



AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

Serving the Community Since 1935

PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

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President's Message

Dues Increase for Lead Reclamation and Long-Term Capital Projects Accrual Account

First, I want to thank everyone who attended the July Monthly Dinner Meeting and asked the many excellent questions about the necessary lead reclamation projects on the Rifle & Pistol Range (R&P Range) and the Shotgun Range. Our ranges provide a great resource of outdoor activity year-round and income to the operating account used throughout farm. 87% of new members identify with the Shooting Sports.

To briefly recap from July 21st, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides guidance to outdoor shooting range operators in the U.S.A. on how to best manage shooting ranges for lead, titled: Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges; EPA-902-B-01-001, Revised June 2005, Region 2. Per the EPA's BMP guidance, all outdoor shooting ranges in the U.S.A. are required to remove and recycle lead after every 2 million rounds.

We are now beginning the process of removing and recycling lead found on our shooting ranges. We have contracted with a national lead reclamation company, EN Range which will start work on the R&P Range on August 9, 2021, followed by the Shotgun Range tentatively scheduled for August 2, 2022. Based on our historical clay target orders we shoot approximately 133,900 rounds annually; at this rate in 15 years, in 2036, we will have shot approximately 2,008,500 rounds which will require us to conduct another lead reclamation.

This year, we are fortunate to have received a grant from the BCC-IWLA Legacy Foundation, Inc., approved on July 9, 2021.

"The BCC-IWLA Legacy Foundation, Inc. is pleased to communicate this formal approval of the Chapter's recent request for a one-time grant to fund the lead reclamation projects, including site preparation and range improvements for both the rifle / pistol range and shotgun ranges, not to exceed eighty-five thousand dollars without further review and approval by the Legacy Foundation board."

It is essential that we maintain the EPA Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges so that we and future members will continue to enjoy shooting on our ranges. The funding of future lead reclamation projects will be the responsibility of the Chapter. For us to be able to meet this requirement, a membership dues increase in the amount of \$20.00 per Individual Membership Type along with pro-rata increases adjusted accordingly to other Membership Types is necessary.

We must make the needed preparations now to be financially prepared when this and long-term high dollar capital projects e.g., a new Chapter House roof or a replacement tractor occur. We currently do not have long term funding accrual in place. The proposed dues increase will establish a long-term funding solution to this problem.

A membership vote is required to approve dues increases. The vote on this dues increase will take place at the August Monthly Dinner Meeting on August 18, 2021.

Sincerely,

Ron Marchessault
President

DUE DATE
for the September Newsletter Articles

Friday, August 27

Submit articles to:
j.lamkin@comcast.net
Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com

As a reminder...

All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website (bcciwla.org) 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:

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Summary of the June 2021 Board of Governors Meeting and the July 2021 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the previous B.O.G meeting of May 26 were read and accepted.
- President Ron Marchessault reported:
 - Annual elections, conducted electronically for the first time by the Chapter, went smoothly and the Election Committee was thanked for its strong efforts.
 - Preparation of the Annual Report and questionnaire is in progress.
 - The president highlighted an article in the recent Outdoor America describing lead reclamation efforts at two IWLA chapters.
- Sandy Spring Bank account balances were reviewed. The Balance Sheet and Profit-and-Loss statements are in order.
- The Treasurer noted that, contrary to recommended practice, the Chapter has no "rainy day" fund. The president noted that the Management Reserve account was designed for emergencies but agreed that it is vulnerable to shortfalls.
- Committee chairs should consider and communicate if projects requiring CAPEX expenditures are planned for the coming fiscal year.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

- The president reviewed in detail the progress made on the lead reclamation initiative over the last nine months. This has been a multi-step process: information gathering and analysis, outside consultation, off-site shot fall curtain assessment, Environmental Stewardship Plan amendment, contractor site visits, review of reclamation proposals and options, legal, regulatory and Legacy Foundation review and finally implementation. A protracted discussion of the risks, benefits, pros and cons of many variables and various approaches to a generally acceptable solution then followed.
- A motion was voted on to enter deliberations on lead management in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made to retain Mr. Anthony Gorski for legal representation, and this was passed unanimously. Mr. Gorski will address the Board in person in the near future.
- A motion was made to apply a confidentiality agreement to include Mr. Gorski, EN Range, Inc., and Fredericktowne Labs. This was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to authorize the president to approach the Legacy Foundation with EN Range, Inc. proposals and projected costs for R&P and shotgun range cleanup. This was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to enter into agreement with EN Range, Inc. for lead reclamation of the R&P range. This was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to also enter into agreement at this time with EN Range, Inc. to perform reclamation of the shotgun range. This motion passed, with a 6-5 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15pm.

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SUMMARY

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Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 1,029th Membership Dinner Meeting

- After an outstanding steak dinner, the first in-person membership meeting since February 2020 was called to order at 6:48pm.
- President Ron Marchessault noted:
 - Fathers' Day (Sunday, June 20) was a great success and thanked the organizers.
 - Reviewed and summarized the last 10 months' efforts in organizing the Chapter's first-ever lead reclamation project. This pro-active initiative was made in response to regulatory changes made after adoption of the Chapter's prior Environmental Stewardship Plan of 2003, and incorporated into the current ESP. The Chapter has retained environmental legal counsel and has entered a contract with EN Range, Inc. for R&P reclamation this August, and for the shotgun range in Summer 2022. The president reviewed the reclamation processes, timing, anticipated costs, potential offsets from sale of reclaimed lead and the role of the Legacy Foundation in providing grant money for this effort. Members brought up many of the issues that had been discussed over the preceding 10 months including but not limited to: upping range fees, use of non-toxic shot, differential dues requirements, adding shooting events to the calendar etc.
 - EPA recommends lead reclamation after 2 million rounds are fired. Calculations based on current clay pigeon usage show that planning for lead maintenance in about 15 years is prudent. Anticipating other future needs and using a revenue projection tool, the Board will recommend a modest dues increase for long-term CAPEX accrual.
- There will be a family campout in September or October.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor reported that sunflowers, after a slow weather and deer-related start, are blooming.
- Wildlife Committee reports that for bird atlas 86 species overall were documented in three walks on the Farm. One turkey was taken on the Farm.
- Trails Committee Chair Brian King reported that a lot of work has been done to clear the trails, especially in the West Woods. One of four West Woods clearings has abundant milkweed. The Board's approval of an Eagle Scout trail improvement was reviewed.
- Ponds & Streams Committee Co-Chair Pete Wirth again reviewed the results of an electroshock analysis of the Big Pond. There are abundant largemouth bass in the 10" range; bass this size should be released into the Small Pond to prevent depredation of the bluegill population.
- The R&P and shotgun ranges are back to full capacity and regular hours.
- Maryland hunting licenses and registration for hunting at the Chapter are available as of August 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

2021-2022 Operating Budget

A membership vote for the Chapter's new 2021-2022 Operating Budget will be held at the August Dinner Meeting to ensure that we have a working budget in place at the start of the new fiscal year on September 1. The proposed operating budget can be viewed in the July Newsletter (see website – bcciwla.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

for B-CC IWLA and Community

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

Chapter House Cleanup – for New Members

Saturday, August 14
9:00am – 12:00 noon

1,030th Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, August 18
Dinner starts between 6:15pm and 6:30pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
In the Chapter House

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, August 25
7:30pm

August New-Member Orientation Tours

Saturday, August 28
10:00am – 1:00pm

Opening Day Dove Shoot and Cookout

Wednesday, September 1
Dove Shoot – 12:00 noon to 5:00pm
Cookout – 5:30pm

Adopt-A-Road Clean-up

Saturday, September 11
8:15am

Meet at the Chapter House parking lot

Poolesville Day

Saturday, September 18
10:00am – 4:00pm
Volunteers needed for B-CC Booth
Full day of entertainment for all ages



Indigo Bunting

PHOTO BY BRETT DAVIS

Hunter Safety Course

John Lamb
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On September 11 and 12, the chapter will host one of its **bi-annual Hunter Safety/Education courses**. This class is free of charge and open to anyone wishing to get certified through the State of Maryland.

All new potential hunters must enroll-in and satisfy a certification program. Our class is a 2-day course from 8:00am to 4:00pm on each day. I do encourage those hunters, whom are exempt from completing this program due to grandfather clauses, to enroll as well. Typically, the class age range runs from 6 – 75 years of age. The certification is recognized throughout the U.S and all over the world.

All participants must enroll online with the State of Maryland.

- Pull up Register-ed.com
- Click on Maryland
- Click on Hunter Education Classroom Course
- Find the date with Poolesville IWLA location
- The site will ask a few questions pertaining to the student from there on
- Once enrolled, mark the date on your calendar and then wait for further announcements.

You can cancel your enrollment at any time if needed but please try to do so at least a week ahead of time so that another student may occupy that spot.

Students should bring a lunch and an enthusiastic learning attitude. The state will provide all other materials required.

Members wishing to work off volunteer hours are welcome to assist. If you have any questions, please contact me at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

Archives Committee Report- an opportunity for every member

Jim Tate, Archives Committee
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Last week I went to my High School archives to look up friends from the 1950s. That was variously fun, sad, poignant, and even a little scary. Try it yourself, and you will see what I mean.

In 2019 the B-CC IWLA Board of Governors approved a proposal to create an archives of our chapter from materials currently stored in the basements, garages, and even trash bins of past officers, board members, and members past and present.

We formed an archives committee consisting of **Jim Tate** (202 841-2056 jim@tate-tate.us), **Bill Gordon** (wGordon14@verizon.net), **Janet Lamkin** (j.lamkin@comcast.net) and **you**.

Yes! – You are known as the **Committee of the Whole**. Every past and present member is automatically assigned to this committee.

We now have a collection of photos, papers, correspondence, and other materials. And they are still coming in every week. If you have any materials, please share them.

Bill has made great progress with his project of finding, sorting, and providing safekeeping for irreplaceable original documents.

At the moment Jim and Janet have more than three full file boxes of papers ready for sorting, cataloging, and copying into the cloud as a searchable database. At present, we can make PDF copies of small batches on one of our home computers. We may turn to a professional copying service for the larger packages.

We need your help with this task. Please help prepare the backlog for archiving. We can authorize credit against volunteer hours for your help.

AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 1,030th monthly Membership Meeting
will be held on

Wednesday, August 18 in the Chapter House.

**Dinner will be served starting between
6:15pm and 6:30pm.**

The meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

**Appetizers will be available before dinner.
Dinner this month will include:
Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Salad,
Lemonade, and Dessert.**

AUGUST 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held on
**Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30pm
in the Chapter House.**

IWLA National Awards Night!!!

Ron Marchessault, President

August is when we recognize those of us “Ikes” who excelled in their volunteer service promoting the IWLA Conservation Mission and improving the many Programs of the Chapter. It is because of volunteers like these that we can provide such great facilities and varied outdoor activities to our membership and enhance the national IWLA Conservation Mission, locally.

Due to Covid-19, we had to suspend Awards Night last year. This year we will distribute awards for both last year and this year. It should be a fun event!

So, please join your fellow Ikes, on August 18th, in celebrating the many accomplishments of our Awardees.

ATTENTION New Members!

**The next Chapter house cleanup is on
Saturday, August 14 at 9:00am**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
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
Sunday, August 8 through Friday, August 13	R&P Range Closed – lead reclamation	CLOSED
Saturday, August 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, August 18	1,030th Monthly Membership Meeting – (2021-2022 Board and Officers to be sworn in)	Dinner begins 6:15pm to 6:30pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Saturday, August 21	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Wednesday, August 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, August 27	September Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, August 28	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
SEPTEMBER		
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>Monday</i>	<i>Scout Meetings in the Chapter House</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>
Wednesday, September 1	Opening Day Dove Shoot	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
Wednesday, September 1	After Dove Shoot Cookout – at the Chapter House	5:30pm
Saturday, September 11	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 11	Adopt-A-Road Clean-up – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Saturday, September 11	R&P Range closes at 12:30pm for Hunter Safety	closed 12:30pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, September 11	Hunter Safety Course – enrollment required – Register-ed.com	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 12	Hunter Safety Course – enrollment required – Register-ed.com	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 15	1,031st Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting – in the Chapter House	Dinner begins 6:15pm to 6:30pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Saturday, September 18	Poolesville Day – full day of entertainment for all ages – need volunteers for B-CC Booth	10:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 18	R&P Range closed for Scouting Event	closed 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, September 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, August 24	September Newsletter Articles due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, September 25	Summer Biathlon at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 25	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
OCTOBER		
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>Monday</i>	<i>Scout Meetings in the Chapter House</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
Saturday, October 9	Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, October 9	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am
Saturday, October 9	Private Event – Chapter House	12:00 noon – 9:00pm
Saturday, October 16	Primitive Skills and Camp Craft Meet Up	10:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, October 20	1,032nd Monthly Dinner Membership Meeting – in the Chapter House	Dinner begins 6:15pm to 6:30pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Thursday, October 21 through Saturday, October 23	R&P Range closed for Opening of Deer Muzzleloader Season	Closed all Three Days
Saturday, October 23	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, October 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, October 29	November 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.		

Membership Operations Report

Joe Trotter, Membership Secretary
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Membership requirements are returning to normal in August. Prospective members must show up to the August meeting in-person, check in with the Membership Secretary, and obtain the required signatures on their applications. Attending via Zoom will no longer count towards prospective meeting attendance. Applications can be found and printed at <http://bcciwla.org/membership-process/>.

We're less than a month away from the 2022 renewal season! Members must have their volunteer hours logged through the chapter website in order to avoid the \$50 in-lieu-of-volunteer-service fee. Members inducted before August 31, 2020 need 6 hours of service logged BEFORE August 31, 2021.

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.



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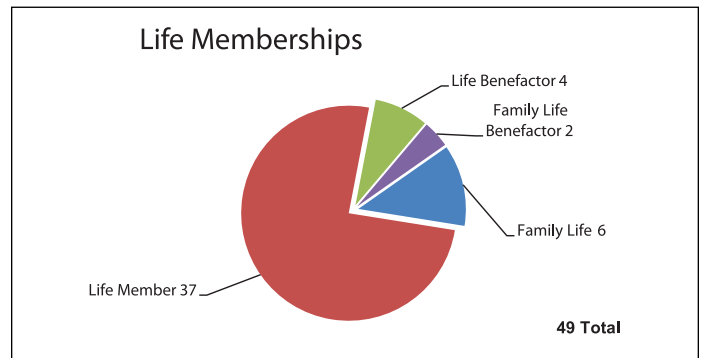
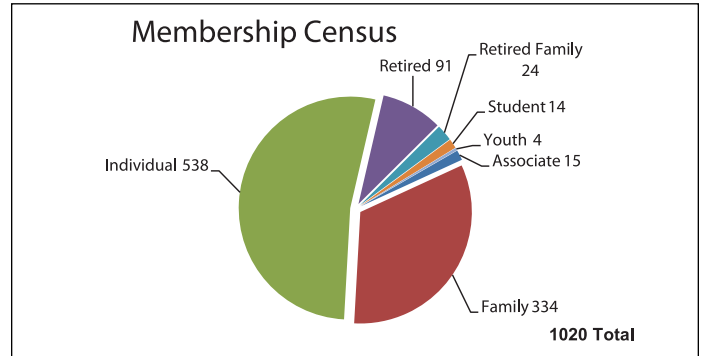
July 24, 2021 New-Member Tour Orientation Tour

A link is available for Committee Chairs to check and sign off on member work hours. If you would like access to the chart, contact Joe Trotter at jtrotterccp@gmail.com.

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

The August 2021 **New-Member Orientation Tour** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 28th** at 10:00am.


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



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. 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).



B-CC IWLA to Participate in Poole'sville's Day 2021 Festival

We are planning on attending and hosting a booth at "Poole'sville Day" which occurs on Saturday, September 18. This annual town-wide event is a great opportunity for us to connect with local residents and visitors. Anyone interested in helping staff the booth please reach out to andywight1@hotmail.com.

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

Saturday, August 28 – 10:00am until approximately 1:00pm

Come join us on the New Member Orientation Tour! Newly initiated members who have paperwork / fees to settle, make sure to arrive between 9:00am and 9:30am.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The Board of Governors has approved the amendment below for the long-term care of the Chapter. The membership will vote on the amendment at the August Membership Meeting.

Article IX – Gifts, Donations, or Contributions

Section 1. No change.

Section 2. No change.

Section 3. Establishment of a Capital Fund (Adopted 15 May 2013).

- i. A Capital Fund separately accounted for as the Near-Term Capital Fund and Long-Term Capital Fund, shall be established for the purchase, repair, and replacement of capital assets in the near-term and long-term. This fund shall be maintained as a segregated accrual account and shall be used exclusively for the purchase, replacement, and repair of capital assets, such as equipment; tangible property used in the operations of the Chapter including devices, machines, tools, vehicles; as well as buildings, roads, structures, and outdoor shooting ranges lead reclamation; including costs associated with but not limited to, appraisal fees and installation fees as necessary.
- ii. The moneys for the Near-Term Capital Fund will be derived directly from and in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Chapter's Annual Revenues collected. The moneys for the Long-Term Capital Fund will be derived from a \$20.00 dues increase for the Individual Membership Type together with the pro-rata adjusted dues increase of all other Membership Types, beginning in Chapter Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- iii. The Capital Fund shall be administered by the Advance Planning and Finance Committee (AP&FC).
 - a. The accounts shall be reviewed monthly by the Chapter President and the Advance Planning and Finance Committee. The Chapter Treasurer shall publish detailed and complete reports listing the assets and present value of both the Near-Term Capital Fund and Long-Term Capital Fund at all scheduled meetings.
 - b. A Capital Fund Unfunded Requirements List (UFRL) will be established to prioritize capital expenditures.
 - (i.) A Point of Contact (POC) will be identified to receive all submissions for consideration under the Capital Fund UFRL. Submissions must be made in writing either by a Committee Chairman or by a Board Member to the AP&FC justifying the proposed expenditure.
 - (ii.) The Capital Fund UFRL will be presented by a representative of the AP&FC to the Board of Governors (BOG) for final prioritization/ approval at any board meeting or special board meeting, based on urgency of need.
 - (iii.) The Capital Fund UFRL will be reprioritized as new capital requirements are approved by the BOG.
- iv. This By-Law establishing the Capital Fund can be modified or terminated in keeping with Article XIV of the current By-Laws. (Adopted 15 May 2013, Amended on 18 August 2021)

Beginning Hunter Seminar Update

The Beginning Hunter Seminar was held as always on the first Saturday in June (except last year). For seven out of the last eight years, Scott Harmon and Mark Gochmour have shared their personal experiences and much information in the manual is provided to each participant. This year there was a very engaged and involved group of 14 including three children of participants. SignUp Genius was set up to make sure that all were registered and the cost is only \$15.

The time in the woods is always an adventure since even with bug spray and Permethrin, ticks seem to await any who travel on the property. Identifying deer trails, wind direction, looking for deer sign and choosing a tree for a stand or a prime location to be are just a small part of the fieldwork. Scott works with any student who wants to harness up and use a tree stand prior to lunch next to the Chapter House.

As usual, the teachers received high praise from those attending. One father and son had afternoon plans but were having such a good time, they arranged to stay for the whole event. The teaching time and manual continues to be augmented as new hunting experiences are engaged in by the instructors. Mark had participated in three guided hunts (elk and moose) since the last class and was able to provide new information to students from those trips.

For those who are new to hunting, it has been a while, or who are choosing a new species of animal to hunt, this compressed seven hour course is a tremendous opportunity to learn from knowledgeable hunters with close to 100 years of experience. Each seminar includes classroom and outdoor time. The manual contains critical information which can be taken home and studied since it covers in an extensive detail preparation for hunting, what is hunting success, ethics, what you can learn from a missed shot, three pages on choosing hunting weapons - archery, muzzleloader and modern firearms and much more. This class is an extension to the Hunter Safety Education two-day class that is required to hunt throughout the USA, Canada, and the world. There is always plenty of information provided and time for questions and discussion and the evaluations received from the attendees are used to improve the program for future participants. In fact, start thinking of questions to ask now and send them in upon request next spring to ensure they are covered, if you decide to come.

Reserve June 4, 2022 on your calendar now and watch for announcements in the B-CC IWLA newsletter or at dinner meetings next spring so you can register yourself and/or a family member to participate.



Thank you!

Many thanks to Cora and George Coakley for setting up and monitoring the hummingbird feeders at the Shotgun Range.

Primitive Skills and Camp Craft Meet Up October 16, 2021 – 10:00am to 5:00pm

Attendants will have an opportunity to learn skills such as bow drill fire, hand drill fire, quick and dirty shelter, flint knapping, water procurement... Email jackhkang@gmail.com to sign up for the meet up so we know how much food to prepare.

Chestnut Committee Report

Blaine Elkins, Committee Chair
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Between 7:00am and noon on July 17, a brutally hot day, 9 volunteers got most of the wire fencing up around the new orchard; the balance will be installed on the 31st along with the gate. The entire undertaking of the new orchard has been a large project, but the basic construction will be done shortly. Unfortunately, the early heat and dry spell this summer has contributed to a higher than expected failure rate in the nuts planted this spring. The good news is there are enough American Chestnuts that were started in pots this spring so we should be able to fill out our losses in the orchard this fall. Also, thanks to those who have dropped off buckets to help with the watering of the orchards. We still need more clean plastic buckets like 5-gallon paint, dry wall mud buckets, and food service buckets in the 2 to 5 gallon range.

For those members looking to fill out their volunteer hours, we have plenty of opportunities to do so. The two orchards need to be mowed every 2 weeks. Since late August weather has visited us since June, the hybrids in the green house need water every 3 days, and the orchards are getting thirsty after 4 days. If you need hours, we have doodles set up online where you can pick days that fit your schedule. Just contact me at blaineelkins@verizon.net and I can send you links.



PHOTO BY BRETT DAVIS



PHOTO BY BLAINE ELKINS



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Placing the first watering bucket in the new orchard.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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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 and 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.
- 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.

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 AUGUST

Sunday, August 1 **Doug Martin, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, August 8 **John Kipfer, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, August 15 **Ben Kohler, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, August 22 **Richard Drummon, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, August 29 **Kevin King, David Boynton**

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 5 **John Novak, Shannon Novak**
 Sunday, Sept. 12 **George Hodges-Fulton, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, Sept. 19 **Christine Peterson, *Need a Range Officer***
 Sunday, Sept. 26 **Robert Quattlebaum, Andrew Bellamah**

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Newly Elected Maryland Division Officers and National Directors

Maryland Division Officers:

Cherie Aker, *President*
 Todd Morris, *Vice-President*
 Anita Stonebraker, *Treasurer*
 Scott Harman, *Recording Secretary*
 Jeff Deschamps, *Executive Secretary*
 Jim Piatieski, *Past Division President*

National Directors and Assigned Chapters:

Bill Gordon – *Rockville & Mt. Airy*
 Mike Horsmon – *Sportsman's & Harford*
 Ken Lefebvre – *Mid-Shore & Woodmont*
 Rodger Moran – *Washington & Frederick #1*
 Bob Pavlick – *Bethesda-Chevy Chase & Free State*
 Jim Piatieski – *Wildlife Achievement & Lois Green-Sligo*

Summer Biathlon Program

Steve Eschholz
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Summer biathlon is rocking this summer. The program has seen more dingers on the line possibly since the advent of the program in the early 1990s. We are looking at an average of between 9-10. We have had 13 out several times. This includes people new to the sport.

Thanks to all for spreading the word. Please continue. Contact Steve Eschholz when you desire to be included on the summer biathlon email list.

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.** For those who are not members of B-CC IWLA, the hold harmless document can be found on the B-CC IWLA website (bcciwla.org). This needs to be filled out each day you come to shoot or you cannot shoot. Minors need the signature of a parent or legal guardian.

EVENT: Running distance at B-CC IWLA is set at 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) split into 5 loops. A short course for those working up to the other distances has been laid out as well. The regulation shooting distance is 50 meters. Targets are also set between 25 and 50 meters for development of the shooting art. There are four shooting stops on the 5km course. Shooting stops alternate between prone (lying down) and off-hand (standing) positions. Five rounds are fired at each stop for a total of 20 shots. An equal number of shots are fired from each shooting position.

SCORING: Scoring is based on a time to complete basis. A penalty of either one (1) minute or a 50-100 meter penalty lap will be assessed for each shot missed.

EQUIPMENT: .22 caliber biathlon rifles are the standard; however, any magazine fed, .22 caliber rifle with either bolt or lever action is permitted. **Only standard velocity .22 caliber target ammunition is allowed.**

SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 21 7:30am
Saturday, September 11 7:30am
Saturday, September 25 7:30am
Saturday, October 9 7:30am

FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON

Saturday, November 6 7:30am
Saturday, November 13 7:30am

FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON

Saturday, March 19, 2022 8:00am
Saturday, April 2, 2022 7:30pm

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, September 11 – The Range will be closing at 12:30pm for Hunter Safety.
- Saturday, September 18 – The Range will be closed from 9:00am – 3:00pm for a Scout event.

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 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

AUGUST

Saturday, August 7 **Rogers, B.,** Terrell, J., Maisel, J., Koehn, D.
Sunday, August 8 **Pedersen, P.,** Terrell, J., Meima, S., Spence, P.
Saturday, August 14 **Gochmour, G.,** Max, H., Reilly, J.
Sunday, August 15 **Johnson, G.,** Gochmour, G., Ossi, G., Naum, S.
Saturday, August 21 **Campagna, C.,** Stopher, D., Koehn, D., Betmarik, J.
Sunday, August 22 **Neilly, J.,** Reilly, J., Daniel, B.
Saturday, August 28 **Hammes, P.,** Crowley, D., Stemp, K.
Sunday, August 29 **Zoulis, T.,** Adams, J., Spence, P., Stemp, K.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 4 **Yu, Z.,** Zoulis, T., Meima, S., Daniel, B.
Sunday, Sept. 5 **No Range Officer on Duty**
Saturday, Sept. 11 **Latimer, R.,** Gentzel, K., Peterson, C., Wight, A., Ma, A., Maisel, J.
Sunday, Sept. 12 **King, B.,** Yu, Z., Ma, A., Chung, K.
Saturday, Sept. 18 **Epstein, G.,** Donovan, P., Pedersen, P., Tarkowski, J.
Sunday, Sept. 19 **Finnegan, J.,** Mense, M., Hammes, P., King, K., Jones, R.
Saturday, Sept. 25 **Haake, T.,** King, D., Eschholz, S., Widenhofer, S.
Sunday, Sept. 26 **Gentzel, K.,** Sanfuentes, J., King, D., Haake, T.

2021-2022 B-CC IWLA Officers and BOG Members

OFFICERS

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

BOARD MEMBERS

David Boynton
Brett Davis
Victor Kernus
Andy Wight
Peter Wirth

Legacy Board: Ted Whitehouse

The 2021-2022 B-CC IWLA Board of Governors has been voted in and will be formally inducted during the August dinner meeting. The nominating committee would like to thank these chapter members for volunteering to dedicate their time and energy by agreeing to become the leaders and directors of our chapter.

Big Pond Fish Feeder

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee
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In response to a recommendation of the electrofishing study conducted by Solitude Lake Management in May, Pete Wirth and John Novak, co-chairs of the Ponds & Streams Committee, installed a directional automated fish feeder (see photo) at the big pond on July 18, 2021. Our hand-feeding of the big pond fish once every 7 to 10 days was deemed inadequate by the contractor's biologist who recommended that the fish be fed at least once daily. The feeder, which is powered by a solar-charged 12-volt battery, has a storage



capacity of 175 pounds of fish food pellets and will discharge these pellets 45 feet out into the big pond with an arc of 25 feet. The feeder is programmed to discharge pellets once in the morning for a duration of 5 seconds but can be re-programmed as needed to adjust the timing of pellet releases. We expect this feeder to greatly enhance the survival and growth of the big pond fish population which will be monitored over the coming year. Operation of the feeder will continue until the end of October. Big pond anglers are requested to report to the Ponds & Streams Co-chairs any vandalism or animal entry into the feeder. Many thanks to Frank Parker for purchasing and delivering the fish food pellets to the red storage shed.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in July 2021.

Alexander Chumak (Alex)

Interests: Building Maintenance; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Peter H. Hopewell (Pete)

Interests: Hunting; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Todd M. Rork

Interests: Farming; Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife

Charles Scott Spear (Scott)

Interests: Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol; Trap & Skeet

Opening Day Dove Hunt & Cookout

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, September 1st marks the first day of Dove Season and our annual dove hunt with a cookout following. As always, the farm committee has done a meticulous job this year to ensure our fields are prepped for the season (thank you, Phil!). Per DNR Regulations, dove hunting is permitted **ONLY** between 12:00 noon and 5:00pm for this season, so please join us in the Chapter house shortly after the shooting hours end for some good food and great company provided by your fellow members.

With the ever-growing popularity of this event, we have a few reminders for those both new and seasoned to ensure everyone's experience is safe and enjoyable:

- Please check in with 2nd VP Shannon Novak at the table on Izaak Walton Way when you head into the property.
- Please be sure to register to hunt through our website by the night before on August 31: <http://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>
- Bring your hunting license & current membership card with you.
- Ensure your car has a current year B-CC IWLA sticker on it.
- Shotguns cannot hold more than 3 shells at a time, per state regulations.
- Keep your barrel pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Doves only may be hunted between 12:00pm and 5:00pm.
- Know what a dove looks like to ensure the correct species is harvested.
- Opening day is typically very warm, so please dress for the weather and bring lots of water to stay hydrated.

As mentioned above, there will be a cookout at the Chapter house starting around 5:30pm, where we will have burgers, hotdogs, cold drinks & snacks. A suggested \$5 donation per person to cover our costs is greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you on September 1st!

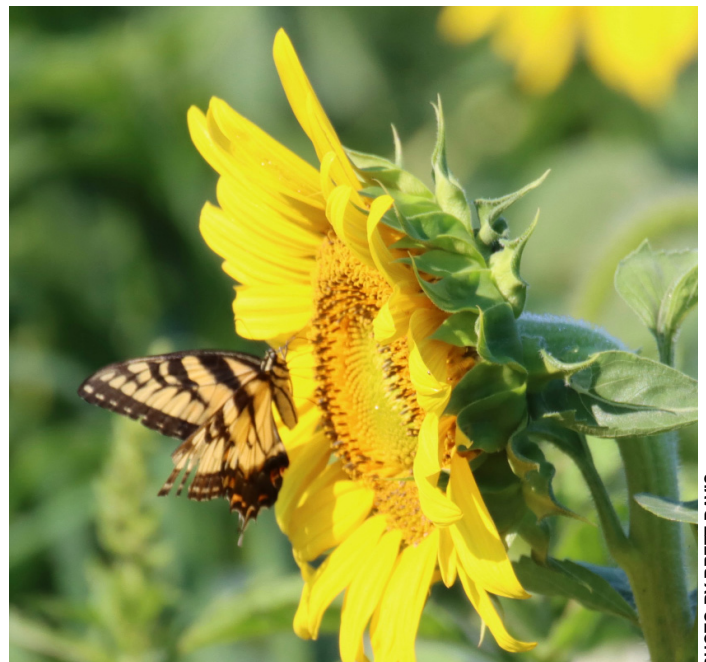


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Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Committee Chair
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The 2020-2021 hunting season is almost upon us, with several seasons opening the first week of September, notably **Dove season** on Wednesday, September 1st and **Deer archery season** on Friday, September 10th. All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm **must**:

- 1) **Have a valid MD hunting license** (including all necessary stamps, i.e. HIP stamp for doves)
- 2) **Have a current and valid B-CC IWLA membership card** as proof of permission to hunt on private land
- 3) **Have a current and valid parking sticker** displayed on their vehicle
- 4) **Register on our website** to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

We are a large chapter with many hunters and non-hunters that all enjoy a day in the field, so we ask that everyone be safe, courteous, and respectful in their activities on our farm. We adhere to and endorse MD DNR hunting regulations and policies. **The MD hunting regulations** can be found at: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/>, and can be downloaded from our website. Again, there are not many changes to the MD DNR hunting regulations this year from last. The bag limit remains at 2 antlered deer per year across all hunting seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and firearm) and only one of those deer may have fewer than 3 points on one antler. In region B (our farm is in Region B), hunters may purchase a bonus antlered deer stamp that allows harvest on 1 (one) additional antlered deer. The bag limit of antlerless deer is now unlimited for archery seasons (we are in the Suburban Deer Management Zone), 10 for muzzleloader seasons, and 10 for shotgun seasons.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we have had sightings this year, and we like to believe our habitat is healthy enough to support an occasional bear or two. Bears in Montgomery County are protected and should not be harassed.

Happy hunting and think safety

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

OPENING DAY DOVE HUNT

Wednesday, September 1st, will be opening day for dove hunting and is usually a busy day at the chapter. As is our tradition, we welcome the new hunting seasons with our dove opening day picnic. The picnic will start around 5:00pm, with the philosophy to encourage our hunters to come out of the fields around 5:00pm to let doves roost and feed, thereby extending future hunting opportunities to those that might be able to only come out on weekends.

The farm committee has been busy tending the fields to improve habitat and attract a wide variety of wildlife to our farm. Once again, Phil and all the volunteers working with him have worked their magic, and we are blessed to have a bountiful crop of sunflowers this year. Thanks all!

This year has been a challenging, with a cold snap at planting time and excess rain that inhibited proper germination, enough so that a second planting of sunflowers was needed. The e-fences once again provided protection from deer predation, allowing the sunflowers to develop and thrive. As the sunflowers are now maturing and drying, ready for manipulation in accordance with MD DNR guidelines, to be ready for opening dove season, a new challenge has emerged. The abundance of mature sunflower seeds has



PHOTO BY LARRY ANDERSON

done what was intended and attracted birds, many birds of all types. Most notable are the Goldfinches. Many dozens of these bright yellow and black birds are busily feeding their young, as now is their time for nesting. It appears this year we have a very robust population of Goldfinches. Along with the Goldfinches, the Indigo Buntings are also present in high numbers in the sunflower fields. Many other species of birds are also taking advantage of the bounty of sunflower seeds including Cardinals, Kingbirds, Yellowthroats, House Finches, Wood Pewees, Catbirds, House Wrens, Blue Grosbeaks, varieties of Vireos and Red Crossbills. Many of these can be located and identified by song as well as sighting by using an app such as Merlin Bird ID from the CornellLab on smartphones. And yes, there are doves in the fields too. All in all, this is a fantastic time to explore the farm and all its variety of wildlife.

One species of bird, however, present in our sunflower fields in huge numbers is the Common Grackle. Many large flocks can be seen surrounding the fields throughout the day.

These birds can also be seen perched on the sunflowers, stripping the heads clean.

Fortunately, when the Grackles descend on the sunflower heads, they are "messy" eaters, and tend to scatter seeds on the ground. These scattered seeds should help in attracting doves, as they are primarily ground feeders. Hopefully, we will have enough seed around to continue to keep attracting doves and other birds.

The plantings are also benefiting other wildlife, including our deer population; several nice bucks still in velvet have been seen checking out the fields. We have several salt block stations out and they are being well used. We do ask that our members do not place salt blocks in our fields; they wreak havoc with our crops and equipment. As a reminder, we do not allow baiting on our farm.

As with most dove opening days, we anticipate that there will be many hunters in the field. A few things to remember and consider for early dove season:

- Shotguns cannot hold more than 3 shells, a state regulation.
- No shot larger than 7.5 may be used during the first split of dove.
- Keep all shots between "10 and 2".
- Shoot time for the first split of dove season starts at noon.
- It is usually very warm opening day, lightweight camo and lots of water is the order of the day.
- Know what a dove looks like, we are very proud of the wide variety of birds on our farm, but only doves are in season.
- If it's been awhile since the shotgun has been out of the safe, come out to the shotgun range for some practice.
- Please pickup and carry out empty shotgun hulls.
- Have fun and be safe.

From the MDDNR website:

REPORT YOUR BIRD BANDS ONLINE:
WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV

Each year state and federal biologists mark tens of thousands of migratory birds with numbered leg bands. Hunters who report bands recovered from harvested birds receive specific information on when and where the bird was banded while providing important information for migratory bird management. The 1-800 telephone number for reporting bird bands has been discontinued. Hunters who recover a banded migratory bird should now use pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrvl. Anyone reporting a band will need the following information: the band number, hunters name and address, and the date and location (nearest town) of the harvest.



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Archery Range Report

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The Archery Range has been busy.

The Girl Scout Gold Award outdoor night sky observatory project is well under way, and we are looking forward to tours of the stars and planets this fall.

The Youth Archery Session is under way after a phenomenal kick-off on the first Tuesday. About 25 young archers attended.



Apollo Archery service member and veteran archery program is receiving very positive feedback from the folks we've hosted from Walter Reed. Our partnership with the Marine Corps and Army staff at the hospital is proving to be a terrific way to engage wounded warriors and those close to them in a healthy and fun outdoor activity.



The 3-D course is open for business through the end of the month. Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am -1:00pm.

Target bags are open every day, sunrise to sunset. Hold Harmless forms must be deposited in the field box for all non-members.

NestWatch Report

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Fledglings by the numbers!! An amazing 151 Purple Martin nestlings matured in July and took their first flights. Many returned to their nests at night, and by the end of July, one could still see a goodly number of the young adults hunting insects on the wing and perching on their houses and gourds. During this nesting season the martins produced an amazing 188 fledglings from 42 nests: 33 fledglings in June, 151 in July, and 4 in August. In next month's report we will compare this year's results with those in recent past years. Go Purple Martins!

Eastern Bluebirds also fared well in July, producing 28 young in seven nests, with another five bluebirds expected to fledge in August. Our



Six Purple Martin nestlings, one considerably larger than the other, not an adult, could not fly, an addition to the original clutch. Where did it come from? A mystery.
PHOTO BY DAVID ESCALANTE



Four Purple Martin nestlings, 20 days old.
PHOTO BY DIANE SEWARD

last Tree Swallow nest yielded two fledglings out of four original nestlings. Despite the heat in July, our nesting pairs of birds suffered very few losses. Our team was especially concerned about the martins, who raise their broods in metal enclosures with little ventilation. But the young came through beautifully. While a few eggs disappeared or never

hatched, not a single nestling perished on account of the heat, so far as we are aware.

I would like to thank the father-son team, Ed and David Escalante, for their efforts, especially tending the Purple Martin nestlings (requiring two changes of nesting materials during the hottest months of the year) weekly from mid-June through mid-July. Also, Brett Davis checked the martin houses and changed the bedding in the gourds several weekends in June and July. On at least one occasion Jim Stables gave Brett a hand. Gold stars for a tremendous NestWatch team.



Fledge day, last of seven martins in this nest to fledge.
PHOTO BY DIANE SEWARD



Four Purple Martin nestlings, last clutch of martins this summer, approximately six days old, will fledge in August.
PHOTO BY DIANE SEWARD



Ed and David Escalante, father/son team, checking the gourds.
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