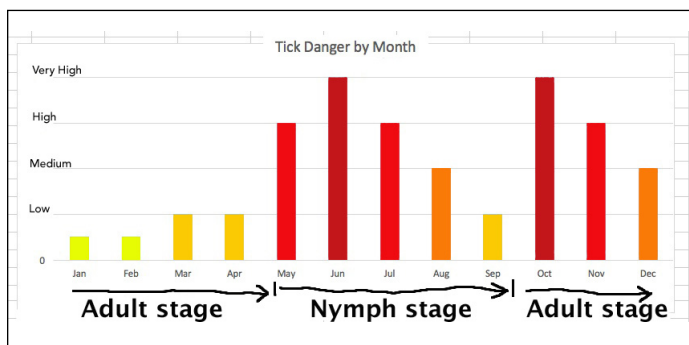
Permethrin, an insecticide, is the best defense against ticks. It must be applied to clothing hours in advance, so plan accordingly. If you can't use Permethrin then use the most concentrated formula of DEET you can find. And wearing light colored clothes makes it easier to spot a tick that's on you. In any case it's always a good idea to perform a thorough tick check upon returning home. Ticks tend to climb up and bite in hard to see places. By the way, taking a shower does not wash them off!

One sneaky habit of ticks is to ride home on your clothing. If you're not careful you can bring a tick into your home. Experts recommend, when you return from a hike, you toss your clothes in the dryer on high for 6 minutes. Washing your clothes is not effective. Between 50% to 90% of ticks survived a trip through the washing machine! In fact, all that moisture



made them even harder to kill with a subsequent trip in the dryer. Basically, ticks like moisture and hate dry heat. (Source: Lyme Disease Science Blog)

Did it ever seem like ticks were more prevalent at some times more than other times? Or, have you found something crawling on your skin and said to yourself, "This looks like a tick, but I heard they were smaller." Well here's what's going on. Ticks go through a 3-stage life cycle over a period of almost 2 years. During this time they molt twice – each time transforming into a bigger tick



(see Tick Size chart). The drawing here is for a "Deer Tick" (Black Legged Tick). Other species look a little different and adults are slightly larger. The first stage called Larvae are so small you can hardly see them. The good news is they don't yet carry disease. Ticks carry infection when they are the Nymphs and the Adults. And their desire to find a meal varies over time. Please refer to the Tick Seasonal Activity chart.

(Note that they remain a concern during winter. Anytime temperatures are above 45 degrees ticks are active.)

If you do find a tick here's how to deal with it. First, if it's not embedded in your skin, adhesive tape is a handy way to capture it and seal it up. If it is embedded then use small tweezers, grip the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull until it comes out. Avoid squeezing the body because that forces infected fluids out. If the tick is removed within the first 24 hours then the chances of bacterial infection are small. Until recently that's all we had to worry about. But, in 2010 the Powassan virus was discovered in North America. The bad news is that this infection happens instantly when the tick bites. The good news is this virus is still extremely rare. As of 2017 (the newest data I found) no cases had been reported in Maryland.

For further information the following page has a good overview: <https://www.webmd.com/rheumatoid-arthritis/arthritis-lyme-disease>.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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The Range will be **CLOSED Thursday, October 22 thru Saturday, October 24** for opening of Muzzleloader Season.

The last day the range will be open to the general membership is **Friday, November 27**. It will be closed till the first weekend in April.

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

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 3
 Sunday, Oct. 4
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Sunday, Oct. 11
 Saturday, Oct. 17
 Sunday, Oct. 18
 Saturday, Oct. 24

Snider, J., Pedersen, P., Shi, P.
 Princiotta, M., Snider, J.
 Terrell, J., Yau, T., Johnson, G.
 Jones, R., Terrell, J., Bryan, K.
 Wadsworth, H., Chung, K., Behrend, D.
 Betmarik, J., Riccio, R., Ives, S., Uργο, C.
RANGE CLOSED – Flinchum, D.,
 Griffin, J., Sanfuentes, J.
 Lowe, C., Flinchum, D., Jones, R.
 Griffin, J., Yau, T., White, M., Crowe, C.

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

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

Sunday, Nov. 22
 Friday, Nov. 27

The Bee's Corner

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Welcome again to the world of Beekeeping! As the autumn season begins, the beekeeper will prepare the colonies for colder weather by using entrance reducers. The entrance reducer serves two purposes. The first is to prevent cold weather from entering the hive and the second is to prevent mice from coming inside to get away from the bad weather! The mice also attract snakes inside to eat the mice both before and after the snakes go dormant. Sometimes a beekeeper finds both inside along with some very annoyed bees!

In the Chapter's bee yard, there is a large number of assorted bee equipment stored alongside of the boxes, which contain bees. This equipment provides an attraction to mice to spend the winter in without having to worry about the bees and without any entrance reducers. In the Spring when the beekeeper starts to check the bees and prepare the equipment, there will be several surprise discoveries of mice for the beekeeper to grumble about!

Although mice are the primary pests for the beekeeper in the autumn season, along with the occasional snake trying to eat the mice, the beekeeper has to also consider larger mammals such as bears and cattle damaging the colonies. It is for these types of animals that many beekeepers rely on an electric fence or some other type of fencing system to protect the bees. Cattle love to rub up against the bee boxes to get a good scratch and next thing you know, the bee boxes are knocked over and the bees exposed to the weather and pests such as skunks! A fence helps prevent these kinds of intrusions.

As to the bears, the best defense against bears is to never let them get a taste of the bee's brood and honey! The electric fence does a great job at keeping the curious bear from ever discovering the prize within! The bee yard at the Chapter is protected by an electric fence so hopefully none of these problems will occur!

The last large mammal pest to the bees is the human! Although most humans respect the bees and don't bother them at all, some youngsters have been known to dare each other to push the boxes over, or to bang on or throw rocks at the bee boxes! And some hunters have shot up bee boxes and caused the bees' distress or death! Luckily, the Chapter has never had any of these issues.

Vandalism is an issue at another of my bee yards, which is located at the Izaak Walton Headquarters (HQ). The late Charles Wiles gave me permission to keep bees there next to the old garden. In the last couple of years, the City of Gaithersburg and the IWLA HQ has opened up the HQ grounds to the public through the creation of a hiking and biking path which passes through grounds and links up with the greater County and City hiking and biking pathways. In the past, the HQ gate was closed outside of business hours and there was no through path. Now the HQ grounds are physically open to the public at all times.

The IWLA HQ bee yard has had several experiences of the bees being harassed. In addition, several buildings have been vandalized. These problems all came about from the increased human traffic that has occurred once the through path was completed and large numbers of people starting using it.

I had to install additional fencing and post danger signs. In addition, the Executive Director, Scott Kovarovics, was informed of the vandalism. ED Scott Kovarovics repaired sev-

eral lights, which had been broken in the area, and he contacted the City police who started patrolling the grounds.

The opening up of nature to the public by a joint City and IWLA initiative is a great thing for getting people involved in the outdoors! However bringing humans and bees closer together can be a problem for the beekeeper! If the vandalism had continued, I would have had to abandon this bee yard. Before the police started patrolling and before I had gotten the fence put up, I was doing spot checks and I caught a group of four teenagers on dirt bikes attempting to access the bee yard. They didn't hear or see me until the last minute! They jumped on their dirt bikes and took off! I think Robert Frost had it right when he wrote that poem about how good fences make for good neighbors!

Oh, did I mention those skunks? Maybe next time! See you all out at the Chapter or maybe even at HQ!

Than you all for supporting beekeeping!

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

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

B-CC Quiz Answer:

B. By the State of Maryland on October 23, 1935. Eighty-five years ago.

For more details, see the article 'A Trip Through Time' in this issue of the B-CC Newsletter

Quiz by Jim Tate

Wildlife Report

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Early deer muzzleloader season starts on Thursday, October 22nd and runs through October 31st. Antlered deer may be harvested only October 22-24th, antlerless deer may be harvested throughout the 10-day season. There is no muzzleloader hunting on Sundays during this season. Deer archery season is open throughout the muzzleloading season and archery hunters may hunt on Sundays but only until 10:30am.

From personal observations and casual reports, this year's mast crop, both hard and soft, appears to be modest to spotty this year on our farm. While there are many species of oaks on our farm, it appears the sawtooth oaks are producing the most abundant acorns this year. Our persimmon, cherry and pear trees don't have much fruit this year, perhaps due to the late May freeze. At this writing, the statewide mast report has not been published, but again casual observations suggest a lighter than normal mast crop across the state. Typically MDDNR correlates a higher deer harvest when mast crops are low due to the increased movement of deer in search of food. Thanks to the efforts of our farm committee, our fields are in good shape, with a variety of grass crops, legumes, root crops and standing corn. This abundance should support a wide variety of wildlife throughout the winter.

Again this year, the chapter has decided to adopt the guidelines and rules from MDDNR about hunting on public land by not allowing baiting on our farm. This change is being made to allow all seasons, migratory and non-migratory, to be open simultaneously without conflict in state and federal baiting prohibitions.

CWD as of now, has not been reported in counties east of Washington county. Unfortunately, there hasn't been any current reports about testing for CWD, presumably due to issues with covid. The most recent reports and updates can be found at: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/chronic-wasting-disease/>.

We ask that all hunters be safe and courteous, read and follow our rules and respect the all property lines. B-CC IWLA chapter website has our updated rules and a variety of methods to distinguish our property lines. The Chapter's Trail Guide on the website is a good way to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm. All members intending to hunt on our farm must acknowledge that they have read our rules and understand where our property lines are by registering on our website. This is an yearly requirement.

We do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. In the event that you need to track and recover a deer that makes it off our farm, members need to get permission before entering our neighbor's property. The property located to the north and west of our farm (near the big pond) on several different boundaries is owned by **Joe Morin** (301 674-5397), the property located north of the NE Woods is owned by **Vikki Van Winkle** (301 379-3560), and the property across Willard Road from the NE woods is owned/managed by **Bob Cissel** (301 775-8978). Members may enter their property only after calling them and receiving permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind.

Our farm is considered private property (MD-DNR land code 430 for harvest check in), so your current valid membership card is used as the written permission to hunt as required by MD DNR and must be carried along with your valid hunting license. Also, a current B-CC IWLA chapter vehicle decal must be visible in all vehicles on the farm. We ask that deer

and turkeys taken on our farm be recorded either in our game logbook, located outside the chapterhouse's main door; or by sending an email to andupton9@hotmail.com. When reporting your deer or turkeys, we ask for the following information; your name, doe or buck (antler count), date and weapon used, and the total number of ticks found on the ears of your deer. Other details may also be included such as estimated weight or unusual features.

Statewide only 2 bucks may be taken throughout the hunting year, only one of which can have less than 3 points on an antler. Only one buck may be taken in a weapon year. A bonus buck may be taken in region B (our region) after purchasing a bonus buck stamp and can be used for any weapon season, still maintaining the antler point restrictions. The requirement to harvest 2 does prior to using the bonus buck stamp has been removed. Fluorescent pink is an approved legal color like fluorescent orange that hunters must wear to promote hunter safety. This change will require all of hunters to watch for 2 colors in the field that will alert us to the presence of other hunters.

Bears are protected in Montgomery County and we adhere to the policies setup by MD DNR. We ask that all of our members be aware of the possibility of encountering a bear does exist while on our farm.

Happy Hunting and Good Luck. Be safe.

Catch a Poacher 24 Hour Hotline
1-800-635-6124

Citizens who supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poaching violator are eligible to receive cash rewards. Give names, addresses, vehicle descriptions, and as much information as possible. The anonymity of the caller is guaranteed.

To report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife
(Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm)
Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-463-6497

Website Update

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This month's major change is in the way members and committee chairs report volunteer hours. Under the "membership" and "volunteer" tabs on the website is a link to a new page where members must submit their own information. After submission, the data will be made available for review by the appropriate committee chairs. You can find the page at: <http://bcciwla.org/log-your-hours/>



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Saturday, October 3



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