



JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

Hi folks,

Well, here we are, just in time for Summer to be able to hold activities both indoors and outdoors at the farm. June is a busy month! This year it seems especially so, I guess because we are now able to fully operate, safely. Not only is it a great time to get outdoors and enjoy the season, it is also the time of the year when we, the membership, elect a new Board of Governors for the new year.

Our Election Committee comprised of Scott Harmon (Chair), John Lamb, Jack Mandel, Butch Mezick, and Jeff Seaman have been working since March on canvassing members to fill a new slate of nominees for Chapter Officers and Board of Governors. This is never an easy task, so for all your efforts, THANK YOU! The election will be held during the June Membership Meeting. Like previous meetings this meeting will also be a Zoom Meeting and voting will be done via e-balloting. All members in good standing are eligible to vote, but MUST be recorded as present at the meeting to receive an e-ballot. See the Newsletter for more information.

Starting in July we will be holding our monthly membership 'dinner' meetings at the Chapterhouse. Chip Dunn and his team always prepare a nice meal including appetizers. For new members, the business portion of the meeting is conducted after dinner.

On June 20th (Father's Day), we are holding our first full day of outdoor activities including the annual Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction at the Chapter House, Father's Day Picnic BBQ, a 75 target Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clay Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range, a Fishing Derby with prizes at the Big Pond, a 3-D Archery Event, as well as other games for kids of all ages. Come hungry! See the article in the June Newsletter for more details.

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 less than 50 tickets out of a total of 500 available for sale. See the Newsletter for more information. We would like to hold the Raffle at the July Membership Dinner Meeting.

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



2021 IWLA Virtual National Convention July 20 – 22, 2021

Afternoon Events – 4:00pm to 6:00pm

The League will hold a virtual convention July 20 – 22, 2021. Events will include election of new national officers, consideration of policy resolutions submitted by chapters and divisions, and presentations from guest speakers.

These events are online, free, and open to all League members. Attend as many or as few as you like.

Tuesday, July 20 afternoon – 4:00pm to 6:00pm: Welcome; highlights of convention activities; keynote speaker with Question and Answer session; National Officer elections; convene Board of Directors meeting for purpose of Executive Board elections. **7:00pm:** Virtual Parade of States

Wednesday, July 21 afternoon – 4:00pm to 6:00pm: 100th anniversary fundraising kick-off; speaker; 2022 convention preview. **7:00pm:** Vote on Policy Resolutions

Thursday, July 22 afternoon – 4:00pm to 6:00pm: Endowment meeting (open to all members of the League, not just chapter delegates) and Board election; 2024 national convention site selection; other business.

All convention-related information will be posted as it becomes available on the IWLA National website. You can visit iwla.org/events any time and sign up for convention updates.

DUE DATE

for the July Newsletter Articles

Friday, June 25

Submit articles to:

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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:

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j.lamkin@comcast.net or
Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com
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Summary of the April 21 and 28, 2021 Board of Governors Meetings, and May 19, 2021 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The Board met after the April 21, 2021 Membership Meeting for voting in consideration of CAPEX funding for 3 items.
 - o Bringing trap range shooting positions up to standard with new concrete placement.
 - o Construction of a concrete patio beside the Chapter House with wheelchair access.
 - o April clean up overage, COVID sanitizing supplies.Motions were made to approve coverage of the above items and were passed unanimously.

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – Board of Governors Meeting

- 1st Vice President Lin Tate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Minutes of the B.O.G. meeting of March 24, 2021 were read and accepted.
- The Board will review the Master Plan at an Advanced Planning & Finance Committee meeting in May.
- Past President Jeff Seaman reported that the invasive species removal event on April 10 was a success, with over-enrollment beyond the 25 available places.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman reviewed the balances of the SSB accounts.
- The Treasurer noted that the funds allocated for Environmental Stewardship are nearly exhausted.
- Archery Chair Jack Mandel reported that nine R.O.s received US Archery Level II training and can now train R.O.s for Level I, with a goal of having trained 20 R.O.s.
- The script for the new-member tour compiled by Tucker Mostrom was very well received.
- IT Chair Christian Lowe proposed a digital roadmap with an implementation schedule over 30, 60 and 90 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Seven new Members were approved unanimously.
- The Board voted to move funds from Management Reserve to IT to cover an invoice.
- The Board voted to move funds from Management Reserve to ESP to cover further water testing.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- With County relaxation of COVID restrictions, activities and options for Father's Day and Past Presidents' Dinner were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 1,027th Membership Meeting

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

- President Ron Marchessault noted the newly relaxed County social distancing guidelines and their implications for the Chapter.
- Seven 3rd-meeting candidates were unanimously approved and were sworn in by the 1st VP Lin Tate.
- Featured Speaker John Novak summarized the encouraging results of the May 13 electroshock analysis of fish stocks in the Big Pond.

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SUMMARY

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- The Chapter House will be sanitized prior to planned reopening on May 28. The kitchen equipment will be looked at and ready for the first in-person dinner Membership Meeting since February 2020, to be held in July.
- Trails Committee reports electric fencing, cleanup, and marking of trails in NE woods.
- Ponds & Streams Committee discussed algae mitigation options for the Small Pond.
- The second chestnut orchard fencing is in progress. Cicadas can make slits in Chestnut bark for egg deposition and ease blight development. Use of cicada nets is under consideration.
- Remediation / stabilization is required for the Log Cabin and Smoke House. A complete list of to do's being compiled. An archaeology dig excavating the root cellar is in the planning stages.
- The Past Presidents' Dinner is planned for Thursday, June 24.
- Scott Harmon reviewed the upcoming election slate.
- IT Chair Christian Lowe reviewed recent efforts to shore up relevant infrastructure and develop an online payment process.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- New Introduction to Hunting course will be on Saturday, June 5.
- The new Farm Guides are printed and ready for delivery.
- Members are encouraged to report unusual wildlife activity, such as the recent Savannah Cat sighting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

*The above are summaries of the Chapter B.O.G. meetings and monthly membership meeting minutes. Members in good standing may request a copy of the full versions by contacting Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com.

JUNE 2021 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 1,028th monthly Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, June 16, starting at 6:45pm.**

Election of the 2021-2022 Officers and Members of the Board of Governors will be held at the meeting. See Page 4 of Newsletter.

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=QXdlidE5BVkp3c1JsR0ZNaEpGRmxKdz09>

Dial: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 891 1987 6726

Passcode: 953816

ATTENTION New Members!

Chapter house cleanups have finally resumed:

Saturday, June 27 at 9:00am

Saturday, July 17 at 9:00am

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, Committee Chair
301 467-0645 (Cell)

Fellow Ike's, although we are getting there, we will not quite be ready for an in-person monthly Membership Meeting in June. That means our annual Board of Governors election will be conducted electronically during the June 16 Membership Meeting which, like all our Membership Meetings since March 2020, will be held via Zoom. The election committee will employ the widely used Election Runner™ program to issue the ballots, take the votes, and record the results. We encourage all eligible members to attend and vote in our election.

Here are the rules being employed to run a smooth and fair election. Members in good standing must attend the meeting to get a chance to vote. We will ask them to provide their first and last name and email address to the Membership Secretary when they sign in for the meeting. The names will be checked against the current membership list to verify their membership. During the meeting, the floor will be opened to the candidates (see below) to speak, if they choose to do so. After the candidates have had the floor, eligible voters will then receive by email a "voter ID" and "voter key," which will work like a username and a password. The purpose of the ID and the key are to ensure that each voter can only vote once. Each voter will receive a ballot form that will be accessible using the ID and the key. Voters' names and other identifying information will not be attached to their ballots when cast. Members will be permitted as much time as necessary within which to access their ballots and cast their votes. The votes will be tallied by the software, which will maintain a record of the votes. The results will be available before the end of the meeting.

Members who are confident they will be able to attend the June Membership Meeting can pre-register by sending an email to the Membership Secretary (MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com) indicating their intention to attend and vote. This will help speed the process of loading the attendance database into the Election Runner program. You must still attend the meeting to be able to vote. No ballots will be sent to those that preregister and do not show up to the meeting. More information will be sent out before the election with more details as things evolve.

Please find the list of candidates for the 2021-22 B-CC IWLA Board of Governors.

List of Candidates

President: Lin Schmale-Tate
First Vice President: Walter Allensworth
Second Vice President: Shannon Novak
Membership Secretary (select one): Tucker Mostrom
Meg O'Rourke
Treasurer: William Brockman (*incumbent*)
Corresponding Secretary: Janet Lamkin (*incumbent*)
Recording Secretary: John Stinson (*incumbent*)

Board Members (select up to five):

Larry Anderson
David Boynton (*incumbent*)
Brett Davis (*incumbent*)
Victor Kernus
Andy Wight
Peter Wirth (*incumbent*)

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

1,028th Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 16
6:45pm
Via Zoom

June New-Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, June 19
10:00am – 1:00pm

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 23
BOG Members and Members in Good Standing
7:30pm
In person at Chapter House and via Zoom

Chapter House Cleanup – for New Members

Saturday, June 27
9:00am

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

Sunday, June 20

**Come and enjoy dad's day with him at the Chapter
E-blast will be sent to all members
with more information**

Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range

Starting at 9:00am

Swap Meet and Silent Auction

9:00am – 3:00pm
Chapter House

Fishing Derby at the Big Pond

9:00am – 12:00 noon

3-D Shoot at the Archery Range

9:00am – 1:00pm

Family Picnic

12:30pm – 2:30pm
Food served at BBQ Pavilion / picnic tables

Adopt-A-Road Clean up

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

Chapter House Cleanup – for New Members

Saturday, July 17
9:00am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
JUNE		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monthly Events		
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Archery Range 3-D Shoot</i>	<i>9:00am – 1:00pm</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, 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 in the Chapter House	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Fishing Derby	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Archery 3-D Shoot	9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day Family Picnic at the BBQ Pavilion / Picnic Tables	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday, June 23	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House and via Zoom	7:30pm
Thursday, June 24	Past Presidents' Dinner - in the Chapter House	6:00pm
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
Saturday, June 26	Chapter House cleanup – for new members	9:00am – 12:00 noon
JULY		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monthly Events		
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Archery Range 3-D Shoot</i>	<i>9:00am – 1:00pm</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, July 10	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 10	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Saturday, July 17	Chapter House Cleanup – for new members	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, July 21	1,029th Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting – in the Chapter House	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
AUGUST		
All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for updates.		
Monthly Events		
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Archery Range 3-D Shoot</i>	<i>9:00am – 1:00pm</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, August 7	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Wednesday, August 18	1,030th Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting – in Chapter House	6:45pm
Saturday, August 21	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, August 21	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, August 25	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House and via Zoom	7:30pm
Friday, August 27	September 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.		

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).

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

**Lunch will be served
12:30pm – 2:30pm**

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

Individuals – \$5 and Families – \$10

IN MEMORIAM

PHILLIP D. GIARTH
1957 – 2021

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Chapter Member Phillip Giarth. Phillip passed away at his home on May 3.

He was a long-time R&P range officer and was involved with the DNR Managed Hunt Certification. An avid outdoorsman, he was also a member of the NRA, Elks Lodge, Twin Cedar Hunt Club, Rappahannock River Retriever Club, and the Bass Pro Club.

A retired Coast Guard Warrant Officer, he will lay to rest at a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Cheryl, and their four children.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in May 2021.

Ryan D. Byrd

Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Jill K. DeGraff

Interests: Nature Trail; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife

Mike Dobson, Jr.

Interests: Building Maintenance; Chapterhouse; Conservation Education

Sebe Fainbraun

Interests: Conservation Education; Family Picnic; Rifle & Pistol

Chris Gregorski

Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Eric J. Jourdanet

Interests: Photography; Rifle & Pistol

Drew Latos

Interests: Rifle & Pistol; Youth Programs

Charlyn Ling Ho

Interests: Conservation Education; Forestry; Wildlife

Melissa Stagnaro

Interests: Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet; Wildlife

Merle Lee Thorpe, IV

Interests: Conservation Education; Outside Events; Trap & Skeet

Legislative Committee

Bob Cissel, Co-Chair

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Below are two items of interest – details to follow at the June Zoom Membership Meeting:

Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) and Montgomery County Farm Bureau (MCFB) are holding monthly meetings with our representatives from June – October to address current issues facing the ag industry. These really aren't public meetings, but I will attend them all and report back to the B-CC IWLA board on each event.

There is also a potential bill from the MC Department of the Environmental Protection (DEP), to ban all lawn mowers under 30 inches that are gas powered. The push is to go electric for homeowners. Details aren't available yet but it's a crazy bill since electric mowers cost 2 1/2 times the cost of gas mowers. Are they thinking about the increase of power needed to charge those batteries from a coal power plant?

Membership Operations Report

Joe Trotter, Membership Secretary
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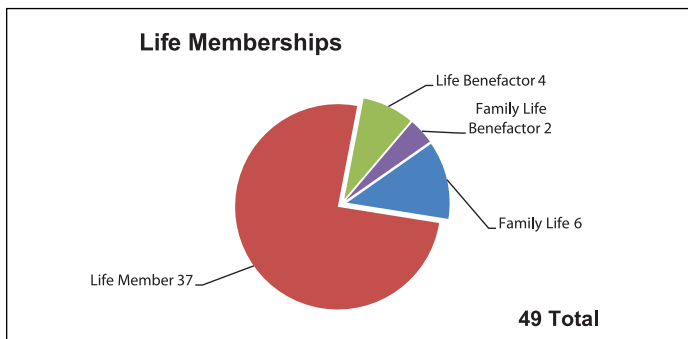
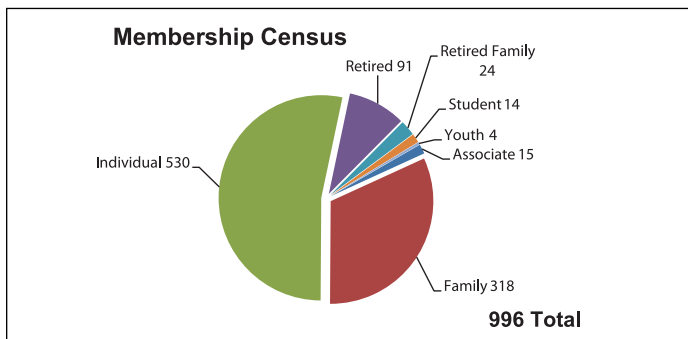
Members are reminded to log their volunteer hours through the chapter website. Another email blast will be going out in June with the tally of volunteer hours that they have recorded since September 1, 2020. Members inducted before August 31, 2020 need 6 hours of service logged BEFORE August 31, 2021 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 June 2021 New-Member Orientation Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19th** at 10:00am.

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



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.



Pursh's Wild Petunia

Wildflowers.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

Several years ago the "Conservation Farm Guide" was created by chapter members. That guide documents many aspects of our Chapter. It describes things ranging from our history to our trails. And it also provides an especially detailed description of our flora and fauna.

Of particular interest is the research done regarding the Triassic red shale habitat. Our West Woods contain a unique habitat called a Triassic red shale habitat, or simply "shale barren" for short. The unusual growing conditions there support over a dozen plants which are listed as endangered, rare, or threatened.

The most endangered plant on the farm is named Pursh's wild petunia (Latin name: *Ruellia purshiana*). It's designated level S1G3 by the State of Maryland.

WHAT DOES S1G3 MEAN?

A plant's risk of extinction is assigned a rank from 1 to 5 where number 1 indicates the highest risk of extinction.

There is a state rank and a global rank. S1 means that, within the State of Maryland, Pursh's wild petunia is designated level-1. Level-1 is also called "Critically Imperiled".

G3 indicates that globally the threat of extinction is a moderate level. Level-3 is also called "Vulnerable".

Furthermore, rare and endangered plants can have both a Federal and a State legal status. The State system has three levels: Endangered (E), Threatened (T) and Extinct (X). Pursh's wild petunia is legally designated as Endangered.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER POPULATIONS?

My research found that our Chapter has the only population of Pursh's wild petunia in Maryland. Globally (within the mid-Atlantic region) Pursh's wild petunia is assigned G3. Typically level G3 implies that there are about 20 to 80 populations. Primarily they are located in Virginia.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Pursh's wild petunia looks somewhat like a typical garden petunia except it's smaller and more delicate looking. It flowers intermittently between May and September producing violet flowers with five petals. It forms low growing clumps with slightly fuzzy leaves. Note that there are also other species of wild petunias found on the farm. Often it takes an expert to identify a rare plant with absolute certainty.



WHY IS IT ENDANGERED?

Exotic invasive plants like Japanese Honeysuckle and Multiflora Rose are a threat to many delicate native plants. They often out-compete for resources like sunlight and water. Eventually they can kill-off some types of native plants.

More info can be found on page 155 of the Maryland DNR's list of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants:

https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte_Plant_List_expanded.pdf



Shotgun Range Report

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

The Shotgun Range has a tentative plan to host an **Entry Level into Shotgun Shooting** on Saturday, July 17. Once plans are finalized, an eblast will be sent to the membership.

The **Shotgun Range hours of operation** are 9:00am until 5:00pm.

Tuesday Sporting Clays Shoots began on April 6 and the last shoot of the season is on Tuesday, September 28. Shoots begin at 3:00pm with the last squad at 5:00pm.

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 officers 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

JUNE

Sunday, June 6 **Richard Ricco, Stephen Ives**
Sunday, June 13 **Need Range Officers**
Sunday, June 20 **Robert Quattlebaum, Pat Dady**
Sunday, June 27 **Kurt Behrend, Doug Martin**

JULY

Sunday, July 4 **Mike Noble, Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, July 11 **John Thereault, Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, July 18 **Pat Dady, Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, July 25 **Joe Contrera, Ed Stewart**

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Gus Zinsser, Committee Chair
240 750-0979 GusZinsser4@gmail.com

Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
240 372-2258

After 10 years of service to the R&P Range, Thoran Menser has stepped down as Chairman. Gus Zinsser has been appointed to take his place. His contact info is listed above and in the range house.

Sanitizing procedures will continue at the range and in following the County guidelines, we are not requiring masks on the ranges for members and guests who are fully vaccinated. We do encourage members and guests who feel more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so.

The range is open to no more than 3 guests outside of your immediate family household. This is subject to change as we move forward in reopening.

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

JUNE

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 **Peterson, C., Suleman, S.**
Sunday, June 27 **Gallagher, J., Thorburn, M., Sypes, E.**

JULY

Saturday, July 3 **Rogers, B., Suleman, S., Stopher, D.**
Sunday, July 4 **TBD**
Saturday, July 10 **Campagna, C., Gori, R., Richards, M., Donovan, P.**
Sunday, July 11 **Richards, M., Nanof, T., Crowley, D.**
Saturday, July 17 **Johnson, G.**
Sunday, July 18 **TBD**
Saturday, July 24 **Kawamoto, D.**
Sunday, July 25 **Ives, S., Riccio, R., Stopher, D.**
Saturday, July 31 **TBD**
Sunday, August 1 **Spence, P., Reilly, J., King, K.**

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, JUNE, 20, 2021

Starting at 9:00am



75 TARGETS
\$15.00

25 Skeet Targets
25 Trap Targets
25 Sporting Clays Targets

Optional Lewis
\$5.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more information, contact

Warner Parks

wparks29@gmail.com

240 620-6942 (cell)

Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
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ARCHERY COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

The next Committee Zoom Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th at 7:30pm. Our meetings are open to all members, always. Simply contact us for a zoom invite. Please join us!

On Saturday, May 29th, we conducted a **USA Archery Level 1 Archery Instructor** certification course. We are pleased to announce that we now have 17 more certified instructors, some new members, some longtime members, but all dedicated folks who are interested in sharing our sport with others. Congratulations to all new instructors, and thank you for joining this group!

Dave Drazen, the architect of this Chapter's program, is a natural instructor and the sparkplug behind this whole effort. Please buy him a beer the next time you see him!

The successful participants were: Gregory Woodman, Matt Thorburn, Bob Plumb, Joe Finnegan, Charlie Lund, Chris Gregorski, Scott Gordon, Andy Wight, James Chen, John Gorney, Jeff Roberts, Tony Yan, Robert Urofsky, Chuck Thornton, Ben Davies (aka Izaak Walton), James Sanborn, and Barry Daniel.



USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Participants

3-D COURSE

Course hours are 9:00am – 1:00pm every Saturday and Sunday. \$7 members; \$10 non-members.

Deborah Behrends has spearheaded another Girl Scout Gold Award project which is underway on the range. When complete, the scouts will use this night sky platform to observe the heavens for fun and for merit badge work.

Chuck Thornton and John Gorney have been hard at work coordinating with Walter Reed, Team River Runner, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Army veterans to launch the Apollo Archery Program dedicated to sharing an archery



Lesson given by John Gorney to some dads and kids during a 3-d shoot

PHOTOS BY JACK MANDEL

experience with armed forces personnel and their families. We will have our first participants on site this month.

Camping is permitted on the Archery grounds: please contact us for reservations and procedures.

Special thanks to Evan Mater for his dedication to maintaining the range tractor. You can find him early mornings with a truckload of tools, wrenching on the Kubota, his baby. It is operating to perfection as demonstrated by Deborah's lush, well-groomed lawn.

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

Contacts:

Jack Mandel jmandeldesign@gmail.com
and Marc Bouchard combat750@gmail.com

FATHER'S DAY FISHING DERBY AT THE BIG POND

Sunday, June 20
9:00am – 12:00 noon

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.
novakgang4@comcast.net

Everyone Welcome!

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Bird Counts

Larry Anderson
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The Montgomery Bird Club came out twice this spring to survey our bird populations on the farm. It is always a pleasure to escort these expert bird watchers and to be able to show off the farm's rich and diverse habitats. These two trips had different focuses, the first as part of the Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas Program, was to observe species numbers and nesting behaviors among different species. The results are entered into a nationwide database (<https://ebird.org/atlasmdcc/about/about-the-atlas>) for compilation and tracking. The second trip was more a survey in nature, but also nesting behavior was recorded. These trips are part of the citizen science activities in which we participate, which also include our very successful FeederWatch and NestWatch programs. Over the course of the two very successful trips, 68 avian species were observed, along with many nesting behaviors. Of particular note, Grasshopper Sparrows were again found on our farm. These song birds rely on quality habitat, and their numbers are in steep decline due to diminishing habitat. Their presence on our farm is a testament to our farming practices.

Below is a list of the species found on our farm, we are still considered a "hotspot" for birdwatching.

Canada Goose - 2	Eastern Bluebird - 7
Mourning Dove - 3	Catharus sp. - 1
Chimney Swift - 2	Wood Thrush - 2
Double-crested Cormorant - 12	American Robin - 2
Great Blue Heron (Blue form) - 1	American Goldfinch - 14
Green Heron (virescens/bahamensis) - 1	Grasshopper Sparrow - 6
Turkey Vulture (Northern) - 3	Chipping Sparrow - 18
Osprey (carolinensis) - 1	Field Sparrow - 18
Cooper's Hawk - 1	White-throated Sparrow - 8
Sharp-shinned/Cooper's Hawk - 1	Song Sparrow - 1
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2	Eastern Towhee - 6
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 13	Yellow-breasted Chat - 3
Downy Woodpecker - 3	Orchard Oriole - 2
Pileated Woodpecker - 1	Red-winged Blackbird - 8
Eastern Phoebe - 2	Brown-headed Cowbird - 13
Great Crested Flycatcher - 2	Black-and-white Warbler - 1
Eastern Kingbird - 1	Common Yellowthroat - 13
White-eyed Vireo - 7	Northern Parula - 4
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1	Yellow-rumped Warbler - 5
Red-eyed Vireo - 7	Prairie Warbler - 5
Blue Jay - 30	warbler sp. (Parulidae sp.) - 4
American Crow - 1	Scarlet Tanager - 3
Fish Crow - 2	Northern Cardinal - 24
crow sp. - 1	Indigo Bunting - 6
Carolina Chickadee - 1	passerine sp. - 4
Tufted Titmouse - 6	Wood Duck - 1
Purple Martin - 30	Mallard - 2
Tree Swallow - 12	Wild Turkey - 3
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1	Mourning Dove - 2
White-breasted Nuthatch - 1	Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 18	Red-tailed Hawk - 1
House Wren - 4	Northern Flicker - 1
Carolina Wren - 15	Common Raven - 2
wren sp. - 2	House Finch - 1
Gray Catbird - 2	Eastern Meadowlark - 1
Brown Thrasher - 1	Common Grackle - 2
Northern Mockingbird - 3	Black-throated Green Warbler - 1



Red-bellied Woodpecker, on nest



Grasshopper Sparrow on a wild radish

PHOTOS BY ANNE MYTYCH

Summer Biathlon Program

Steve Eschholz
240 472-6512 (text) fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net

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, 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

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

Saturday, June 19

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.

Father's Day Fishing Derby

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee
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On Father's Day, June 20, 2021, a fishing derby will be held at the big pond (Walton) for adults and kids. Registration will be held at the big pond shelter starting at 9:00 am and fishing will end at 12:00 noon. To be eligible for a prize, all participants must register. Prizes will be awarded to individuals (an adult and a kid) for the largest, 2nd largest, and 3rd largest fish caught based on total length. Also, a prize will be awarded to the adult and kid catching the most fish. Anglers are encouraged to bring fishing gear, however, if you do not have gear, the chapter will have fishing gear available to borrow. Ponds & Streams will provide worms which work great for sunfish. The best lures for bass fishing at the big pond include plastic worms, crankbaits, and spinner baits. Ponds & Streams committee members will be on hand to identify and measure all fish caught and record the name of the angler. Winners will be announced after the 1:00pm luncheon. Any questions regarding this event can be directed to me at novakgang4@comcast.net or to Pete Wirth at peter_wirth@verizon.net.

JUNE 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 23 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 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

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

Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Committee Chair
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We're excited to have a sighting of a Broad-headed skink on our farm. The Broad-headed (*Plestiodon laticeps*) is the largest of the 4 skink species that are native to Maryland. They are seldom seen as they spend most of their time high in the tree canopy, extremely arboreal, and coming out of the treetops in late spring to lay eggs. This presumably female, was spotted near the gardens, in loose soil, perhaps tending a nest. She was about 11 inches long, and almost an inch in diameter. They are reported to have very strong jaws and as so can inflict painful bites, i.e. give them space. If anyone sees something unusual or interesting while at the farm, please let the wildlife committee know.



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Electrofishing Study – 2021

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee
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On May 13, 2021, biologists from Solitude Lake Management conducted an electrofishing study at the big pond (Walton). Chapter members who attended and participated in this study included Frank Parker, Pete Wirth, Brett Davis, Jackie Young, John Estep, Shannon Novak, and John Novak. This study was a follow-up to the 2018 electrofishing study to assess any changes to the big pond fishery in response to the recommendations from the 2018 study report. Our management goal for the big pond is development of a quality largemouth bass fishery with healthy numbers of good size fish.



Two runs were made around the perimeter of the big pond with the boat shocker. On the first run, all sunfish (bluegills and redear sunfish) and largemouth bass stunned by the electric field were netted and placed in the holding tank on the boat. The second run focused on collecting only stunned largemouth bass. After each run, all fish collected were identified and measured (total length) and were returned to the big pond unharmed. The lengths of the largemouth bass ranged from 4.3" to

19.5". The upper lobe of the caudal fin (tail) of all largemouth bass longer than 10 inches were fin clipped with scissors (see photo). This clipping will last about a year before the fin grows back but during this time it will allow for following the growth and condition of these fish when caught and entered into the logbook or in the online catch database by anglers. A report on this electrofishing study with analysis of the catch data and any recommendations will be available in about one month. The photos included with this article were taken by Brett Davis and Shannon Novak.

Spring cleanup day. A project worthy of mention here was the placement of eight spawning beds in the small pond and twelve in the big pond. Three and one half tons of pea gravel was donated by chapter member Brian Kelly from Jack Irwin Stone in Rockville. Many thanks to Brian for this very

generous donation. These beds should significantly enhance the spawning potential for largemouth bass and sunfish in both ponds.



PHOTOS BY SHANNON NOVAK AND BRETT DAVIS

NestWatch News

Diane Seward, Citizen-Science Projects Coordinator

It has been a very productive spring for the three cavity-nesting birds we monitor on our conservation farm— Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, and Purple Martins. The bluebirds began choosing nest boxes in late March and by April 8 had laid their first egg. As of late May, 29 Eastern Bluebirds had fledged from six nests, and each of those adult pairs has begun a second nesting attempt. Eleven eggs and nine nestlings remain in the first round of bluebird nestings. Eastern Bluebird nests have been completed or are underway in 11 of our 24 nest boxes.

Tree Swallows began nesting in late April. As of the end of May, they had claimed 12 nest boxes and produced 34 eggs and 32 nestlings. The young will begin to fledge in mid-June. Tree Swallows have only one brood each season.

Last but not least, Purple Martin scouts appeared over the martin houses in mid-March. The NestWatch team gathered dried pine needles to furbish each of the 28 slots in the two traditional houses and 18 gourds on our gourd tree. By late April at least 50 martins were observed circling the houses. By

the end of May, the martins had laid 164 eggs in 35 nests, with three hatchlings. Martins can be observed flying around their houses and perching on their porches through mid- July. Come on out and take a look at these splendid aviators.

The NestWatch team repaired nest boxes in March. We decided to add an additional box to three of the existing boxes as an experiment to reduce competition for nesting space between Tree Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds. Two of the paired boxes, one in front of the small pond near the cabin, see photo, have the two species nesting side by side. The second pairing, off the drive down to the shotgun range, has successfully fledged a clutch of five Eastern Bluebirds, while, side by side, Tree Swallows are feeding their five hatchlings. In past years, this location (a single box) has been the site of fierce competition and loss. Of course, a single season of pairing a few nest boxes does not constitute scientific evidence of a stable pattern of behavior; it is merely anecdotal,

Many thanks to Pete Cappellino, Theresa Zmola, and guest Carmel Ballard for their substantial time and efforts on the NestWatch project this spring.

PHOTOS BY CARMEL BALLARD, PETE CAPPELLINO, DIANE SEWARD AND THERESA ZMOLA



Early April Bluebird Nest, five eggs



Bluebird Nestlings, seven days old



Six Purple Martin Eggs



Purple Martin Gourds



Tree Swallow Nestlings



Tree Swallows on nest box, one on top, one looking in the entrance hole



Tree Swallow nest, four eggs, Mama on guard