



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

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### President's Message

May and June are special months filled with the birth of many wild animals. Fledgling birds are testing their wings and flying the nest. It is also a time of proms, graduations, and parties for our high school seniors, many of whom are flying the nest as well. I was recently privileged to attend the Poolesville High School Graduation, conducted at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD. The featured speaker was Mr. Howard Copeland who had a wonderful and enthusiastic 3-part message for the newly minted grads: Be thankful for the day, be kind, and use your gift for good!



Walt Allensworth's grandson,  
Jaden Knuth, Class of 2023



Young wood ducks leaving the nest.

PHOTO BY JOE SUBOLEFSKY

I am reminded every day by the dozens of people that keep our chapter running. One might think that the President of the chapter is calling all the shots, but this is far from the case. It's more like "buckle up and hang on!" There are too many shots to call! Without the myriad of people proactively working very hard to keep the many things we do going in parallel I would be quickly overwhelmed. But I am not overwhelmed because we have so many members that care deeply about our chapter, and for that I am thankful every day. Thank you all!

It's important for everyone to realize that ours is a volunteer organization, and our only currency is the kindness you can bestow upon someone with a heart felt "thank you." It's easy to forget this fact, and treat each other more like co-workers, but that would be a great mistake. There are some "more gratifying" jobs like riding on the tractor and cutting up fallen trees with chainsaws, but there are many, many more jobs that need doing like washing dishes, mopping the chapter floors, digging out invasive weeds, and weed-whacking established trails. So, if you see someone walking out of the woods, covered in sweat and dirt, please take the time to give them a kind thank you for their efforts. It goes a long way and helps make our chapter strong!

And this brings me to Mr. Copland's final point. Virtually everyone has a special skill, and that skill can greatly benefit our chapter through the donation of your time. If you know how to cook, please approach our kitchen committee and pitch in! If you are handy with computers and multi-media, please let our IT committee know. On many occasions we could use the help of skilled carpenters, roofers, painters, plumbers, electricians, accountants, writers, scientists, bankers, lawyers, and, well, I could go on for pages. However, we won't know that you could help us with your special skill unless you reach out. So, please contact me or one of our committee chairs so you can use your gift for the good of our chapter.

Walt Allensworth  
President, B-CC IWLA

## 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:

**Janet Lamkin**  
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## Summary of the April 2023 Board of Governors Meeting and the May 2023 Membership Meeting

Jerry Murray, Recording Secretary  
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### Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – Board of Governors Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- A CapEx Committee meeting was held in April. Several revisions and updates were made to budget list.
- Jerry Murray passed out some financing options from the companies that have provided quotes for the kitchen stove.
- John Lamb has 2 quotes for painting the interior and exterior of the chapter house and is trying to get one or two more.
- The Nominating Committee put together a slate of candidates for the Board and Officer positions.
- Conservation Farm Guide Committee Chair Dan Dutton is requesting updates from committee chairs and looking into having an electronic version on a thumb drive for distribution to non-members.
- George Coakley will go to this year's National Convention in Nebraska to represent the Chapter.
- Meg O'Rourke offered to head up a committee for next year's (2024) Convention in Cambridge, MD.
- Andy White and Mark Gochnour have taken the Food Manager's Course and test and been certified.
- Membership Secretary Meg O'Rourke reported that the Membership stands at approximately 840. Meg is currently re-writing the membership database so it can be put on the website.
- First VP Carol Hulce-Efdimis reported that the Girl Scouts will be using the Archery Pavilion for a campout on May 13. Carol reminded everyone that the archery pavilion is the only area of the farm besides the campground that is approved for campouts. Board approval must be given to have campouts on other parts of the farm.
- NAVHDA sent in a donation as thanks for use of the chapter house.
- Recording Secretary Jerry Murray provided an update on the Shotgun Range's ESP reporting.
- 2nd VP Andy Wight reminded everyone that we will be participating in Heritage Days on June 24 and 25 from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm and the chapter will be open to the public. The archery range will be open but the firearms ranges will be closed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Jerry Murray provided an update on the purchasing of AED's for the chapter. Maryland requires enrollment in their AED program before AED's can be installed in any facility open to the public and will propose a motion for Board permission to enroll the chapter.

### NEW BUSINESS Requiring a Vote:

- A motion was made to accept 4 new applicants for membership. **Motion approved.**
- A motion was made to approve the use of the chapter house folding chairs for an offsite Court of Honor on May 21. **Motion approved.**
- A motion was made to approve the use of the chapter house on August 11 and 12 by a chapter member for a wedding reception. They will obtain hold harmless agreements for the guests if required. **Motion approved.**

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## SUMMARY

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- A motion was made to sign up the chapter for the Maryland AED program. This will allow us to install AED's on the chapter property. Jerry Murray has volunteered to register with the state as our co-ordinator and handle the inspection and reporting requirements to keep us in compliance. **Motion approved.**

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Jerry Murray gave an update on the first aid course that was held by Scott's First Aid at the chapter house. 16 chapter members took the course, completed the training and were issued their First Aid, CPR, AED certificates. We will put out a newsletter article and see if there is interest in additional courses. The cost for the day-long course was \$65 per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

### Wednesday, May, 17 2023 – 1,051st Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- In accordance with Article VI Section 1 of our chapter bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the President and they have developed and published a proposed slate of officers and board members. Section 3 of Article VI requires that the Election of Chapter Officials shall be held during a portion of the June monthly meeting. See page 4.
- We are still in need of cooks for our dinner meetings. If you can help out in any way, either short term or longer, please get in touch with Jack Mandel or Scott Harmon, our kitchen chairs, or Walt Allensworth.
- 15 prospective members (and families) stood and introduced themselves and talked about their interests and reasons for wanting to join the chapter.
- 5 member candidates were presented for membership. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the candidates into the chapter.**
- Blaine Elkins, Environmental Stewardship Committee, provided an update on the status of the shotgun range survey work and on the permit process for the reclamation.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly provided a report, noted the account balances and stated that there were no major expenses.
- Chapter House Chair John Lamb reported that the new door has been installed from the member's kitchen to the exterior, and the Eagle Scout project of refurbishing the picnic tables at the chapter house will start around June 17.
- Chapter Farm Chair Phil Taylor reported that on May 6 he and a team of volunteers got the sunflowers planted and the electric fence put up. Now all we need is some rain to help them grow. He is gearing up to put in another vegetable garden in the next few weeks. If you want to help, send him an e-mail and he will get in touch.
- Chestnut Grove Chair Blaine Elkins reported that he is hoping to get some of the Darling 58 genetically modified chestnut seedlings to plant in the old orchard next spring.
- Hunter Safety Chair John Lamb reported that he had 29 students in the Hunter Safety class that was held in May. The next class will be on September 9-10 and the sign up will be coming out shortly.
- Hunter Ethics Chair Scott Harmon reported that there were no hunting or trespass incidents with our neighbors this past season. He reminded everyone that if you want to hunt on the chapter property you must sign up each year. The hunting season starts up in July with Crow and Coyote.

- Conservation Education Chair Andy Wight reported that the chapter is participating in county-wide Heritage Days event on June 24-25 and he is looking for volunteers to help out.

### TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Bill Gordon reported that the State Division meeting is on June 17 and he is looking for some volunteers to go. We are allowed 7 voting members at the meeting. The meeting starts at 9:00am. The meeting will be at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter in Damascus. If you are interested, please contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

## Archery Seminars

Beginner Adult and/or Child  
Equipment Provided

6:00pm – 7:15pm

Thursdays, July 20 & 27

Contact: Jack Mandel, Committee Chair  
jmandel@design@gmail.com

## Cub Scout Day Camp Coming to B-CC IWLA

Every year, the Seneca District of Boy Scouts of America holds a week-long day camp for Cub Scouts. The Chapter charters Cub Scout Pack 694 and the Board of Governors has volunteered us to be this year's property host for this event.



The camp will run from Monday, June 26 to Friday, June 30 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Their activities will include S.T.E.M, Scout Skills, Fishing, Arts & Crafts, Archery, BB's, SlingShots, and much more. They will be utilizing the Ponds, Nature Trails, and grounds around the Chapter House for their activities.

You will see plenty Scout Staff, Scout volunteers, scouts and their parents traversing the property enjoying themselves.

## R&P RANGE CLOSURES

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be closed from Saturday, June 24 through Friday, June 30, due to the **Heritage Days** taking place at the Chapter on June 24 and 25 and **Cub Scout Day Camp** on June 26 – 30.

**ATTENTION New Members!**  
**Chapter House cleanup this month will be on:**  
**Saturday, June 17**  
**Starting at 9:00am**

Join us and get volunteer hours

**As a reminder – probationary (new) members need to help out in one chapter house cleanup as part of their sixteen volunteer hours.**

## 2023 – 2024 Proposed Slate for Board of Governors and Legacy Foundation

June is here and that means it is time to vote on the proposed slate for next year's Board of Governors and Legacy Foundation appointments. A quorum of forty-five members is required to ratify the slate. There will be time set aside at the beginning of the June dinner meeting to accomplish this task.

Below are the Nominating Committee's proposed 2023-2024 Board of Governors and Legacy Foundation appointment for ratification.

### Officers

<i>President</i>	Carol Hulce-Efdimis
<i>First Vice President</i>	Andy White
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<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Janet Lamkin
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mark Lauver
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Scott Harmon
<i>Past President</i>	Walt Allensworth

### Board Members

Deborah Behrend  
Marc Bouchard  
Dan Dutton  
Joe Finnegan  
Phil Taylor

### Legacy Foundation Board

Ted Whitehouse



## HERITAGE DAYS

**Saturday and Sunday**

**June 24 and 25**

**12:00 noon – 4:00pm**

The B-CC IWLA Chapter is pleased to open its doors once again for Heritage Days on June 24th and 25th and will offer access to our site to promote our conservation message as well as our local history. This year marks the **24th annual Heritage Days weekend** – a countywide festival offering programs, activities, and tours appealing to visitors of all ages and interests.

During this weekend, we encourage you to come to the site, visit others and enjoy our displays, activities and discover things about the chapter you may not know. Family activities such as fishing, archeology, colonial living, archery, bird watching, wildlife and insect displays, in addition to food and soft drinks will be available.

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 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on June 24th and 25th (Rain or Shine).

Have time to volunteer? Please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACC28A7F8C25-20231>

### Questions?

**Contact – Andy Wight**

*B-CC IWLA Conservation Education*

*Committee Chair*

**ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com**

## Apollo Archery 2023 Program

Chuck Thornton

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### APOLLO ARCHERY IS BACK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON!



The Apollo Archery program provides archery instruction and experiences for current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their families.

For 2023, we will host Apollo Archery sessions on the first Wednesday of each month through October. Sessions will start at 6:00pm (we will try to start by 5:30pm if you would like to come early for the extra daylight) and finish when it gets dark.

#### 2023 dates:

**June 7; July 5; August 2; September 6; October 4**

If you know of veterans and current Service members in the Montgomery County, Maryland area, please share this opportunity with them. There is no fee for participation.

For additional details contact Chuck Thornton at [apolloarchery.bcciwla@gmail.com](mailto:apolloarchery.bcciwla@gmail.com)!

## Shotgun Range Committee Report

Warner Parks, Chair

240 620-6942 [wparks29@gmail.com](mailto:wparks29@gmail.com)

The shooting activities on the Shotgun Range continue to be suspended until further notice, but the pavilion is open to members and other organizations to use (with reservations).

Shotfall tests will be scheduled soon.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Monthly Events

2nd and 4th Saturdays through August  
2nd and 4th Sundays through August  
Saturdays & Sundays  
Mondays – starting in September

Archery Range 3-D Courses Open  
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R&P Range Open  
BSA Scout Meetings in the Chapter House

9:00am – 1:00pm  
9:00am – 1:00pm  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
7:30pm – 9:00pm

## JUNE

Saturday, June 3	Introduction to Hunting Seminar – Signup required	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 3	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Saturday, June 3	<i>Archery Range Campsite Reserved</i>	
Wednesday, June 7	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, June 10	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, June 10	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Thursday, June 15	<i>Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!</i>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, June 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, June 21	1,052nd Monthly Dinner Membership Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Saturday, June 24	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, June 24	New-Member Orientation Tour – meet at the Chapter House	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, June 24	Heritage Days	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 25	Heritage Days	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Monday, June 26	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, June 27	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 28	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 28	Board of Governors Meeting – Board Room	7:00pm
Thursday, June 29	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 30	Cub Scout Pack Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 30	Articles for July Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day

## JULY

Tuesday, July 4	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	All Day
Wednesday, July 5	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, July 8	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 8	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House	8:15am
Saturday, July 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, July 19	1,053rd Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Thursday, July 20	<i>Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!</i>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursday, July 20	Beginner Adult and/or Child Archery Seminar – at Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Saturday, July 22	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, July 22	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, July 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, July 27	Beginner Adult and/or Child Archery Seminar – at Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Friday, July 28	Articles for August Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day

## AUGUST

Wednesday, August 2	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, August 5	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, August 12	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, August 16	1,054th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Thursday, August 17	<i>Archery Range 3-D Courses Open – includes special events, fun competitions, and prizes!</i>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, August 19	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, August 19	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, August 23	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, August 25	Articles for September Newsletter due – send articles to <a href="mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net">j.lamkin@comcast.net</a>	By End of Day

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

## Archery Committee Report

Jack Mandel, Chair  
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Marc Bouchard, co-Chair  
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### TARGET STANDS

The target range is open 365 days a year, from sunrise to sunset. Guest must sign "hold-harmless" agreement form and deposit in field box by shooting stations. No ROs need be present, but if you wish to get instruction, please contact us, and we'll get you started!

### 3-D COURSE

The trails are free of debris from fallen branches and trees, and the target animals are set up. We have a newly donated mower which is a good candidate for trail maintenance. It will be in the Pavilion, ready for use after a quick tune-up.

3-D course is available for use only on scheduled days for members and guests; open to all ROs at all daylight hours.

Schedule is on member calendar and on Archery Range page of website (2nd and 4th weekends of each month and 3rd Thursday evening of each month).

### APOLLO ARCHERY

Chuck Thornton and John Gorney have launched the Apollo Archery program this season with a great start. The Apollo schedule is on the Archery page and club calendar, and we encourage anyone interested in helping with this military active duty and veteran program to come participate.



### SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Deborah Behrend is continuing her long tradition of helping scouting groups earn merit badges and learning the archery discipline.

Camping is available at the range as well. Contact us for scheduling.

### BEGINNING ARCHERY SEMINARS

Scott Binder will be heading up a few youth and beginner seminars. Check calendar and Archery web page for dates.

*If you'd like to be on our mailing list,  
write us at the above addresses.*

**June 2023**  
**1,052nd Monthly Dinner /**  
**Membership Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 21  
Dinner served starting at 6:15pm  
Membership Meeting starts at 7:30pm

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**June 2023**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 28  
7:00pm



## Share Your Outdoor Skills With The Adventure Committee

*If you were dropped off in the woods with a compass and map, could you find your way around?*

*If a friend with you was hurt, could you render first aid?*

*Could you build a fire? What about a temporary shelter?*

If you could do any or all of these, or know other skills that would help you survive in nature, then come show off with the Adventure Committee.

It's a simple concept: Ikes leading Ikes in outdoor education. There's no ongoing commitment. Whatever your skill is – tying knots, land navigation, bushcraft, basic wilderness medicine, or something else – just spend a little time one day teaching it to fellow B-CC IWLA members.

***That's it. That's the whole pitch.***

Have some fun, meet new people, get a little practice in yourself – everybody goes home smarter (maybe) and happier (definitely).

If that sounds good to you, and you have a wilderness skill that you're willing to share, email Mike Dobson at michaelvdobson@protonmail.com and let him know.

–Mike Dobson  
*Adventure Committee Chair*

**50/50 Raffle**  
Help Support the Chapter!

**Raffle tickets will be available at the monthly dinner meeting**  
**\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5**

**50% goes to the ticket holder – 50% goes to the Chapter to help purchase new Adirondack chairs for the Chapter House porches**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

B-CC IWLA and Community

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

### Chapter House Cleanup

Saturday, June 17  
9:00am – 12:00 noon

### 1,052nd Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, June 21  
Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm

### New-Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, June 24  
10:00am – 1:00pm  
Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House

### Heritage Days

Saturday, June 24 and Sunday June 25  
12:00pm – 4:00pm

### Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 28  
7:00pm

### License Free Fishing Day in Maryland ([dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov))

Wednesday, July 4  
All Day  
Come and enjoy fishing at the large and small ponds!

## Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will tentatively meet at the Chapter House on Saturdays at 8:15am for cleanup on the following 2023 dates:

- July 8
- September 9
- December 9

Point of contact for Adopt-A-Road is John Robinson, 301 641-1188.

## Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

The following were inducted into the Chapter at the May 2023 Membership Meeting:

### Michael Armao

**Interests:** Conservation Education; Fundraising; Grant Writing

### Abel Rezene

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

### Bob Settlermaier

**Interests:** Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Skeet & Trap

### Peter Vos

**Interests:** Archery; Campground; Star Gazing

### Rob Williams

**Interests:** Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Star Gazing

## Summer Biathlon Committee Report

Steve Eschholz, Chair

240 472-6512 (text is best) [fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net](mailto:fitnesscrafters@earthlink.net)

**MISSION:** To provide a venue for novice through world-class summer biathletes to learn and/or refine the skills inherent to the sport.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Summer Biathlon is open to all B-CC IWLA members 12 years and older, as well as sponsored guests. B-CC IWLA members no range fee. Non-member rate is \$5.00 per session.

If you have any questions or wish to be on the B-CC IWLA mailing list, contact Steve Eschholz. Contact information is listed above.

This year's practice schedule is below:

Saturday, June 10	7:30am
Saturday, June 24	7:30am
Saturday, July 8	7:30am
Saturday, July 22	7:30am
Saturday, August 5	7:30am
Saturday, August 19	7:30am
Saturday, September 9	7:00am
Saturday, September 23	7:30am
Saturday, October 7	7:00am
Saturday, November 4	7:30am
Saturday, November 11	7:30am



**July 4, 2023**

**No recreational fishing licenses  
required on this day.**

**All other state fishing  
regulations apply.**

**Go to [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov) for more information.**

## Calendar Submissions

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

**DUE DATE**

**for July Newsletter Articles is  
Friday, June 30**

**Submit articles to: [j.lamkin@comcast.net](mailto:j.lamkin@comcast.net)  
If the article contains photos, please submit  
them as separate jpg files and  
include a caption and photo credit.**

## Rifle & Pistol Committee Report

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

The R&P Range is allowing only 2 guests per member.

### R&P RANGE CLOSURES

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be closed from Saturday, June 24 through Friday, June 30, due to the **Heritage Days** taking place at the Chapter on June 24 and 25 and **Cub Scout Day Camp** June 26 – 30.

### REMINDER:

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the range have changed. Please review the SOP's before coming to the range to re-familiarize yourself and guests with the firearms transporting and safety procedures for our range. This will help you and our range officers to maintain a safe environment.

### 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:

#### JUNE

Saturday, June 3	<b>Widenhofer, S.;</b> Hammes, P.; Tarkowski, J.; Sullivan, A.
Sunday, June 4	<b>Sullivan, A.;</b> Zic, T.; Max, H.
Saturday, June 10	<b>Boynton, D.;</b> Behrend, D.; Efdimis, C.
Sunday, June 11	<b>Spence, P.;</b> Max, H.; Thorburn, M.; Crowley, D.
Saturday, June 17	<b>Kang, J.;</b> Kang, M.; Kang, Y.; Yau, T.
Sunday, June 18	<b>Bouchard, M.;</b> Harmon, S.; Finn, K.; King, K.
Saturday, June 24	<b>RANGE CLOSED – HERITAGE DAYS</b>
Sunday, June 25	<b>RANGE CLOSED – HERITAGE DAYS</b>

#### JULY

Saturday, July 1	<b>McDaniel, M.;</b> Rogers, B.; Daniel, B.; Behrend, D.
Sunday, July 2	<b>Gori, R.;</b> McDaniel, M.; Dutton, D.; Scott, D.
Saturday, July 8	<b>Eschholz, S.;</b> Kawamoto, D.; Donovan, P.; Leahy, M.
Sunday, July 9	<b>Leahy, M.;</b> Spence, P.; War, S.; Dady, P.
Saturday, July 15	<b>Gorney, J.;</b> Dutton, D.; Myers, J.; Weixel, P.
Sunday, July 16	<b>Riccio, R.;</b> Urgo, C.; Ives, A.
Saturday, July 22	<b>Gorney, J.;</b> Sypes, E.; Plata, D.; Steves, D.
Sunday, July 23	<b>Thornton, C.;</b> War, S.; Hess, D.
Saturday, July 29	<b>Stopher, D.;</b> Plata, D.; Krause, P.; Hollar, D.
Sunday, July 30	<b>King, K.;</b> Manan, F.; Krause, P.; Davis, P.

## Archery is for Everyone Update

Scott Binder hosted his new "Archery is for Everyone" intro to archery seminar on Saturday, May 20. Fantastic turnout with children and parents shooting, enjoying perfect weather, and a nice cookout.

Many thanks to Scott, Ryan Binder, John Gorney, and Marc Bouchard for their excellent instruction.





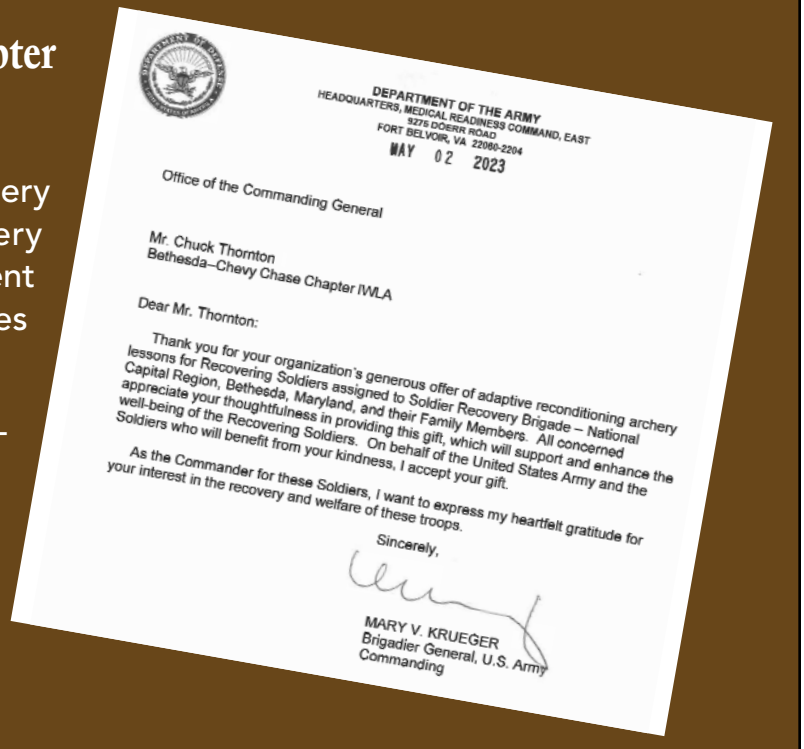
## US Army Thanks B-CC IWLA Chapter for Apollo Archery

Our Chapter started the Apollo Archery program in 2021 to provide archery instruction and experiences for current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their families.

Please read the letter from the Commanding General, Medical Readiness Command, US Army.

More information at <https://bcciwla.org/apollo-archery/>

– Chuck Thornton



### Kid Friendly Dinner with Activity!

Just a reminder – the chapter dinner on July 19th will be a kid friendly dinner. Dinner will be held as normal but with Dogs, Chips and Juice Boxes. At the start of the meeting, kids will be asked to leave for kid friendly activities and education. Kids and parents will be reunited at the end of the meeting.

Previous activities have included live rabbits, Leprechaun Scavenger hunt, tour of the haunted log cabin, archery, and tracks and scat. Who knows what will be next, but it is always designed to be fun.

### Interested in Archeological Dig?



This summer we plan to investigate the basement of the Log Cabin. This is a great family event and will be a great way to learn about archeological processes, or to find out what secrets are contained under the log cabin.

Exact dates haven't been confirmed. Please send an email to [ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com](mailto:ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com), and we will confirm the date.

### Request from the Chapter Grounds Crew

Come out and enjoy our Chapter as often as possible, but if you move any chairs and tables from the porches and put them on the grassy areas, please put them back on the porches before you depart.

Thank you!



## 2023 NATIONAL IWLA CONVENTION

**Conservation at a Crossroads:  
Putting Solutions Into Action**  
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln, NE  
July 26 – 29, 2023

### SCHEDULE:

**Early Bird Party and Auction**  
Wednesday, July 26

**Awards Luncheon**  
Thursday, July 27

**Parade of States**  
Thursday, July 27

**Conservation Luncheon**  
Friday, July 28

**Lincoln Chapter Dinner**  
Friday, July 28

**Banquet**  
Saturday, July 29

### SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Dr. Doug Tallamy**  
Entomologist, University of Delaware

**Dave Chanda**  
President and CEO, Recreational Boating and Fishing  
Foundation

**Andrew McKean**  
Conservation Editor, *Outdoor Life* Magazine

### NOMINATION SLATES:

At the convention, league members vote for  
National Officers, members of the Executive Board,  
and members of the Endowment Board

*More information is available at [iwla.org/convention2023](http://iwla.org/convention2023)*

## Log Cabin Committee Report

David Mecklenburg, Chair  
[dmecklenburg1@gmail.com](mailto:dmecklenburg1@gmail.com)

After a busy day yesterday, I went to do some maintenance on the log cabin complex. It was a weeknight, and I was one of a few people at the chapter. As I drove through the gate, I saw a father and son out training their dogs. It was a glorious



PHOTO BY DAVID MECKLENBURG

*Looking at the pond from the Log Cabin porch  
while sitting on the porch at twilight.*

spring day and I brought my dinner to eat on the porch and while sitting on the porch I marveled at everything I saw. I then proceeded to do my work and after it was completed, I again took a few minutes to appreciate the beautiful place we have at the chapter. The weather was perfect. I was able to identify 15 different birds. If I had brought my fishing equipment, I would have had time to fish a little as well.

With daylight lasting so long this time of year, please come out to the chapter and enjoy the special place we have. Bring a picnic dinner, the fishing pole, camera, the family, or just yourself. Relax and enjoy.

## 2023 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](http://www.bcciwla.org).

# Montgomery Bird Club Report

## NestWatch Preliminary Breeding Data

Diane Seward  
 Citizen-Science Projects Coordinator  
 trina65@verizon.net

The Montgomery Bird Club (“MBC”) observed and counted birds on the Conservation Farm during its annual spring walk at the chapter on May 7. The walk was led by Jim Nelson, long time bird enthusiast and member of the MBC, and escorted by Larry Anderson, our wildlife chief. The group covered about two miles of our farm and observed 60 positively identified avian species, including Red-headed Woodpeckers, Orchard Orioles, Indigo Buntings and Grasshopper Sparrows.

It is always our pleasure and privilege to welcome the MBC each spring, and contribute to the body of knowledge about bird species and their numbers.

The species and numbers of birds seen or heard are listed below, courtesy of Jim Nelson.

Canada Goose	2	House Wren	6
Mourning Dove	7	Carolina Wren	27
Chimney Swift	1	<i>Actual count of singing birds.</i>	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	<i>Not unusual given extensive</i>	
Killdeer	1	<i>habitat through which we</i>	
Great Blue Heron	1	<i>walked.</i>	
Green Heron	1	European Starling	3
Black Vulture	1	Gray Catbird	3
Turkey Vulture	8	Brown Thrasher	8
Osprey	1	Northern Mockingbird	5
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Eastern Bluebird	11
Red-Tailed Hawk	1	Wood Thrush	6
Barred Owl	1	American Robin	20
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	House Finch	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	8	American Goldfinch	12
Downy Woodpecker	1	Grasshopper Sparrow	6
Northern Flicker	1	<i>Conservative count. Birds</i>	
Eastern Phoebe	5	<i>singing and moving around</i>	
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	<i>large field.</i>	
Eastern Kingbird	5	Chipping Sparrow	12
White-eyed Vireo	7	Field Sparrow	12
Yellow-throated Vireo	3	White-throated Sparrow	3
Warbling Vireo	1	Savannah Sparrow	3
Red-eyed Vireo	5	Eastern Towhee	12
Blue Jay	60	Yellow-breasted Chat	7
<i>Conservative count. Many flyover</i>		Orchard Oriole	6
<i>migrants and large flock feeding</i>		Red-winged Blackbird	5
<i>in harvested field.</i>		Brown-headed Cowbird	5
American Crow	4	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Carolina Chickadee	6	Common Yellowthroat	8
Tufted Titmouse	6	Northern Parula	7
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	1
Purple Martin	40	Northern Cardinal	30
<i>Flying around and perching at</i>		<i>Conservative count. Not</i>	
<i>nest boxes, conservative count.</i>		<i>unusual given distance</i>	
Tree Swallow	20	<i>walked in suitable habitat.</i>	
White-breasted Nuthatch	4	Indigo Bunting	18
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	25		



PHOTOS BY PAT MCNEILLY

## Military Fun Shoot Update

Gus Zinsser  
 Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Chair

The 1st Annual Military Fun Shoot, to honor our military past and present, was held at the Rifle & Pistol Range on Sunday, May 21. It had a great turnout and was a great success. Over 20 people participated. Many vintage guns were brought to the event. Prizes were awarded.

I want to give a big “thank you” to Larry Hess for taking part in making the shoot happen and its success. We hope to have more fun shoots in the future for our members and range officers to enjoy.

### Preliminary Breeding Data at the Chapter

The following preliminary breeding results are posted on our account with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The figures cover Purple Martins, Eastern Bluebirds, and Tree Swallows. Breeding results for each species will be available later in the season. As of the end of May, the only species that fledged young were the Eastern Bluebirds. Many of those nesting pairs have commenced a second round of nesting attempts.

74 nest sites; 77 nesting attempts; 361 eggs;  
 77 young; 33 fledglings

## Conservation Education (CE) and Awards Dinner

Andy Wight

Conservation & Education Committee Chair

On Saturday, May 20th, we opened the Chapter House doors and held our inaugural B-CC IWLA Conservation Education and Awards Dinner. I say inaugural as this year we combined our traditional CE dinner and our Global Ecology Award ceremony into one event. Over 50 members and guests attended the evening events, which started off with appetizers followed by a wonderful spaghetti dinner.



Every year the B-CC IWLA gives out five (5) \$1,000 awards to select Senior students in the Global Ecology Program at Poolesville High School (PHS) whose projects are aligned with our mission. The project review was held on Tuesday, May 16th and the review committee had over 60 projects to review, before finalizing on the top 5 projects. We were very happy to have Stan Fisher of the Maryland Bluebird Society (MBS) (www.mdbluebirdsociety.org) join us to hand out their PHS Global Ecology Awards. The mission of the Maryland Bluebird Society is to assist in monitoring and increasing the population of the Eastern Bluebird and other native cavity-nesting birds through education, support, and research. This year, we had projects that received both IWLA and MBS recognition. In addition to the awards for the students, President Walt



Stan Fisher –  
Maryland Bluebird Society



Students from the Global Ecology Program



Walt Allensworth and Lin Tate

Allensworth presented Past President Lin Tate with the B-CC IWLA Presidents Award for her service to the chapter.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Greg Glenn, CEO and co-founder of Rocklands Farm. Growing up in nearby Bethesda all his life, Greg and his family moved to the farm in 2003. He studied Agriculture & Applied Economics at Virginia Tech, where he developed a passion for feeding people, farming, and local food systems, before starting the winery in 2010. He spoke at length on the winery and his passion for Regenerative Agriculture which is a way of farming that focuses on soil health. Greg spent about an hour educating us, explaining why we should be talking about regenerative vs. sustainable farming, and answering questions from the audience.



Guest Speaker - Greg Glenn –  
Rocklands Farm

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Huge thanks to Mark, Christine, Jim, Nita, Frank, and Pete for their help in setting up the Chapter House, preparing and cooking the dinner, and cleaning up afterwards.



Kitchen Crew

PHOTOS BY ANDY WIGHT

## Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth



We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 11, 2023 and runs through August 19, 2023. We are looking for volunteers to work the 6-hour shifts. The early shift runs 10:00am to 4:00pm and the late shift 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Volunteers get free admission and a parking pass. It's a great way to earn your volunteer hours, as well as an opportunity to promote our organization and educate the community about our mission.

I'm also looking for any promotional material about the chapter and our activities that can be displayed or handed out at the booth. Please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com if you have any questions, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).