



SEPTEMBER 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

Two decades ago, Jim and I were exploring the Maryland countryside. We found the old country store at Seneca, drove down the nearly impassable Hunting Quarter Road through McKee-Beshers, turned north on West Willard Way, then west on Izaak Walton Way – where we came to a locked gate. Our interest was stirred by what lay beyond that gate ... and thus our B-CC story began.

What was your arrival story? I am confident that you share the enthusiasm of everyone who has ever discovered our beautiful farm. I am just as confident that we all share the goal of another season of progress, conservation and growth – and, frankly, good outdoor fun!

I often hear our new members talk about wanting to give their children the opportunities of being an "Outdoor Person" – learning about the woods, the ponds, the animals and what it means to be away from a computer. Our chapter is a 624-acre learning opportunity – full of great trails to explore, trees to sit under, ponds to fish, birds to watch, and ranges to try your skills.

We have members who are eager to share their outdoor knowledge, and who are just waiting to be your new best friend. We have a great Yellow Book – have a look at it and start exploring! Or just pack a little lunch and walk through the Cathedral of Pines down to the big pond, sit on the shore, and watch. Or come try your skills at one of the three ranges! Or check out the Log Cabin, and imagine yourself a century ago, living there with your children, hunting (or being hunted by) the wildlife, going to town by wagon or on horseback!

Oh, and by the way ... we are planning a great slate of speakers for our Wednesday dinner meetings, so if you have been missing that conviviality, come on back!

Most importantly: please have a look at our existing committees and join any one that seems interesting to you. Birds? Fishing? Chestnut Trees? Shooting? Archery? Archeology? You can find all the committees in this newsletter or on our newly renovated website – or come talk to me! All of our committee chairs welcome members. And we will be planning some new activities for young members – they are our future!

Let's do our best, this year, to enjoy the out-of-doors together and introduce the next generation to its amazing opportunities. Let's get our community back together and tell tall tales! We all deserve a great outdoor year!

Looking forward!

Lin Tate
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

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

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, September 11
8:15am

Meet at the Chapter House parking lot

1,031st Membership Dinner Meeting

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

Poolesville Day

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

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, September 22
7:30pm

Cleanup Day for the Ranges

Saturday, September 25
8:30am to –
Lunch will be provided

Cleanup Day for the Chapter

Saturday, October 2
8:30am to –
Lunch will be provided

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, 2021 – August 31, 2022

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* Indicates Officers and Board Members who were absent from the previous month's Board of Governors meeting.

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Address, phone and email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

Janet Lamkin
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Summary of the July 2021 Board of Governors Meeting and the August 2021 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Recording Secretary John Stinson was unable to attend this meeting in person and any gaps or inaccuracies in these minutes reflect the poor audio quality experienced with remote attendance.
- After discussion of a personnel matter and the nominating process for the Board under executive session, the meeting was called to order at 8:20pm.
- The Board was presented with a detailed plan for Log Cabin restoration. A written proposal will be submitted in the future for CAPEX consideration.
- The Board reviewed advice provided by environmental legal counsel Tony Gorski regarding notice and approval requirements for planned lead reclamation. This is allowed under the Montgomery County Rural Legacy Conservation Easement, as the outdoor shooting ranges had been operational for decades at the time the Easement was created. Mr. Gorski's analysis is ongoing, and he will address the Board in the near future.
- The Chapter will need to notify the Montgomery County Rural Legacy Conservation Easement holder and obtain permission for lead reclamation on the shot fall zone of the Shotgun Range, as this will involve forested land and buffer strip. Before submission to the Montgomery County Department of Permits for a Sediment Control Permit for the Shotgun Range lead reclamation, an Environmental Consultant will be required to draft a plan ensuring that the Sediment Control Application has been reviewed and conforms with all Federal, State, and County regulatory guidance compliance pertaining to said easement including all relevant information, supporting documents, photos, maps and diagrams.
- The Chapter has submitted a Sediment Control Application to the Department of Permitting Services for the R & P range and will do so for the Shotgun Range when appropriate.
- Meanwhile, the Easement holder made a recent site visit and their feedback regarding these plans was positive.
- A Chapter Member suggested that a motion be made to support a proposed state bill providing funding for a decade-long tree-planting project. IWLA chapters, sister organizations, and individual Ikes would contact legislators accordingly. This Member will draft a letter for consideration.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor and others on the committee proposed acquisition of a Davis Weather Monitor. This consists of solar-powered hardware with multiple sensors (soil temp, wind, leaf wetness, forecast, historical data etc.) and a gateway to a cell tower. Also for consideration is a custom weather web page linked to the Chapter website. Phil will write up a proposal and submit it to the 2nd VP for AP & FC and CAPEX consideration. Such proposal should include a justification with explanation of the benefits of this to the Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made to transfer funds from the Operating Account to CAPEX to pay the Promissory Note by mid-
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SUMMARY

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August to the BCC IWLA Legacy Foundation for the Large Pond Spillway Project. Payment of the said note was due no later than August 31, 2021. This motion passed.

- A motion was made and passed to accept qualifying new members.
- Dues increase: The president predicts that in 15 years, 2 million more rounds will have been fired, triggering another lead reclamation, with a marginal offset for reclaimed lead. In addition, provision must be made for large-scale CAPEX exigencies such as a new roof for the Chapter House, tractor replacement, etc. The Board therefore agreed that a dues increase is warranted for CAPEX accrual. After discussion using a revenue projection tool, a motion was made to increase annual individual member dues by \$15, with proportional change to other membership categories. This motion failed to pass.
- A motion was made to present to the membership an increase individual annual dues by \$20 with proportional change to other membership categories. This motion passed.
- The Board reviewed changes to the Chapter bylaws reflective of the proposed dues increase. By email the bylaws amendment was edited and consensus was reached on July 31, 2021. However, no motion was made to accept the proposed bylaws changes.
- The Board discussed increasing the financial penalty for work hour non-performance. Although this has not been changed since 2006 but will be tabled for now.
- The Board discussed the verbiage for an announcement to the membership regarding the dues increase in detail. The president subsequent to this meeting submitted to the Board a draft announcement, along with the proposed change to the bylaws. After minor edits these were submitted for a blast email to the membership.

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 1,030th Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Ron Marchessault provided an update on lead reclamation progress on the R & P range.
- Past President Jeff Seaman administered the Oath and swore in the BCC Board for 2021-22.
- In lieu of a featured speaker, the gun raffle was held, and the 3 winners were announced after randomized selection of their tickets. Proceeds of the raffle will accrue directly to CAPEX account.
- Past President Seaman and President Marchessault presented National, State, and Chapter awards for 2019 and 2020 respectively.

National-level awards and recipients for 2019 follow:

- o **Hall of Fame** – Avifauna Program
- o **Lawton Childs Award** – Butch Mezick, Gregg Gochnour, Mark Gochnour, and Frank Parker for Interpretive Walk in the Woods

2019 State awards and their recipients include:

- o **Turner Award** – Bob Pavlick and Scott Harmon
- o **Weih Award** – Ponds & Streams Committee, chaired by John Novak
- o **Best Newsletter Award** – Janet & Tom Lamkin
- o **Conservation Award** – John Lamb
- o **Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award** – Jim Tate and Bill Gordon

2020 National Awards include:

- o **Hall of Fame Award** – George Coakley
- o **Best Chapter Newsletter Award**
- o **National Conservation Award** – Art Belendiuk
- o **National Shooting Sports Awards** – Steve Eschholtz, Jack Mandel, and Warner Parks

2020 Chapter Awards follow:

- o **Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award** – Blaine Elkins
- o **Defenders Chapter Achievement Award**
- o **President's Award** – Thoran Menser

NEW BUSINESS:

- Three items requiring votes for adoption were brought to the floor:
 1. A motion was made and seconded to increase dues for individuals by \$20.00, with proportionate increases in other membership categories. This motion was debated, and it was reinforced that this increase is to accommodate lead reclamation in the future, as Legacy Foundation grant money for the current effort is a one-off. Following E.P.A. Guidelines, the Chapter is expected to require another lead reclamation in approximately 15 years, having expended another 2 million rounds by then. In addition, long-term high-ticket CAPEX projects may be thereby funded. It was necessary to limit the debate to the merits of the motion. The motion passed, 41 Y, 14 N.
 2. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Chapter Bylaws to align with creation of a separate long-term CAPEX account to accommodate the above motion to reflect that Capital funds separately accounted for as the Near-Term Capital Fund and Long-Term Capital Fund shall be established. The motion passed 36 Y, 16 N. Article 9, Section 3 of the Bylaws will be amended accordingly.
 3. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the 2021-2022 Chapter budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Girls Scout night observatory project is nearing completion.
- Lead reclamation is ongoing but delayed at Rifle & Pistol range due to uncooperative weather.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- A Chapter Member is in recovery from a surgical procedure and help with meals, etc. would be appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

DUE DATE

for the October Newsletter Articles

Friday, September 24

Submit articles to:

j.lamkin@comcast.net

Newsletter.BCCIWLA@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 2021 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 1,031st monthly Membership Meeting
will be held on

Wednesday, September 22
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, Over Night Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Salad, Lemonade, and Dessert.

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119876726?pwd=QXdlldE5BVkp3c1JsR0ZNaEpGRmxKdz09>

Dial: 301 715-8592

Meeting ID: 891 1987 6726

Passcode: 953816

SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held on
Wednesday, September 29 at 7:30pm
in the Chapter House.

Family Friendly Chapter Dinner

Our next Family Friendly Chapter Dinner will be held on September 15th. As usual, we will have kid's activities while adults enjoy the regular chapter meeting. Hot dogs, chips, cookies/ice cream, and juice boxes will be provided. Vegetarian options are available. Keep the date clear and use this opportunity to bring your kids to the chapter.

Questions? Contact Andy Wight,
Conservation Education Chair, at
andywight1@hotmail.com.



Fall cleanups are a great time to get in your work
hours and reconnect with friends!

RANGE CLEANUPS

Please join us at the Rifle & Pistol Range, the Shotgun Range, and the Archery Range for the fall range cleanup day scheduled for Saturday, September 25 starting at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided.

Contacts:

Archery Range Chair

Jack Mandel — jmandel@design@gmail.com

R&P Range Chair

Gus Zinsser — GusZinsser4@gmail.com

Shotgun Range Chair

Warner Parks — wparks29@gmail.com

CHAPTER CLEANUP

The Chapter Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 starting at 8:30am. Please meet at the chapter house. Chapter committee chairs will have lists of projects that need to be done. These could include Christmas Trees, Ponds & Streams, Farm projects, Trails, Log Cabin, Chestnut Groves, Chapter House, etc.

Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, loppers, and leaf blowers. If you bring a chain saw or weed wacker, please be sure you have the necessary safety equipment.

Lunch will be provided after the bulk of the cleanup work has been completed, around 1:00pm.

Committee chairs or crew chiefs that are planning work projects for Chapter Cleanup Day, please contact 1st VP, Walt Allensworth (see information below).

Walt Allensworth

301 221-3594 • wsallensworth@icloud.com



B-CC IWLA to Participate in Pooleville Day 2021 Festival

We are planning on attending and hosting a booth at "Pooleville Day" which occurs on Saturday, September 18, 10:00am - 4:00pm. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
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>Mondays</i>	<i>Scout Meetings at the Shotgun Range Pavilion</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays through September 28</i>	<i>Tuesday Sporting Clays</i>	<i>3:00pm – last squad out at 5:00pm</i>
<i>3rd Thursday of the Month</i>	<i>Cub Scout Meeting in the Chapter House</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
Wednesday, September 1	Opening Day Dove Shoot	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
Wednesday, September 1	After Dove Shoot Cookout – at the Chapter House CANCELED	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 closed for Hunter Safety	All Day
Saturday, September 11	Hunter Safety Course – enrollment required – Register-ed.com – CLASS FILLED	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 12	Hunter Safety Course – enrollment required – CLASS FILLED	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 15	Apollo Archery Program	6:00pm – 7:30pm
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	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, September 22	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House	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	Cleanup Day for the Ranges	Starts at 8:30am
OCTOBER		
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Monthly Events		
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Scout Meeting at the Shotgun Range Pavilion</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
<i>3rd Thursday of the Month</i>	<i>Cub Scout Meeting in the Chapter House</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
Saturday, October 2	Cleanup Day for the Chapter	Starts at 8:30am
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	Intro to Shooting Sports (Shotgun Range) – sign up required	Two Classes
Saturday, October 16	Primitive Skills and Camp Craft Meet Up	10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday, October 16	Annual Fall Family Campout	2:30pm – 9:00am Sunday
Sunday, October 17	Annual Fall Family Campout – breakfast and clean up	7:00pm -
Wednesday, October 20	Apollo Archery Program	6:00pm – 7:30pm
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	R&P Range closed for Opening Day of Deer Muzzleloader Season	Closed all Day
Wednesday, October 27	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House	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.		

Gun Raffle

The Gun Raffle was held at the August Dinner Meeting.

The winners were
Eric Sypes, John Frick, and Morris Brown. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Membership Operations Report

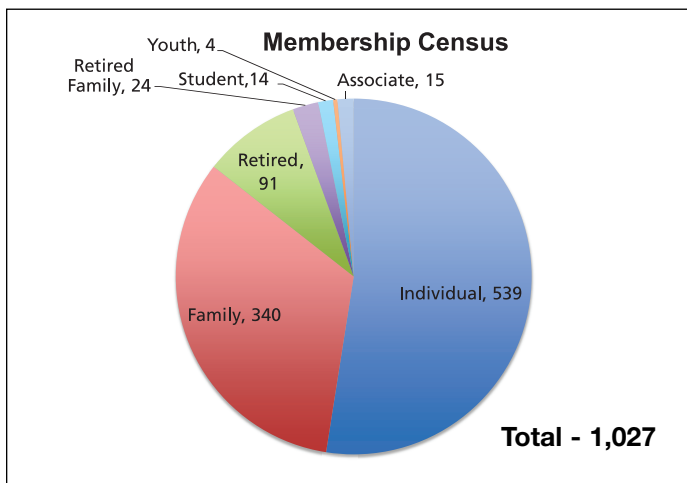
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It's renewal season once again, and this year the Membership Committee is taking a major step forward and moving to an online renewal system! Keep an eye on your email in-boxes for further announcements and this year's invoices.

It is my pleasure to introduce our new Membership Secretary, Meg O'Rourke, who is working diligently with the Chapter's IT team to make this transition as seamless as possible. You can direct any questions directly to her.

As a reminder, all volunteer hours must be logged at <https://bcciwla.org/log-your-hours/>

Thank you all for another wonderful year!
 Nothing changed on **Lifetime Memberships** this month.



August 28, 2021 New-Member Orientation Tour

REMEMBER...

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

IN MEMORIAM

EVAN MATER



It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of longtime Chapter member Evan Mater. Evan has been with B-CC IWLA for 24 years. He has been a Traditional archer all that time. Thoran Menser remembered shooting with Evan indoors at Old Town Hunting

Supply in Poolesville over 20 years ago. Evan had taken classes with former Olympian Ruth Rowe and shot competitively at Traditional tournaments all over. Evan was generous with his time and knowledge. He lived on the same street in Cabin John, MD for most of his life. His longtime friends and neighbors attest to his helpfulness with all manner of things from bringing venison to potlucks and plowing their street when the county was slow to taking arborist classes so he could help them with tree trimming and storm damage. He wasn't what anyone would call gregarious, but he had a good sense of humor, a mischievous grin, and was always a pleasure to work with. He was active, curious, and he applied himself. He was currently taking welding classes and working for a certification. He was active with our archery program and took it upon himself to keep our tractor in top working order. To say he will be missed is an understatement. But he most certainly did set a standard of contribution to those around him that we can all strive for.

The Cabin John Village News did a nice piece on him and we gratefully acknowledge Judith Wells for permission to use her photo of Evan from the article, <https://cabinjohn.org/index.php/village-post/2021-august-newsletter/> An earlier piece by the Village News also highlighted Evan, <https://cabinjohn.org/index.php/village-post/2008-April-Newsletter/>

PHOTO BY JUDITH WELLS

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.

NOTICE

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Walt Allensworth, twangermd@gmail.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

Big Pond Largemouth Bass (LMB) Removal

John Novak, Co-chair, Ponds & Streams Committee
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Pete Wirth, Co-chair, Ponds & Streams Committee
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One of the recommendations made in the report following our May 13, 2021, big pond electrofishing study was the removal of LMB 8"-12" in length. The study found an overabundance of LMB in this size range. To meet the Chapter's management plan for the establishment of a quality LMB fishery in the big pond (size and numbers in the 5-pound range), it is imperative that concerted efforts be made for the removal of 8"-12" LMB in order to reduce competition for the forage base. Implementing this management measure would allow the larger bass to grow to trophy size and the smaller 4"-6" bass to fill the gap left by removal of the 8"-12" bass. At present, anglers are not allowed to remove LMB under 12 inches from the Chapter property since the minimum possession size for LMB per Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations is 12 inches. This size restriction also applies to the Chapter's small and large ponds. An application for a Fee Fishing Lake Permit has been submitted to DNR which, if approved, will allow anglers to remove 8"-12" LMB from Chapter property. This application is still pending. Therefore, anglers are strongly urged to assist in the implementation of the recommendations made in the electrofishing study report and remove all 8"-12" LMB from the big pond either by transporting them to the small pond or simply by disposing of them in the woods where they will be quickly consumed by raccoons, foxes, coyotes, and birds. Rest assured, the removed bass will not go to waste. Every LMB removed will contribute toward meeting the Chapter's management plan for the establishment of a high-quality big pond fishery that will greatly benefit all anglers. Measuring boards have been positioned in the big pond shelter for anglers to determine fish length. In addition, anglers are strongly requested to enter into the logbook the number and size of all LMB removed from the big pond. Any questions or concerns about removing LMB from the big pond can be directed to either John Novak or Pete Wirth, Co-chairs of the Ponds & Streams Committee.

Summer Biathlon Program

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

Thanks to all for spreading the word about the program. 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. BCC-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, 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

2021 Land Fund

As a member of the B-CC IWLA, I want to do my part and contribute the following amount to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund Campaign.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ OTHER

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

Monthly Dinner Preparation

Our Kitchen Chairman, Chip Dunn, is looking for one or more individuals to share the job of planning and preparing the monthly dinner, which is served at the Membership Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Chip – cdunn20842@aol.com.

Mags for Vets

Douglas Smith
301 452-5650

This is the 9th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center (formerly called the Bethesda Naval Hospital).

Items to Donate:

- **Current Magazines:** NOT more than three (3) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, and sports of all types, etc.
- **CDs:** any and all types of music, including 'books on tape'
- **DVDs:** action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
- **Portable/personal CD/DVD players:** in good working order and all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge
- **Books:** hardback and paperback

Requirements for donation and delivery:

- All magazines must be clean and current, not over three (3) months old. NO reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements.
- All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – clean and dust free boxes/paper bags OK

Drop off your donations **on or a few days before Sunday, November 7, 2021 (10:00am at the latest)** and put them on the table in the Board of Governors meeting room (room left of front door with the fireplace).

Maryland Division Meeting

Jeff Deschamps, Maryland Division Executive Secretary
jeff.deschamps@verizon.net

The Fall Division Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 16, at the Rockville Chapter. Coffee and donuts at 9:00am; the meeting begins at 10:00am.

We are planning for an in-person meeting. The meeting is currently open to all members. We will follow State guidelines for public meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please note that we may be required to change this or limit the number of attendees based on changing guidelines.

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

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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Tuesday, September 28 will be the last **Tuesday Sporting Clays Shoot**. Please come out and enjoy the last few weeks.

There will be a **Fun Shoot** sometime in October. An e-mail blast will be sent out once there is a scheduled date.

Introduction to Shotgun Sports class will be held on Saturday, October 16, to help shotgun shooters become more comfortable and successful shooting clay targets. There will be two sessions (12 attendees in each session): 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Prospective attendees MUST use the following Sign Up Genius to register for a class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-intro2>. For more information, see the eblast that was sent out to the membership on September 1.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting, and keep the range clean and restocked for the next range officer and shooters.

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun range officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning please let Joel or me know.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3	David Bixler, Ken Gentzel
Sunday, October 10	Steve Kirstin, Keith Fungler
Sunday, October 17	Joe Reid, John Novak, Shannon Novak
Sunday, October 24	Kurt Behrend, Brian Gleicher
Sunday, October 31	Need Range Officers

HOURS OF OPERATION

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



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Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, September 11 – The Range will be closed for Hunter Safety.
- Saturday, September 18 – The Range will be closed from 9:00am – 3:00pm for a Scout event.
- Saturday, October 23 – The Range will be closed for opening day of Muzzleloader Season

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.

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

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 4	CLOSED
Sunday, Sept. 5	CLOSED
Saturday, Sept. 11	Latimer, R., Gentzel, K., Peterson, C., Wight, A., Ma, A., Maisel, J., Neily, J., Koehn, D., Stemp, K.
Sunday, Sept. 12	King, B., Yu, Z., Ma, A., Chung, K.
Saturday, Sept. 18	Epstein, G., Donovan, P., Pedersen, P.
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.

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 2	Keller, A., King, B., Tarkowski, J., Naum, S.
Sunday, Oct. 3	Zic, T., Wadsworth, H., Ives, S., Jones, R.
Saturday, Oct. 9	Calderwood, J., Yau, T., Bowie, J., Ossi, G.
Sunday, Oct. 10	Sanfuentes, J., Calderwood, J., Mense, M., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Oct. 16	Dickerson, C., McKenney, D., Flinchum, D., Crowe, C.
Sunday, Oct. 17	McKenney, D., Dickerson, C., Flinchum, D., Neily, J.
Saturday, Oct. 23	RANGE CLOSED – Bryan, T., Zic, T.
Sunday, Oct. 24	Lowe, C., Wellman, L., Nguyen, H., Max, H.
Saturday, Oct. 30	Yau, T., White M., Epstein, G., Bowie, J., Max, H.
Sunday, Oct. 31	Keller, A., Wellman, L., Crowe, C., Nanof, T.

Annual Fall Family Campout



Join us on October 16th – 17th for the Annual Fall Family Campout. This is open to members and their guests and is a great chance to get the kids and you away from smart phones and TV and enjoy some of the benefits the chapter offers. We will be pitching tents next to the Chapter House parking lot:

SATURDAY

- 2:30pm - 6:00pm Gate open to pitch tents
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm Fishing at big pond / Pumpkin Patch (to be confirmed)
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Burgers/Dogs at chapter house
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Campfire building
- 7:00pm - 7:45pm Spooky activities
- 7:45pm - 8:30pm S'mores and hot chocolate

SUNDAY

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast will be served for campers
- Breakdown and cleanup should be completed on 10:00am

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 13 if possible with numbers (and if vegetarian meals are required) to Andy Wight, Conservation Education Chair, at Conservation.Ed.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com so we can ensure there is enough food to go around.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted in August 2021.

Terry Mullin

Interests: Archery / 3-D Archery; Forestry; Rifle & Pistol and Muzzleloading

Patrick Davis

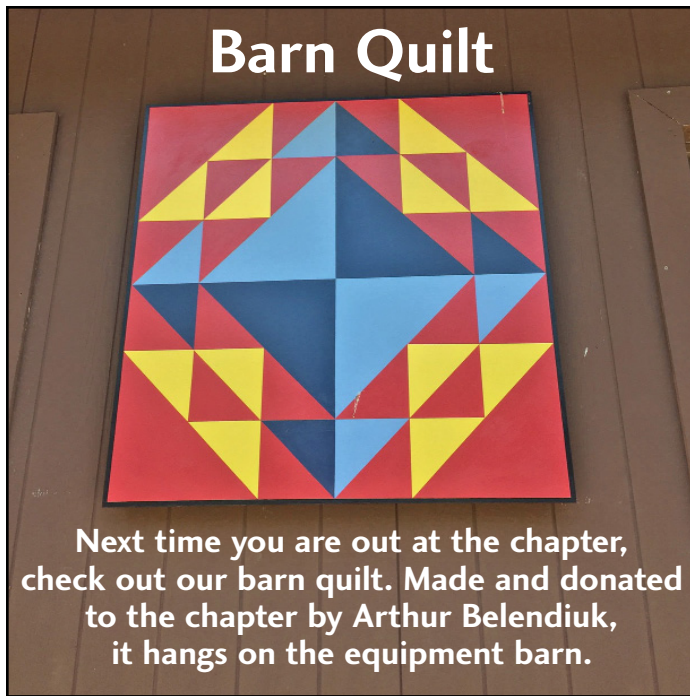
Interests: Family Picnic / Family Activities; Rifle & Pistol and Muzzleloading; Scout / Member Campground

Tracey Bodo

Interests: Conservation Education; Family Picnic / Family Activities; Nature Trail; Scout / Member Campground; Star-Gazing / Astronomy

Laura and Doug Cox

Interests: Rifle & Pistol Shooting & Muzzleloading; Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand; Wildlife Management



2021 NestWatch Wrap-up

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator
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Nest sites monitored in 2021: 72

Total nesting attempts all species: 84; eggs: 436; young: 354; fledglings: 341

Species monitored: Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds

Once again, the Purple Martins enjoyed a productive breeding season at the conservation farm: 42 nesting attempts produced 234 eggs, 185 young, and 177 fledglings, 24 more than in 2020. The first martin egg was laid on May 8 and the last clutch fledged in early August. We saw no evidence of snake predation, or House Sparrows, which compete for nesting space and pierce martin eggs. We believe there were no losses to owls or other avian predators. In sum, the martins had a very healthy breeding season.

The Tree Swallow and Eastern Bluebird fledglings increased by about 15 young each from 2020. Tree Swallows laid their first egg on April 29 and saw their last clutch fledge in July. Eastern Bluebirds laid their first egg on April 22, almost a month later than last year's first egg date. Their last brood of four nestlings fledged in mid-August.

The chapter's NestWatch data, reported to the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology for 2017 through 2021, appear below.

I. Total nesting attempts, all species:

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2021	84	436	354	341
2020	79	402	310	284
2019	52	226	182	162
2018	34	142	123	104
2017	24	109	102	92

II. Species summaries:

Purple Martins

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2021	43	234	185	177
2020	36	221	170	153
2019	19	78	51	38
2018	5	unknown	19	15

Tree Swallows

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2021	13	71	67	63
2020	14	71	46	46
2019	11	47	44	43
2018	7	unknown	32	25
2017	5	18	18	13

Eastern Bluebirds

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2021	28	131	102	101
2020	25	110	94	85
2019	22	95	82	81
2018	17	unknown	72	64
2017	18	86	79	74

Many thanks to a fantastic NestWatch team: Theresa Zola, Peter Cappellino, Brett Davis, David Escalante, Ed Escalante, Jim Stables, and Carmel Bullard. The team maintained the chapter's nest boxes and periodically cleaned the martin houses and gourds. This year for the first time we paired three field boxes by placing a second box just inches from the first and supported by a single pole. One of the pairings had nearly simultaneous Tree Swallow and Eastern Bluebird nests. This pairing achieved our goal of reducing the competition between the two species which we had witnessed in previous years.

We are grateful to Tom Lamkin and Phil Taylor for keeping the grass around the boxes so well trimmed. And thanks to Larry Anderson for obtaining six additional gourds ("super-gourds"), which were installed on the gourd system pole.



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Barred Owl

Archery Range Report

Jack Mandel, Committee Chair
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The Target Range is open during sunlight hours every day, all year long. Guests must sign a Hold Harmless Form and deposit it in the range box.

BROADHEAD TARGETS

Broadhead use on designated gel medium targets only, please. See the image of one of two targets where broadheads and cross-bow bolts use is permitted. Bolts and broadheads destroy the other targets. Please be considerate.



APOLLO ARCHERY PROGRAM

This is open to all current and veteran service members. We operate on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm, and we now have added the Navy to the other branches of participants! Walter Reed staff continue to send service members out, the participant list is growing. We supply all equipment and some light refreshments. If you would like to get involved, please contact me, Chuck Thornton – clthornton@gmail.com, or John Gorney – jag318@gmail.com.



YOUTH ARCHERY

The summer session was a huge success. We continued the tradition begun by Dave Drazen and Deborah Behrends in style. John Gorney was like the Pied Piper with the group, and



the kids' improvement from the first session through the final session was remarkable. We had an average of about 15 kids on the range for each evening; we even got some parents out shooting for the first time!

Due to the popularity, we will make an effort to have a spring and summer session in 2022. Thanks to the ROs and parents that pitched in to help. If you would like to help organize sessions for your kids next season, please contact us.

SKY OBSERVATORY

Ashley Bass' Gold Award Girl Scout project at the Archery Range is almost completed. The compass rose patio is located perfectly to get a really wide view of the night sky. Ashley is working on the education portion of her Gold Award, and on Friday, October 15, will teach night navigation skills at the observatory. Please join her from 7:30pm to 9:00pm with s'mores after the class.

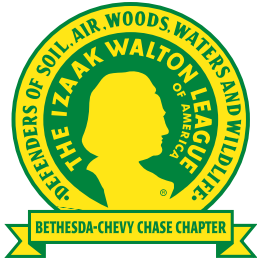


3-D ARCHERY

The course is closed until next spring, and we did the take-down in record time with the help of some hard working range officers and the chapter UTV. We had a very active season in the woods. Not only did the ROs step up to keep the course open every weekend day during the season, but also they made themselves available for ad hoc archery lessons to anyone that wished to learn. We are very proud to be actively mentoring the next generation of archers on the farm.



Our next Zoom Archery Meeting will be held on Monday, October 4th at 7:00pm. All current ROs need to attend, and all other members are invited to join us. Please rsvp for an invite to: jmandeldesign@gmail.com or Marc Bouchard combat750@gmail.com.



Conservation Partners

Congratulations to our Conservation Partner



Rick Wilson, founder of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, (FHFH) has been selected to receive the 2020 William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for his humanitarian feeding program.

Twenty-three years ago, Rick founded FHFH to provide donated meat to starving families in underserved communities. Venison and other big game is nutritious, low fat and high in protein. FHFH has grown into a nationwide initiative; saving countless lives and combatting food insecurity every single day. (<https://www.fhfh.org/> FHFH website).

In this video https://youtu.be/VqFZ_MfYhDM, Rick Wilson, Executive Director and Founder of FHFH, recounts his experience many years ago that provided the idea for FHFH. Rick was about to begin an incredible journey — a mission to feed hungry children that would involve thousands and feed millions.

Hunters provide legally taken deer to FHFH as their home freezers fill up. Game that is donated to the program are inspected by a qualified meat processor that is contracted by FHFH. Cash donations support the professional processing of harvested deer.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the IWLA has actively partnered with FHFH for more than a decade to donate venison to local feeding charities. Our partnership fills a special donation niche. Food banks, food pantries, and feeding ministries tell us that fresh meat is one of the hardest commodities for them to acquire.

Feeding others - part of the heritage of hunting – is now being passed on to a new generation of hunters. Young people nationwide are surprising their parents by donating their first deer to help feed the hungry (<https://youtu.be/eSsXKr5MPAc>).



Flycatcher



Goldfinch

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