



APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

At the beginning of our March Board meeting, I asked each attendee to tell us his or her best hope and worst fear for our organization at this point in time. **Best hopes** included: maintaining collegiality, making our Chapter an example to our community and Izaak Walton National, successful range reclamation and showing other chapters how to get it done, amicable resolution of disagreements, getting more new members involved, getting home at a reasonable hour and that Board members always have the Chapter's best interests in mind. **Worst fears** included losing members, missing important issues while dwelling on minutiae, construction of an outer beltway through the Chapter, not meeting our commitment to conservation, remaining subjective and divided and Board members not acting in the best interest of the Chapter. I think anyone would agree, that's a good list.

So, I want to share a quote from an email message I just received:

"These are difficult times for us all. We've all been on lockdown too long.... I've been on so many zoom calls that I'm not sure things will ever be "normal" again. We should all take a step back and realize that there will be a new normal and it'll take some getting used to. But we are a strong and well represented organization and ... must all remember that we're a group of volunteers. This is not what we do for a living. So, patience is always a good starting point."

—Bob Cissel, Director of the Montgomery Agricultural Producers and B-CC Member

I ask every single B-CC member to stop for a minute and think: what is your best hope for the Chapter? What is your worst fear? I agree with Bob ... we are a good group, and just like many good groups, we are not usually in lockstep agreement. That's what makes a healthy organization. We are not, and should not be, run from the "top down."

Nor are we, nor should we be, devoted to just any one activity. We have a beautiful 624-acre farm with improved soil and water care, we have youth activities and camping, shotgun, rifle & pistol and archery ranges, dinners and picnics, fishing ponds and stream studies. We have Wounded Warrior opportunities, Purple Martin houses and Bluebird trails, hunting and hunter education, Christmas trees and gardens, an historic log cabin, archeology, restoration of the iconic American Chestnut tree. We have youth and Scout camping, trails and adventure opportunities, wildflowers and bees, hunting training, Walks in the Woods, beautiful photography, and a fine newsletter. And that is not an inclusive list. Goodness! (And goodness does have something to do with it!)

And please, take just a moment, as we count our many blessings, to offer a prayer for the Ukraine. We have freedom from autocracy. Let's do our best to maintain it!

Lin Tate
President

ARCHERY RANGE GATE

If you are the last one out, you **MUST** secure and lock the gate.

If you find that you do not have your key on you, contact the Security Chair or the Archery Chair to let them know so they can secure the gate.

Security: Carol Hulce-Efdimis – 301 407-0025
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Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter

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Summary of the February 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the March 2022 Membership Meeting

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Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.
- President Lin Tate introduced Blaine Elkins, chair of the newly-constituted Environmental Committee, whose remit includes the shotgun range (SGR) lead reclamation permit application. Blaine apprised the Board of the Committee's efforts to date and breakdown of future steps to be taken.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman gave an overview of the Sandy Spring Bank accounts. On January 31 funds were transferred from the operating account to the Legacy Foundation.
- Carol requested that the Board consider the Chapter hosting a 5-day Cub Scout summer day camp. Activities may include fishing, STEM sessions, BB shooting and fishing. The Scouts provide their own food and drinks and are insured.
- Membership numbers are basically unchanged so there will be no change in insurance bill.
- The Board was pleased to hear that Carol Efdimis successfully got multiple years' property tax overbilling straightened out, with a refund from the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. During the last BOG meeting it was apparent that a non-Board member had been made privy to BOG emails that should have been private. Accordingly, Dave Boynton made the following motion:

"that ALL communications, written or verbal, between BOG members are confidential and may not be disclosed by any means or manner to any non-BOG member without express prior approval of the BOG."

The following discussion noted the Chapter's departure from most board practices in permitting non-BOG members to participate in board meetings. After discussion, Dave amended the motion as follows:

"that all written communications among BOG members and all verbal communications during Executive Sessions among BOG members regarding any and all BOG matters are deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by any means or manner to any non-BOG member without the express prior written approval of the BOG."

The motion passed. It is unclear if adoption of this motion will require amendment to Chapter bylaws.

2. Victor Kernus made the following motion:

"to allow NAVHDA the ability to use the large pond and surrounding grounds on April 9th and 10th in case McKees (sic) is not available and on June 11th and 12th for use of the Chapter House in the morning, the A3 field and the large pond for their dog events." The motion passed unanimously.

3. Meg O'Rourke made a motion that three eligible prospective members be admitted as members. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Walt Allensworth made a motion to engage Anderson Tree Service, Poolesville MD, to take down 5 dead trees on the farm, pending confirmation of licensing and insurance.

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SUMMARY

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These were confirmed subsequently, and the motion passed by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 1,037th Membership Meeting

- After an outstanding St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage, the meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke and Tucker Mostrom facilitated the introductions of 19 prospective members. Meg made a motion to swear in two prospective members. The motion passed unanimously, and 1st VP Walt Allensworth swore in the new members.
- Phil Taylor reports planting a new fruit orchard by the B3 field. Seven of 10 planned trees have been planted. Phil is waiting to see if Antietam Blush, a novel resistant apple cultivar, will be available. These are in great demand. There are 21 fruit trees by the B4 field. Costs for fertilizer, seed and herbicide have gone up markedly. Seed has been ordered. The Weather Station is up and running and links are in the Newsletter and on the Farm Page.
- Note that 20601 Izaak Walton Way is not a registered USPS mailing address.
- Dean Naujoks from Potomac River Keepers Network will speak at the April 20 membership meeting.
- Bill Gordon reports that the 100th Annual Convention in Peoria, Ill. will be memorable and there is a youth program before the convention. Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler* is the most-published book in the English language.
- Blaine Elkins reported on the progress made by the Environmental Committee shepherding the SGR lead reclamation project. The committee distributed a scope-of-work to contractors and bids should be available by the end of March. The Rural Legacy easement holder, the County Ag department and several other state and county agencies need to be informed of plan and progress.
- Ted Whitehouse likened the Legacy Foundation to a university endowment.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Janet Lamkin noted that a number of past presidents attended this meeting and noted their great value to the Chapter.
- Mark Gochmour described the Fort Frederick Colonial Market Fair to be held April 21-24.
- Andy Wight noted that the Family Campout is open to non-members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in March 2022:

Mark Ball

Interests: Hunter Safety / Hunter Education; Scout / Member Campground; Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand Shooting

William Birchfield

Interests: Archery Committee (Archery / 3-D Archery); Rifle / Pistol Shooting & Muzzleloading; Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand Shooting

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

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

Chapter House Cleanup

Saturday, April 16
9:00am

1,038th Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
7:30pm

Spring Family Campout

2:30pm, Saturday, April 23 to
10:00am, Sunday, April 24

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, April 27
7:30pm

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

New date in May to be determined
9:00am – 4:30pm

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

Saturday, June 4
8:30am – 4:00pm

Father's Day Events

Sunday, June 19

Swap Meet and Silent Auction – 9:00am
Fishing Derby at the Big Pond – 9:00am
Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range – 9:00am
Family Picnic – 1:00pm

Adopt-A-Road

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

April 9, 2022 (Saturday)

July 9, 2022 (Saturday)

September 10, 2022 (Saturday)

December 10, 2022 (Saturday)

Trash bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available. Please direct any questions to John Robinson, 301 641-1188.



April 2022 1,038th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
Dinner served starting at 6:15pm
Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner
Roasted Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

ZOOM DETAILS:

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

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into your Mobile Phone)

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(DC-MD-VA)

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Dial (301) 715-8592 into the call manually

Meeting ID: 891 1987 6726

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April 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, April 27
7:30pm

Vegetable Gardens

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Pat Tarquinio
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The days are growing longer and warmer temperatures becoming more common which means gardeners are getting restless, anticipating and planning for the next growing season. At B-CC IWLA we have an active gardening community, full of members who enjoy the opportunity to play in the soil. Generally, our gardeners find the gardens a pleasant distraction from the hustle and bustle of daily life even with our onslaught of amazing weeds. Again this year, Pat and I are the organizers of the garden plots.

As has been our custom, current gardeners have first choice of reserving garden plots. Single plots (~25x25ft) will rent for \$20 each. For members wishing to become new gardeners please contact either Pat or me, and we will compile a list and start assigning plots as they become available.



Bear Sighting

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Committee Chair
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A bear has finally been caught on our game camera checking out the suet and seed feeders we use for the FeederWatch project. This is at least the third time the feeders have been molested this year and similar attacks have occurred at our beehives. Our cameras have also recorded numerous visits at the feeders by foxes, raccoons, squirrels and opossums, none of which caused significant damage. While the damage caused by the bear is annoying, it is also a tribute to the quality of the habitat we have on the farm that we can support a bear(s).



At present, we will continue to adopt the strategy laid forward by DNR of non-interference in dealing with bears and consider it another part in the beauty of nature. For more info: https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/bb_livingwith.aspx.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep the members posted.

DUE DATE
for May Newsletter Articles

Friday, April 29

Submit articles to:
j.lamkin@comcast.net
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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>BSA Scout Meetings in the Chapter House (except holidays)</i>	<i>7:30pm – 9:00pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Tuesday Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range</i>	<i>3:00pm – 6:00pm</i>
<i>3rd Thursday of the Month</i>	<i>Cub Scout Meeting in the Chapter House</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

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Saturday, April 2	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:00am
Saturday, April 2	R&P opens for the season	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, April 2	Conservation Education Free Spaghetti Dinner with speaker (Bill Heavey)	Dinner – 6:00pm; Speaker 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 6	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, April 9	Adopt-A-Road – meet at the Chapter House parking lot	8:15am
Saturday, April 9	Spring Chapter Cleanup	8:00am
Sunday, April 10	Interpretive Walk in The Woods	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday, April 13	Special Open Meeting of the Board	7:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday, April 14	Cub Scouts 694 Den Meeting	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, April 16	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30pm
Saturday, April 16	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, April 16	Junior Spring Turkey Hunting	½ hour before sunrise – 12:00 noon
Monday, April 18	Spring Turkey Hunting Season begins – through May 9	½ hour before sunrise – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, April 20	1,038th Monthly Membership / Dinner Meeting	Dinner begins 6:15pm to 6:30pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Thursday, April 21	Cub Scout Pack 694 Den Meeting - in Chapter House	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Saturday, April 23	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, April 23	Spring Family Campout	gates open at 2:30pm for setup
Sunday, April 24	Spring Family Campout	breakfast and cleanup until 10:00am
Wednesday, April 27	Board of Governors Meeting – in the Chapter House	7:30pm
Thursday, April 28	Cub Scouts 694 Den Meeting – in the Chapter House	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday, April 29	Articles for May Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, April 30	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:00pm
Saturday, April 30	Spring Hunters Education Class	8:00am – 4:00pm

MAY

Sunday, May 1	Montgomery Bird Club's Annual Spring Walk	7:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, May 1	Spring Hunters Education Class	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, May 4	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Monday, May 9	Spring Turkey Hunting Season continues through May 23	½ hour before sunrise – ½ hour before sunset
Saturday, May 14	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 18	Shotgun Range Open	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, May 18	1,039th Monthly Membership / Dinner Meeting	Dinner begins 6:15pm to 6:30pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, May 27	Articles for June Newsletter Due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Friday, May 27	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, May 28	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday, May 28	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, May 28	New Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, May 29	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm

NAVHDA Annual Road Cleanup Day

Victor Kernus

On March 19, 2022 members of the B-CC IWLA and Potomac NAVHDA gathered for their annual road cleanup day. The members walked Sycamore Landing, Hunting Quarter Road, portions of River Road, and Izaak Walton way. A lot of trash of all kinds was picked up and removed from the environment. Great work everyone. Thank you for coming out to help.



Annual Spring Family Campout



The B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Committee will host the Annual Spring Family Campout on Saturday, April 23rd (weather permitting). This event is open for members and their guests. Events will start Saturday afternoon and continue into Sunday morning (dinner and breakfast provided). The Chapterhouse will remain open throughout the event.

SATURDAY

- Tent setup around the chapterhouse begins at 3:00pm
- Fishing for the kids at the big pond/small pond 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Evening cookout will be provided from 6:00pm-7:00pm
- S'mores around the campfire at the chapterhouse firepit

SUNDAY

- Breakfast will be served Sunday morning to campers starting at 7:30am
- Breakdown and cleanup will be completed by 10:00am

This is a great time to spend time with your immediate family and to meet some of the family of B-CC IWLA members, spouses, and kids.

Below is the SignUpGenius for this event. Please sign up with your name followed by the number of people in your party so that we make sure to have enough food for everyone.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-family>

Andy Wight
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Wildlife Committee Report

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The 2021-2022 deer season has drawn to a close. We had a fair year on our farm. 18 deer were reported taken on our farm, on the lower end of the scale (16-25) that got reported each year. Thank you all that reported their deer and from the reports, and again, some nice mature deer were harvested. Across the state, MD DNR reports that 7,0845 deer were harvested during deer season (all weapons), which is 13%

lower than last year. No one cause was offered for this decline, but inclement weather may have kept some hunters out of the woods. In Montgomery County, the reported deer harvest was 19% lower than last year. From casual observations, we did seem to have a "normal" number of members out on the farm in pursuit of deer.

Even with the wet weather and muddy conditions, now is a good time to wander around the farm and explore, the leaves on the trees and bushes have not blossomed yet making it easy to see through the woods. During the upcoming weeks, bucks will have finished shedding their antlers leaving them as prizes in the woods. If members find sheds that they don't have a use for, please consider contacting our group that puts on the global ecology programs, they have uses for visual aids in their demonstrations.

The 2022 spring turkey hunting season is almost upon us. The regular season starts April 18th and runs through May 23rd, Junior spring turkey hunting is April 16th. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until noon through May 9th when the hours change to one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. **There is no Sunday turkey hunting in Montgomery County.**

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.

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 Co. are protected and should not be harassed.

Happy hunting and think safety!

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

American Chestnut Update

Blaine Elkins, Committee Chair
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We have started with the spring maintenance. The weed block and battens have been dressed up in the West Orchard and that work has started in the East Orchard. We also weeded the 7 Chestnuts planted next to the farm committee's fruit orchard at the North East end of the B4 field. Unfortunately, the pure Americans planted at the east and west ends of the row have already succumbed to the blight and had to be removed.

Of the 3 Chestnuts planted for the Walk in the Woods, Larry, Moe and Curly, Curly succumbed to the blight and we have not figured out what got Moe. We will plant replacements April 2.

We will remove 2 of the squirrel-proof enclosures, repair the third and clean up the green house area on the April 9 workday. The Maryland chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation will be planting hybrids in pots and placing them in the third enclosure on the 17th of April.

This should be a quiet year of tending the orchards.

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

Due to a personal emergency for one of the muzzleloading instructors, the Muzzleloader Day has been **postponed** until a Saturday in May (either May 14 or 21), 9:00am – 4:30pm. **After the new date is selected, a new SignUpGenius will be sent out.** Those that registered using the original SignUpGenius will be given priority.

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

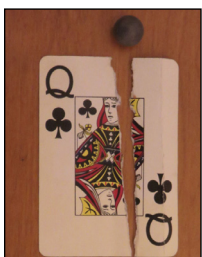


Participants will meet at the Rifle & Pistol Range at 9:00am. Inlines, percussion or flintlock shooters are all welcome. There will be instruction time for new shooters or those with new muzzleloaders while “veterans” and more experienced shooters will sight-in their guns.

Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark Gochnour know in your email that you would like to try one out so he can arrange for a loaner. Learn directly from individuals having experience and knowledge. (Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder Instructor.) If you have never fired a black powder gun or you have one you have never used before or are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, come during the morning but stay for the shoot! Last year, one shooter used a loaner gun to compete in the shooting match and turned out to be excellent marksman!



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



Match Participants will be provided opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including last year's favorite – The Flopping Plate. Targets will be shot at a variety of ranges from up close and out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters. An overall Grand Prize could be a frozen turkey or ham. Due to safety issues, only muzzleloader shooting participants will be allowed to use the Range since the availability of shooting lanes may be limited. (After the afternoon shooting match, Range Officers and their guests may shoot.)

For further details or questions contact Mark Gochnour at Muzzleloading.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com. It is important to contact him; especially if you are bringing a new gun because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of and its lack could sabotage your experience.

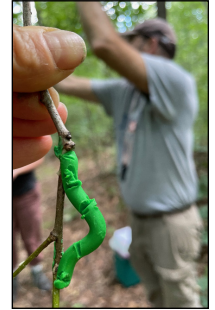
Cost is only \$20 for the entire event, which includes lunch and the shooting match. Any applicable R&P range fees are extra:

- Regular non-Range-Officer fees for use of R&P Range
- Guest fees for escorted guests on the range
- Family members of Individual-member Range Officers

Brood X Cicada Research at the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm

Martha Weiss and John Lill

During the spring and summer of 2021, our team of ecologists from Georgetown and George Washington Universities was busy conducting research in and around the scout camps and in the open areas near the chapterhouse. Ecologists Martha Weiss, John Lill, and Zoe Getman-Pickering, along with their student helpers, are now two years into a long-term project investigating how the emergence of millions of periodical cicadas – a once-in-a generation event – alters the feeding relationships of the forest community. Our team observed the foraging activities of an array of insectivorous birds, recording which species were feeding on the abundant cicadas, and continued their weekly monitoring of bird predation on ‘fake’ clay caterpillars affixed to understory oak trees, which handily record the number of bird pecks. In addition, we recorded the abundance and diversity of caterpillars found on the oak trees before, during, and after the cicada emergence and periodically measured the amount of damage that the oak leaves received from the abundant caterpillars.



Our results provided strong evidence that the cicada emergence provokes a dramatic shift in forest ecology. We found that most bird species readily caught and ate the cicadas, or fed them to young in the nest. As predicted, during the cicada emergence, which was a veritable smorgasbord of readily available insect treats, the peck marks on the caterpillars dropped off significantly, and both caterpillar numbers and levels of leaf damage on the oaks also increased. At the end of June, when the last remaining adult cicadas were heard calling at the site, the number of peck marks on the clay caterpillars began to increase, returning to pre-emergence levels seen in the previous (non-emergence) year. These exciting results are among the first to document the ecological impacts of this infrequent (but highly predictable - every 17 years!) pulse of insect biomass on the forest community that has been home to these noisy creatures for millenia.



Repeating our forest censuses for the next couple of years will allow us to determine how long it will take for the ecological interactions to return to their pre-cicada levels. With two years of data from B-CC IWLA in-hand (2020-2021), we submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation this past winter that, if funded, will allow us to continue our cicada research through 2025. The first scientific paper from this research, focusing on the shift in bird foraging, is in preparation and will be submitted for publication soon.

We are grateful for the many B-CC IWLA members who contributed observational data on bird-cicada interactions and who have generously provided data on the nesting success of purple martins near the chapterhouse. We also appreciate the ongoing support of Arthur Belendiuk (and his faithful dog Magic!) and Carol Hulce-Efdimis, who have greatly facilitated our research and access to the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm. We kindly request that chapter members do not disturb study trees that are marked with flagging (either pink or orange and white). If you see us out in the woods this summer, stop by and say hello. It has been a privilege to work in your beautiful forest, and we are most appreciative of the opportunity!

PHOTOS BY MARTHA WEISS

Shotgun Range Report

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Tuesday Sporting Clays Shoots began on April 6 and continues until Tuesday, September 27. Shoots begin at 3:00pm with the last squad starting promptly at 5:00pm. All shooters must sign-in at the range house before they join a squad.

In May, June, and July the range will be open on the Wednesday of the monthly dinner meeting from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Due to the ammunition shortage we will no longer be able to have shells available. Once shells become more available, I will try to obtain some for the use at the range only.

Starting in June the range will be open on certain Saturdays. Dates will be posted in the newsletter.

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

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let me know.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

APRIL

Sunday, April 4	Stephen Ives, Richard Ricco
Sunday, April 10	Mike Noble, Lawrence Kotchek
Sunday, April 17	Richard Latimer, Jim O'Connell
Sunday, April 24	Andrew Silverberg, Slim Suleman

MAY

Sunday, May 3	Stephen Ives, Richard Riccio
Sunday, May 10	Mike Noble, Lawrence Kotchek
Sunday, May 17	Richard Latimer, Slim Suleman
Sunday, May 24	Andrew Silverberg, Slim Suleman

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Gus Zinsser, Committee Chair
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The R&P Range is now open on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

RANGE CLOSURE

Saturday, April 30 at 12:30pm, the range will be closed to all shooters for the Maryland Hunter Safety course to use the range. Sunday will be regular operating hours.

The R&P Range is allowing only 3 guests per member.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Put paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.
- Keep watch on guests you bring. It is your place to brief them on the SOP's.
- Be safe and enjoy the range respectfully.
- All must **PICK UP THEIR BRASS!**

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

APRIL

Saturday, April 2	Saiz, J., Waterman, S., Kang, J., Kang, M.
Sunday, April 3	Waterman, S., Saiz, J., Williams, B., Richards, M.

Saturday, April 9	Zic, T., Kang, J., Kang, Y., Hunt, J.
Sunday, April 10	Hunt, J., Williams, B., Richards, M., Lan, K.
Saturday, April 16	Hoover, J., Schweikert, B., Summers, D., Meima, S.
Sunday, April 17	Summers, D., Thornton, C., Finn, K., Thorburn, M.
Saturday, April 23	Panashchenko, O., Max, H., Crowley, D., Thorburn, M.
Sunday, April 24	Schweikert, B., King, B., Bissett, R., Max, H.
Saturday, April 30	Latimer, R., Burns, M., Mostrom, T., Ma, A., Maisel, J., Peterson, C., Gentzel, K., Boynton, D.

MAY

Sunday, May 1	Princiotto, M., Panashchenko, O., Ma, A., Hoover, J.
Saturday, May 7	Kelly, P., Crowley, D., Tarkowski, J., Norris, A., Lund, C.
Sunday, May 8	Finn, K., Stemp, K., Kawamoto, D., West, K., Delaney, C.
Saturday, May 14	Bouchard, M., Yau, T., Kang, M., Weixel, P.
Sunday, May 15	King, B., Griffin, J., Wadsworth, H.
Saturday, May 21	Behrend, D., Yau, T., Stopher, D., Kang, M.
Sunday, May 22	Griffin, J., Stemp, K., Suleman, S., Gorney, J.
Saturday, May 28	Suleman, S., Shi, P., Fiol, C., Lan, K.
Sunday, May 29	Hess, D., Crowe, C., Gorney, J., Ossi, G.



**Father's Day
Family Picnic
Sunday, June 19**

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

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

Individuals – \$5 and Families – \$10

FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, JUNE, 19

**75 TARGETS
\$15.00**

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

**Optional Lewis
\$5.00**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**For more information, contact
Warner Parks
wparks29@gmail.com
240 620-6942 (cell)**

Summer Biathlon Program

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

Summer Biathlon opened its 2022 season to great weather on March 19 – shorts were the order of the day. April 2 was a tad cooler. Both days we had 7 on the line with Will joining us for the first time on the 2nd. PA Biathlon is conducting biathlon competitions on June 25 at Altoona and July 16 at Nescopeck. Go to <http://pabiathlon.com/events/> for registration forms.

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

Saturday, April 16	7:30am
Saturday, April 30	7:00am
Saturday, May 14	7:30am
Saturday, May 28	7:30am
Saturday, June 11	7:30am
Saturday, Jun3 25	7:30am
Saturday, July 9	7:30am
Saturday, July 23	7:30am
Saturday, August 6	7:30am
Saturday, August 20	7:30am
Saturday, September 10	7:00am
Saturday September 24	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	7:30am
Saturday, November 5	7:30am
Saturday, November 12	7:30am

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor its annual "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on Saturday, June 4. If you have never been hunting before, know someone who would be interested, or had a disappointing experience yourself, you are encouraged to attend. Women, men, and teens are all welcome.

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



appropriate bow, long gun, or muzzleloader and more. There will be plenty of time for questions.

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

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

All non-B-CC IWLA members must bring their printed and signed off Hold Harmless Agreements, which are available from <http://www.bcciwla.org/>. Participants will be sent a questionnaire to fill out and bring to the event.

Emails with questions should be directed to Mark Gochmour at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com. In May, an email blast with a Signup Genius link will be created to register for the event.

**Help support the
IWLA Centennial**



by purchasing items that
are available through the following link:
<https://members.iwla.org/apps/#Store>

Trap League 2022

This article is to gauge interest only; you are not signing up for anything!!!! Hopefully, we'll get enough interest to move forward with the trap league.

If you have not signed up, use this link to show you are interested.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-trap>

The trap league will start on Saturday, June 4 and finish on Saturday, July 23. The league is open to all club members and immediate family at this time.

This will be a ladder type league that has been used in other sports; because of our clubs small number of shooters it will level the playing field!

All shooters will be ranked high to low based on their average. Shooter in position one will shoot against the shooter in position two, three against four and so on. The league will consist of 50 birds, 2 rounds of 25 each week. Each round will be worth 1 point (2 points possible) and the winner of the 2 rounds (total of the 2 rounds) gets 1 point. Maximum of 3 points each week per person. Loser gets 0, ties split. The person with the greatest number of points at the end of the league will be declared the winner.

Averages will be retabulated after each week's shoot and all the shooters move up or down the list to reflect their new average, and their new opponent for next week. Do you need to shoot with your opponent, NO! Could be fun though and encouraged. You can shoot on a squad with your buddies at 9:00am and your opponent may not shoot till 10:30am, no problem.

The idea is that each shooter will always be shooting against the person closest to them in average and ability, no handicaps. This way everyone has a good chance of winning; all you need to do is keep beating your opponent. As you get better and start beating your opponent your average gets better, you'll move up and shoot against better competition. It's possible you'll shoot against a different opponent each week!

The league will run for 8 weeks, the first 2 weeks will establish your average. Those rounds will also be placed in your bank account to be used if you are unable to come on a league day. The banked rounds will then be used for the score you would have shot. The order of usage is first in, first out. The competition begins on the third week and will run for six weeks.

If we are able to move forward with the trap league, the next email will be to sign up and provide addition details.

Conservation Education Dinner

Andy Wight, Committee Chair
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On Saturday, April 2nd, we opened the Chapter Doors and held the annual B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Dinner, which had been postponed from January due to COVID-19 restrictions. Over 85 members and guests attended the evening (could be a Chapter record) that featured a wonderful spaghetti dinner followed by our speaker for the evening, Bill Heavey. Bill is a columnist for "Field & Stream" and author of several books including, "If You Didn't



Bring Jerky, What Did I Just Eat?" and "Should the Tent be burning like that?: A Professional Amateur's Guide to the Outdoors."

The title of his books provided a good insight into our speaker and set the tone of the evening. An accomplished storyteller, Bill Heavey shared his thoughts and 'failures' as he described his experiences of the outdoors. From hunting with no pants on, to near death experiences while fishing in quicksand in local ponds, he had us laughing and nodding our heads in agreement as we enjoyed and shared in his experience and/or misfortune of the outdoors with us. Most could relate to missed expectations when hunting, fishing, and archery which he shared and discussed in an open and engaging way. Some great questions from an engaged audience and real connection between the speaker and members of the chapter, especially when one of members announced he often fished in the pond that Bill had experienced his near death moment.

A big shout out to Christine Peterson, who stepped in, due to a family emergency for Mark Gochour, our traditional CE dinner leader. The spaghetti dinner was exceptional and included choice of salad, five cakes and homemade appetizers to kick off the evening.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of our volunteers. A huge thanks to Christine Peterson, her daughter Ashley, Tucker Mostrom, Jason Griffin, Elaine Schuler, Janice Smith, Jim Adkins, his granddaughter Nita, and Alexandra Wight for the help in preparing and cooking food, setting up the Chapter House and cleaning up afterwards. Together with the speaker, this team made the CE dinner a huge success.



PHOTOS BY ANDY WIGHT

Rifle and Pistol Range Workday

Jerry Murray

On Sunday, March 27, 18 members came out for a workday to get the Rifle and Pistol ranges ready for the season opening on April 2. With a lot of sweat and some blood spilled, the target backers were repaired, new safety equipment and signage was installed, and the barbed wire perimeter safety fences were cleaned up and re-strung with new wire. A big thanks to everyone that pitched in.



PHOTOS BY MATT CHAMBERS

FATHER'S DAY FISHING DERBY AT THE BIG POND Sunday, June 19

Two categories – adults and children
Prizes for both categories!

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

Contact John Novak for more information.
novakgang4@comcast.net

Everyone Welcome!

Tuesday Sporting Clays

April 5 through September 27

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

Questions? Contact Warner Parks
wparks29@gmail.com
240 620-6942

Invasive Species Removal

Students from the Poolesville High Global Ecology Magnet program came to the Chapter on the 30th and 31st of March and pulled invasive plants from the border of the Nature trail near the chapter house. 40+ students pulled multiflora rose, wine berry, and other invasives for an hour or so each day. The fruits of their labors can be seen in the fresh brush added to the pile to the right of the road to the Big Pond.

Both days included a short lesson about the ongoing work with the chestnut trees. Teachers and students have shown great interest in the chapter's work with the American Chestnut.

The chapter would like to thank Erin Binns and Jack Sparrow, Global Ecology program teachers, for offering their help and setting up this event. With so many of our projects going hand-in-hand with the global ecology program, we are working with the teachers to use our farm and develop closer ties with us. We see it as beneficial to both the Chapter and the school.

PHOTOS BY BRETT DAVIS AND BRIAN KING



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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

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

Lawrence Kotchek 240 793- 5316 lawrence@print1.com

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

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

Silent auction benefits the Land Fund.

