



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

Hi Folks,

We are receiving continued encouraging news from Montgomery County reducing social distancing requirements. Let us hope this trend continues! With that said, we are now expanding our social activities out at the farm. Starting in May more indoor activities up to 50 persons can take place. Our Scouting units are taking advantage and we will begin holding an in-person and zoom optional monthly Board Meeting at the Chapter House.

The annual MD-DC Breeding Bird Atlas survey of our Conservation Farm took place on Thursday, April 29th. 50 different species of birds were identified. Thanks to all of YOU who help maintain our habitat including nesting boxes; our biodiversity is flourishing. Amazing!

This month, we also have the start of a major natural event – Brood X Cicada. See the excellent article titled: "Return of Brood X Cicadas!" by John T. Lill, PhD, George Washington University and Martha R. Weiss, PhD, Georgetown University in the April Newsletter.

In June, we will be holding our Father's Day Swap Meet, Silent Auction and Fun Shoot. All the ranges will be fully operational including a possible 'fishing derby' at the Walton (Big) Pond. A BBQ Lunch will be provided. This is our first major activity in well over a year, so drive out and enjoy the day meeting old friends and making new friends. See the Calendar and upcoming newsletters for specific information.

Do not forget our Annual Gun Raffle. If you have not purchased a ticket there is still time, but not very much. As of writing this article we have only 112 tickets out of a total of 500 available for sale. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

In closing, check the calendar for scheduled outdoor activities and come out to the farm. It is a wonderful place to enjoy nature and have fun. Hope to see you soon!

Stay Healthy!

Ron Marchessault
President

MAY 2021 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 1,027th monthly Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 19, starting at 6:45pm.**

Meeting contact information is listed below and can also be found on the website calendar.

All prospective members should arrive into chapter Zoom meetings early to sign the digital attendance form in order for the meeting to count. The link will be sent in the Zoom chat and available on the front page of the website until the morning after the meeting.

Please text us at 301 252-8825 if you have any trouble connecting or entering the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119876726?pwd=QXdldE5BVkp3c1JsR0ZNaEpGRmxKdz09>

Dial: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 891 1987 6726

Passcode: 953816



2021 IWLA Virtual National Convention July 20-23, 2021 4:00pm – 6:00pm

The League will hold a virtual convention in July minimally to elect new national officers and members of the Executive Board and consider policy resolutions submitted by chapters and divisions. All convention-related information on the date, times, format, and any additional components of the virtual convention, such as speakers or workshops, will be posted as it becomes available on the national website – iwla.org/events.

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 March 2021 Board of Governors Meeting, and April 2021 Membership Meeting

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Tucker Mostrom was thanked for hosting the MD IWLA Division on March 20.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman viewed the balances for the bank accounts, the account sheets, and the profit & loss budget performance as of April 24, 2021.
- CAPEX expenditures were discussed.
- The Treasurer noted that to date the Chapter has collected dues, initiation, and volunteer fees that are far above what has been realized historically. Membership dues collected are already 95% of the sum expected.
- Trash removal costs were investigated and found to be in line as expected.
- Pete Wirth, scouting coordinator, will get a list of Chapter chairmen and inquire about potential scout projects. These may include updated mapping of the farm and bodies of water.
- The Chapter's participation in the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry program will be highlighted in an upcoming Newsletter. A press release will be considered.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. BOG meetings will resume in-person in May; Zoom access will still be available.
 2. IT Chairman Christian Lowe discussed a timeframe for implementation of the Chapter website development updates that have been requested and funded. These include inclusion of a password-protected Members-only section behind a tight firewall.
- The Chapter House received some attention, with minor plumbing and refurbishing of the Ladies' Room with new cabinetry.
 - The Tobin and Defender awards are completed. The remainder are due in June.
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NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was passed unanimously to authorize the purchase of 100 new Farm Guides.
2. Two new members were approved unanimously and will be sworn in at the next Membership Meeting.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- We will consider a Fathers' Day swap meet/auction.
- Maybe a Past Presidents' Dinner could be held in May.
- Members are grateful to those providing the Chapter House Ladies' Room upgrades.

The meeting was adjourned 9:15pm.

April 21, 2021 – 1,026th Consecutive Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

- The Gun Raffle has 182 tickets available and will be held once 500 are sold. Proceeds will go to the CAPEX account.
- Don Perino presented a review of deer ticks and tick-related illnesses. See article in newsletter.

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SUMMARY

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- Farm Committee chair Phil Taylor reminded members that those using the UTV need to sign up for it. Members should refrain from parking vehicles around the barn.
- Fences have been placed around the old wells.
- The second chestnut orchard has been planted (n=119). 3rd & 4th generation hybrids are now available. Two means of blight mitigation are being tested: variolation and mud-packing of cankers.
- An archaeology dig is in the planning stages.
- Swap meet and auction planned for Fathers' Day June 20. Tables are limited. If questions, contact Lawrence Kotchek.
- Legislative co-Chair Bob Cissel provided updates on deer donation, commercial solar, and agriculture funding.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

- New hunter course will be on Saturday, June 5, and a sign-up sheet is soon to be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOURS

Saturday, May 22

10:00am until approximately 1:00pm

Come join us on the New Member Orientation Tour! This is the fastest way for new members to get their gate access and membership cards.

Newly initiated members who have paperwork / fees to settle, make sure to arrive between 9:00am and 9:30am.

Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth Volunteers



Subject to county guidelines, it looks like the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is on for this year. The fair starts on August 13, 2021 and runs through August 21, 2021. We are looking for volunteers to work 6-hour shifts at the Izaak Walton booth. The early shift runs 10:00am to 4:00pm and the late shift 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Volunteers get free admission and a parking pass. It's a great way to earn your volunteer hours, as well as an opportunity to promote our organization and educate the community about our mission. I'm also looking for any promotional material about the chapter and our activities that can be displayed or handed out at the booth. Please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com if you have any questions, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

DUE DATE

for the June Newsletter Articles

Friday, May 28

Submit articles to:

j.lamkin@comcast.net or

Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT... the FATHER'S DAY SWAP MEET and SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, June 20

9:00am - 3:00pm



**We all have too much stuff!
And you've had a year to see just how much...**

If you have anything **outdoors** related and ... would like a **table** for the **Father's Day swap meet** or to **donate** an item for the **silent auction**, please call or email:

Lawrence Kotchek 240 793- 5316 lawrence@print1.com

Tables are likely to be limited and will be reserved in the order requested.

Open to both members and prospective members.
Tables cost **\$10.00** with money going to the Land Fund.

Silent auction benefits the Land Fund.

Nomination Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Nominating Committee Chair
301 467-0645 (Cell)

To the Members of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter
of the Izaak Walton League of America:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Governors for the 2021-22 fiscal year. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to submit this slate to you for consideration in the May newsletter and post it at the chapter house. We will also send this to the membership in an email blast in late May to remind our membership to attend the June dinner meeting to vote on and ratify the slate. If anyone would like to run in opposition to this slate, they must submit a petition to our current president that must be signed by a minimum of 10 members in good standing before the May dinner meeting requesting consideration to serve on the Board by our membership. At the beginning of the June dinner meeting, an election will be held. After the June election, the Board of Governors will be sworn into office during the August dinner meeting by our current past president. Term of service is from September 1, 2021 till August 31, 2022. If you have interest in our nomination and election process, please refer to the chapter bylaws which can be found on our website under the Our Chapter heading and B-CC IWLA By-Laws, Article VI – Nominations and Elections.

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

Officers:

President Lin Schmale Tate
First Vice President Walt Allensworth
Second Vice President Shannon Novak
Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke
Treasurer Bill Brockman
Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary John Stinson
Past President Ron Marchessault

Board Members:

Board Member David Boynton
Board Member Brett Davis
Board Member Victor Kernus
Board Member Lawrence Kotchek
Board Member Peter Wirth

2021 Adopt-A-Road Clean-up Schedule

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

Saturday, July 10
Saturday, September 11

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.**

2021 Gun Raffle

Contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis – carol2017@aol.com
to purchase tickets

1,027th Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 19
6:45pm
Via Zoom

May New-Member Orientation Tours

Saturday, May 22
10:00am – 1:00pm

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 24
BOG Members and Members in Good Standing
7:30pm
In person at Chapter House and via Zoom

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Saturday, June 5
8:30am – 4:00pm
Registration Required

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

Sunday, June 20

**Come and enjoy the day at the Chapter
Eblast will be sent to all members
with more information**

Father's Day Shoot at the Shotgun Range

Starting at 9:00am

Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction

9:00am – 3:00pm
in the Chapter House

Father's Day Picnic

12:00pm
Food served at BBQ Pavilion

3-D Shoot at the Archery Range

9:00am – 1:00pm

Fishing Derby at the big pond

More info to come

Adopt-A-Road Clean up

Saturday, July 10
8:15am
Meet at the Chapter House parking lot

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
MAY		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monthly Events		
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Archery Range 3-D Shoot</i>	<i>9:00am - 1:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Scout Meetings in the Chapter House and Shotgun Pavilion</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Tuesday Sporting Clays</i>	<i>3:00pm – last squad out at 5:00pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>Archery Range 3-D Shoot</i>	<i>9:00am – 1:00pm</i>
Saturday, May 1	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 1	Spring Hunter Education Class – two-day class – CANCELLED	
Sunday, May 2	Spring Hunter Education Class – two-day class – CANCELLED	
Sunday, May 2	Montgomery Bird Club conducts its annual Spring Bird Walk	7:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday, May 15	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Wednesday, May 19	1,027th Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Saturday, May 22	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, May 26	Board of Governors Meeting – in Chapter House and via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, May 28	June Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, May 29	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 29	Archery Range – Level 1 Instructor Course	TBD
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Saturday, June 5	Introduction to Hunting Seminar – Sign Up required	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 12	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Wednesday, 16	1,028th Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Saturday, June 19	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	starts at 9:00am
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Fishing Derby	TBD
Wednesday, June 23	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House and via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, June 25	July Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, June 26	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
JULY		
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Saturday, July 10	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 10	Adopt-A-Road Clean-up – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Wednesday, July 21	1,029th Monthly Membership Meeting – via Zoom	6:45pm
Saturday, July 24	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 24	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, July 28	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House and via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, July 30	August Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
THE CAMPGROUND IS CLOSED DURING ALL BLACK POWDER AND FIREARMS DEER SEASON.		
Check the online www.bcciwa.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.		

Ticks – What You Need to Know

Don Perino

Ticks are very prevalent in our region. And since they can transmit serious disease they are one of the biggest potential health threats one may encounter while enjoying the outdoors. Not only do some ticks carry Lyme disease, but also Rocky Mountain spotted fever, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and other diseases. Furthermore, it is suspected that the bite of a Lone Star Tick can trigger an allergy to red meat.

Often ticks are described as being about the size of a period at the end of a sentence. That's true sometimes but not always. As ticks progress through a 3-stage life cycle they grow substantially larger. So, depending on the time of year, you will encounter different size ticks. Also, tick activity changes over time. So the risk level varies throughout the year.

In order to help recognize ticks it's useful to know about their life cycle. **Figure 1** shows the life cycle for the black-legged tick, also called the deer tick.

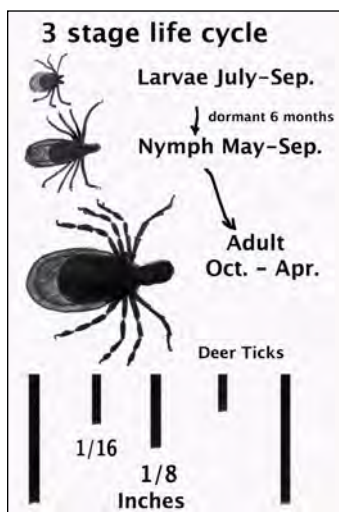


Figure 1

searching for an animal to bite. As summer progresses more nymphs have found a host already and the tick danger drops. Finally, in September, ticks become uncommon as they are busy transforming.

Stage-3: In October large adult ticks emerge. They're 1/8 inch long. The hungry adults begin searching for a meal. October is another peak month for tick bites. Adult ticks are more likely to carry infection. They are active between October and May of the following year. Ticks can be active in winter if the temperature is above 40F.

Figure 2 shows the relative tick danger level over the course of a year.

The best way to avoid getting sick is to avoid being bitten.

Permethrin, an insecticide, is an excellent defense against ticks. It must be applied to clothing hours in advance, so plan accordingly. Light colored clothing gives you an advantage to see a tick on you. There are several alternatives to Permethrin such as DEET, Picaridin and Oil of eucalyptus.

It's always a good idea to perform a tick check upon returning home.

One sneaky habit of ticks is to ride home on your clothing. Dry heat from a clothes dryer can kill them. Ticks like water, even soapy water. Scientists found that 80% of ticks survived a trip through a washing machine!

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

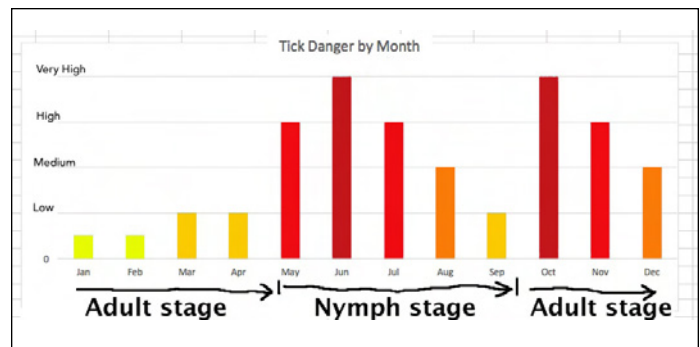


Figure 2

until it comes out. Avoid squeezing the body because that forces fluids out which may be infectious. It is believed that if the tick is removed within 24 hours the chances of bacterial infection are small.

Until recently bacterial infection was all we had to worry about. But, in 2010 ticks were found to carry the Powassan virus. The virus can be transmitted almost instantly. And it can cause dangerous encephalitis. So far there are no reported cases of this virus in Maryland.

Additional information

- You usually don't feel a tick bite because ticks inject an anesthetic that numbs the area. They also inject an anti-coagulant and an immunosuppressant.
- Mature ticks have 8 legs, like a spider. And, in fact, ticks are related to spiders. However larvae only have 6 legs.

Useful links

Tick-borne illness

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

Lyme Disease

<https://lymediseaseassociation.org/about-lyme/medical/lyme-disease-symptoms/>

Red Meat Allergy

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha-gal_allergy

Permethrin facts

<http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/PermGen.html>

Tick repellents

<https://www.prevention.com/health/a22095155/best-tick-repellents/>

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in April 2021.

George Michael Bouyat

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

Michael Bouyat

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

Mike Farmer

Interests: Hunter Education; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

James Daniel Harris

Interests: Conservation Education; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays; Wildlife Management

Dwayne T. London, Sr.

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

Membership Operations Report

Joe Trotter, Membership Secretary
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All 2021 membership renewals have been processed at IWLA National. Everyone who submitted their renewal by April 1st should have received their 2021 membership cards and vehicle decals. All padlock keys and access cards requested through April should have been received by now.

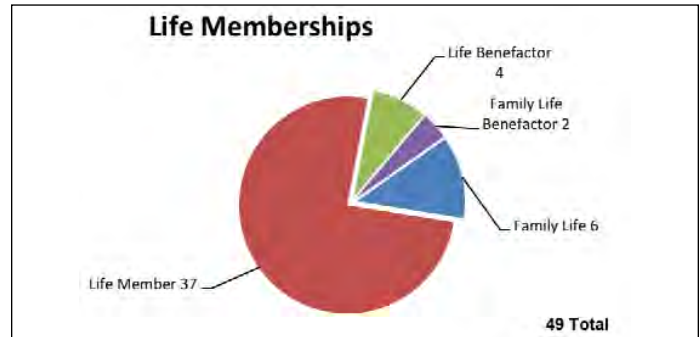
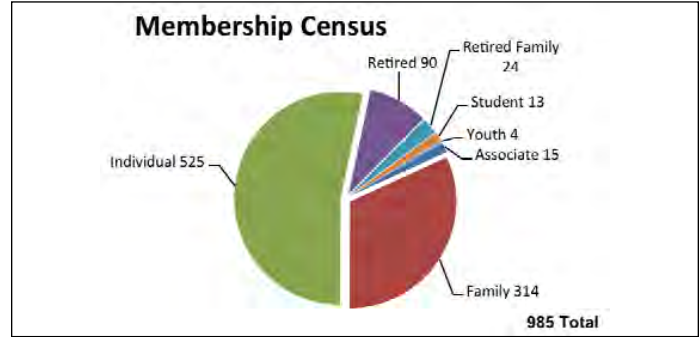
Members are reminded to log their volunteer hours through the chapter website. An email blast will be going out in May with the tally of volunteer hours that they have recorded since September 1, 2021. Members inducted before August 31, 2020 need 6 hours of service logged BEFORE August 31 to avoid the \$50 in-lieu-of-volunteer-service fee.

Probationary members inducted since September 1, 2020 need 16 hours of voluntary service in the 12 months after their induction date to remain in good standing. The volunteer fee for those members inducted after September 1, 2020 will be automatically waived for 2022 membership renewals.

For ongoing membership or 2021 renewal questions, please email Joe Trotter, the Membership Secretary, at MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com.

The May 2021 New-Member Orientation Tours is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at 10:00am.

As of the end of April 2021, the membership breakdown was:



B-CC IWLA GUN RAFFLE

DONATION IS \$20.00 PER TICKET

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

- WHAT:** A Gun Raffle
WHY: Raise funds to benefit the Chapter
WHO: Tickets can be sold to Members, Family, Friends, and Colleagues
WHEN: Once all of the tickets are sold.
WHERE: Drawing will be held at a Monthly Membership Meeting, but you do not have to be present to win.

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

**RETAY 12 GA MASAI MARA SHOTGUN, MAX 5 CAMO
or \$700.00**

**WEATHERBY VANGUARD 270 W/LEOPOLD SCOPE AND DNZ SCOPE MOUNT
or \$650.00**

**TRADITIONS OUTFITTER G2 SS 45/70 RIFLE
or \$400.00**

Questions or to purchase tickets – contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis at carol2017@aol.com

Shotgun Range Report

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

Effective immediately – the **range hours** will return to normal hours of operation – 9:00am until 5:00pm.

Tuesday Sporting Clays Shoots began on April 6 and continues until Tuesday, September 28. Shoots begin at 3:00pm with the last squad starting promptly at 5:00pm. All shooters must sign-in at the range house before they join a squad. Any and all COVID-19 precautions in place at the time must be strictly observed.

Range Officers:

- Please do not unplug any of the skeet machines and do not turn off any circuit breakers.
- Double-check and make sure all release cords and extension cords are returned to the range house.

Shooters:

- Please 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 and me know.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

MAY

Sunday, May 2	Greg Ossi, Hap Hoffman
Sunday, May 9	Raymond Vincent, Peter Shanley
Sunday, May 16	Douglass Craig, David Boynton
Sunday, May 23	Christian Lowe, Ed Stewart
Sunday, May 30	Harry Simpson, <i>Need a Range Officer</i>

JUNE

Sunday, June 6	Richard Ricco, Stephen Ives
Sunday, June 13	Raymond Vincent, <i>Need a Range Officer</i>
Sunday, June 20	Robert Quatilebaum, Pat Dady
Sunday, June 27	Kurt Behrend, Doug Martin

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays	9:00am to 5:00pm	Trap, Skeet, Five Stand
Tuesdays	3:00pm to 6:00 pm	Sporting Clays Only

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
301 972-8353 thoran.menser2@verizon.net

Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
240 372-2258

Covid Range Usage Procedures are still in place and can be found on the website. **Masks** are to be worn when you are entering the range and only taken off when you are at the shooting positions. The range is open to **ONE** guest outside of your immediate family household.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- 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

MAY

Saturday, May 1	McDaniel, M., Schweikert, B., Griffin, J.
Sunday, May 2	Princiotto, M., McDaniel, M., Finn, K.
Saturday, May 8	Lan, K., Quattlebaum, R., Pasquale, D., Mstrom, T.
Sunday, May 9	Pasquale, D., Watt, D., Harmon, S., Widenhofer, S.
Saturday, May 15	Hunt, J., Fiol, C., Kelly, P., McUlsky, A.
Sunday, May 16	Betmarik, J., Hunt, J., Hess, A., Finnegan, J.
Saturday, May 22	Quattlebaum, R., Behrend, D., Suleman, S., Shi, P.
Sunday, May 23	Suleman, S., West, K., Urgo, C., Kipfer, J.
Saturday, May 29	Fiol, C., Chung, W., Eschholz, S., Gallagher, J.
Sunday, May 30	King, K., West, K., Carroll, P.

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Saturday, June 5	Zinsser, G., Summers, D., Shi, P., Behrend, D.
Sunday, June 6	Summers, D., Watt, D., Wadsworth, H., Urgo, C.
Saturday, June 12	Hensley, J., Burns, M., Zinsser, G., Kelly, P.
Sunday, June 13	Burns, M., Hensley, J., Adams, J., Wight, A.
Saturday, June 19	Gori, R., Hess, A., Koehn, D., Hess, D.
Sunday, June 20	Finn, K., Hess, D., Koehn, D., Hess, A.
Saturday, June 26	
Sunday, June 27	Gallagher, J., Thorburn, M., Sypes, E.

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, JUNE, 20, 2021



**75 TARGETS
\$15.00**

**25 Skeet Targets
25 Trap Targets
25 Sporting Clays Targets**

**Optional Lewis
\$5.00**

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
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Next Committee Zoom Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30pm. Our meetings are open to all members, always. Please join us!

The new and improved 3-D course is getting rave reviews from members and guests. It has been reconfigured for the first time in years, and it has new challenging shots while each station still has shooting positions for intermediate and beginner archers. **Course hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm every Saturday and Sunday.**

Our USA Archery Level 2 instructor training is going to start paying dividends already, as we are setting up a Level 1 instructor Course hosted by some newly certified Level 2 instructors. **LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR COURSE DATE:** May 29th, all day event. **TO SIGN UP,** email us by May 14th. Level 1 certification qualifies you to be a Range Officer; we'd love to have you on board.

We will host some evening Youth Archery classes this summer, but if you are interested in getting a regular program set up for your kids, contact us, and we can work with you to put it together. We plan to meet with the Rockville Chapter for guidance.

Deborah Behrends has been active working with our ROs to get Scout Certification so we can begin our Archery Merit Badge Program.

Ground will break this month on a Gold Award project for a local girl scout who is planning a night sky observatory on the Archery grounds.

Thank you to Sean Ivusic, Dominic D'Ambrosi, John Gorney, Marc Bouchard, Dave Drazen, Jim Willard, Jim Bodurtha, Bryan Hockenberry, Walt Allensworth, Dave Escalante, and many others for their conscientious and hard work on the new 3-D setup.

Thank you, as always, to Deborah for keeping the range beautiful.

The Golden Arrow Award goes to Scott Gordon this month for his gorgeous new trick two-tone paint job on the range herd. Kudos.



PHOTO BY JACK MANDEL

Scott Gordon (Golden Arrow Award recipient)

If you'd like to be on our mailing list, write us at the addresses below.

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and/or Marc Bouchard combat750@gmail.com

Invasive Species Reduction Crew (ISRC)



Many thanks to the following that participated in the second
invasive species removal effort on Saturday, April 10:

Arthur Belendiuk • Mark Bull • Michael Farmer • Charlie Griffiths
Cindy Griffiths • Dawson Hobbs • Jeffrey Kopp • Sherban Naum and assistants
Jeff Rosier • Eric Schwartz and assistants • Jeff Seaman • Nat Seaman
Delilah Seaman • Josh Stachura and Nick Stachura • Pat Weixel
Bernard Winkel • Gregory Woodman • Jason Woodman

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor its annual "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on **Saturday, June 5**. If you have never been hunting before, know someone who would be interested, or had a disappointing experience yourself, you are encouraged to attend. Women, men, and teens are all welcome.

This nationally recognized and award winning training will include instruction and discussions about conservation and ethical behavior, the five W's and How of hunting, what is hunting success, preparing to go hunting, techniques and skills for being in the woods, trailing game, animal habitats and habits, choosing a tree stand location, safety and first aid, being skunked, what can you learn when you miss, advan-



tages and disadvantages of hunting companions, choosing an appropriate bow, long gun, or muzzleloader and more. There will be plenty of time for questions.

This seminar does not replace the required Hunter Safety Education courses but is to supplement that course and to expand one's hunting knowledge. The instructors have had nearly 100 years of hunting experience and what they will share is intended to help participants have a more enjoyable time while hunting.

The seminar will be held in or outside the B-CC IWLA Chapter House, depending on Covid-19 protocols at the time of the seminar. Masks and social distancing are required. Check in begins at 8:30am and we will start at 9:00am and continue until around 4:00pm. The cost is \$15 to cover materials. We will be walking in the woods and fields for at least a mile or more so participants should be prepared for that level of activity. Bring your own lunch, drinks, and wear clothes for outdoor walking and going through briars. Participants should make sure that their clothes are treated with Permethrin or bug spray and exposed body parts with regular bug spray.

All non-B-CC IWLA members must bring their printed and signed off Hold Harmless Agreements, which are available from <http://www.bcciwla.org/>.

Interested individuals must contact Mark Gochnour to register at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com. Questions about the seminar should also be sent to Mark at the same email address. As the event gets closer, a Sign-up Genius link will be sent out to those who have contacted Mark. This link will be made available to others if there is still room later in May. Class size is limited to 23, so registering early is recommended. Registration deadline is May 31.

Summer Biathlon Program

Steve Eschholz
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The primary mission of the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon is a safely run program. Range safety is paramount. A rolled ankle on the run course is acceptable. A glitch on the range is not. Within the bounds of safety, the secondary mission is to provide a venue for fun and comradery. Our goal is to expand the number of participants so we that we fill both the small and big ends. To that end, members please advertise to all the athletes you know – runners, LAX, soccer, triathletes, etc.

The event as conducted at B-CC IWLA consists of 5-1 kilometer loops and 4 shooting stops at the range. Shooting stops 1&3 are from the prone position; stops 2&4 are off-hand. 22-bolt action, iron sight rifles firing 22LR standard velocity are the standard for summer biathlon. For our practices, any rifle chambered in 22LR is acceptable. Standard velocity ammo is mandated for target preservation.

Questions or a desire to be on the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz – fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net or text 240 472-6512. This year's schedule is below:

Saturday, May 15	7:30am
Saturday, May 29	7:30am
Saturday, June 12	7:30am
Saturday, June 26	7:30am
Saturday, July 10	7:30am
Saturday, July 24	7:30am
Saturday, August 7	7:30am
Saturday, August 21	7:30am
Saturday, September 11	7:30am
Saturday, September 25	7:30am
Saturday, October 9	7:30am
Saturday, November 6	7:30am
Saturday, November 13	7:30am

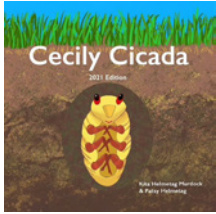
**Father's Day
Family Picnic
Sunday, June 20**

**Lunch will be served
at 1:00pm**

**Come and enjoy the events
of the day and a Picnic Lunch
offered by the Chapter**

Individuals – \$5 and Families – \$10

Book Review



Cecily Cicada (2021 Edition) tells the story of the miraculous life of a special 17-year cicada named Cecily in an endearing way. by Kita Helmetag Murdock and Patsy Helmetag

Fourteen years ago, two neighbors of ours here in Glover Park wrote a delightful book on the 17-year cicada emergence of 2004. Our mother and daughter neighbor's book "Cecily Cicada" was a big hit. Kita Helmetag Murdock wanted to ease the insect anxiety of her 3-year-old daughter when she learned the cicadas were coming.

The three year old is now preparing for college, without a fear of bugs. Her mother has rewritten the book for the cicada emergence of 2021, and her grandmother Patsy Helmetag who illustrated the original edition, has again beautifully illustrated the new edition with a bright new look.

-Lin and Jim Tate

Here are two links about Cecily Cicada-

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/cicadas-dc-childrens-book-/2021/04/28/683950b2-a4a6-11eb-85fc-06664ff4489d_story.html

https://www.amazon.com/Cecily-Cicada-Kita-Helmetag-Murdock/dp/B08KBKZ95X/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=cecily+Cicada&qid=1619644491&sr=8-2



Shoots begin at 3:00pm -
last squad starting at 5:00pm.
All shooters must sign-in at the
range house before they join a squad.

Questions? Contact Warner Parks
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Archery Season Kickoff Saturday, April 10



PHOTOS BY JACK MANDEL

Spring Cleanup – April 17, 2021

On a beautiful, blue-sky Saturday, over 50 members showed up at the farm enthusiastic and ready to work. Thanks to our members the farm is looking great, and we will reap the benefits from these efforts for years to come.



Log Cabin Restoration Report

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A great effort was put in working on Log Cabin Complex during last months Spring Clean-Up-Day. Thanks to all who pitched in. We went well beyond a thorough cleaning, David Mecklenburg installed a rebuilt root cellar window vent grille, the water trench in the Spring Box was mucked out and the sediment screened for archeological treasure (unfortunately resulting in nothing more than mud and gravel), the smoke house which has been neglected as a storeroom and repository of discarded items was totally cleared out, trash disposed of, cleaned and organized. We discussed short- and long-term restoration goals, more on this later.

There is one issue of concern that must be addressed sooner than later, the bottom log course on the southeast corner of the Smoke House has been sliding out of place and



Cleaning out the Smoke House



Rebuilt Root Cellar Vent



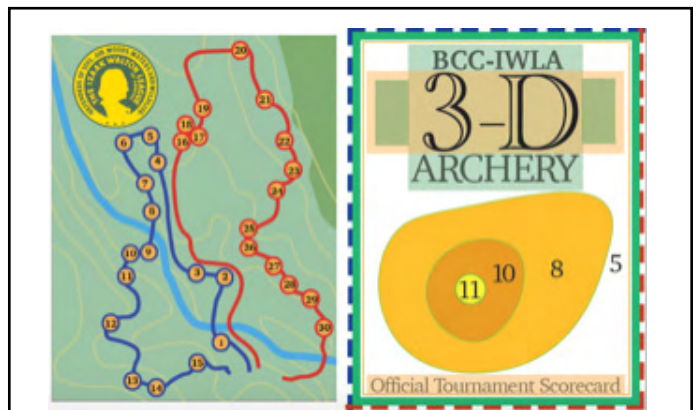
Working at the Spring Box



Smoke House Log Damage

has gotten worse in the last year. In the short term, to prevent further structural damage we will need to shore-up and stabilize the logs. All members with construction experience and restoration knowledge and willingness to help are encouraged to contact the committee so we can work out the steps required to save the structure.

On a more positive note, all the sweat and labor Jack Mandel put in last year to reestablish the water flow in the Spring Box continues to pay off, clear cold-water flows into the box and out to the pond. Thanks again Jack.



Archery 3-D Shoots

Saturdays and Sundays
Through the end of August
9:00am – 1:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME.

We have certified USA Archery instructors at all times during these shoots, and we are more than happy to give you a little instruction (and even loan some gear) if time permits.

3-D Course Fee
\$7 members/\$10 non-members

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Bee Yard

Robert (BeeBob) Mackleer, Jr.
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Yesterday, Sunday, April 24, new bees arrived in the B-CC IWLA bee yard! These bees came all the way from Georgia right next to where Vandalia onions are grown. My father and his friend drove down there in a truck with a horse trailer and loaded up both with packages of bees. Each package contains approximately 4 pounds of bees and one queen in her own separate but attached compartment! I picked up packages of bees from my father and brought them to the B-CC IWLA bee yard where I hived them. The population of bee colonies at the farm is now at three colonies. While I was hiving the bees, I stopped to talk with Phil Taylor, the Farm Chairman. He had just finished sowing a ¼ acre field across the street from bee yard with the "Proven Northeast Wildflower Mixture from American Wildflowers"! It is exciting to see the Farm providing Bee Forage! And everyone who drives buy can see the growth of the wildflowers! Just remember to drive slowly so that you don't hit the bees flying in a bee line across the road to get that nectar! Phil has also had a lot of Crimson Clover planted on the Farm, which is also great for the bees!

PHOTOS BY BOB MACKLEER



Front entrance of the newly hived package of bees! Welcome home!



Far left and closest right boxes have bees inside which overwintered. The right one is very weak and might not survive another cold snap.



View of the back of my BeeVolvo loaded up with my bee gear for hiving bees!

FATHER'S DAY FISHING DERBY AT THE BIG POND Sunday, June 20

Two categories –
adults and children
Prizes for both categories!

If you do not have fishing equipment,
it will be supplied by the
Ponds & Streams Committee

Contact John Novak
for more information.
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Everyone Welcome!

Chapter Spring Save Our Streams Monitoring Event

Dominic D'Ambrosi, SOS
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On Sunday, April 25th members of the Ponds and Streams committee conducted our spring Save Our Streams monitoring session. We monitored a portion of Hookers Branch adjacent to Berryville Road. The chemical water quality of the stream was rated as excellent, and the biological quality was rated as poor. This poor rating was due a low diversity of macroinvertebrates. A few Mayflies were collected, but by far the most predominant macroinvertebrate collected was 94 Stoneflies.

We are planning for two more monitoring sessions this year, at least one of which will be out in the community. One of the streams will be either this same section of Hookers Branch on Berryville Road, or Horsepen Branch at Sycamore Landing in McKee Beshers Wildlife Management Area. This section of Horsepen Branch is fed by all streams from our chapter's grounds as well as several from the town of Poolesville. Any stream off the chapter grounds where we attempt to collect macroinvertebrates requires a permit issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We are always looking for new members to join our team and are open to suggestions for additional locations to monitor. These monitoring events provide an excellent opportunity to learn some stream ecology and to observe macroinvertebrates (bugs) that live under rocks and in the stream bed.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE NOVAK



MAY 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30pm**. Effective May 26, **Board Members and members in good standing** can attend the meeting **in person at the Chapter House** or **via Zoom**.

Zoom contact information is listed below and can also be found on the website calendar. Please text us at 301 252-8825 if you are have any trouble connecting or entering the Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82999982929?pwd=OXFuaFQzMkQvSC9pZlBXMktvMERPUT09>

Dial: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 829 9998 2929

Passcode: 343901

Christmas Tree Planting - Saturday, April 3

