



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

Hello, it's me again.

While it may not feel like it right now, Fall is around the corner and we started the year off with a bang...pun intended...with opening day of Dove Season on September 1. The fields were active with birds and hunters with the day ending at the chapter house with food and friends. A big thanks to the Wildlife Chair and Farm Committee for all the time and effort put into our beautiful fields of sunflowers.

The newly elected Board of Governors and Committee Chairs have hit the ground running in their positions. Membership renewals are being prepped and preparations are being made for the Fall activities that were announced in the Upcoming Events Eblast that was emailed on August 31. These activities are also listed in our newsletter and on the website calendar. The Shotgun Range has been working on resuming activities with the plan being brought to the Board of Governors for approval at the September Board meeting. An announcement will be made in the September Upcoming Events Eblast at the end of the month.

Our members are the way forward in having a chapter that everyone can enjoy so whatever your interest is, whether it is to volunteer or garner information, reach out to the committee chairs that are listed on the website under the Who Are We tab or in the newsletter. There are a few new committees forthcoming such as Easement and Oversight, IT for the website and Eblast communications, and Chapter By-Laws. If you have any interest in these new committees, reach out to me for further information.

Here's to seeing cooler temperatures soon and maybe even some snow this year.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis
President



Photo by Carol Hulce-Efdimis

Members of the Chapter enjoy a meal after opening day of Dove Season

Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) Open House

at the IWLA Rockville Chapter
18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown

Saturday, September 23
1:00pm – 5:00pm

Drop by the Izaak Walton League Open House. The Friends of Seneca Creek and Patuxent River State Parks will be there with displays of nature and history items found in the park. The chapter will have lots of activities for all ages, with chances to learn archery, fishing, canoeing and more! Entrance and activities are free.

HELP NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN -

Membership Dinner Meetings

We are still in need of additional cooks for our dinner meetings. If you can help out in any way, either short or long term, please get in touch with Carol Hulce-Efdimis. The help does not have to be a long-term commitment, even cooking or helping for one dinner would be appreciated.

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

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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

j.lamkin@comcast.net

301 466-6557

AS A REMINDER...

All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm must register on the Chapter website

<https://bcciwla.org/b-cc-iwla-chapter-hunting-rules/> to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

Summary of the July 2023 Board of Governors Meeting and the August 2023 Membership Meeting

Jerry Murray, Recording Secretary

202 438-4202 jerrym5@comcast.net

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – Board of Governors Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
- Environmental Stewardship Chair Blaine Elkins mentioned that the ESC budget last year all went for water testing. They will need additional funding for the metal posts and signage needed to permanently mark off the wetland and stream buffers that were identified and staked by WSSI. ESC will also need to monitor the soil testing and record keeping required by our ESP plan. The 2025 Farm budget will have to include managing the new meadow area and the woodland areas will require maintenance funds and manpower.
- We have all our necessary permits for the Lead Reclamation work. We have put together a scope of work and are soliciting bids for: the erosion and sediment control work, debris removal, fine grading, and seeding work that will be done in conjunction with the reclamation contractor's work to complete the project. Blaine Elkins agreed to put together a sequence of work / time-line for the membership to help show our progress.
- Jerry Murray provided an update on the second round of the Shotgun Range shotfall testing and submitted an outline that would make adjustments to the shooting positions and target presentations for a sporting clays course that would direct shot away from the identified wetland and stream buffers. The plan would restrict the set up of the equipment to ensure that shotfall is kept out of these areas. The Board requested that Tony Gorski review the proposal for legal issues. The final plan would include GPS locations of the equipment and shooting positions along with vectors showing the direction of the targets. The plan will also include a list of menu's for the equipment locations/directions and who is authorized to make the approved changes.
- Dan Dutton has completed a round of edits to the current Guidebook material.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly reported that the independent review of last year's budget is complete (many thanks to Deborah Behrend). Bob opened a separate Money Market account for the Long-Term CAPEX funds and deposited the 2021-22 amount from the existing CAPEX account. The 2022-23 Long-Term CAPEX funds should come from the operating account since they are from the member renewals / fees.

NEW BUSINESS (requiring a vote):

- **Motion** was made to approve the Shotgun Committee to move forward with designing and testing a modified sporting clays range that follows Best Range Practices and Environmental concerns. Final presentation to the BOG for range opening approval will follow the modifications. **Motion passed.**
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis reviewed Rose Body's proposed Eagle Scout project for refurbishing items at the campground. Since there is no new construction involved it is not in conflict with our easements. **Motion** was made to accept the proposed Eagle Scout Project. **The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Walt Allensworth proposed two chapter members for the Legacy Class A Board. Jack Mandel would replace Jim Tate

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SUMMARY

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and Joe Snider would remain for another term. **Motion** was made to accept the President's nominations to the Legacy Board. **The Motion was seconded and passed.**

- **Motion** was made to approve the NAVDHA Potomac Chapter use of the chapter house and grounds on September 23-24 for their fall field test. **The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- **Motion** was made to approve the 5 applicants for membership into the chapter. **The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – 1,054th Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Walt gave a brief talk about his term as president and expressed confidence in the incoming BOG slate.
- Walt has asked Butch Mezick and Dan Dutton to talk about the Pittman Robertson Act at next month's meeting.
- This month's steak dinner was a real team effort. We are still in need of cooks for our dinner meetings. Please contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis if you can help out.
- The 50/50 raffle was held at the dinner. Our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase 14 to 15 Adirondack chairs.
- The Board will have a meeting to review the budget in early September and the budget will be presented to the membership at the September dinner meeting for ratification.
- Walt Allensworth and Scott Harmon are clearing out their freezers in anticipation of this year's hunting season and will be bringing some venison to next month's meeting to give away. Walt talked briefly about his participation in the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry program.
- Bob Kelly provided a report on the chapter's accounts as of August 16.
- 10 prospective members 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.**

AWARDS CEREMONY:

- Earl Hower, IWLA's Director of Chapter Relations, presented 7 awards to the chapter:
 - Defenders Chapter Achievement Award.
 - Best Chapter Newsletter.
 - National Honor Roll Award for our participation with Poolesville High School Global Ecology Program.
 - James Lawton Childs Award and \$250, courtesy of the IWLA Endowment, for outstanding conservation efforts.
 - Conservation Award to Dan Dutton for his SOS stream monitoring work.
 - Robert Pavlick, Sr. was inducted into the IWLA Hall of Fame for his years of conservation work.
 - Carol Hulce-Efdimis was awarded the Judge John Tobin Award for her countless contributions to the chapter.
- President Walt Allensworth presented the President's Award to:
 - August 'Gus' Zinsser for his contributions to our shooting sports program.
 - Deborah Behrend for her work on the Board, using her accounting skills on our budget review and her contributions to the scout programs and the archery committee.

– Jack Mandel for his work with the archery programs and for organizing and running the kitchen for our dinner meetings.

- Past President Bill Gordon swore in the 2023 – 2024 Board.
- John Lamb gave an update on the chapter house improvements. The next project is painting the ceiling in the main hall. He is looking for some volunteers to help with the work.
- Phil Taylor provided an update on the farm. Fall cover crops will be planted in September. Phil explained why cover crops are so important to improving the soil. If you would like to help please e-mail him and he will put you on his contact list. The vegetable plot did not do as well this year due to the lack of rain.
- David Mecklenburg is looking for some help with the log cabin. Please contact him.
- There is a First Aid Course scheduled for October; there are still spots available.
- The Board has approved the setting up of a temporary modified Sporting Clays course to try and re-open a portion of the range prior to the lead reclamation that is scheduled for next May.
- Andy White, Conservation Education Chair, reported that Poolesville Day is on September 21, Family Campout is scheduled for October 28 – 29, and there will be an architectural dig into the basement of the log cabin on September 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

September 2023 1,055th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

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

Menu

Appetizers will be available before dinner
Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Dessert

September 2023 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

7:00pm

ATTENTION New Members!
Chapter House cleanup this month will be on:
Saturday, September 16
Starting at 9:00am

Join us and earn volunteer hours

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

Apollo Archery Program



We're hosting our final session of the 2023 Apollo Archery program on Wednesday, October 4 starting at 6:00pm and ending at dark.

Our mission is to provide archery instruction and experiences for current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their families.

- ◆ **There is no fee for participation.**
- ◆ **Beginners and experts are welcome.**
- ◆ **All equipment provided for adult and child participants: bows, arrows, release aids, etc.**
- ◆ We invite experienced archers to bring their own equipment.
- ◆ The course and facilities are wheelchair accessible.
- ◆ Check out Apollo Archery on the chapter website [CLICK HERE](#) and on facebook [PAGE HERE](#)
- ◆ For additional details contact Chuck Thornton (apolloarchery.bcciwla@gmail.com)!

Please share this opportunity with veterans and current Service members near the Montgomery County, Maryland area.

★★ 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.

DUE DATE

**for October Newsletter Articles is
Friday, September 29**

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

Please submit your articles on time – after the due date, we only have one week to ask questions and edit the articles before proceeding to the layout stage.

American Chestnut Committee Update

Blaine Elkins, Chestnut Orchards Chair
blaineelkins@verizon.net

We have heard from the Maryland Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation that darling 58 seedlings will not be available for planting this year. So there will be no new plantings in the old orchard this fall. There have been a few burrs set in the old orchard and we will try to collect them soon. The new orchard has lost some seedlings to blight, voles, and the dry weather we have been experiencing. We will need to inventory the survivors on the fall work day.

Fall Cleanup is October 7. We will be clearing the last of the debris from the squirrel proof enclosures in the north of the greenhouse frame. The old pallets will need to be cut up for kindling in the fire circles. Usable fencing will be saved. In both orchards we need to weed as necessary, repair weed block, and maintain fencing. Please let me know if you can help on this date.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!!

At the August 2023 Membership Meeting, the following were inducted into the Chapter:

Scott Herndon

Interests: Conservation; Fishing; Hunting

AJ Jackson

Interests: Forestry; Ponds & Streams; Wildlife

Aaron Kramer

Interests: Forestry; Hunter Safety / Education; Rifle / Pistol Shooting

John Nading

Interests: Ponds & Streams; Rifle & Pistol; Trails

Mason Vliet

Interests: Archery; Hunter Education; Skeet & Trap

Summer at the Cabin

David Mecklenburg, Log Cabin Committee Chair

The Willard Log Cabin was a buzz for Heritage Days. We had the cabin open for visitation with information on the history of the cabin complex and the farm. There was an archeology station where children could sift through the dirt looking for stone arrowheads, coins, and other artifacts. There was a group dressed in period clothing and the regalia of an 18th century citizen. Fun was had by all. There were even a few fish caught with period fishing equipment. Please join in the fun next year.

My wife and I visited the cabin last Monday and enjoyed a picnic dinner. We had the grounds all to ourselves except for a multitude of birds and other wildlife. The Indigo Bunting were very fun to watch. I just wish I had brought my camera.

As September is now here, it should be nice weather for working on the Log Cabin. I hope to see you out at the Chapter enjoying the property soon.

REMEMBER...

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

Saturdays & Sundays
Mondays

R&P Range Open
BSA Scout Meetings in the Chapter House

9:00am – 5:00pm
7:30pm – 9:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1	Opening Day of Dove Season	12:00noon – 5:00pm
Friday, September 1	Cookout After Dove Shoot – at the Shotgun Range	5:30pm
Wednesday, September 6	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, September 9	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 9	Rifle & Pistol Range CLOSSES AT 12:30PM for Hunter Safety / Education Course	Closes at 12:30pm
Saturday, September 9	Fall Hunter Safety / Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 9	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – meet at the Chapter House parking log	8:15am
Sunday, September 10	Fall Hunter Safety / Education Course – Chapter House & Chapter Grounds	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, September 16	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 16	Archeological Dig at the Log Cabin	9:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, September 20	1,055th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, September 23	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, September 23	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am
Saturday, September 23	NAVHDA Fall Test – Chapter House, Ponds, Dog Training Fields	8:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, September 24	NAVHDA Fall Test – Chapter House, Ponds, Dog Training Fields	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, September 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, September 29	Articles for October Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

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Wednesday, October 4	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – dark
Saturday, October 7	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:00am
Saturday, October 7	Fall Cleanup Day and Cookout	8:30am – 3:00pm
Saturday, October 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 14	Rural Women's Republican Club Dinner – Chapter House in Use – Private Event	12:00 noon – 8:00pm
Wednesday, October 18	1,056th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Thursday, October 19	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed	Closed All Day
Friday, October 20	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed	Closed All Day
Saturday, October 21	Rifle & Pistol Range Closed	Closed All Day
Saturday, October 21	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday, October 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, October 27	Articles for November Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, October 28	First Aid/CPR Course – in Chapter House	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 28	Annual Family Campout	2:15pm to
Sunday, October 29	Breakfast and Cleanup – Annual Family Campout	10:00am

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, November 4	Adventure Committee Workshop <i>Reducing Body Visibility – Becoming One with the Woods</i>	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, November 11	Summer Biathlon Practice at the R&P Range	7:30am
Saturday, November 11	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, November 15	1,057th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Wednesday, November 15	Board of Governors Meeting	Following Dinner Meeting
Saturday, November 18	New-Member Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving	
Friday, November 24	Articles for Decembers 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.

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 Andy Wight, andywight1@hotmail.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

From the Farm Committee

As a friendly reminder – if you are in the fields hunting, always pick up your empty shells.

Annual Fall Family Campout



Bring your Family & Friends to the Fall Family Campout this October!!!

The B-CC IWLA Conservation Education Committee welcomes chapter members, their families, and their escorted guests to the Annual Fall Family Campout on Saturday / Sunday, October 28th & 29th!

This is a great time to spend time with your immediate family and to meet some of the chapter family of B-CC IWLA – members, spouses, and kids. Events will start Saturday afternoon and continue overnight for those camping into Sunday morning.

Saturday

- The chapter's front gate will be locked open from 2:15pm until 6:00pm
- Family tent setup around the chapter house begins at 2:30pm
- Fishing at the big pond & visit a pumpkin patch from 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Burgers & 'dogs cooked up for campers 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- "Mystery Activities" 7:30pm – 8:00pm
- S'mores & hot chocolate by firelight 8:00pm – 8:45pm

Sunday

- Breakfast served to campers 7:30am – 8:30am
- Breakdown & cleanup should be completed by 10:00am

Schedule some more family time at the farm on your own for the day!

There is **NO** fee for the family campout.

Questions? Contact Andy Wight, andywight1@hotmail.com.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 25th, if possible, with numbers in your party via the signup genius link below. This will help us ensure we have enough food to go around. Please note in the comment section any dietary restrictions. We will contact you if weather forces a postponement.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-20233>

Volunteers Needed

DRAGNet Global Research Study Work Day
(Disturbance and Resources Across Global Grasslands Network)

The IWLA board approved a research study to occur on our Farm to assess the factors that influence plant community recovery after disturbance in grassland ecosystems. Six, 5 x 5m plots will be weed whacked, hoed, and tilled on the site, which is near the Boy Scout camp and is located in the field across and down from the chestnut tree enclosure. Details of the study can be accessed at <https://blogs.gwu.edu/betsy-vonholle/research/>.

On **Saturday, November 4th** (rain dates = **November 5 & November 18, 2023**), we will hold a work day (8:30am to 4:30pm) to help with the second year experimental treatments for the project. Bob Cissel will use his tractor to disturb the soil in these plots. We need help clearing the plots of plants beforehand and leveling the plots afterwards (please bring your weedwhackers, hoes, and rakes!). Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAEAF2EA1FCC16-iwla1>

If you prefer email, feel free to contact Betsy directly with your interest in participating and the time that you are available on that day: betsy.vonholle@gwu.edu. Please bring gloves and make sure to wear long pants, to avoid ticks. The first rain date is November 5th, and the second rain date is November 18th, and so if you're available to help, please let Betsy know.

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

Our goal is to purchase 15 chairs



B-CC IWLA to Participate in Poole'sville's Day 2023 Festival

We are planning on attending and hosting a booth to showcase our Chapter at "Poole'sville Day" which occurs on Saturday, September 23rd, 10:00am – 4:00pm. This family-oriented event, now celebrating more than 25 years, attracts over 12,000 visitors to the town and includes food, drink, entertainment, multiple kids' activities, arts & craft vendors, and other exhibitors. It provides a great opportunity for us to connect with local residents and visitors and highlight what the IWLA is about, and more importantly what we do in our Chapter. This is a great day out for the family.

Anyone looking for some volunteer hours, we need your help in staffing the booth. Please use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-20232>



Poole'sville Day - September 2022

New-Member Orientation Tour

- The next tour will take place on **September 23** from 10:00am to approximately 11:30am **if weather permits**.
- 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.
- Contact Christine – christineakcp@comcast.net if you have questions.

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

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

- Saturday, December 9

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



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, September 16
9:00am – 12:00 noon

Archeological Dig at the Log Cabin

Saturday, September 16
9:00am – 1:00pm

1,055th Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 20
Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm

New-Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, September 23
10:00am – 1:00pm
Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, September 27
7:00pm

Fall Cleanup Day & Cookout

Saturday, October 7
8:30am – 3:00pm

CPR / First Aid Course

Open to the B-CC Membership
Saturday, October 28
8:00am – 5:00pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-first1>
(SignUp Genius)

DRAGNet Global Research Study Work Day

(Disturbance and Resources Across Global Grasslands Network)

Saturday, November 4
(rain dates November 5 & November 18)
8:30am – 4:30pm
(including lunch)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAEAF2EA1FCC16-iwla1>
(SignUp Genius)

Adventure Committee Workshop Reducing Body Visibility – Becoming One with the Woods

November 4 – in the Chapter House
9:00am – 1:00pm
(including lunch)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-adventure>
(SignUp Genius)

As a Reminder – R&P Range Closed

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be closed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 19, 20, and 21 for the opening of Muzzleloader Season. Range will reopen on Sunday, October 22.

Rifle & Pistol Committee Report

Gus Zinsser, Chair
240 750-0979 guszinsser4@gmail.com

Matthew Chambers, Chief Range Officer
202 854-8671 matthewschambers@gmail.com

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.

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:

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 2	Zoulis, T.; Sauri, M.; Davis, P.; Studley, T.
Sunday, Sept. 3	NO RANGE OFFICERS ON DUTY
Saturday, Sept. 9	Boynton, D.; King, D.; Haake, T.; Eschholz, S.; Widenhofer, S.; Maisel, J.; Batteh, K.
Sunday, Sept. 10	Hunt, J.; King, D.; Haake, T.; Zoulis, T.
Saturday, Sept. 16	Schweikert, B.; Daniel, B.; Hess, D.; Mulford, G.
Sunday, Sept. 17	Schweikert, B.; Roth, A.; Meima, S.; Mulford, G.
Saturday, Sept. 23	Johnson, G.; Jacobs, R.; Gage, K.; Donovan, P.
Sunday, Sept. 24	Donovan, P.; Sanfuentes, J.; Vinokurov, A.; Jacobs, A.

Saturday, Sept. 30 Suleman, S.; Kawamot, D.; McKenney, D.

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Sunday, Oct. 1	King, B.; Hoover, J.; Chung, K.; Jacobs, R.
Saturday, Oct. 7	Wight, A.; Bowman, M.; Jacobs, A.; Kim, H.
Sunday, Oct. 8	TBD
Saturday, Oct. 14	Dickerson, C.; Steffes, D.; Chung, J.
Sunday, Oct. 15	Bryan, K.; Dickerson, C.; Sanfuentes, J.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Drummond, R.; Meima, S.
Sunday, Oct. 22	McKenney, D.; Vinokurov, A.; Capalupo, P.
Saturday, Oct. 28	Keller, A.; Flinchum, D.; Bowman, M.; Epstein, G.
Sunday, Oct. 29	Mense, M.; Flinchum, D.; Spear, S.; Keller, A.

CPR / FIRST AID COURSE – OPEN TO THE B-CC IWLA MEMBERSHIP

The R&P Committee has made arrangements for a CPR / First Aid course to be held on October 28, 2023 in the chapter house. This course will run from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

There are 20 spots available so it is on a first come first serve basis. The SignUp Genius link is below with a reminder set for 4 days before the course.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACC28A7F8C25-first1>

The fee for this course is \$70 with lunch included at \$65 for the course and \$5 for the lunch that will be provided. Payments made out to B-CC IWLA must be submitted by October 13, 2023 to the address below or you can contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis for other options.

B-CC IWLA
P.O. Box 542
Poolesville, MD 20837

If you have any questions, contact R&P Chair Gus Zinsser at guszinsser4@gmail.com or 240 750-0979.

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.

Archeological Dig at the Log Cabin



Come and join us on **Saturday, September 16th** 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. We start at 9:00am and plan to go through to about 1:00pm. We will have dogs/burgers/drinks for lunch.

Please use the link below to sign up.

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

CPR / First Aid Course – Open to the B-CC IWLA Membership

The R&P Committee has made arrangements for a CPR / First Aid course to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 in the chapter house. This course will run from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

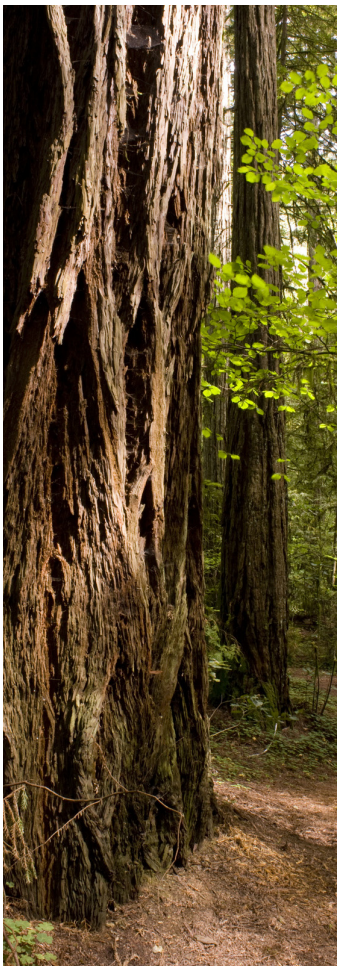
There are 20 spots available so it is on a first come first serve basis. The SignUp Genius link is below with a reminder set for 4 days before the course.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-first1>

The fee for this course is \$70 with lunch included at \$65 for the course and \$5 for the lunch that will be provided. Payments made out to B-CC IWLA must be submitted by October 13, 2023 to the address below or you can contact Carol Hulce-Efdimis for other options.

B-CC IWLA
P.O. Box 542
Poolesville, MD 20837

If you have any questions, contact R&P Chair Gus Zinsser at guszinsser4@gmail.com or 240 750-0979.



ADVENTURE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP *Reducing Body Visibility – Becoming One with the Woods*

**November 4 – 9:00am – 1:00pm
(including lunch)**

The Chapter is pleased to be hosting our first Adventure Committee workshop.

- How would you like to be able to spot your quarry first and choose the best moment for your shot or taking a photo?
- Would you like to have squirrels pass by 10 feet away, climb a tree, and not bark at you?
- How about foxes trotting by at less than 6 feet or be close enough to kick?
- How would you like to watch a raccoon family walk up in a creek bed and not even realize you are only feet away; or have birds – a turkey, a great blue heron, and songbirds land near you and be totally unaware of your presence; or deer walk by you at less than 15 yards or even 10 feet and not be spooked?

All this may happen while sitting or standing on the ground. Becoming One with the Woods is something that Mark Gochnour has been practicing for several years. These concepts can be easily applied so that others can enjoy these types of experiences.

In this family friendly workshop, Mark will share his techniques with participants. Use this opportunity to develop your own skills so that animals will not be as aware of you taking shots of them with a camera or a weapon.

Workshop will be held in the Chapter House.

Please sign up in advance on the link below.

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

Questions? Contact Mike Dobson, Committee Chair
michaeldobson@protonmail.com

Wildlife Committee Report

Larry Anderson, Chair
240 246-5302 andupton9@hotmail.com

The 2023-2024 hunting season is upon us. All chapter members wishing to hunt on our farm **must**:

- 1) Have a valid MD hunting license (including all necessary stamps, i.e. HIP stamp for doves)
- 2) Have a current and valid B-CC IWLA membership card as proof of permission to hunt on private land
- 3) Have a current and valid parking sticker displayed on their vehicle
- 4) Register on our website to acknowledge understanding our rules and property boundaries. This is a yearly requirement.

We are a large chapter with many hunters and non-hunters that all enjoy a day in the field, so we ask that everyone be safe, courteous and respectful in their activities on our farm. We adhere to and endorse MD DNR hunting regulations and policies. The MD hunting regulations can be found at: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/>, and can be downloaded on our website. Again, there are not many changes to the MD DNR hunting regulations this year from last. The bag limit remains at 2 antlered deer per year across all hunting seasons (archery, muzzleloader and firearm) and only one of those deer may have fewer than 3 points on one antler. In region B (our farm is in Region B), hunters may purchase a bonus antlered deer stamp that allows harvest on 1 (one) additional antlered deer. The bag limit of antlerless deer is now unlimited for archery seasons (we are in the Suburban Deer Management Zone), 10 for muzzleloader seasons and 10 for shotgun seasons.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we have had numerous sightings this year, and we like to believe our habitat is healthy enough to support an occasional bear or two. Bears in Montgomery Co. are protected and should not be harassed.

Happy hunting and think safety.

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

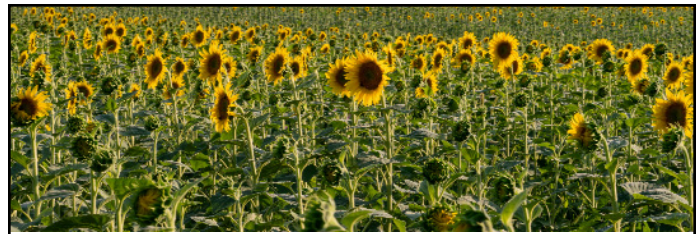
The farm committee has been busy tending the fields to improve habitat and attract a wide variety of wildlife to our farm. Once again Phil and all the volunteers working with him have worked hard to prepare our farm for hunting seasons. Thanks all!

The planting of crops are also benefiting other wildlife, including our deer population and a wide variety of birds. We do ask that our members do not place salt blocks in our fields; they wreak havoc with our crops and equipment. As a reminder, **we do not allow baiting on our farm.**

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/bblretv/. 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.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUNFLOWER FIELDS

The farm committee thought they would share their thoughts on frequently asked questions regarding the sunflower fields.

Why do you plant the sunflower fields so soon with winter cover crops, why not leave the sunflowers standing over the winter?

September first is six weeks from the first average frost each year. Because we plant sunflowers in the same fields each year, we need to plant a cover crop of multiple plant species to help prevent a disease from occurring in our fields that may affect the sunflowers. The sooner we plant the cover crops after September first the more time they have to get established before winter. Cover crops also are a food source for wildlife over the winter and help to build the health of the soil for next year's sunflower crop.

Why do you mow the sunflowers in the center of the field?

For safety reasons, we want the hunters to hunt from the field edges.

Why are the sunflower fields better some years than others?

In most cases the problems we had with our sunflowers were caused by weather (field conditions at planting) and snails.

We hope these questions and answers were helpful. The farm committee is always looking for volunteers to help with the sunflowers each year. To help please email the committee at bccfarmchairman@gmail.com to be added to the list.

- Phil Taylor
Farm Committee Chair



Mark your calendars!!

The Annual Fall Cleanup Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 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 Andy Wight at andywight1@hotmail.com with any questions.

2022 National Awards – 2022 / 2023 President's Awards

At the August 16 Dinner / Membership Meeting, awards were presented by Earl Hower, Director of Chapter Relations at IWLA National, and Chapter President Walt Allensworth to the Chapter, Chapter Members, and Poolesville High School Ecology Program.



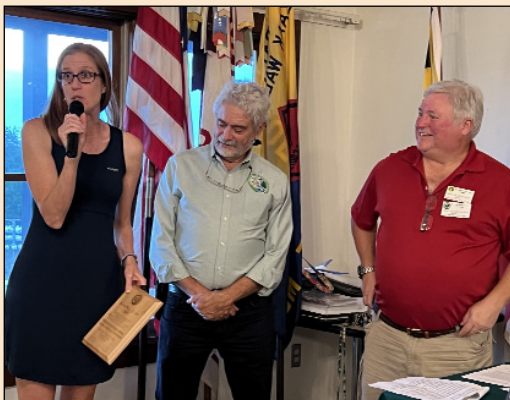
Earl Hower presented the **2022 Defenders Chapter Achievement Award** to President Walt Allensworth (representing the Chapter)



Dan Dutton presented the **2022 National Conservation Award (Save Our Streams)** by Earl Hower and Walt Allensworth.



Robert J. Pavlick, Sr. (Bob) was inducted into the **National Hall of Fame**.



Erin Binns, Head of House (*Poolesville High School*) was presented the **2022 National Honor Roll Award (Poolesville High School Ecology Program)** by Earl Hower and Walt Allensworth



Earl Hower presented the **2022 National James Lawton Childs Award** to President Walt Allensworth (representing the Chapter).



The **President's Award** was presented to Deborah Behrend by President Walt Allensworth.



Earl Hower presented the **2022 National Best Chapter Newsletter Award** to President Walt Allensworth (representing the Chapter).



Earl Hower and Walt Allensworth presented the **2022 Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award** to Carol Hulce-Efdimis.



Gus Zinsser was presented the **President's Award** by President Walt Allensworth.