



NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

The annual Thanksgiving holiday tradition in the United States is documented at its earliest in 1619, in what is now called the Commonwealth of Virginia.* Thirty-eight English settlers aboard the ship Margaret arrived by way of the James River at Berkeley Hundred in Charles City County, Virginia on December 4, 1619. Thanksgiving has become a holiday celebrated for both giving and receiving, and this traditionally revolves around food, and more specifically wild game. An opportunity presented itself to demonstrate this tradition during an event at the B-CC IWLA on Saturday, October 29. There were 35 scouts from Troop 149 camping at the B-CC archery range and working on various merit badges. Having harvested a deer the preceding afternoon, I notified our Archery Chairman, Jack Mandel. He quickly set up a lesson on skinning and butchering a deer at the archery pavilion the next day at 9:00am. A number of scouts, parents, and B-CC members were soon helping and learning an important traditional skill. Everyone that wanted venison received some, and one brave scout took an entire front shoulder quarter to throw on the grill for dinner that evening. It was not lost on me that with Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, sharing this bounty could not be more appropriate!



While this was unfolding, a call from past-President Scott Harmon revealed that he had just shot a nice buck with archery gear, and he'd bring it over to give interested attendees an impromptu field-dressing lesson. Native American tradition and heritage is a strong theme in scouting, and one such tradition is that eating the heart of a buck (all lean muscle) will transfer the qualities of the buck to the person – its bravery, strength and agility. One of the older scouts was quite aware of this "Indian lore," and asked for the heart, which he received, along with instructions on how best to care for and prepare it. Two other scouts asked for the buck's antlers, which they received. The buck was then taken to the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) drop off cooler in Poolesville. This single animal will soon provide meat for more than a hundred meals to feed the hungry – just in time for Thanksgiving! Our chapter has a long relationship with FHFH, and we donate money and deer annually to help this important program succeed. We made sure that the scouts understood this lesson of giving. So, in closing, I'd like to urge our members to do likewise and share their fall bounty with others, and to share their traditions and knowledge with our youth, who after all will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Walt Allensworth
President

*Dowdy, Clifford (1957). The Great Plantation. Rinehart and Co. pp. 29–37.

ATTENTION New Members!
*The next Chapter House cleanup is on
Sunday, November 13
Starting at 9:00am*

CAMPGROUND NOTICE
The Campground is closed during all
black powder and firearms deer seasons.

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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:

Janet Lamkin
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Summary of the September 2022 Board of Governors Meeting and of the October 2022 Membership Meeting

Jerry Murray, Recording Secretary
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Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – Board of Governors Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.
- President Walt Allensworth welcomed the new Board and guidelines for the meetings were reviewed.
- Grasslands study guest speaker Dr. Betsy Van Holle gave a presentation on the proposed DRAGNet plant study project at the chapter. The project will involve a 20mx30m area near the old chestnut orchard/ campground. The experiment involves disturbing the area, adding nutrients and monitoring the new growth over a 10-year period. The experiment is sponsored by George Washington University and coordinated by the University of Minnesota. Arthur Belendiuk agreed to be the chapter liaison for the project and handle coordinating the volunteers, site access, hold harmless agreements, etc.
- Jack Mandel and Scott Harmon have agreed to co-chair the Kitchen Committee. We need to get multiple members to take the Maryland Food Manager Certification Course so that a qualified person is on hand at every chapter event where food is served.
- The Bylaws require a review of last year's budget by the current board. Deborah Behrend and Marc Bouchard agreed to work on this with Bob Kelly.
- Bill Gordon (National Director) gave a summary of the National organization and the Maryland Division. He outlined their responsibilities, personnel, and meetings.
- Byron Rickets will continue as chair of the Bylaws Review Committee and will give an update at the November meeting.
- Bill Gordon and Jim Tate agreed to continue on the Archive Committee, and Bill gave President Walt Allensworth an archive update on a thumb drive.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis reminded the board that the bylaws on the website need to be revised to reflect that the Environmental Stewardship Committee was made a standing committee on April 2014 by board and membership vote (Article 11).
- Treasurer Bob Kelly reported on the Sandy Spring Bank account balances.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor asked for board approval to allow *Plenty* magazine to write and publish an article about the food plot. Phil will ask them to provide a draft of the article for the BOG to review prior to publication.
- Chapter House Chair John Lamb is putting together a project list for the chapter house and several of the immediate ones include cleaning out the attic of old and unused equipment and cleaning up the card room so it can be used as an office. Janet Lamkin asked that she, Jim Tate and Bill Gordon be contacted before anything in the file cabinets gets thrown away since it may be part of the archives.

NEW BUSINESS – REQUIRING A VOTE

- Motion was made to approve the project proposal submitted by Dr. Betsy Van Holle to establish a grassland study plot, to be located at the native pasture adjacent to the campground parking area and overseen by Dr. Van Holle. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Motion was made to approve the 4 new member applications. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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SUMMARY

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- Motion was made to approve allowing *Plenty* magazine to write an article about the food plot for an upcoming issue. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Motion was made to approve funding for members Jack Mandel and Andy Wight to take the Food Service Course with funding from the chapter's operating account. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26pm.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – Membership Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- We are still in need of cooks for our dinner meetings. If you can help, please contact our Kitchen Chairs Jack Mandel and Scott Harmon or Walt Allensworth.
- Guest Speaker David Ellis, president of the Potomac Chapter of NAVHDA (North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association), talked about the organization and their conservation efforts. The Potomac chapter has regular practice and training sessions here at the chapter.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly reported that the MD sales tax exemption certificate has been updated and is good for 5 years.
- Membership Report – renewals have been sent out; you can pay your dues by mail or on-line through the website. Thirteen prospective members introduced themselves. Four new members were sworn in.
- Chestnut Grove Chair Blaine Elkins stated that burrs and nuts have been collected, and there are about 40-45 seedlings in the new orchard that need replanting.
- Forestry Chair Joe Snyder reported that they surveyed the re-forested areas and they look good.
- Montgomery County Legislative Outreach Chair Bob Cissel talked about the changes to the County Council with the upcoming election and some of the proposed bills that will impact the rural community. He also talked about the impact the invasive Spotted Lanterfly insect is having on crops and how it is working its way to Maryland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

**November 2022
1,045th Monthly Dinner/
Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, November 16

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

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner

**Lasagna, Vegetables, Garlic Bread,
Salad, Dessert**

**November 2022
Board of Governors Meeting**

Wednesday, November 16
**(Immediately following the November
Membership Meeting)**



50/50 Raffle
at the monthly dinner meeting.

Help support the Chapter!

\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

**50% goes to the ticket holder
50% goes to the Chapter**

**(help purchase new Adirondack chairs
for the Chapter House porches)**

Chapter House Report

John Lamb, Committee Chair
jpatricklamb@aol.com

We are looking for a few good members to assist with the management and upkeep for the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Our house is in need of attention and this is an opportunity for those wanting to get involved. Gradual improvements and some changes are coming, but I need volunteers with ideas and a can-do attitude! If this sounds like something for you, please come out to the November 13th (it's a Sunday) chapter house cleanup where we will discuss ideas after setting up for the dinner meeting. If you can't make the 13th but want to be a part of the Chapter House Committee, you can email me at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following members were inducted in October 2022:

Will and Kathy Martin
Interests: Conservation Education; Forestry; Hunter Education

Kevin Oelschlaeger
Interests: Farming; Forestry; Legislative Affairs

Trey and Geneva Picou
Interests: Archery; Legislative Affairs; Wildlife

Daniel White
Interests: Campground; Conservation Agriculture; Conservation Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and/or Community

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

Committee Chairs – Monthly Work Day

Sunday, November 13
9:00am – 2:00pm

1,045th Monthly Dinner and Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16
Dinner served beginning at 6:15PM
Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, November 16
Immediately following the Membership Meeting

Decorate the Chapter House for the Holidays

Saturday, December 3
Starting at 9:00am

Chapter Holiday Party

Potluck Appetizer / Dinner
Saturday, December 10
Starting at 6:30pm



Annual Holiday Party

The Chapter will host its Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10 starting at 6:30pm.

Members, their families and/or guests are all invited to attend this casual event for an evening of great company, wonderful food, and holiday cheer. All attendees are asked to bring an entrée to share with their fellow holiday revelers. A side dish and/or dessert are a welcome choice also. We will provide the beverages.

You may also bring your own beverage of choice.

This year's party will be festive and fun with the food being a feast for the holidays. So kick your holiday spirit in gear and come on out!

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.**

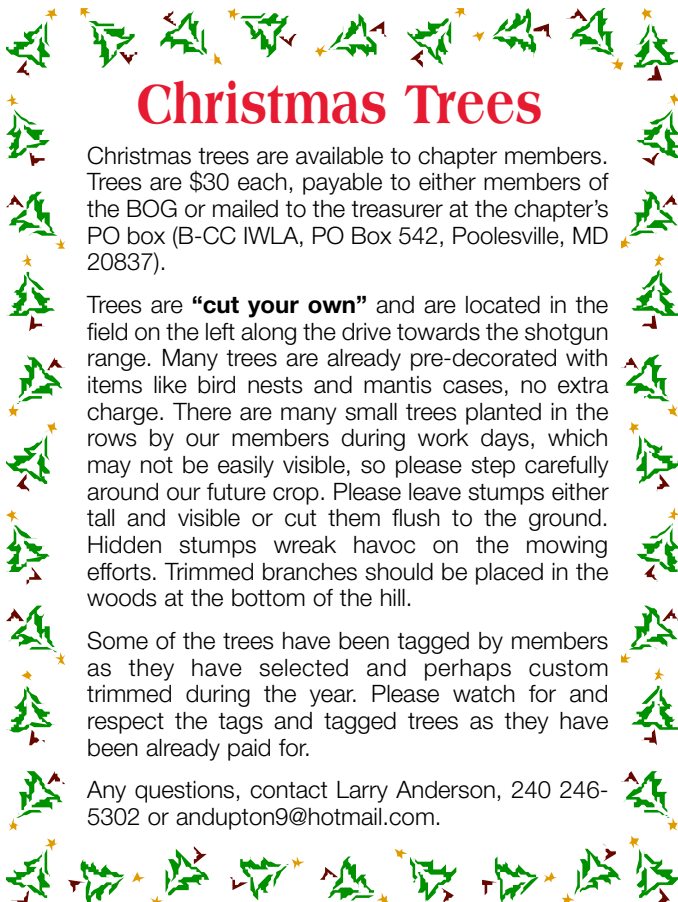
<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>

New-Member Orientation Tour

- The next tour will take place on **Saturday, November 19** from 10:00am to approximately 12:00 noon.
- Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House.
- The front gate will be open until the tour begins.
- New members, prospective members, and current members are invited to take the tour.

REMEMBER...

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



Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are available to chapter members. Trees are \$30 each, payable to either members of the BOG or mailed to the treasurer at the chapter's PO box (B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837).

Trees are "cut your own" and are located in the field on the left along the drive towards the shotgun range. Many trees are already pre-decorated with items like bird nests and mantis cases, no extra charge. There are many small trees planted in the rows by our members during work days, which may not be easily visible, so please step carefully around our future crop. Please leave stumps either tall and visible or cut them flush to the ground. Hidden stumps wreak havoc on the mowing efforts. Trimmed branches should be placed in the woods at the bottom of the hill.

Some of the trees have been tagged by members as they have selected and perhaps custom trimmed during the year. Please watch for and respect the tags and tagged trees as they have been already paid for.

Any questions, contact Larry Anderson, 240 246-5302 or andupton9@hotmail.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

<i>Saturdays & Sundays</i>	<i>FeederWatch Season – Inside Chapter House</i>	<i>8:00am – 4:00pm</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>

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 2	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, November 5	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 9:00am
Saturday, November 5	Field Experiment Volunteer Opportunity	8:30am – 4:30pm
Sunday, November 6	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Tuesday, November 8	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, November 12	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am – 9:00am
Sunday, November 13	Chapter House Cleanup Meeting following Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00noon
Sunday, November 13	Committee Chairs – Monthly Work Day	9:00am – 2:00pm
Wednesday, November 16	1,045th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm Following Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, November 16	Board of Governors Meeting	
Thursday, November 17	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting in Chapter House	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, November 19	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, November 19	Marksmanship / Hands on Shooting Clinic – signup required	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Sunday, November 20	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Tuesday, November 22	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday, November 25	Articles for December Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Friday, November 25	Last day in 2022 that R&P Range will be open to the general public	Open all day

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3	Decorate Chapter House for Upcoming Holiday Season	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, December 4	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday, December 7	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	6:00pm- 7:00pm
Saturday, December 10	Chapter Holiday Party – potluck appetizer / dinner	Starting at 6:30pm
Sunday, December 11	Shotgun Range Officer Signup Meeting – Chapter House	9:00am
Saturday, December 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 17	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday, December 18	Christmas Bird Count – early morning Chapter House	6:30am – 12:00 noon
Monday, December 19	Pack 694 Den Meeting in Chapter House	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 21	1,046th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm Following Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, December 21	Board of Governors Meeting	
Friday, December 23	Articles for January Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

JANUARY 2023

Wednesday, January 18	1,047th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Saturday, January 21	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, January 21	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, January 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, January 27	Articles for February 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.

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.

Calendar Submissions

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Carol Hulce-Efdimis, carol2017@aol.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

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.

Rifle & Pistol Report

Gus Zinsser, Committee Chair
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Matthew Chambers, Chief Range Officer
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The last day for the R&P to be open to the general membership is Friday, November 25. It will reopen in March 2023 (dates TBD).

The Range moved to Winter Hours. It is now open 9:00am to 4:00pm until Mid March.

PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP & HANDS-ON SHOOTING CLINIC: NOVEMBER 19, 10:00AM – 12:00 NOON

The R&P range will be hosting Pistol Marksmanship & Hands-On Shooting Clinics. These clinics are scheduled for 2-hours, starting at 10:00 am, 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 OFFICER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

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

Hunter Ethics and Oversight Report

Scott Harmon, Committee Chair
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Fellow Ike's,

As ethical hunters and conservationists, we must respect our neighbors' property boundaries and abide by the hunting rules of our chapter and the laws of our state. You must register to hunt our property on our website. Just click the link to do so <https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/>. Here you will read our rules and acknowledge that you have read them and will respect our property boundaries. If you shoot a deer and it crosses onto our neighbor's property, you

must call me to get permission to enter their property to continue tracking and recovery. My number is above.

Just a gentle reminder, you must display your current B-CC IWLA sticker when parking on the property. This is immensely helpful to the Hunter Ethics Committee as we are monitoring who is on our property during the hunting seasons. Those that do not display a sticker could potentially be a poacher/trespasser. We are actively working with DNR to catch those people who are breaking the law. Our farm has a no guest hunter policy so only members are allowed to hunt after registering on our website. You are also required to carry your membership card with you while hunting as your proof of permission to hunt along with a photo ID. If you see DNR on the property, they may ask to see your membership card.

Finally, let us be courteous and polite while in the field. If someone is hunting your favorite spot, move to a new spot. I am sure you can find another honey hole on our 623-acre farm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

As always be safe out there.

Shotgun Range Report

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

There will be a **Range Officer Signup** meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 9:00am in the chapter house. ***This is not a range officer training class for anyone who wants to become a shotgun range officer.***

As of November 1st, the range is operating under winter hours – 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6	John Frick, Bill Keller
Sunday, November 13	Brian Gleicher, Terry Macdonald
Sunday, November 20	Steve Kirsten, Keith Fungler
Sunday, November 27	Need Range Officers

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4	Joseph McGovern, Jim O'Connell
Sunday, December 11	Richard Drummond, Need a Range Officer
Sunday, December 18	Need Range Officers
Sunday, December 25	Need Range Officers

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays

Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays

9:00am to 4:00pm

DUE DATE

December Newsletter Articles

Friday, November 18

Submit articles to:
j.lamkin@comcast.net

If the article contains photos, please submit them as separate files.

Electrofishing

John Novak, Co-Chair Ponds & Streams Committee
novakgang4@comcast.net

On October 19, 2022, Solitude Lake Management, an environmental consulting firm came out to the chapter to conduct electrofishing from a boat at the small and big ponds. Electrofishing is a fishery management tool that includes temporarily shocking fish to determine the fish population status in lakes, ponds, and streams. This was the first



such event at the small pond. Other electrofishing projects have been conducted at the big pond; the last in the fall of 2021. Largemouth bass and bluegills were collected at the



small pond including nearly 100 bluegills of various sizes and about 40 largemouth bass. Most of the largemouth bass collected were young-of-the-year, 3-4 inches long and likely hatched this past spring / early summer. Three of the largest largemouth bass weighing between 2 and 4 pounds were tagged with a spaghetti type tag along side of the dorsal fin or top



fin. The numbers on these tags are 2453, 2454, and 2455. Anglers catching any of these tagged bass are advised to record the tag number and report this information to the Ponds & Streams Committee Co-chair at the email above. Two juvenile green sunfishes were collected in the small pond (see attached photo). This is the first recorded occurrence of this species in the small pond, and we are unaware of how this species got there. As can be seen in the attached photo, green sunfish have a large mouth and distinctive bluish stripe below each eye. They prey on a variety of aquatic organisms including small fish. The contractor will provide a report on the small pond electrofishing project in about a month. Electrofishing at the big pond resulted in the removal of some 40 largemouth bass 8-12 inches long. This project was a continuation of a previous removal of bass in this size range to improve the quality of the largemouth bass fishery by allowing the larger bass to grow bigger and smaller bass to fill the gap left by removal of the 8-12-inch bass. The previous electrofishing determined that there is an abundance of largemouth bass in this size range in the big pond. Many thanks to Joe Reid and John Stinson for netting fish from the shocking boat and Brett Davis for taking photos.



Guns & Arrows

Ed Stewart

BSA Troop 149 from Arlington, VA, held its annual "Guns & Arrows" camping trip on the chapter grounds in October. This is the troop's most popular camping trip with over twenty scouts and ten adult leaders coming to camp at the archery

range grounds. The scouts enjoyed a full day of archery and rifle lessons, hitting targets, cooking over fire, and exploring the chapter property. They also enjoyed an impromptu helping with the skinning and processing of a deer taken by a B-CC IWLA member—good hands on experience for future hunters! A big thanks for the archery and rifle range officers who were on hand to assist with the boys on the ranges.



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 (made payable 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.

Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Chair
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Deer firearms (shotgun and straight-walled cartridges) season start on November 26th and runs through December 10th, including Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 4th. We ask that all hunters be safe and courteous, read and follow our rules and respect all property lines. B-CC IWLA chapter website has our updated rules and a variety of methods to distinguish our property lines. The Chapter's Trail Guide on the website is a good way to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm. All members intending to hunt on our farm must acknowledge that they have read our rules and understand where our property lines are by registering on our website. This is a yearly requirement. It is recommended that during the deer firearms, all members and guests while out on the farm wear some highly visible clothing; hunter orange or pink is preferred.

We do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. In the event that you need to track and recover a deer that makes it off our farm, members need to get permission before entering our neighbor's property. Permission can be obtained by contacting Scott Harmon, 301 467-0647, who will contact the appropriate neighbor and send out permission. Members may enter their property only after calling Scott and receiving permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind.

Our farm is considered private property (MD-DNR land code 430 for harvest check in), so your current valid membership card is used as the written permission to hunt as required by MD DNR and must be carried along with your valid hunting license. Also, a current B-CC IWLA chapter vehicle decal must be visible in all vehicles on the farm.

We ask that deer and turkeys taken on our farm be recorded either in our game logbook, located outside the chapterhouse's main door, or by sending an email to andupton9@hotmail.com. When reporting your deer (or turkeys), we ask for the following information; your name, doe or buck (antler count), date and weapon used and the total number of ticks found on the ears of your deer. Other details may also be included such as estimated weight or unusual features. Thus far, 3 deer have been reported during archery season and only 1 deer has been reported during the early muzzleloader season. If you have taken a deer during this season, there is still time, please let us know.

Our hunting rules, as posted on our website, have been instituted to accommodate the large number of hunters we potentially have in our chapter. The intent and spirit of these rules is to ensure access to all hunters. Leaving blinds, stands and any other hunting equipment in the woods and fields overnight with the intent to hunt multiple days constitutes a sense of ownership to a spot and limits access to fellow hunters. As such, this constitutes a violation to the spirit of our rules. The wording of our rules against leaving hunting equipment overnight has been modified to reflect the growing use of ground blinds and now includes a prohibition of leaving ground blinds out overnight. Ground blinds left overnight will be subject to removal and surrendered to the BOG.

Baiting for hunting purposes is prohibited on our farm.

Last year, Maryland DNR has made a change to the deer firearm season, allowing weapons that use straight-walled cartridges to be used to hunt deer in regions previously restricted to shotguns only. An amendment has been made to our chapter rule that will also allow the use of straight-walled cartridge firearms to hunt deer during deer firearm season on

our farm. Only those cartridges that meet the minimum standards set by MD DNR will be allowed and only for use during deer firearm season and for deer hunting only.

Again this year, 2 bucks may be taken statewide throughout the entire hunting year, only one of which can have less than 3 points on an antler. Only one buck may be taken in a weapon year. A bonus buck may be taken in region B (our region) after purchasing a bonus buck stamp and can be used for any weapon season, still maintaining the antler point restrictions. The requirement to harvest 2 does prior to using the bonus buck stamp has been removed.

Bears are protected in Montgomery County and we adhere to the policies setup by MD DNR. We ask that all of our members be aware of the possibility of encountering a bear does exist while on our farm.

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

Citizens who supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poaching violator are eligible to receive cash rewards. Give names, addresses, vehicle descriptions, and as much information as possible. The anonymity of the caller is guaranteed.

To report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife
(Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)
Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-463-6497

Interested in becoming a member?

1

Start by going to our BECOME A MEMBER page.

Here you can download the application and get some basic questions answered.



2

Once your application is completed, email it to:

Applications.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

3

Attend 2 dinner meetings AND make sure to sign in so we know you are here!



4

Once you have attended 2 dinner meetings, your application will be presented at the next board meeting.

5

Go to the NEW MEMBER FEES page and decide which type of membership suits you and your family!



6

Attend your 3rd meeting and get sworn in!

You must attend in person to be sworn in.

New member tours happen monthly! Check the newsletter for the date. You may attend a tour before you are sworn in!

Questions?

MembershipSecretary.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

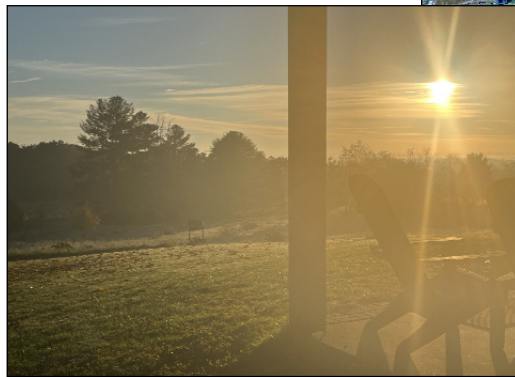
Fall Family Campout

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Chair

The weekend before Halloween we hosted our Fall Family Campout. With gates opening at 3:00pm, adults and kids alike took the opportunity to fish in the small pond under the wise stewardship of the Ponds and Streams Committee, while the tents were pitched outside the Chapter House. We had a Pumpkin Patch and other kid's activities before we settled down for our traditional dinner of hotdogs, burgers, cookies, and unlimited juice boxes.

As it got dark and the stars came out, we held our Halloween themed scavenger hunt; bags of candy scattered around, which were quickly found and devoured. We walked to the Log Cabin, not haunted this year, but still spooky, especially underneath the cabin, which was fully explored by our young families. Smore's and hot chocolate around the campfire rounded things off for the evening, as the members finally began to crash.

We woke to a frosty morning and a breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes (with chocolate), tater tots, and coffee. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered over the two days.



Monarchs and Milkweed

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The monarch butterfly species is in trouble. The population has declined by about 90% over the past 30 years. There are several factors. But one main driver is loss of habitat related to the development of new herbicides. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature recently categorized monarchs as endangered - two steps from extinct. But, the species will have to wait for federal protection according to a recent decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Our Chapter has been helping to conserve the monarch butterfly by growing milkweed. A curious thing about the monarchs is that they require milkweed in order to reproduce. Females only lay eggs on this plant. And after the caterpillars hatch they must have milkweed leaves to eat. Otherwise the caterpillars will starve. They feed on this plant as part of a defense against predators.

Milkweed gets its name from the fact that the leaves contain a white sap. That sap contains a bitter tasting poison, which animals know to avoid (deer will not eat milkweed). However, the monarchs butterflies are immune to the toxin. When the caterpillars eat the milkweed leaves the poison builds up inside them. And the poison stays active even after these insects transform into butterflies. It's believed that the monarch's distinctive orange and black colors are a warning to predators.

You can see our milkweed growing in the meadow on the east side of the Chapter House. We now have about 1 1/2 acres of milkweed! This native plant thrives because it is drought tolerant and self-seeding. In addition to helping monarch butterflies milkweed creates an attractive habitat for all sorts of insects and birds. During summer Milkweed's flowers are rich with nectar. It attracts pollinators like bees, wasps, moths and all types of butterflies. Some beetles eat the plant as well. Birds come to our meadow to feed on the many insects they find there. But don't worry, the birds know that they can't eat the poisonous monarch caterpillars.

Going forward, both the Farm Committee and the Wildflower Committee will be endeavoring to establish additional species of wildflowers in this field. If you'd like to help with this project send email to: BCC_Wildflowers@yahoo.com.



Recently this educational sign was placed near the Chapter House at a spot overlooking the wildflower meadow.

FeederWatch News

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The feeders have been stocked, the overwintering birds are here, and our 12th FeederWatch season is underway! Chapter members and guests count species and numbers of birds observed within species on weekends from early November through late March. Our data is reported to Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology, along with data submitted from thousands of other participants across the country. Our data helps Cornell scientists analyze shifts in bird species and numbers within species in the United States and Canada. Next Spring the Cornell Lab will publish results by



geographic area. Maryland falls in the Lab's southeast region.

We welcome new participants. Please send me an email, and I will send you our tally sheet and instructions. Count feeder visitors for at least an hour on two successive days, or on one day if you are pressed for time, from the comfort of the chapter house. Pick a weekend, or a single weekend day, using our Signup Genius. Below is the link:

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

Happy bird counting!



Spotted Lanternfly

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Committee Chair

The spotted lanternfly has been spotted in Maryland, Frederick, and Washington counties are seeing increasing numbers. The spotted lanternfly at this time of year can be found mostly in the adult stage; a fairly large looking moth-like bug with distinctive spots and red tipped wings. An interesting feature, as an adult, the spotted lanternfly not only flies, but while on the ground has the ability to “jump” almost like a grasshopper and can do so about 3ft. Again, if anybody encounters these invaders, kill them and if possible report the sighting.

Maryland's Most Wanted:

**WANTED:
DEAD • OR • ALIVE**

**THE SPOTTED
LANTERNFLY**

1st-3rd Instar
(Late April–Mid July)

4th Instar
(July–September)

ADULTS
(July–December)

EGG MASSES
(October–June)

A new invasive insect that seriously threatens Maryland crops,
including grapes, apples, peaches, and many others.

If you see it...

Snap it! Catch it! Freeze it! Send it! And,
Report it to DontBug.MD@Maryland.gov
mda.maryland.gov/spottedlanternfly

Photos: Jonathan Barringer, PA Department of Agriculture AND Kenneth R. Lutz, USDA ARMS PSC (egg mass photo)

Join the Hunt for the Spotted Lanternfly

Since August of 2020, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has conducted 64 different hunting seasons covering a variety of animals, seasons, and locations. But there's one animal in particular that the DNR is very interested in, which has no hunting restrictions. For this species, you won't need a spring trap or a rifle. A net to catch it with and a camera works much better.

The species in question? The spotted lanternfly. It looks harmless enough, and it is to humans. But to many species of plants that we rely on for food, lumber, and shade, this invasive species is deadly.

In spring, spotted lanternflies hatch from eggs often laid on the invasive tree-of-heaven, but they can be found on anything flat and vertical. The newly hatched nymphs are black with white spots, and starting in July the oldest nymphs will also have patches of red. Shortly after, they will begin to assume their adult forms, which have wide colorful wings.

Spotted lanternflies mostly eat phloem—the vascular tissue in plants that conducts sugars and other metabolic products downward from the leaves, basically transporting the energy created through photosynthesis. Especially in the fall, spotted lanternflies will gather together and eat the phloem of an unsuspecting plant, eating the plant's food and excreting honeydew. This by-product can create the perfect condition for mold to grow on leaves, stopping plants from photosynthesizing, and can cover and discolor manmade surfaces.

Spotted lanternflies can cause branches to fall off or can outright kill plants if the damage is great enough. And spotted lanternflies like to eat a lot of different plants. They can literally eat your lunch by feeding on almonds, apples, apricots, basil, blueberries, cherries, cucumbers, grapes, horseradish, nectarines, peaches, plums, and walnuts. They can eat the wood that makes up your table by noshing on hickory, maple, oak, and pine; and they could even mess with happy hour by snacking on hops. What's more, there's no easy way to deal with large numbers of spotted lanternfly. They can be killed by insecticides, but survivors are able to quickly return to sprayed areas. And physical traps that kill them also tend to catch other species that could be beneficial. Since the eradication of spotted lanternflies is such a complicated undertaking, the best defense against the spotted lanternfly is prevention.

And that brings us to some positive news and what you can do to help. Spotted lanternflies are not widespread in Maryland—they were first seen in the state in 2018, and Harford and Cecil counties in northeastern Maryland are under a quarantine order covering items that might inadvertently transport the pest. If you're traveling out of Harford County or Cecil County, check your clothing and vehicle to see that you're not harboring a hungry bug. We can't stop them from traveling on their own, but we can stop them from using us for a free ride, and their weak flying ability makes this more effective than you might think for a winged insect.

Across the state of Maryland, if you see something that looks like a spotted lanternfly, take a picture and send it to DontBug.MD@maryland.gov or call 410- 841-5920. If you can, try to catch the bug, place it in a bag, and freeze it. Eradicating invasive species is a costly and challenging task, but stopping them from spreading and keeping tabs on where they are makes that job a lot easier.

dnr.maryland.gov/forests

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Think you have found spotted lanternfly in Maryland?

Report it online here!

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/26f9dbec58674313b1bc03ddb8b5f0e>



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

Ticks – What You Need to Know

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Ticks are very prevalent in our region. And since they can transmit serious disease they are one of the biggest potential health threats one may encounter while enjoying the outdoors. Not only do some ticks carry Lyme disease, but also Rocky Mountain spotted fever, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and other diseases. Furthermore, it is suspected that the bite of a Lone Star Tick can trigger an allergy to red meat.

Often ticks are described as being about the size of a period at the end of a sentence. That's true sometimes but not always. As ticks progress through a 3-stage life cycle they grow substantially larger. So, depending on the time of year, you will encounter different size ticks. Also, tick activity changes over time. So the risk level varies throughout the year.

In order to help recognize ticks it's useful to know about their life cycle. **Figure 1** shows the life cycle for the black-legged tick, also called the deer tick.

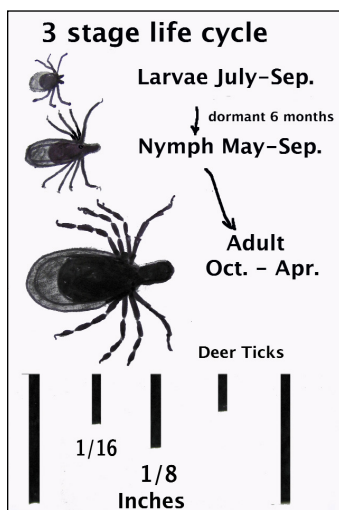


Figure 1

searching for an animal to bite. As summer progresses more nymphs have found a host already and the tick danger drops. Finally, in September, ticks become uncommon as they are busy transforming.

Stage-3: In October large adult ticks emerge. They're 1/8 inch long. The hungry adults begin searching for a meal. October is another peak month for tick bites. Adult ticks are more likely to carry infection. They are active between October and May of the following year. Ticks can be active in winter if the temperature is above 40F.

Figure 2 shows the relative tick danger level over the course of a year.

The best way to avoid getting sick is to avoid being bitten.

Permethrin, an insecticide, is an excellent defense against ticks. It must be applied to clothing hours in advance, so plan accordingly. Light colored clothing gives you an advantage to see a tick on you. There are several alternatives to Permethrin such as DEET, Picaridin and Oil of eucalyptus.

It's always a good idea to perform a tick check upon returning home.

One sneaky habit of ticks is to ride home on your clothing. Dry heat from a clothes dryer can kill them. Ticks like water, even soapy water. Scientists found that 80% of ticks survived a trip through a washing machine!

If you do find a tick here's how to deal with it. First, if it's not embedded in your skin, adhesive tape is a handy way to capture it and seal it up. If it is embedded then use small tweezers, grip the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull

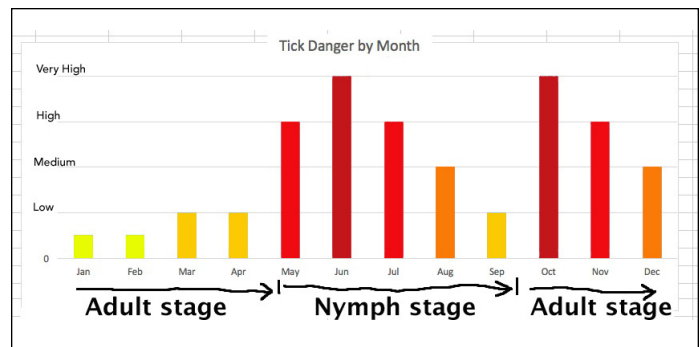


Figure 2

until it comes out. Avoid squeezing the body because that forces fluids out which may be infectious. It is believed that if the tick is removed within 24 hours the chances of bacterial infection are small.

Until recently bacterial infection was all we had to worry about. But, in 2010 ticks were found to carry the Powassan virus. The virus can be transmitted almost instantly. And it can cause dangerous encephalitis. So far there are no reported cases of this virus in Maryland.

Additional information

- You usually don't feel a tick bite because ticks inject an anesthetic that numbs the area. They also inject an anti-coagulant and an immunosuppressant.
- Mature ticks have 8 legs, like a spider. And, in fact, ticks are related to spiders. However larvae only have 6 legs.

Useful links

Tick-borne illness

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

Lyme Disease

<https://lymediseaseassociation.org/about-lyme/medical/lyme-disease-symptoms/>

Red Meat Allergy

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha-gal_allergy

Permethrin facts

<http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/PermGen.html>

Tick repellents

<https://www.prevention.com/health/a22095155/best-tick-repellents/>

Youth Archery Night

