



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

The most valuable player is the one that makes the most players valuable. –Peyton Manning

Isn't it great, to be together again on our conservation farm, in person? After more than two years of Zoom meetings and an empty Chapter House, isn't it fun to come to a dinner meeting, sit on the porch and talk, to work together at the ranges, or on the trails, or at the cabin, or to fish at the ponds! Or is it?

I fear that B-CC IWLA may be in danger. Not of losing our property, or our ranges, or our ponds, or our wildlife. Those things are our lifeblood, and we work hard to preserve and improve and enjoy them. But I'm afraid we may have fallen into a more subtle trap – the trap of "sibling rivalry"! What (and who) is most important? The ponds or the trails or the trees? The gardens, or the Scouts? The shotgun or the archery range?

Of course, one hears that so-and-so joined the chapter to shoot at the ranges, or fish in the ponds, or garden in the gardens! There are always one or two things that initially bring people onto the property... but then, inevitably, other opportunities and interests develop. That's the beauty of our B-CC Conservation Farm – there is so much space, so many things to do.

But to put it all at risk, by dividing into little camps of interest groups would be really insane ... or, maybe just really human. Don't get me wrong – I am not throwing out accusations. But I think it is healthy to raise the question, and for each of us to think seriously about it. And then if necessary, to fix it – our greatest talent.

We are beginning a necessary, and complex, project of removing spent lead from our shotgun range, so that we can be the best shotgun range in the region. We are just finishing a very successful clean-up project of the R&P Range. We just had a fun Spring Family Campout and a fully-signed-up "Hunter Education" seminar, and we are looking forward to a great Father's Day event on June 19, with a Fun Shoot, a family picnic, a fishing derby, and a swap meet ... all in person!

We have new turtle platforms at the Big Pond and brush clean-up along the trails. We are actively participating in the rescue of the American Chestnut tree! We have an amazing Wounded Warriors program at Archery, and opportunities for young archers to learn to shoot. We have a new Weather Station, and beautifully maintained fields (and soon will have a repaired tractor)!

Our long-term spending goals are well considered, and our capital reserves are wisely managed. We are good at fixing things, and we are friendly people. We really are a wonderful organization – proving that working together does, in fact, work! What can you do to help BCC recover from two years of inactivity and move back to sharing a brew or a hot dog? Let's enjoy this summer, and get back together as friends and as conservationists ... it's our Mission!

Lin Tate
President



June 4, June 11, and July 4, 2022
**No recreational fishing license
required on these days.**

**All other state fishing
regulations apply.**

**Go to dnr.maryland.gov
for more information.**

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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 March 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the April 2022 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.
- President Lin Schmale-Tate asked attendees to summarize what their best hopes and worst fears are for the Chapter.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman reviewed the Sandy Spring Bank account balances. P&L Budget performance is on the right track as renewals continue to accrue.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Carol Hulce-Efdimis discussed moving purchase of a shotgun range wobble trap to the funded CAPEX list.
- Jerry Murray discussed moving installation of a concrete base on the rifle side of the R & P Range and at the range house to the funded list. This also includes construction of a concrete ramp for Chapter House.
- The Archery well, which also supplies the campground, greenhouse and chestnut orchard, needs attention, with corrosion of its control panel and a removable cover. An above ground shed would be best.
- Three of the five-dead/dying trees have been removed. When the area around the Big Pond dries up some, Anderson can bring their equipment in.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis explained the particulars of hosting a Cub Scout day camp at the chapter. The goal is outdoor activities; the Chapter House would be the backup for inclement weather. Mr. Latimer confirmed that Chapter indemnification is not an issue
- The Shotgun Range has dealt with increasing maintenance expenses not accommodated by its current budget. These include electrical upgrades, invertors, covers for the skeet machines and pricier clay pigeons. Accordingly, the committee requests additional funds to supplement their current budget.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis noted that IRS and Chapter bylaws (Article IX Gifts, Donations, or Contributions) requires that specified donations require a Board vote to assign such monies to a restricted subaccount for the desired donee. Otherwise donations would by default go to the Operating Account.
- Blaine Elkins reviewed the progress made so far by the lead reclamation/environmental committee. A scope-of-work has been distributed to four engineering firms. The plan must be presented to and approved by number of agencies. Mr. Gorski will interface for us with these agencies.
- Because it would be meant to be a permanent structure, Ponds and Streams requested Board approval of a permanent charcoal grill by the Big Pond, covered under its budget. P&S will address ash removal and means of fire prevention.
- President Tate has appointed a Bylaws Committee chaired by Byron Ricketts for review of possible amendments. This committee would report to the BOG in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board decided on 7 motions:

1. Janet Lamkin made a motion to move the shotgun range wobble trap platform to the funded list. The motion was seconded by Ron Marchessault and passed unanimously.
2. Janet Lamkin made a motion to approve use of the Chapter and its facilities for the BSA Seneca District Cub

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SUMMARY

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- Scout day camp from June 20, 2022 to June 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ron Marchessault and passed unanimously.
3. Janet Lamkin made a motion that the donation from the Rural Women's Republican Club will be used for conservation education programs for kids during dinner meetings. Walt Allensworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 4. Janet Lamkin made a motion for an increase in the shotgun range operating budget from the Management Reserve account. Bill Brockman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 5. Janet Lamkin made a motion for funding of the concrete for the Rifle & Pistol Range side and range house and the access ramp at the Chapter House. Ron Marchessault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 6. John Stinson made a motion for approval of installation of a permanent charcoal grill at the Big Pond by the Ponds & Streams Committee. Walt Allensworth seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 7. Ron Marchessault made a motion that the Board hold a meeting to discuss two possible bylaws amendments and to finalize language on two bylaws discussed previously on March 14. John Stinson seconded, and this motion passed with one nay vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 1,038th Membership Meeting

- Featured Speaker Dean Naujoks from Potomac River Keepers Network gave a very well received presentation, despite being in an accident on the way to the Chapter during which his car was totaled. PRKN is a non-profit with the responsibility for 14,000 sq. miles of the Potomac and Shenandoah watersheds. Dean has a decades-long background in waterway stewardship. He briefly reviewed successful Clean Water Act enforcement initiatives against major polluters including but not limited to Dominion Power, NRG Energy (Dickerson plant), Morgantown and others. He reviewed a variety of polluting effluent sources including the DC combined system and Alexandria's direct discharge. The enormity of plastic pollution, its consequences and mitigation were reviewed. Urban stormwater drainage is the worst offender. Water quality is essential to North/mid-Atlantic striped bass, 80% of which are spawned in the Chesapeake and vulnerable to microplastics. Members are encouraged to see the documentary "Story of Plastic" (Discovery). Dean addressed many thoughtful questions from the members.
- The business meeting was then called to order at 8:35pm.
- Chapter cleanup was on April 9 and very successful with 33 members and committee chairs showing up, along with Girl Scouts. Walt Allensworth made special mention of the lunch crew. The Farm Committee trimmed branches, repaired the tractor and is getting ready for planting. Ponds and Streams installed turtle platforms in both ponds, removed three trees near the Big Pond, and performed general cleanup.
- Jerry Murray reported the Environmental Stewardship Committee's signing of a contract with Wetlands, Inc. They will provide engineering services in preparation for shotgun range lead reclamation.
- Non-renewing members are having their cards deactivated.
- Note that the Chapter's address of 20601 Izaak Walton Way is not registered with the USPS so mail should ONLY be sent to the post office box.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

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, May 14
9:00am

1,039th Monthly Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 18
7:30pm

Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event

Saturday, May 21
9:00am – 4:30pm

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 25
7:30pm

New Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, May 28
10:00am – 1:00pm

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

Heritage Days at the Chapter

Saturday and Sunday, June 25 & 26
10:00am – 4:00pm

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:

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.



May 2022 1,039th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 18
Dinner served starting at 6:15pm
Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner
Pit Roasted Beef, Baked Potatoes,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

ZOOM DETAILS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119876726?pwd=QXdlidE5BVkp3c1JsR0ZNaEpGRmxKdz09>

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into your Mobile Phone)

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(DC-MD-VA)

or

Dial (301) 715-8592 into the call manually

Meeting ID: 891 1987 6726

Password: 953816

May 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 25
7:30pm

Montgomery Bird Club Annual Spring Walk Data from Jim Nelson's Summary Report

Diane Seward, Citizen-Science Projects Coordinator
Trina65@verizon.net

The Montgomery County chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society held its annual spring walk at the Conservation Farm on Sunday, May 1, led by Jim Nelson of the Bird Club and escorted by Larry Anderson.

Our Conservation Farm is considered a "hot spot" on eBird (www.eBird.org) based on the number and variety of species observed at the farm over the years. In total, 143 species have been recorded (primarily by sight, a few by sound) at the farm. Our first eBird record was made in June 1965. This year, during the walk, the Montgomery Bird Club added four new species to our eBird list: Blue-headed Vireo, Louisiana Waterthrush, Blue-winged Warbler and Pine Warbler. In all, fifty-three species were recorded on this year's walk and submitted to eBird.

Woods, hedgerows, streams, fields and ponds provide a wide range of habitat and migration is underway, so that early May is an optimum time to enjoy birding at the farm. Among the species observed and counted were 40 Northern Cardinals, 8 Orchard Orioles, 25 American Goldfinches, 17

Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 12 Eastern Towhees, 6 Common Yellowthroats, and Ovenbird and a variety of other warblers. Please let me know if you would like to see the full list of the 53 species identified during the walk.

Many thanks to Larry Anderson who escorted the participants and to Jim Nelson who organized and led the walk.

Nominating Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Chair
301 467-0645 (Cell)

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

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Governors for the 2022-23 fiscal year. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to submit this slate to you for consideration in the May newsletter and post it at the chapter house. We will also send this to the membership in an email blast in late May to remind our membership to attend the June dinner meeting to vote on and ratify the slate. If anyone would like to run in opposition to this slate, they must submit a petition to our current president that must be signed by a minimum of 10 members in good standing before the May dinner meeting requesting consideration to serve on the Board by our membership. At the beginning of the June dinner meeting, an election will be held. After the June election, the Board of Governors will be sworn into office during the August dinner meeting by our current past president. Term of service is from September 1, 2022 till August 31, 2023. If you have interest in our nomination and election process, please refer to the chapter bylaws which can be found on our website under the Our Chapter heading and B-CC IWLA By-Laws, Article VI – Nominations and Elections.

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

Officers:

President – Walt Allensworth
First Vice President – Shannon Novak
Second Vice President – Andy Wight
Membership Secretary – Meg O'Rourke
Treasurer – Bob Kelly
Corresponding Secretary – Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary – Jerry Murray
Past President – Lin Schmale-Tate

Board Members:

Dan Dutton
Marc Bouchard
Kenneth West
Deborah Behrend
Joe Finnegan



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

<i>Saturdays & Sundays</i>	<i>3-D Archery</i>	<i>9:00am – 1:00pm</i>
<i>Saturdays & Sundays</i>	<i>R&P Range Open</i>	<i>9:00am – 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Shotgun Range – Trap, Skeet, and Five-Stand</i>	<i>9:00am – 4:00pm</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>BSA Scout Meetings in the Chapter House</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>

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
Thursday, May 5	Past President's Dinner	6:00pm – 10:00pm
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 before Membership Meeting	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, May 18	1,039th Monthly Membership / Dinner Meeting	Dinner begins 6:15pm Meeting begins 7:30pm
Saturday, May 21	Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event	8:30am – 4:30pm
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

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, June 4	License-Free Fishing Day	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 4	Introduction to Hunting Seminar	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 4	Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, June 11	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, June 11	License-Free Fishing Day	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 11	NAVHDA Meeting – Chapter House	8:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, June 11	Introduction to Shotgun Shooting – signup required	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 12	Chapterhouse Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, June 15	Shotgun Range Open before Membership Meeting	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 15	1,040th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, June 18	New Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, June 18	Introduction to Shotgun Shooting – signup required	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 19	Father's Day Events Swap Meet & Silent Auction Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range Fishing Derby at the Large Pond Family Picnic	9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 1:00pm
Wednesday, June 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, June 24	Articles for July Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, June 25	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, June 25	Shotgun Range Open – Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand	9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, June 25	Heritage Days at the Chapter	10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 26	Heritage Days at the Chapter	10:00am – 4:00pm

JULY

Monday, July 4	License-Free Fishing Day	8:30pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday, July 6	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, July 9	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 16	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, July 20	Shotgun Range Open before Membership Meeting	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 20	1,041st Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, July 23	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 23	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, July 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, July 29	Articles for August Newsletter due – send to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

2022 Members Interpretive Walk In The Woods

Byron "Butch" Mezick

The 2022 B-CC IWLA Members "Interpretive Walk In The Woods" was presented by Mark Gochnour, Gregg Gochnour, Blaine Elkins, and Butch Mezick to 15 new and current members of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter on Sunday, April 10th.

The day of the walk was cold and windy, but the weather was soon forgotten as we explored the wonders of nature. As the attendees started their walk by hiking up a steep hill, we discussed soil erosion and the formation and composition of that precious natural resource, "Topsoil." Invasive plant species such as bush honeysuckle was discussed and observed at our next stop, followed by a presentation by Blaine Elkins at a small grove of blight-resistant chestnut trees located at



PHOTO BY MARC SHAFFER

the top of the hill. The walk next stopped at a pile of trash where we discussed the incredible longevity of different types of trash; a Styrofoam bait container lasts one million years before it decomposes. Our guests were then taught to identify three oak trees, red, white, and chestnut, by their bark and leaves. Buck rubs and buck scrapes were discovered as we progressed on the walk. We reviewed zoning laws, development in general, and the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve as we stood in an obsolete power line right of way. Next, the components of habitat required by all animals were explained, as was the devastating impact of human development on all other plants and animals in the natural world. The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, better known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, was highlighted with its contribution to date of over 18 billion dollars to wildlife and wildlife habitats since its inception in 1937. Full-size turkey decoys were observed, and the incredible eyesight and hearing of turkeys were discussed, followed by a demonstration of turkey box, slate, and mouth calls. Previously planted items such as a deer skull complete with antlers, a snakeskin, turkey feathers, and animal bones with teeth marks left by animals in the pursuit of calcium were discovered by our students as they became "seers" of the natural world. The incredible natural process of photosynthesis explaining how trees are created from carbon dioxide and water under the influence of the sun's energy was presented, including a bit of information on why a leaf is green. We proceeded to the exam area. Yes, our "Interpretive Walk In The Woods" includes an exam where the attendees work individually during a period of silence in an area rich in examples of topics previously discussed. Each student was asked to explain what they found and share information about their discovery. A short stop by our abandoned well was followed by a pleasant walk as we returned to the chapter parking lot.

Presenting interactive programs such as the "Interpretive Walk in the Woods," the B-CC IWLA will provide conservation education to the present and future generations of conservationists. – B-CC IWLA Conservation Committee

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.

Enjoy a Day of Muzzleloading Instruction, Practice, and a Little Competition Saturday, May 21

Mark Gochnour will be hosting chapter muzzleloading enthusiasts, including guests and members of the public, at the annual B-CC IWLA Spring Blackpowder Clinic and Shooting Match, on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder Instructor.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 19 using the following SignUpGenius to help Mark supply necessary materials and to right-size lunch plans!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daca28a7f8c25-black>



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

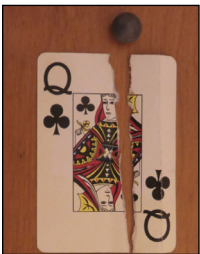
of fun, and the unique smell of blackpowder smoke!

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

Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or alert Mark Gochnour in your RSVP email that you need a "loaner." Learn directly from individuals having experience and knowledge. If you have never fired a blackpowder gun, if you have a muzzleloader that you have never used before, or if you are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, definitely come for the morning instruction but stay for the shoot! Last year, one shooter who used a loaner gun to compete in the shooting match turned out to be excellent marksman!



Lunch will be served in the chapter house around 12:00 noon with the shooting competition beginning at or near 1:00pm.



Match participants will be presented with opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including last year's favorite: The Flopping Plate. During the afternoon competition, participants will shoot at a variety of ranges from up-close out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters

Please contact Mark Gochnour at with your questions or for further details at Muzzleloading.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com, and pre-register at the SignUpGenius link above!

It is important to contact Mark, especially if you are bringing a new muzzleloader, because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of. Lacking such gear could sabotage your experience.

Cost is only \$20.00 for the entire event, which includes both 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

Check the April B-CC IWLA chapter newsletters for additional details or contact Mark Gochnour directly with any questions.

**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

DUE DATE
for the June Newsletter Articles
Friday, May 27

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

ATTENTION New Members!
*The next Chapter house cleanup is on
Saturday, May 14 at 9:00am*

Summer Biathlon Program

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

Summer Biathlon opened its 2022 season to great weather in March. 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, May 14	7:30am
Saturday, May 28	7:30am
Saturday, June 11	7:30am
Saturday, June 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

ARCHERY 3-D COURSE SCHEDULE

(schedule on website – [BCCIWLA.org](https://bcciwla.org))
<https://bcciwla.org/archery>

Saturdays and Sundays
9:00am – 1:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

3-D Course Fee on Weekends
\$7 members / \$10 non-members
B-CC Archery Range Officers may shoot during any daylight hours (no fee).

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION TOUR

Come join us on the
New-Member Orientation Tour!

The tour will take place this month on Saturday, May 28 from 10:00am to approximately 1:00pm. This is the fastest way for new members to get their gate access and membership cards if they didn't get them the night that they were initiated. If you intend to pay your new-member fees, please make sure to arrive between 9:00 and 9:30am

Shotgun Range Report

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

On Wednesdays – May 18, June 15, and July 20 – the range will be open before the monthly dinner meeting from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

In June, the range will be open on Saturday the 4th and 25th from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

INTRODUCTION TO SHOTGUN SHOOTING

The Shotgun Range will be hosting an Introduction to Shotgun Shooting on Saturdays, June 11 and June 18 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on both days.

There will be a limit of 12 people per time period and a \$10 fee to cover the clays.

If you have a shotgun (12ga or 20ga), bring it along with your own 2 boxes of shells (target loads no bigger than 7½). Eye and Ear protection are needed on the range.

Use this SignUp Genius link to reserve your spot. You will be sent a reminder 3 days before the class.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4DACAA28A7F8C25-intro1>

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Tarquinio at ptarq@hotmail.com.

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

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

MAY

Sunday, May 1 George Hodges-Fulton, Christine Peterson

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15

Sunday, May 22

Sunday, May 29

Lawrence Kotchek

Victor Kernus, Christian Lowe

Pat Weixel, Mike Burns

Douglass Craig, Harold Hoffman

JUNE

Saturday, June 4

Sunday, June 5

Sunday, June 12

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

Ken Gentzel

Joseph Contrera, Robert Quattlebaum

John Kipfer, Stephen Poss

Pat Dady, Joe Reid, Gary Melvin

Kurt Behrend, TC Shi

David Boynton, Harold Hoffman

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays

Tuesdays 3:00pm to 6:00pm Sporting Clays **ONLY**

Sat., June 4 9:00am to 3:00pm Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand

Sat., June 25 9:00am to 3:00pm Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand

Wednesdays 3:00pm to 5:00pm Prior to Dinner Meeting

(May 18, June 15, July 20)

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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

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

RANGE CLOSURE

On Saturday, May 21, the range will be hosting the rescheduled Black Powder Muzzleloader event. The range will be open only to those participating in this event. Sunday will be regular operating hours.

NEW CONCRETE, GRADING & DRAINAGE

We had a busy month on the range. The new concrete floor was poured on the rifle side of the range along with an extension of the pad in front of the range house and a new ramp on the south side of the chapter house patio. The new concrete at the range will provide a safer shooting environment and allow for better clean up of spent casings, in accordance with our environmental stewardship plan.

The grading and drainage improvements at the range were also completed; this was the second phase of the lead reclamation work for the range. This work will help isolate and treat the water coming off the berms before it leaves the range.



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

MAY

Sunday, May 1 Princiotto, M., Panashchenko, O., Ma, A., Hoover, J., Shi, TC
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., Betmarik, J., Yau, T., Kang, M., Weixel, P.
Sunday, May 15 King, B., Griffin, J., Wadsworth, H., Carroll, P.
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.

JUNE

Saturday, June 4 Quattlebaum, R., Bouchard, M., Crowe, C., Sullivan, A., Woodman, G.
Sunday, June 5 Sullivan, A., Daniel, B., Sypes, E.
Saturday, June 11 Hensley, J., Shi, P., Myers, J., Behrend, D.
Sunday, June 12 Hammes, P., Thornton, C., Hensley, J., Quattlebaum, R., Batteh, K.
Saturday, June 18 Mostrom, T., Kim, D., Vinokurov, A., Lund, C.
Sunday, June 19 Peterson, C.
Saturday, June 25 Riccio, R., Kawamoto, D., Urgo, C., Harmon, S.
Sunday, June 26 Gori, R., Harmon, S., Adams, J., West, K.

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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)

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 June 4th. Women, men, and teens are all welcome.

The seminar will be held at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Check in begins at 8:30am and we will start at 9:00am and will continue until around 4:00pm. The cost is \$15 to cover materials.

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 treestand 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.

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.

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.

All non-B-CC IWLA members must bring their printed and signed off Hold Harmless Agreements that are available from <https://bcciwla.org/hold-harmless>.

Individuals must contact the instructors at hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com. Any questions about the seminar should be sent to this same email address. **Below is the SignUpGenius link for the event.** Class size is limited to 25, so registering early is recommended. Registration deadline is May 30th.

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

Shotgun Range Trap League 2022

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. The trap league will be only on Saturdays, starting on Saturday, June 4 and finishing on Saturday, July 30 with a 9:00am start time. There is no league on July 2 because of the July 4th holiday weekend. 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!

Father's Day Fishing Derby-2022

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee

Come join us on Father's Day, June 19, 2022, for a fishing derby at the big pond (Walton). The event is for both adults and kids. Registration will open at 9:00am at the big pond shelter and fishing will last from 9:00am to noon. All participants must register to be eligible for prizes that will be awarded to individuals (an adult and a kid) for the largest, 2nd largest, and 3rd largest fish caught based on total length, as well as the most fish caught.

While anglers are encouraged to bring their own fishing gear, the chapter will have fishing gear available on site to borrow. Ponds & Streams will provide worms, which work great for catching bluegills. If you want to fish for large-mouth bass, the best lures have been plastic worms, crankbaits, and spinner baits.

Ponds & Streams committee members will be on hand to identify and measure all fish caught and record the name of the angler. Winners will be announced after the 1:00pm luncheon.

Any questions regarding this event can be directed to me at novakgang4@comcast.net or to Pete Wirth at peter_wirth@verizon.net.

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IWLA Centennial*



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

Chapter Cleanup Day

Many thanks to members of Girl Scout Troop 2027, including leader Zoe Welsh, for clearing the leaves from the BBQ and picnic table area on cleanup day. Thank you ladies!!!



National Resolutions

Every year delegates to the National Convention vote to approve or disapprove certain "resolutions", which are proposed changes or additions to the official policies of the IWLA. In the past, these resolutions were published late in the afternoon on the day before the vote was taken. Needless to say, the general membership consisting of non-attendees to the convention had no say in the approval process, but this year things have changed. The resolutions have been published and distributed to the general membership via email. It would be in order for any member who strongly approves or disapproves of a certain resolution to introduce a motion during the New Business section of a chapter dinner meeting to direct the chapter delegates to the convention to vote to approve or disapprove the motion. You are being urged to read these resolutions, and to make your opinions known.

Below is a link to the resolutions on National's website.

https://www.iwla.org/docs/default-source/meetings/2022-convention/package-to-be-considered-at-2022-convention.pdf?sfvrsn=56a2870d_2

Tote Bags

The Centennial Committee has ordered tote bags. The bags will be available for distribution to Dinner Meeting speakers as swag bags, to members, for advertising B-CC at public gatherings, and other appropriate uses.

Pick up a bag or two at the next Dinner Meeting. The cost is: \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.



Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in April 2022:

Owen Chaput

Interests: Archery; Forestry; Youth Programs

Eric J. Jodts

Interests: Forestry; Public Relations; Rifle & Pistol

James Kalavritinos

Interests: Hunter Education; Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol

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

Tuesdays
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
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NestWatch Report

Diane Seward
Citizen Science Projects Coordinator

Nesting activity got off to an excellent start in April, with Eastern Bluebirds producing 42 eggs and three young in 12 nestboxes before the end of the month. In addition, the first Tree Swallow nest on the Conservation Farm has a clutch of 7 eggs, quite unusual for this species, which normally produces five or six eggs in a clutch. We can expect much more Tree Swallow breeding activity in May.



Our Purple Martins are back in droves! By late April they had claimed nearly all the compartments in the houses and gourds (which they seem to prefer). It is such a delight to hear them vocalizing, noisily, as we check their houses. But they seem to tolerate our nest checking quite well; unlike the bluebirds and swallows, the martins do not dive bomb us as we check each nesting tray. In early May I estimated nearly 100 martins flying overhead while our team checked their abodes. They will be laying eggs beginning in mid-May.

Come out to the chapter and spend some time watching the maneuvers of this season's huge Purple Martin colony. They put on a splendid show.

Recently, Theresa Zmola was able to quickly videotape a clutch of bluebirds hatching in one of the field boxes at the chapter. Below is the link to the video. As a reminder, never open the nest boxes as it could cause chicks to fall out or adults to leave.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s_HuHtZJFqw8VFihJGAVeDJHTqppnWtK/view?usp=drivesdk

News from Dry Seneca Creek

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The ponds and streams committee at B-CC IWLA organizes stream quality monitoring at a few sites near the conservation farm throughout the year. On April 3, several volunteers enjoyed a beautiful spring day by exploring a new sampling site at Dry Seneca Creek just east of the farm.

While the new site showed great promise with plenty of water flowing over a rocky stream bottom, looks can be deceiving. While the water chemistry was good, the biological sampling only rated the stream as fair. This exemplifies why the type of sampling we do is so critical for an understanding of local streams.

When we sample the chemical water quality of a stream, we get an instant snapshot of what the quality is like. It's like



when you've cleaned up your house before having friends over for dinner, or someone stops by without notice and sees all the laundry on the couch: it's just one instant of what your living conditions look like and doesn't necessarily show what the normal conditions are, or how bad it can get during certain times. We may see the stream with normal flows a few days after a flood has subsided. When the water was high, lots of chemicals may have washed off the land, but we don't see those when we come after the flood.

Biological monitoring is when we look at the organisms that are alive in a stream at the time we sample it. Most of



these organisms are the juvenile life stages of insects, but some like fish or crayfish could be several years old. These show us a longer-term record of the water quality. If an organism is present, it means the water quality has been "good enough" for it to survive for its entire life. If the water quality was chronically poor or there was a short event that made the quality unsuitable for that organism to live, it won't be present.

We sort the organisms we catch into three categories based on the sensitivity to pollution. If we find many that are sensitive, that indicates the water quality has been pretty good for a while. If we only find those that are tolerant of pollution, there have been some issues with water quality that has allowed those species to live, but not allowed other sensitive species to persist. The more different types of animals we find, and the more sensitive those are to pollution, the better we say the water quality is.

In order to compare our samples at different times and locations (many groups of volunteers collect similar data across the US in all seasons) we use a standard method each time. After we're done with our standard sampling, we like to poke around, turning over rocks and netting in other areas just to see what we find. This is when it gets interesting. In our post-sampling exploration we found several new organisms (including the hellgramite that doubles as an earring). We know they are present in the stream, but we can't count them towards the report of our standardized sampling.



So while we had to rate this beautiful stream as a "fair" quality stream, we know there is more there to explore. We hope to return to this site for our summer or fall sampling this year. If you're interested in seeing if we find more sensitive organisms and can rate this stream as "good" or even "excellent" please join the Ponds and Streams Committee for our next outing. If you would like more information feel free to email Dan Dutton – mr.dutton.cbgs@gmail.com.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE NOVAK

Are Cover Crops Really Good for the Soil?

By Rachael Behrend

Editor's Note:

Our own Rachael Behrend wrote the paper below as part of her application for a scholarship from TOCA (Turf and Ornamental Communicators Association). She used Phil Taylor's work on the farm as the basis for the article.

To qualify to apply for a scholarship, a student must be in a green industry or pursuing a major or minor in technical communications. Rachael is a Public Horticulture Major.

At the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA), member Phil Taylor has been using cover crops for over four years now. Before Phil Taylor started using cover crops, the soil was clay, which made it difficult for roots to penetrate. With clay soil, standing water after a rain storm isn't a rare sight. Yet in four years, the organic matter went from roughly 2% to 3.5-4% with much less standing water after a storm.

When deciding what cover crop would be best to plant, Phil Taylor explained that it was important to look forward to what crop you will be planting come Spring. It is also important to consider what will survive and thrive where you live. At the B-CC IWLA, winter rye is used as one of the winter cover crops, since it will germinate at temperatures as low as 38 degrees Fahrenheit. The winter cover crops will protect the soil by keeping living roots in the soil. This makes sure that,

throughout the year, "in all the fields something green is growing."

When it is time for the next crop to be planted, the cover crops need to be killed to allow the next crop to take root. At the B-CC IWLA, this is the only time that chemicals are used throughout the entire planting process. To disturb the land as little as possible, the herbicide is sprayed once and natural processes take over. This is to ensure that the cover crop doesn't compete with the new crop for nutrients. But don't think that the cover crop needs to be removed. Leaving it there will not only add more nutrients back into the soil, it will also protect the new crop from sun and drought until it can survive without this shield.

Scalding from the sun and drought are only some of the problems that crops can have. One of the largest problems would always have to be pests. Since Phil Taylor tries to avoid using chemicals when possible, the way the crops at the B-CC IWLA are protected is with friendly insects. In the fields that are not being used for crops, mixes of flowering cover crops that draw in beneficial insects keep the pests from causing a major problem. These cover crops not only look pretty and keep pests away, they also keep pest control expenses down.

For those who are just starting to use cover crops, "you need a mentor, someone who's already doing. That way they're like your coach," according to Phil Taylor. He also said that he avoided making many mistakes thanks to the advice and experience from his mentor. "There are a lot of people out there who are willing to teach to those who are willing." To look at a farm with cover crops in use, that is one of the best ways to learn and understand how to use cover crops.



Past President's Dinner - May 5, 2022

Seated – left to right: Frank Och, Marty Ricketts, "Holly" (official mascot), Jack MacGregor
Front Row – left to right: Ron Marchessault, George Coakley, Tom Lamkin, Byron Ricketts, Lynn Adams, Bob Pavlick, Ted Whitehouse, Jim O'Connell, Kenny Northup, Richard Latimer, Lin Tate
Back Row – left to right: John Lamb, Larry Anderson, Bill Gordon, Butch Mezick, Carol Hulce-Efdimis, Pat Tarquinio, Jim Tate, Jack Hanna, Frank Parker



President Lin Tate presents the President's plaque to Past-President Ron Marchessault

Kids' Fishing Event

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee
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In the late afternoon of Saturday, April 23, 2022, 15 kids and their parents gathered at the big pond to do some fishing. The event was part of the spring family campout. It could not have been a more perfect day for fishing with temperatures in the high 70s and not a cloud in the sky. Rod and reel combos and worms were provided by the Ponds & Streams Committee. Ponds & Streams Committee members Pete Wirth, Bryan Kurtz, Jackie Young, and John Novak were kept busy baiting hooks, unhooking fish, and untangling lines. It was a successful day with an estimated 50 bluegills (ranging from 4 to 5 inches) and at least one 6-inch redear sunfish caught. The fish must have been hungry as two tubs of worms were consumed. The kids had so much fun that it was hard to get them to leave at 6:00pm for hot dogs and burgers. Several photos of kids fishing and holding their catch were taken by Suzanne Novak, Kevin Derwin, John Novak, and Pete Wirth.

