



SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

As we move into fall there are many changes happening. Our summer activities are closing down and we are moving into hunting season, which has a strong heritage with our chapter. This is kicked off by the chapter Dove Shoot and Cookout on September 1st, and deer archery season soon to follow. Another significant change is that a new board of governors will take over the responsibility of running the chapter. My predecessor Lin Schmale-Tate has worked tirelessly to keep important projects on the rails despite many personal challenges. Every past president, too many to mention by name, has made huge contributions of personal time to make the chapter what it is today. So to all of them I give a heartfelt thank you for your efforts, your advice, and your willingness to continue to make significant contributions.

As we move into the new year there are some shining star projects that deserve recognition. As you probably know, the American chestnut tree (an important natural food source) was nearly destroyed by a blight in the 20th century. We are participating in a national chestnut program, locally lead by Blaine Elkins, whose aim is to develop a blight-resistant hybrid strain and reintroduce this tree to our country. Blaine is also leading our shotgun range lead reclamation effort which is required by our Environmental Stewardship plan. The Apollo Archery program, lead by Chuck Thornton and John Gorney, is operated in partnership with Walter Reed National Medical Center. This program reaches out to wounded warriors and their families to give something back to those who have given so much for all of us.

There are many activities happening around the farm that you can still participate in as we move into fall. A big shout out to Gus Zinsser, Jerry Murray, Warner Parks, and Jack Mandel who chair our shooting ranges. Our farm chair Phil Taylor works tirelessly for the benefit of our local wildlife, and has recently planted a large one-acre food plot for human consumption that is now being harvested for donation. Check out our newsletter and calendar if you would like to participate in this harvest. Brian King keeps our many miles of trails open so we can all get some much-needed exercise! John Novak works tirelessly to keep our ponds and streams vibrant and to provide fishing opportunities to all members, both young and 'experienced.' You can participate in these and many other activities on the farm, which brings us to my final point.

Our wonderful chapter and all the great activities we have available are only possible through the efforts of volunteers like you! To paraphrase the late John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your chapter can do for you, ask what you can do for your chapter!" The well-earned retirement of our food chair, Chip Dunn, after many years of selfless service has left an opportunity for others to step in. The sudden passing of our Chapter House Chair, Tucker Mostrom – has left a void larger than one person can fill. John Lamb is taking the reins there, but will need help, so please reach out to John and pitch in. If you are interested in taking an active role in any of the many activities mentioned here, please contact one of our department chairs, or myself. Together, through our collective efforts, we can continue to keep this Chapter the wonderful place we all enjoy so much.

Walt Allensworth
President

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

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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 July 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and the August 2022 Membership Meeting

John Stinson, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, July 27, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10pm and the regular BOG meeting was called to order.
- Life Scout Hans Ryerson presented plans for his Eagle Scout project to refurbish the campground bridge. The scouts would provide the tools and manpower and the Chapter would finance the purchase of materials. Victor Kernus made a motion to allow this project to proceed, with the funding coming out of Jack King's Campground budget. Ron Marchessault seconded, and the motion passed.
- Dave Ellis, president of NAVHDA requested the use of the Farm on August 6 and September 10 for mock tests and then on September 23-25 for their Fall tests. Only chapter Members will serve as gunners. Victor Kernus made a motion to approve these dates; Ron Marchessault seconded, and the motion passed.
- Treasurer Bill Brockman reported on the Sandy Spring Bank account balances.
- The farm tractor has been repaired. Our other tractor also needed to have work done on the brakes.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke reports that the database includes approximately 803 memberships.

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Blaine Elkins provided a new breakdown of likely expenses for renovation of the archery well and well house. The first step is construction of a new well house. The Archery Committee will do this. David Boynton made a motion to provide funds from CAPEX to build the new well house. Past President Ron Marchessault seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – 1,042nd Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Lin Tate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Shannon Novak's prior resignation from the Board was accepted at the BOG meeting of July 27. At the BOG meeting, Carol Hulce-Efdimis volunteered to fill the 2nd VP vacancy. The Board reviewed Article IV, Section 6 of the Chapter bylaws, and Carol's candidacy was ratified by the BOG at the July meeting. At the August membership meeting, a motion was made by Past President Ron Marchessault for Carol to assume the 2nd VP position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the membership. Past President Ron Marchessault conducted the swearing in and installation of the 2022-2023 Officers and Board of Governors.
- 2023 renewals will be sent by registered mail and followed up by email. Fourteen prospective members introduced themselves. Five new members were then sworn in by 1st Vice President Walt Allensworth.
- John Lamb has volunteered to be the new Chapter House chair.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor described the vegetable seed donation program from Nebraska. Seeds were planted July 1 and vegetables will be harvested periodically and donated to WUMCO. Volunteers can sign up online and should bring boxes. As 7 inches of rain fell in May, sunflowers did

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SUMMARY

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- not germinate. Accordingly, the committee planted soybeans and corn.
- Wildlife chair Larry Anderson reviewed the requirements for hunting on the farm, including hunting rules, registration, and carrying your membership card with you while hunting. Log your deer and turkey harvest.
- President Lin Tate presented President's Awards to five members (see photos on page 8) who have gone above and beyond in service to the Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

REGISTER TO HUNT

As a reminder ... all chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. **This is a yearly requirement.**

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

New-Member Orientation Tour

- The next tour will take place on **Saturday, September 24** from 10:00am to approximately 12:00 noon.
- Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House.
- Dress for warm weather and remember to bring water with you.
- The front gate will be open until the tour begins.
- New members, prospective members, and current members are invited to take the tour.

Calendar Submissions

Contact 1st Vice President Carol Hulce-Efdimis, carol2017@aol.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net with dates of meetings and events to be added to the website and newsletter calendars.

KITCHEN CHAIR NEEDED!

Can you help the Chapter by stepping up to fill this position?

Interested?

Contact

Walt Allensworth, President
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or

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REMEMBER...

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

Celebrate
IWLA's 100th Anniversary
at the Chapter



This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the IWLA. To celebrate, we will have an open house and party on Sunday, September 18. We will use this day to share who we are, what we do, and promote our conservation message. Most importantly we will have fun!

We encourage you to come to the Chapter, learn about the farm, local wildlife and insects, our historic log cabin, and our conservation activities. There will be additional family activities such as fishing, bird watching, mock archeology dig for kids, demonstrations/lessons on fire starting, the handlers and dogs from the Potomac Chapter of NAVHDA will have a demonstration of retrieving, and 18th Century Long Hunters. We will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary with a cake – cake cutting at 2:30pm.

This is a great chance to visit the chapter with your family and/or bring guests to show what the IWLA is all about. Gates will be open to the public from 12:00 noon - 4:00pm.

We need volunteers to help staff and run some of the events – please sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACC28A7F8C25-100th>

Vegetable Garden – WUMCO Help, Inc.

The Farm Committee and WUMCO are looking for volunteers to help harvest vegetables from our one-acre vegetable garden.



- Harvest dates and time – 9:00am every Tuesday and Saturday starting August 30 and running to November
- Bring large bags (shopping bag with handles) and boxes
- Contact Jennifer Freeman, jennifer.freeman1@yahoo.com or Phil Taylor, bccfarmchairman@gmail.com for more information
- Signup using the signup genius below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054daaaa2b0-harvesting>

ATTENTION New Members!

The next Chapter House cleanup is on
Saturday, September 17
Starting at 9:00am



Mark your calendars!!

The Annual Fall Cleanup Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1, starting at 8:30am with lunch being served at 1:00pm. Lunch menu will be based on the weather.

This is a great way to acquire the volunteer hours requirement for members and probationary members.

An Eblast will be going out the week before with all the tasks we will need to do to button up the chapter for the upcoming winter months.

Contact 1st Vice President Carol Hulce-Efdimis at carol2017@aol.com with any questions.



B-CC IWLA to Participate in Poolesville Day 2022 Festival

We will host a booth at "Poolesville Day" to showcase our Chapter. This family-oriented event will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Now in its 30th year, the event attracts over 12,000 visitors to the town and includes entertainment, multiple kids' activities, art & craft vendors, classic car show, and other exhibitors. It provides a great opportunity for us to connect with local residents and visitors, highlight what the IWLA is about, and more importantly what we do at our Chapter. This is a great day out for the family.

Need yearly volunteer hours? Help is needed in staffing the booth. Please use the link below to sign up or contact Andy Wight at andywight1@hotmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACC28A7F8C25-poolesville1>



B-CC Members from 2021 at the Poolesville Booth

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

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

Poolesville Day Festival
Saturday, September 17
10:00am to 4:00pm
Town of Poolesville

Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary at the Chapter
Sunday, September 18
12:00 noon – 4:00pm

1,043rd Monthly Dinner and Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 21
Dinner served beginning at 6:15PM
Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, September 28
7:30pm

Chapter Fall Cleanup
Saturday, October 1
8:30am to approximately 2:00pm

Annual Fall Family Campout
Saturday, October 29 – Sunday morning, October 30
2:30pm (Saturday afternoon) to 10:00am (Sunday morning)

Summer Biathlon Program Schedule

Steve Eschholz
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B-CC IWLA Biathlon Practice consists of (5) 1-kilometer loops and 4 shooting stops at the range:

- Shooting stops 1 & 3 are from the prone position
- Stops 2 & 4 are off-hand

If you have any questions about the biathlon, or would like to be on the B-CC IWLA Summer Biathlon Program mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz.

Remaining schedule for 2022 is listed below:

Saturday, September 24	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	7:30am
Saturday, November 5	7:30am
Saturday, November 12	7:30am



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

<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 – 5:00pm</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 – last shoot on Sept. 27</i>	<i>3:00pm – 7:00pm</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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Thursday, September 1	Opening Day of Dove Season	12:00noon – 5:00pm
Thursday, September 1	After Dove Shoot Cookout – at the Shotgun Range	5:30pm
Sunday, September 4	Labor Day Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, September 7	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, September 10	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range - CANCELLED	7:00am
Saturday, September 10	Fall Hunter Safety / Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 10	Rifle & Pistol Range CLOSED for Hunter Safety / Education Course	ALL DAY
Sunday, September 11	Fall Hunter Safety / Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 17	Poolesville Day Festival	10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 18	Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary	12:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 21	1,043rd Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Friday, September 23	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, September 24	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 24	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 24	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, September 25	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, September 28	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, September 30	Articles for October Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

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Saturday, October 1	Fall Cleanup Day (lunch to follow morning cleanup)	8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 5	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, October 8	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, October 8	Rural Women Republican Club Dinner – Chapter House Closed	12:00 noon – 7:00pm
Saturday, October 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, October 19	1,044th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting	Dinner 6:15pm Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, October 20	R&P Range closed for Opening Day of Deer Muzzleloader Season	Closed all Day
Friday, October 21	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House (setup)	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, October 22	R&P Range CLOSED for Opening Muzzleloader Hunting Season	CLOSED ALL DAY
Saturday, October 22	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 22	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, October 23	Scout Wilderness First Aid Training Class – in the Chapter House	7:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, October 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, October 28	Articles for November Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, October 29	Fall Family Campout	gates open at 2:30pm for setup
Sunday, October 30	Fall Family Campout	breakfast and cleanup until 10:00am

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 8:00am
Saturday, November 12	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 9:00am
Saturday, November 12	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, November 16	1,045th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Wednesday, November 16	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting
Saturday, November 19	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, November 20	Last day R&P Range will be open to the general public	Open all day
Friday, November 25	Articles for December Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3	Setup for Holiday Party	TBD
Saturday, December 10	Chapter Holiday Party	Starting at 7:00pm
Saturday, December 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 17	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, December 21	1,046th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 21	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting
Friday, December 30	Articles for January Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.



Annual Fall Family Campout

Join us on October 29th – 30th for the Annual Fall Family Campout. This is open to members and their guests and is great chance to get the kids and you away from smart phones and TV and enjoy some of the benefits the chapter offers. We will be pitching tents next to the Chapter House parking lot:

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 26th, if possible, with numbers in your party via the signup genius link below. Please note in the comment section any dietary restrictions. This will help us ensure we have enough food to go around, and contact you if weather forces a postponement.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-fall1>

Restrictions Issued by USDA on Import of Wild Game Bird Harvests from Canada Effective: September 2, 2022

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in both wild birds and poultry in Canada. Therefore, effective September 2, 2022, USDA has announced that hunter-harvested wild game bird trophies entering the United States from Canada must be fully finished, or accompanied by a USDA Veterinary Services (VS) import permit, or consigned directly to a USDA approved taxidermy establishment.

Hunter-harvested unprocessed wild game bird meat/carcasses, originating from or transiting Canada, will not be permitted to enter the United States regardless of the Canadian province from which the bird was harvested. For any questions regarding import of animal products and by-products, please contact Animal Product Imports at 301-851-3300 or send an email to APIE@usda.gov.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Committee Chair
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Range Officers that have signed up for range duty for the remainder of the year, please plan on serving your duty days unless you hear from Carol or me. Notices will go out in the newsletter and email. For any Range Officer that has already served their duty day and needs work hours, there are several days with only one range officer. Please sign up to help.

Just a reminder – Tuesday nights are for **Sporting Clays ONLY** – no trap or skeet.

Information about Introduction to Shotgun Sports Class is on page 11 of this 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 OFFICERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 3	Paul Beilke, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, September 4	FUN SHOOT
Sunday, September 11	Far left / training field CLOSED for Hunter Safety / Education Course Charlie Crowe, Andy Wight Christine Peterson, Hap Hoffman Mike Bowman, Hiep Nguyen
Sunday, September 18	
Sunday, September 25	

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Sunday, October 2	Greg Ossi, Kevin Batteh
Sunday, October 9	John Kipfer, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 16	Mike Bowman, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 23	Rick Tomlin, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, October 30	Andrew Bellamah, Evan Kurtz

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

Sporting Clays Only 3:00pm to 7:00pm

September 2022 1,043rd Monthly Dinner/ Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

Dinner served starting at 6:15pm
Membership Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner
**Meatloaf and Gravy, Smashed Potatoes,
Grilled Local Vegetables, Salad, Dessert**

September 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, September 28
7:30pm

Hunters Ethics and Oversight Report

Scott Harmon, Committee Chair
301 467-0645 (cell)

The 2022-23 Hunting Season is in full swing, and we need all members hunting our property to register to hunt the farm. In doing so, you acknowledged that you have read our hunting rules and know the property lines. We have a clean slate with our neighbors this year and we need to keep it that way. If you have game, a wounded deer, cross our property line onto our neighbor's property, give me a call so that I can contact them to get permission to track and retrieve the deer. If you are caught trespassing, you will lose your privilege to hunt and may lose your membership. Trespassing on posted property is a serious crime and punishable under Md. Criminal Law §6-402. A first offense is punishable by imprisonment of up to 90-days or a fine not exceeding \$500, or both. This includes all private land adjacent to public hunting areas.

Please make sure you know the seasons and bag limits.
September 1 Dove
September 9 Opening day for Bow Deer Season

<https://www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/guides/22MDHD.pdf>

Call with any questions and if you need permission to go on a neighbor's property
As always be safe out there.

DRIVING ON CHAPTER PROPERTY

Privately owned vehicles are to remain on the main Chapter roads at all times. They are **NOT** allowed to drive through the fields or park in open areas. This includes no vehicle traffic to the back pond or in the fields unless the vehicle is in use in conjunction with a project being overseen by a Chairman or Committee.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in August 2022:

Nate Czarnota

Interests: Forestry; Nature Trail; Ponds & Streams

Dave Greenberg

Interests: Archery; Hunter Education; Scouting

Pat Lee

Interests: Legislative Affairs; Ponds & Streams; Wildlife

Grant Samms

Interests: Rifle & Pistol; Scouting; Wildlife

Duane Schmidt

Interests: Forestry; Photography; Ponds & Streams

DUE DATE

October Newsletter Articles
Friday, September 30

Submit articles to:
j.lamkin@comcast.net
Newsletter.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com
If the article contains photos, please submit them as separate files.

Wildflower Committee Report

BCC_Wildflowers@yahoo.com

Margaret Wilson, a member of the Wildflower Committee, has been working to enhance the appearance of our entrance. First, she raised Black Eyed Susan plants at home. After they matured she transplanted them to the area in front of our entrance sign. Margaret was visited by an Eastern Box turtle who apparently wanted to see what was going on!

WHY BLACK EYED SUSAN?

The Black Eyed Susan is a native plant and also the Maryland State Flower. These plants have many beneficial characteristics. They are hardy perennials that tolerate both drought and poor soil. They propagate by self-seeding and they also spread by runners. The flowers provide visual appeal from late summer through fall. But perhaps more importantly, they attract pollinators.



Rabbits love to eat the leaves of the Black Eyed Susan. In addition, these plants are the required host of the Silvery Checkerspot butterfly.

ABOUT THE WILDFLOWER COMMITTEE

The Wildflower Committee works in cooperation with the Farm Committee as well as the Conservation and Education Committee. What the Farm Committee does is, well, more like farming. What the Wildflower Committee does is a bit more like gardening.

We've been raising wildflowers at home from seed. Then, once mature, the plants are transplanted to designated areas. If you would like to help with this project please let us know at: BCC_Wildflowers@Yahoo.com

Establishing native wildflowers, even a few plants at a time, has a long-term permanent impact. Our committee began by focusing on Milkweed. That was 12 years ago. Now Milkweed is frequently found growing around the Chapter. The new focus is Black Eyed Susan.

One key factor is that we get help from birds! Wildflowers create huge numbers of seeds, which are eaten by Birds. But some of those seeds make it through the bird's digestive system intact. For some reason nature seems to be very effective spreading wildflowers. We just need to get things started. So join in and help us plant a few wildflowers!

PHOTOS BY MARGARET WILSON



Ponds and Streams Report

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Road salt is everywhere during winter months. It keeps us safe on roads and sidewalks, but it can also pose a threat to fish and wildlife as well as human health.

Fish and bugs that live in freshwater streams can't survive in extra salty water. And many of us (more than 118 million Americans) depend on local streams for drinking water. Water treatment plants are not equipped to filter out the extra salt, so it can end up in your tap water and even corrode your pipes.

You can help.

Take the Salt Watch Pledge, and you will be sent a FREE kit with everything you need to find out whether road salt pollution is a problem in your local stream.

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/winter-salt-watch>

Save Our Streams Certification

Start Your Training

Becoming a Save Our Streams volunteer starts here! See below for the steps required to become a certified Save Our Streams monitor.

1. Watch the three webinars – **Introduction to Water Quality, Introduction to Macroinvertebrates, and your region's Field Training Introduction.**
2. Fill out the **Save Our Streams Certification Registration Form** to get access to the macroinvertebrate exam.
3. Complete the Macroinvertebrate ID exam with a passing score and receive your Macroinvertebrate ID Certificate.

Attend an in-person field training (**contact John Novak and/or Dan Dutton**), where you will learn the Save Our Streams data collection protocol.

4. Pass an SOS protocol exam for your region and receive your certification!
5. The first two steps in the Save Our Streams certification process can be completed on this page. Use the link below to view the three introductory webinars. Fill out the **Save Our Streams Certification Registration Form** once you have viewed them.

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring>

President's Awards

President Lin Tate presented the President's Award to members who have gone above and beyond in service to the Chapter:

Chip Dunn for service in managing the kitchen.

Bill Brockman for outstanding performance as Treasurer over the past 2 years.

Jerry Murray for his service on the Environmental Stewardship Committee (lead reclamation on the R&P Range and Shotgun Range) and the R&P Range.

Chuck Thornton and **John Gorney** for their work in establishing the very successful Apollo Archery program.



Chip Dunn and
President Lin Tate



President Lin Tate and
Bill Brockman



Jerry Murray and
President Lin Tate



John Gorney, Chuck Thornton, and
President Lin Tate

Rifle & Pistol Report

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PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP & HANDS-ON SHOOTING CLINIC (DATES TBD)

The R&P range will be hosting Pistol Marksmanship & Hands-On Shooting Clinics. These clinics are scheduled for 2-hours, starting at 10:00am, and is ideal for new chapter members or shooters – who may want to learn the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, or experienced shooters – who want to go to the next level and fine tune their existing skills.

The clinics will begin in the chapter house with the firearms safety briefing (safety is always first), including rules for safe gun handling. Then, we will cover the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, including aiming, breathing, grips, stances, etc. Chapter members will practice hands-on with inert training guns (aka blue or dummy guns). No firearms or live ammunition are allowed in the chapter house.

Then, we will transition from the chapter house to the R&P range—where members may put their new or refined marksmanship skills to use with their own firearms and ammo. Eye and hearing protection is required on the range.

Please use the Sign Up Genius link below if you are interested in attending these clinics.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Chief Range Officer Matthew Chambers at 202 854-8671 or matthewschambers@gmail.com.

RANGE CLOSURES

The R&P Range will be closed Saturday, October 22 for opening Muzzleloader Hunting Season.

The last day for the R&P to be open to the general membership will be Friday, November 20.

Range will reopen in March 2023.

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!**

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

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 3	Zoulis, T.
Sunday, Sept. 4	Zoulis, T., Plata, D.
Saturday, Sept. 10	Latimer, R., Burns, M., Haake, T., King, D., Eschholz, S., Hess, D., Boynton, D.
Sunday, Sept. 11	Haake, T., King, D., Gallagher, J., Koehn, D.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Terrell, J., Daniel, B., Gage, K.
Sunday, Sept. 18	Terrell, J., Ives, S., Koehn, D.
Saturday, Sept. 24	Peterson, C., Kim, D., Betmarik, J., Riccio, R.
Sunday, Sept. 25	Gentzel, K., Bixler, D., Wight, A., Donovan, P.

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 1	Epstein, G., Keller, A., Urgo, C., White, M.
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Sunday, Oct. 2	Keller, A., Chung, K., Chung, W., Harmon, S.
Saturday, Oct. 8	Dickerson, C., McKenney, D., Bryan, T., Tarkowski, J.
Sunday, Oct. 9	McKenney, D., Flinchum, D., Dickerson, C., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Oct. 15	Johnson, G., Thornton, C.
Sunday, Oct. 16	Finnegan, J., Sanfuentes, J., Mense, M., Ossi, G.
Saturday, Oct. 22	RANGE CLOSED: MUZZLELOADER SEASON – Zic, T., Bryan, T.
Sunday, Oct. 23	Flinchum, D., McUlisky, A., Nguyen, H., Chung, W.
Saturday, Oct. 29	Drummond, R., McUlisky, A., Pedersen, P., Capalupo, P.
Sunday, Oct. 30	Lowe, C., Ives, S., Kelly, P., Nanof, T.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 5	Hodgson, E., Gallagher, J., White, M., Drummond, R.
Sunday, Nov. 6	Princiotto, M., Bissett, R., Wadsworth, H., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Nov. 12	Kipfer, J., Lowe, C., Johnson, G., Sypes, E.
Sunday, Nov. 13	Mense, M., Sypes, E., Sanfuentes, J., Chung, K.
Saturday, Nov. 19	Epstein, G., Hodgson, E., Nguyen, H., Calderwood, J., Bowman, M.
Sunday, Nov. 20	Pedersen, P., Meima, S., Harmon, S., Calderwood, J.
Friday, Nov. 25	Bixler, D., Kipfer, J.

Hunting Season

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.

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

Happy hunting and think safety

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

From the MDDNR website:

**REPORT YOUR BIRD BANDS ONLINE:
WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV**

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

2022 NestWatch Wrap-up

Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator
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Seventy-four nest sites were monitored in 2022. There were 84 total nesting attempts, all species producing 436 eggs; 354 nestlings; 341 fledglings. Species monitored: Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Purple Martins

Once again, the Purple Martins enjoyed a productive breeding season at the conservation farm: 42 nesting attempts produced 234 eggs, 185 young, and 176 fledglings, 24 more than in 2020. The first martin egg was laid on May 8 and the last clutch fledged in early August. We saw no evidence of snake predation, or House Sparrows, which compete for nesting space and pierce martin eggs. We believe there were no losses to owls or other avian predators. In sum, the martins had a very healthy breeding season.

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

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

I. Total nesting attempts, all species:

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2022	98	459	334	299
2021	84	436	354	341
2020	79	402	310	284
2019	52	226	182	162
2018	34	142	123	104
2017	24	109	102	92

II. Species summaries:

Purple Martins

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2022	52	252	175	154
2021	43	234	185	176
2020	36	221	170	153
2019	19	78	51	38
2018	5	unknown	19	15

Tree Swallows

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2022	14	76	68	66
2021	13	71	67	63
2020	14	71	46	46
2019	11	47	44	43
2018	7	unknown	32	25
2017	5	18	18	13

Eastern Bluebirds

	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young	Fledglings
2022	28	116	89	79
2021	28	131	102	101
2020	25	110	94	85
2019	22	95	82	81
2018	17	unknown	72	64
2017	18	86	79	74

For the second year in a row, our paired field boxes near the road down to the shotgun range hosted, simultaneously, Tree Swallow and Eastern Bluebird nests.

For those who are curious to know first egg dates and first fledge dates, here you go:

	First Egg Date	First Fledge Date
Eastern Bluebird	April 6	May 16
Tree Swallow	April 27	June 4
Purple Martin	May 5	June 22

House Sparrows posed a challenge this season. They competed with Tree Swallows for one of the field boxes and killed a Tree Swallow adult in the box. A pair nested in a Purple Martin house slot, preventing a Purple Martin nesting from taking place. And they pecked and dumped four Eastern Bluebird eggs in one of the paired boxes at the small pond. Subsequently, this box hosted a successful Tree Swallow nesting. House Sparrows made a nest in the other paired box at the small pond, but no eggs hatched.

Many thanks to our dedicated NestWatch team who monitored nesting activity from late March through late July: Theresa Zmola, Pat McNeilly, Peter Cappellino, and guest Linda Green. The team maintained the chapter's nest boxes and periodically cleaned the martin houses and gourds. We are grateful to Tom Lamkin, Janet Lamkin, and Mike Noble for keeping the grass around the boxes well trimmed.

2022 Land Fund

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837 or donate via paypal on the Chapter's website, www.bcciwla.org.

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Introduction to Shotgun Sports Class

Shotgun Range Committee is hosting another class to help shotgun shooters become more comfortable and successful shooting clay targets out of the air!

There will be 2 sessions of the class on Saturday, October 15th:

- 10:00am to noon
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- The "Introduction to Shotgun Sports" class will be limited to 12 attendees each.

Each attendee should bring:

- A \$10 fee to cover the cost of clay targets
- Their own shotgun if they have one:
 - o 12 gauge or 20 gauge
 - o 21-inch barrel minimum
- 2 boxes of 25 shells that match their shotgun (50+ in total)
 - o 2-3/4" shells
 - o No shot larger than #7.5 shot
- Attendees not bringing a shotgun should bring 50+ 12-gauge shells that meet the above criteria
- If you cannot bring a Shotgun, please contact Pat Tarquinio, PTarq@hotmail.com, to try to arrange a loaner
- Eye and ear protection are needed on the range

Prospective attendees MUST use the following Sign Up Genius to register for a class.

SignUpGenius.com will email a reminder to registered attendees 2 days before the class.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACAA28A7F8C25-intro2>

For answers to any questions about the upcoming class, please contact: **Patrick Tarquinio, PTarq@hotmail.com.**



Check out our Facebook page!
Izaak Walton League of America
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Poolesville Day Festival

Saturday, September 17
10:00am to 4:00pm
Town of Poolesville

Celebrate IWLA's 100th Anniversary at the Chapter

Sunday, September 18
12:00 noon – 4:00pm

Chapter Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 1
8:30am to approximately 2:00pm

Cleanup debris and dead falls around the Picnic Area Anytime

Contact Janet Lamkin – 301 466-6557

Join a Committee!

Committees and contacts are listed on the Website
bcciwla.org

Learn about our vision for the next hundred years of conservation and outdoor recreation.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE VISION FOR A SECOND CENTURY OF CONSERVATION

We'll build on our strengths to...

- ✓ Engage more Americans in community-based conservation and volunteer science
- ✓ Advocate for sound public policy to protect America's natural resources for future generations
- ✓ Connect people to the natural world and foster the next generation of conservationists, hunters and anglers



** ATTENTION HUNTERS **

Tree stands, ground blinds, or any other material that might "save" a location for a hunter must not be left out on chapter grounds overnight.

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
FY2022-2023 Operating Budget**

Below is the FY2022-2023 proposed operating budget that will be voted on by the Chapter membership at the monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

ANTICIPATED INCOME	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)
401 Membership Renewal Fees	\$154,000.00	555 Net Zero	\$0.00
402 New Member Initiation Fees	\$9,000.00	601 Farm Operation + Weather Station	\$14,850.00
403 Shotgun Range Fees	\$22,000.00	603 Farm Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000.00
404 Dinner Meeting Sales	\$9,000.00	604 Gasoline and Diesel	\$2,500.00
405 Rifle & Pistol Range Fees	\$9,000.00	605 Wildlife Management	\$2,730.00
406 Archery Range Fees	\$1,000.00	606 Ponds and Streams	\$6,000.00
407 Family Picnic Auction	\$800.00	607 Forestry Management	\$182.00
408 Dove Shoot and BBQ	\$120.00	609 Trail Maintenance	\$900.00
409 Republican Women's Dinner	\$1,500.00	610 Conservation Education+300	\$800.00
412 Christmas Tree Sales	\$320.00	611 Guide to Conservation Farm	\$0.00
413 Junior Rifle Team	\$0.00	613 Environmental Stewardship	\$7,000.00
416 Keys & Locks	\$500.00	614 Log Cabin Maintenance	\$1,000.00
417 Chapter House Use Donation	\$500.00	615 Floral Gardens	\$364.00
418 Interest	\$500.00	616 Greenhouse	\$455.00
419 Vegetable Garden Plot Use	\$400.00	617 Spring Clean-up	\$364.00
420 Sales B-CC IWLA (Hats, Mugs, etc.)	\$0.00	618 Fall Clean-up	\$364.00
421 Donations and Grants	\$2,000.00	620 Building Maintenance	\$1,138.00
422 Campground Reservations	\$500.00	621 Road Repair & Snow Removal	\$728.00
425 Security Cards	\$1,500.00	622 Kitchen Equipment & Maintenance	\$910.00
426 Conservation Education	\$100.00	624 Chapter House Equipment	\$364.00
490 Land Fund Contribution	\$0.00	630 Insurance	\$32,000.00
800 Other	\$2,000.00	631 Newsletter Publishing	\$5,300.00
801 Cash Advance Return	\$500.00	632 Propane	\$3,850.00
802 Boy Scout	\$100.00	633 Trash Removal	\$4,000.00
803 In Lieu of Volunteer Hours	\$16,000.00	634 Electricity	\$4,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$231,340.00	635 Telephone	\$1,800.00
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)	636 Misc. Administration	\$728.00
501 National and State IWLA Dues	\$42,900.00	637 Operating P-O-L	\$6,200.00
502 Membership Administration	\$2,457.00	638 Internet Web Site Maintenance	\$4,550.00
503 Shotgun Range+2500	\$19,000.00	639 Printing - Administrative	\$455.00
504 Food and Kitchen Supplies	\$10,400.00	640 Postage and Mailing	\$182.00
505 Rifle and Pistol Range	\$4,000.00	641 Security	\$1,700.00
506 Archery Range	\$4,800.00	642 Keys and Locks	\$1,400.00
507 Family Picnic/Auction (Father's Day)	\$1,200.00	644 Memorial and Flowers	\$228.00
508 Dove Shoot BBQ	\$300.00	650 Scout Support	\$1,200.00
509 Republican Women's Dinner	\$500.00	651 Hunter Safety Course	\$1,365.00
510 Wild Game Dinner	\$136.00	652 National Convention MD Room	\$500.00
511 Family Day and Camp Out	\$773.00	653 National & MD IWLA Convention (Travel)	\$1,500.00
512 Christmas Tree	\$650.00	655 Youth Convention	\$200.00
513 Junior Rifle Team	\$0.00	657 Legislative	\$137.00
514 Christmas Party	\$250.00	660 Property Taxes	\$2,550.00
516 Special Event	\$0.00	661 Bank Fees	\$728.00
517 Chapter House Supplies	\$364.00	671 Chapter Awards	\$910.00
519 Vegetable Garden	\$637.00	700 Other	\$3,185.00
520 B-CC IWLA Items (Hats, Mugs, etc.)	\$0.00	701 Cash Advance	\$0.00
522 Campground Maintenance	\$3,000.00	809 Donations & Grants	\$7,735.00
523 Summer Biathlon	\$455.00	810 CPA IRS 990 Preparation Fee	\$2,800.00
524 Past Presidents Dinner	\$1,547.00	811 Archives	\$500.00
526 American Chestnut Orchard	\$1,365.00	812 Signage	\$455.00
550 Land Fund (phone-a-thon)	\$136.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$231,177.00
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	\$94,870.00		