



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

As the daylight hours whittle away and the nightly temps cool, the Fall season has planted its roots. This is the time of year that I find the chapter at its most beautiful. Whether one is in the fields or amongst the trees, the vibrant colors of the season's change splash into view with more color every day.

Planning and work is still happening for opening the Shotgun Range. Once the final details are worked out and approved by the Board of Governors, an announcement will be made via Eblast.

The Conservation Education Committee is holding the Annual Fall Family Campout on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 & 29. Bring the family out for a night of camping on the front lawn, evening activity, and firepit, along with dinner and breakfast. October's Full Moon is the night of the 28th and it is a spectacular sight at the chapter.

As a gentle reminder, it is hunting season so as you venture out on the property, be mindful of hunters in the woods and wear orange or other bright colors on yourself and your dogs.

Here's to welcoming the cool nights of Fall with open arms.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis
President

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.

Membership Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Membership Secretary
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As of the September Board Meeting, membership stands at 790 total Members: 431 Individuals, 262 Family, 6 Students, 1 Youth, 76 Retired, and 14 Associates.

All renewal notices have been mailed and renewals are coming in. By renewing early, you help the chapter continue operating the farm and ranges during the fall months. There are three ways to renew.

1. By mail
2. In person at a dinner meeting
3. Online

The mail method is easy but takes extra time for delivery and pickup. You increase your exposure to identity theft by writing a check and mailing it. This is now the most common way to have your banking information stolen. My wife works in bank fraud, and this is the number one way criminals steal your identity and it is on the rise.

The second way is to see me at a dinner meeting and hand me a check. This is a more preferred way to renew and will require a copy of your renewal notice.

The third way, and most preferred way, is to renew online. To renew online, go to our web page bcciwla.org. Click on the drop down menu at the upper right side of the webpage named Member Area. At the bottom of the drop down menu you will see Renew Your Membership. Have your renewal notice handy for your membership number and dues total. Enter your name, address, and preferred email so we can check them against our database. Next go to the payment area and put in your dues amount. You can also choose to donate to the chapter General Fund or Land Fund. Your donation will be 100% tax deductible. Lastly if you did not work 6 hours at the chapter, add \$50 to the Volunteer Fee area. Then click on PayPal and pay your dues.

Please choose the method that works best for you but also helps the chapter the most.

Work hours may be added to our database online as well. On the main website page go to Member Area and from the drop down menu click on Log Your Volunteer Hours. No worries if you have not worked 6 hours yet. The fall chapter cleanup is a great event to log those needed hours.

Lastly, its important to increase our membership during the coming year and the best way to do this is by inviting someone to a dinner meeting. Hope to see you and lots of new faces at the October dinner meeting. See you soon.

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.

Board of Governors

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

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Joe Finnegan

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Walt Allensworth, Past President

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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 August 2023 Board of Governors Meeting and the September 2023 Membership Meeting

Jerry Murray, Recording Secretary (BOG Meeting)

Mark Lauver, Recording Secretary (Membership Meeting)

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – Board of Governors Meeting

- President Walt Allensworth called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Attorney Anthony Gorski (Tony) called in.
 - Shotgun Range update: Tony Gorski stated that he had read the request to re-open the range on a limited basis and since the initial closure was due to lead going into the stream buffer and newly discovered wetland buffer and not the lead reclamation he did not see any problem with re-opening as long as the layout does not put lead into the sensitive areas.
 - The sporting clays course will be set up so the targets travel in set patterns and the shooting positions are fixed so the shotfall is not landing in the sensitive areas. The locations of the machines and shooting positions will be located and marked. The Range officers will be instructed not to change the course without prior approval.
- Dan Dutton, Handbook Committee Chair, reported that he is getting the existing Handbook in a word document from Butch Mezick so he can start editing.
- Log Cabin Chair David Mecklenburg reported that he has seen termites at the cabin and wants to have pest control take a look.
- Chapter House Chair John Lamb reported that the UV water filter light in the chapter house has been replaced and he is arranging for the one at the Archery Range to be replaced also.

NEW BUSINESS (requiring a vote):

- Motion was made to donate \$500 to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department in Beallsville. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Motion was made to accept one applicant for membership into the chapter. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Motion was made to grant permission to the Montgomery County Planning Department to explore for a possible cemetery between the apiary and the log cabin, using dogs and ground penetrating radar. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Motion was made for the chapter house and grounds to be used by Hunter Safety on May 4 and 5 and September 7 and 8, 2024. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

- Dan Dutton asked about putting up some additional 'No Trespassing' signs at West Willard and Izaak Walton Way to keep people from entering the sunflower fields.
- Blaine Elkins said that Art Belendiuk is working with DNR on our invasives plan and it should be ready in 3-4 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 1,055th Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Carol Hulce-Efdimis called the meeting to order at 7:19pm.
- Chip Dunn and others were thanked for preparing the evening's dinner.

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SUMMARY

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- September’s dinner meeting speakers were Butch Mezick and Dan Dutton. They provided an overview of the Pittman Robertson Act.
- Treasurer Bob Kelly gave the breakdown of the Chapter’s bank accounts.
- 8 prospective members introduced themselves, and 1st VP Andy Wight swore in two new members.
- Wildlife Management Chair Larry Anderson reported that dove, squirrel, and deer archery seasons are open; be sure you have your MD hunting license with you when hunting AND IWLA decals on your vehicle; Christmas Trees are looking green.
- Environmental Stewardship Chair Blaine Elkins reported that the chapter is on schedule for lead reclamation next May. Sediment and erosion control features will be installed in April, and late March/April for stakeout; need help with lead reclamation project driving stakes.
- R&P Range closed October 19-21 for muzzle loader season. Re-opens October 22; looking for more Range Officers; next Range Officer course will be held in February/March, some online work in February and hands on in March. Lots of benefits, need to be a member for 1 year.
- MD Division Fall meeting will be held at National HQ on Saturday, October 14 – 9:15 coffee/doughnuts; meeting starts at 10:00; free lunch. Lots of discussion on National Convention in MD – Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MD

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

A message from the IWLA Maryland Division President, Cherie Aker —

We are asking our members to lend a helping hand in making the 2024 convention the best. If you have a talent in marketing, public relations, procurement, for example, have a connection with a potential sponsor, or an item for the auction, or ideas for the convention, please join our convention team.

Maryland IWLA Chapters are hosting the 2024 National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Resort in Cambridge, Maryland July 14-17, 2023. It’s a great place for a convention and a family vacation. The Hyatt — located on the Eastern Shore — is a fully equipped resort providing numerous on-site activities. There is something there for everyone.

The convention kicks off with the Early Bird Auction on July 14th. I am challenging each IWLA Maryland Chapter to donate an item(s) to be auctioned. New items are preferred for the convention. Handcrafted items, such as nesting boxes, hunting or fishing gear, theme baskets, etc., are great to donate.

If you are interested in lending a hand by joining a committee, please attend the next Maryland Division quarterly meeting scheduled for October 14th at the IWLA National Headquarters. The address is 707 Conversation Lane, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The meeting begins at 9:30am. Samantha Briggs, IWLA Clean Water Program Director, will provide a presentation about growing volunteer science initiatives. The portion of the meeting to discuss the convention is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. Lunch is provided for attendees at 12:30pm.

If you have any questions, please email cherie.aker@gmail.com.

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

New-Member Orientation Tour

- The next tour will take place on *Saturday, October 21* 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.

CAMPGROUND NOTICE

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

**October 2023
1,056th Monthly Dinner /
Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, October 18

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

**October 2023
Board of Governors Meeting**

Wednesday, October 25

7:00pm

Help is Needed!

Environmental Stewardship Committee

On a monthly basis, our Chapter has a Maryland certified lab take scheduled samples of the surface and potable water on our property. In addition to ensuring safe drinking water, these results allow us to monitor the impact of development outside our property, the containment of lead on our ranges, and the quality of our streams and ponds for aquatic life. The Chapter member who has been escorting the lab technician to the designated sites for the past 20 years is retiring from this duty at the end of the year and we are looking for one or more member(s) to take over this important work. The process takes a couple of hours once a month on a weekday.

If you are willing to help, please contact Blaine Elkins at blaineelkins@verizon.net.

CMP/NRA Format Hi-Power Rifle Match

We are looking to hold a CMP/NRA format Hi-Power Rifle Match at the range on November 11 or 12 and want to see how many members/guests would be interested.

The match would consist of 2 or 3 relays of up to 9 shooters per relay and the course of fire would consist of: 10rd. prone/slow fire, 10rd. standing/slow, 10rd. sitting/rapid fire, and 10rd. prone/rapid. The match would be open to AR style, M-1A, and Garand rifles.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jerry Murray at jerrym5@comcast.net or 202 438-4202.

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.

Thank you!

Many thanks go to Mike Noble for keeping the Chapter grounds looking good all summer long!

DUE DATE

for November Newsletter Articles is
Friday, October 27

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.



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,

ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.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>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monthly Events

Saturdays & Sundays

Saturdays & Sundays (starting in November)

Mondays

R&P Range Open

FeederWatch Program

BSA Scout Meetings in the Chapter House

9:00am – 5:00pm

See SignUp Genius

7:30pm – 9:00pm

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 4	Final Apollo Archery for 2023 – 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
Thursday, October 19	Cub Scout Pack 694 Meeting	6:30pm – 8:30pm
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	CPR / First Aid 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 - in the Chapter House; includes lunch <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
Saturday, November 18	Eagle Scout Court of Honor & Reception (Ben Savino) – Chapter House and Fire Ring	3:00pm – 9:00pm
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.

Poolesville Day Update

Andy Wight, 1st VP and Conservation Education Committee Chair

The 31st annual Poolesville Day was held on September 23. This one-day event, a Poolesville tradition that regularly brings in crowds of more than 12,000 people, is focused on community, fun, and entertainment and includes a parade, 5k run, kids rides, and vendor crafts and exhibits. The event, which occurs Rain or Shine, is traditionally a beautiful sunny day; however this year it was a soggy affair, being impacted by the remnants of tropical storm Ophelia which brought rain and wind and reduced the number of visitors to the town. As usual, the B-CC IWLA team had a stand which was bravely and wetly managed by Derick, Tom, Lance, Bob, and Olivia. Although the festival was closed early, the team still managed to talk to perspective members and hand out candy and flyers to those who were interested. A big thank you to all who turned up and helped.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family!

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

Langdon Hample • David Min

REMEMBER...

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

FeederWatch Season 2023-2024

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

Project FeederWatch, now in its 13th year at the Chapter, helps B-CC participants, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientists, learn about winter bird populations at the Conservation Farm. The data collected over the winter expands the database used at Cornell to determine increases and declines in the numbers and distribution of bird species in the United States and Canada. This year the counting season takes place from Saturday, November 4, 2023, through Sunday, March 31, 2024. Participants count birds on our sunflower and suet feeders from the comfort of the chapter house, typically on two consecutive weekend days for an hour or so each day. Larry Anderson, Wildlife Chairman, maintains the feeders behind the chapter house. The feeder station was created several years ago as an Eagle Scout project.

Participants can count as often or as infrequently as their schedules permit. Collecting data on our feeder visitors even once or twice during the winter months can have value for the scientists who analyze it. Newbies unsure of their bird identification skills can be paired with experienced counters for mutual support and enjoyment. If you would like to join our FeederWatch team, please contact me at trina65@verizon.net. All are welcome and invited to participate.

Pick a weekend, or a single weekend day, using our Signup Genius. Below is the link:

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

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, 5x5m 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 original 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 von Holle 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.



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
michaelvdobson@protonmail.com

B-CC IWLA GUN RAFFLE

The Chapter is selling tickets for a Gun Raffle to help raise funds for Chapter projects. Tickets will be available at the October, November, and December Dinner/Membership Meetings, at Chapter events, etc. If you would like to purchase a ticket or are able to help sell the tickets, contact Andy Wight at ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com.

The price per ticket is \$20 — cash or check (made payable to B-CC IWLA)

999 tickets will be available.

There are five guns (or cash options) that will be available to win.

Winners will be decided by the **Maryland Evening Pick 3** on December 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. For example, if the number on your ticket is 234 and the Evening Pick 3 number is 234 on December 26, you win the prize indicated for that day. You also have the option of taking the cash offer for the day instead of the gun. Your purchased ticket will be available for the drawings on all five dates.

Don't know what to give that person who has everything as a holiday gift or birthday present? Raffle tickets are the perfect gift for those hard to buy for big boys and girls.

****As an incentive for members to help sell tickets, we are offering a \$100 Visa Gift Card per each winning ticket raffled. Ticket sellers must provide their contact info in the space provided on the ticket.****



List of guns to be raffled or cash options by date are listed below:

Five Drawings:

December 26

Browning BPS 12 gauge Walnut/Blue or \$450

December 27

Ruger American .22LR Walnut/Stainless Steel or \$275

December 28

Bergara B 14 6.5 Creedmoor Walnut/Blue or \$500

December 29

CAV Scout .450 Bushmaster Camo/Sniper Gray or \$300

December 30

Henry Big Boy "Brass" 38-55 Win. Walnut/Blue (Straight Case Round) or \$600

- Daily winner determined by MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery number. Winner will be notified by phone or email (need email address).
- Firearms provided by Stateline Gun Exchange. Winners must contact Stateline Gun Exchange to claim prize. Must be picked up in 45 days after date of drawing.

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, October 14
Starting at 9:00am

1,056th Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, October 18
Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting – 7:30pm

New-Member Orientation Tour

Saturday, October 21
10:00am – 1:00pm
Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, October 25
7:00pm

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)

Fall Family Campout

Saturday, October 28 (gate opens at 2:15pm)
through Sunday, October 29 – 10:00am
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-20233>
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DRAGNet Global Research Study Work Day

(Disturbance and Resources Across Global Grasslands Network)
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(rain dates November 5 & November 18)
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(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.

Wildlife Committee Report

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

The 2023-2024 hunting season is upon us. Several seasons are already open; deer archery, dove, squirrel, and deer muzzleloader is coming up, October 19th through October 28th (Sunday, October 22, archery only until 10:30am). 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 or Muzzleloader stamp for deer)
- 2) Have a current and valid B-CC IWLA membership card as proof of permission to hunt on pri-vate 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.

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.

Please report any sightings of bears on our farm to the wildlife committee; we had numerous sightings last 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.

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 Taylor and all the volunteers working with him have worked hard to prepare our farm for hunting seasons. Thanks all!

The plantings benefit all wildlife, including our deer population; several nice bucks still in velvet have been seen checking out the fields. We have several salt block stations out and they are being well used. 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.**

Anyone that has been in the woods in the last several weeks already knows that this year is being considered a good to heavy mast year. Acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts, and a wide variety of soft mast (persimmons, paw paws, and many types of berries) are in high abundance this year. One consequence to a high mast year, according to MD DNR, is that deer harvest numbers are generally lower. The theory is that with abundant food supplies, deer do not search or move as much, making them less visible to hunters.

New this year, the chronic wasting disease (CWD) management area has been expanded to include all of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, and Carroll Counties. The management plan restricts the movement of deer carcasses (or parts) out of these areas. MD DNR recommends common-sense precautions to deer hunters in handling of venison and add that: *Concerns over CWD should not stop hunters from enjoying the hunting season or any venison they may acquire.* More information about CWD and the management plan can be found at: https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/CWD_in_Maryland.aspx.

As a reminder, 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. The property located to the north and west of our farm (near the big pond) on several different boundaries is owned by **Joe Morin** (301 674-5397), the property located north of the NE Woods is owned by **Vikki Van Winkle** (301 379-3560), and the property across Willard Road from the NE woods is owned/managed by **Bob Cissel** (301 775-8978). Members may enter their property only after calling them and receiving permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind. 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. If you are caught trespassing, you will lose your privilege to hunt and may lose your membership. Trespassing on posted property is a serious crime and punishable under Md. Criminal Law §6-402. A first offense is punishable by imprisonment of up to 90-days or a fine not exceeding \$500, or both.

Happy hunting and think safety.

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**

ATTENTION New Members!
Chapter House cleanup this month will be on:
Saturday, October 14
Starting at 9:00am

Join us and earn volunteer hours

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

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. Only 2 guests per member is allowed.

R&P RANGE CLOSED

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

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:

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1

King, B.; Hoover, J.; Chung, K.; Jacobs, R.

Saturday, October 7

Wight, A.; Bowman, M.; Jacobs, A.

Sunday, Oct.ober 8

Myers, J.; Vinokurov, A.; Kim, H.; Gentzel, K.

Saturday, October 14

Dickerson, C.; Steffes, D.; Chung, J.

Sunday, October 15

Bryan, K.; Dickerson, C.; Sanfuentes, J.

Saturday, October 21

RANGE CLOSED ALL DAY –

Drummond, R.; Meima, S.

Sunday, October 22

Vinokurov, A.; Capalupo, P.; Gage, K.

Saturday, October 28

Keller, A.; Flinchum, D.; Bowman, M.; Epstein, G.

Sunday, October 29

Mense, M.; Flinchum, D.; Spear, S.; Keller, A.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4

White, M.; Sypes, E; Studley, T.; Leahy M.

Sunday, November 5

Pedersen, P.; Princiotto, M.; Mense, M.; Spears, S.

Saturday, November 11

Johnson, G.; Deegan, J.; Fainbraun, S.; Leahy, M.

Sunday, November 12

Lowe, C.; Bryan, K.; Ossi, G.; Chung, K.

Saturday, November 18

Richards, M.; White, M.; Kim, D.; Drummond, R.

Sunday, November 19

Princiotto, M.; Richards, M.; Kim, D.; Epstein, G.

Friday, November 24

Bixler, D.; Deegan, J.; Fainbraun, S.

B-CC IWLA CHRISTMAS SPORTSMAN GUN RAFFLE

Only 999 Tickets Sold

Firearms provided by Stateline Gun Exchange



Five Drawings:

December 26 – Browning BPS 12 gauge Walnut/Blue or \$450

December 27 – Ruger American .22LR Walnut/Stainless Steel or \$275

December 28 – Bergara B 14 6.5 Creedmoor Walnut/Blue or \$500

December 29 – CAV Scout .450 Bushmaster Camo/Sniper Gray or \$300

December 30 – Henry Big Boy “Brass” 38-55 Win. Walnut/Blue (Straight Case Round) or \$600

- Daily winner determined by MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery number. Winner will be notified by phone or email (remember to add contact info on ticket stub).
- Your purchased ticket(s) will be available for the drawings on all five dates.
- Winner must contact Stateline Gun Exchange to claim prize. Must be picked up in 45 days after date of drawing.
- If you would like to purchase a ticket or are able to help sell tickets, contact: Andy Wight at ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

Chestnuts at the Chapter

Members Pete and Yunghong Wirth have collected chestnuts from the trees on the Chapter grounds for years. This year they harvested approximately 30 lbs. over a two-week period. Most of this was from the tree by the chapter house. The deshelled chestnut meat can be stored frozen in zip lock bags for at least 9 months with no effect on flavor or texture of the chestnut meat.

Unfortunately, the chestnut tree by the chapter house suffered damage from the storm in September. Branches were snapped off. Hopefully the tree will survive another year.

If you would like more information about chestnuts and ways to prepare meals using them, contact Pete and Yunghong.



Yunghong Wirth collecting chestnuts.



Nuts – some still in their spine burrs.



Nut extracted from the burr.



Stir fried chestnuts with chunks of pork belly prepared by Yunghong.



Deshelled chestnut meat in zip lock bags.

Photos by Pete Wirth

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 Dig

On September 16th, several families joined forces with the Archeology and Log Cabin committees to start a new archeological dig on the property. Our target – to investigate what was below the log cabin in the root cellar to get a better understanding of the cabin's age and history. This was also a chance to provide a fun and educational experience for our members, especially those with young families. In total, we had 15 team members, which allowed us to split into groups; two digging teams for excavating and two sorting teams screening for artifacts and bagging everything we found. The teams rotated through the day, and everyone got to understand standard procedures for running an archaeological dig.



Under the Cabin

Our first step was to map the cellar into 2' square sections. This allowed us to keep track of where we found things. We carefully excavated by section, an area of 2 feet by 10 feet along the northern wall of the cellar to a depth of about 10.5 inches. We have previously scanned the area with metal detectors and had several hits, indicating some metallic items were likely present, but we also expected to find ceramics and glass, and if you asked the kid's "treasure".

So, what did we find? At some point we believed that the cellar was filled with loads of dirt mixed with stone and debris. The soil that we removed had many decent sized river stones, suggesting that this soil was hauled in by hand vs being produced by accumulation of decomposing leaves. Also, the soil was not hard-packed clay like typical soil on the farm. Consistent with this, we found two white ceramic kitchen or bathroom tiles included in the mix; we don't believe that these were ever used in the log cabin. We also found lots of man-made materials, primarily chinking (there seems to be several varieties present) but also nails, a triangular hinge (which may have come from a door) and ceramic and glass.

We don't believe that we have excavated enough to reach the original floor of the cellar, but we do now know that the original floor must have been at least 10" lower than it is now. This means that we have lots of work to do. In future events, we will remove the soil and debris from other parts of the cellar with the intention of reaching the original floor, and hopefully discovering any secrets the Cabin may hold.

A big thanks to everyone who participated and organized this event. It was a fun day, and as always, when someone asks their parents "when can we do this again" you know it has been a good day.



Bringing out the dirt



Sifting through the dirt



Finding nails



Look what we found



Digging



Examples_N34E7

Photos by Margaret Wilson and Andy Wight

2023–2024 ANNUAL BUDGET

As we begin the 23-24 fiscal year, the BOG is presenting to the Membership its Annual Budget in this newsletter.

Here is how the process works. Committee chairs submit budget requests to the BOG for the upcoming year. These requests are incorporated in the next year's budget. Our Bylaws require a mid year "budget review" which is completed in January/February. At this point, we review how we have done so far. We ask ourselves – Did we meet membership goals? Have activities changed? and Do the expense budgets need adjusting? We re-evaluate activities and then make adjustments. At the end of the fiscal year (August 31st), our accountants use our financial data to prepare our IRS filing which is required to maintain our 501C3 status. And then we begin the process again.

The biggest driver in our process is Membership. This is "how many members did we have at the end of the year" and "what do we anticipate for the next year." For the FY 22-23 fiscal year (ending in August 2023), our membership is down about 15% as compared to FY 21-22 (ending in August 2022) from about 930 to 780. The reasons for this vary from other activities returning post Covid to the current economic environment. Our goal for this upcoming year is to maintain current membership levels. This is seen by using similar numbers in the budget. Scott Harmon, our new Membership Secretary, is committed to this goal. In fact, he has already sent out the renewals for next year. He and his committee have committed to reaching the goal by contacting former members to see if we can get them to return as well as looking into other methods of attracting new members. Feel free to contact Scott if you can help. All of us can help the chapter with this goal. Bring a friend/neighbor to a meeting to see all of the benefits that our chapter offers.

Our activities are what appeals to our current membership as well as new members. As mentioned above, each activity chair has submitted estimated costs for what they are going to do to achieve this. For the most part, we have not amended these budgets.

Other items that are included in this budget.

- We are going to hold a "gun raffle" headed by Phil Taylor. We will sell tickets at \$20 for the chance to win 1 of 5 guns. The raffle drawing starts December 26th. A great Christmas present for that person for whom "you don't know what to get."
- A loan from the Legacy Foundation. This loan will cover costs for WSSI to identify and stake out the wetland and stream buffers on our property beyond the limits of the lead abatement areas so we could locate these areas and ensure that we are not performing any activities in these areas that are prohibited by our easements or federal and state regulations. We will have to pay it back over 3 years (starting in September 2024). The impacts of this will be seen in the interest expense in next year's budget (FY 24-25 when the first payment is made) as well as in our current cash flow estimate (as we begin saving for this September 24 payment).
- The cash flow projection shows several items that membership may not know about:
 - Capital Account Transfer (per our Bylaws) 10% of the revenue is to be transferred to the Near Term Capital Fund (a separate bank account from our operating account) for capital investments in the property.
 - A set aside for future Lead Abatement costs (begun when we increased dues 2 years ago and formalized in our Bylaws). This is put in a separate cash account (Long Term Capital Fund). Lead Abatements must be done in the future at all shooting ranges per EPA requirements. By putting these savings aside now, they will have less impact on the day to the day operations in the future.

- Land Fund donations are not listed in the income statement or the cash flow as they are not available to meet operating expenses.

If you have any questions, please ask us at the next dinner meeting.

Robert Kelly, Treasurer

Deborah Behrend, Finance Committee member and Ad Hoc BOG member

Marc Bouchard, Finance Committee member, Ad Hoc BOG member, and Archery Co-chair

(See the Budget for FY 2023-2024 on page 13 of the Newsletter.)

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 is 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.

★★ 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.

Shotgun Range Update

COMING ATTRACTION

We are nearing completion of a new sporting clays course at the shotgun range. We are currently testing and verifying the equipment and shooting station locations and look to have the course open this month (October). Keep on the lookout for an e-blast for the opening date and a schedule of events. Questions? Contact Jerry Murray – jerrym5@comcast.net.

Prize for the high score on opening day.

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
FY2023-2024 Operating Budget**

Below is the FY2023-2024 proposed operating budget that will be voted on by the Chapter membership at the monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

ANTICIPATED INCOME	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)
401 Membership Renewal Fees	\$152,000.00	613 Environmental Stewardship	\$9,500.00
402 New Member Initiation Fees	\$7,000.00	614 Log Cabin Maintenance	\$500.00
403 Shot Gun Range Fees	\$6,000.00	615 Floral Gardens	\$300.00
404 Dinner Meeting	\$6,600.00	616 Greenhouse	\$0.00
405 Rifle & Pistol Range Fees	\$7,000.00	617 Spring Cleanup	\$400.00
406 Archery Range Fees	\$500.00	618 Fall Cleanup	\$400.00
407 Family Picnic/Auction	\$700.00	620 Building Maintenance	\$1,250.00
408 Dove Shoot	\$150.00	621 Road Repair and Snow Removal	\$500.00
409 Republican Women's Dinner	\$1,100.00	622 Kitchen Equipment and Maintenance	\$1,000.00
412 Christmas Trees	\$300.00	624 Chapter House Expense	\$500.00
416 Keys and Locks	\$350.00	630 insurance	\$32,000.00
417 Chapter House Use Donations	\$250.00	631 Newsletter Publishing	\$5,300.00
418 Interest (Sandy Spring Bank)	\$950.00	632 Propane	\$3,800.00
419 Garden Plots	\$340.00	633 Trash Removal	\$4,000.00
420 Misc Sales	\$50.00	634 Electricity	\$4,000.00
421 Donations and Grants	\$700.00	635 Telephone	\$0.00
422 Campground	\$400.00	636 Misc Administration	\$300.00
425 Security Cards	\$1,200.00	637 Operating Port-O-Lets	\$6,000.00
426 Conservation Education	\$50.00	638 Internet Web Site Maintenance	\$5,500.00
427 Apollo Archery Program	\$2,500.00	639 Printing & Photocopying	\$0.00
490 Land Fund Contributions	\$0.00	640 Shipping & Postage	\$450.00
800 Other Income	\$10,000.00	641 Security	\$2,000.00
802 Scouts	\$550.00	642 Keys and Locks	\$1,400.00
803 Volunteer (in lieu of Work Hours)	\$14,000.00	644 Memorials and Flowers	\$250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$212,690.00	650 Scout Support	\$1,200.00
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)	651 Hunter Safety Course	\$1,500.00
501 National/State IWLA Dues	\$36,000.00	652 National Convention MD Room	\$500.00
502 Membership Administration	\$2,400.00	653 National/MD Convention (Travel)	\$1,500.00
503 Shotgun Range Expenses	\$2,300.00	655 Youth Convention	\$200.00
504 Food and Kitchen Supplies	\$8,000.00	657 Legislature	\$50.00
505 Rifle & Pistol Expenses	\$4,000.00	660 Property Taxes	\$2,500.00
506 Archery Expenses	\$2,000.00	661 Bank Fees & Service Charges	\$300.00
507 Family Picnic/Auction	\$800.00	671 Chapter Awards	\$600.00
508 Dove Shoot	\$350.00	700 Other Expense	\$1,500.00
509 Republican Women's Dinner	\$550.00	807 Misc Items (Hat, Mug, Etc.)	\$0.00
510 Wild Game Dinner	\$100.00	809 Donations and Grants	\$1,500.00
511 Family Day/Campout	\$750.00	810 Accounting Fees	\$2,800.00
512 Christmas Trees	\$500.00	811 Chapter Archives	\$75.00
513 Junior Rifle Team	\$0.00	812 Signage	\$500.00
514 Christmas Party	\$250.00	813 Office Supplies	\$400.00
517 Supplies - Chapter House	\$450.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$195,505.00
519 Vegetable Garden	\$200.00	Net Operating Revenue	\$17,185.00
522 Campground Maintenance	\$2,500.00	Changes in Cash beyond Operations	
523 Summer Biathlon	\$0.00	Cash Provided by Operations	\$17,185.00
524 Past President's Dinner	\$1,700.00	Non Operating Sources of Cash	
526 American Chestnut Orchard	\$300.00	Reduction to Management Reserve balance	\$5,000.00
527 Apollo Archery Expenses	\$2,500.00	Capital Account usage for loan payment	\$9,600.00
550 Land Fund (phone-a-thon)	\$150.00	Total Non Operating Cash Provided	\$14,600.00
601 Farm Operations	\$13,000.00	Non Operating Uses of Cash	
603 Farm Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000.00	Transfer to Near Term Capital Fund	
604 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel	\$2,000.00	(10% set aside)	-\$15,900.00
605 Wildlife Management	\$1,500.00	Reserve for Future Lead Abatement to Long Term	
606 Ponds and Streams	\$5,200.00	Capital Fund	-\$12,600.00
607 Forestry Management	\$200.00	Loan Repayment	-\$9,600.00
609 Trail Maintenance	\$500.00	Total Non Operating Cash Usage	-\$38,100.00
610 Conservation Education	\$7,830.00	Total Change in Cash	-\$6,315.00
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	\$101,030.00		