



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

This morning, June 12, as I am watching my youngest at his 8th grade promotion ceremony, I was having flashbacks of younger years. The majority of these years has been spent somewhere on the chapter property. Whether he was with his scout groups, at events, work days, or just being turned loose to run the fields feral. One minute he's with me and the next someone was saying there's a kid high up in a tree with me asking what color of shirt are they wearing? Nine times out of ten, it was my kid.

The availability of being able to involve him helping in events or letting him run has given him the ability to become independent, hone his cognitive abilities and his imagination, while learning about the outdoors and how to protect it. Whether he was by himself or with his friends, the biggest take away for him has been he could be a kid without the distractions of everyday life.

This is one of the biggest advantages that we can provide for our children. I'm sure the majority of our adult members experienced this in some form as children and whether or not you have your own, the chapter offers the distractions from our everyday life that we all do need.

With summer upon us, take advantage of the distractions, watch out for ticks and according to the tried and true from the feral child, if you are higher than 8ft in a tree and fall, you will not bounce, and you might even find the dragons in the West Woods but carry a big stick because they like to play fetch.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis
President

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 15
9:00am – 12:00 noon

1,064th Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, June 19
Dinner – 6:15pm; Meeting 7:30pm

New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour

Saturday, June 22
10:00am – 11:30am

Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 26
7:00pm

Heritage Day

Sunday, June 30
12:00 noon – 4:00pm
volunteers are needed

Apollo Archery

Wednesday, July 10
6:00pm to dark



July 4, 2024

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

**All other state fishing
regulations apply.**

**Go to dnr.maryland.gov
for more information.**

Board of Governors

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

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Deborah Behrend
Marc Bouchard
Dan Dutton
Joe Finnegan
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* Indicates Officers and Board Members who were absent from the previous month's Board of Governors meeting.

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Address, phone and email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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UPDATE TO FACILITIES USE REGULATIONS DRIVING ON CHAPTER PROPERTY

Any vehicle including but not limited to cars, trucks, bikes, UTVs or horses are not allowed off the designated roadways and parking areas due to the risk of soil displacement and erosion on our trails and fields.

Permission to drive on the property can be granted by the Board of Governors or the Committee Chairs in the event of participating with Committee events.

Summary of the April 2024 Board of Governors Meeting and the May 2024 Membership Dinner Meeting

Jerry Murray, 2nd Vice President

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Board of Governors Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Carol Hulce-Efdimis at 7:15pm.

- Deborah Behrend provided a summary of the account balances and then a discussion of the membership breakdown and finances followed. Committee spending must be reviewed/approved by the Board prior to the money being spent. All receipts must be in by August 1st to be funded.
- Deborah discussed our Capitol Expenditure fund and our use of the fund to comply with the IRS guidelines.
- Andy Wight reminded everyone that all calendar items must go thru him to become official.
- Carol Hulce-Efdimis provided an update on Security's new computer/software.
- Shotgun Range reopening date TBD depending on members volunteering to help set up the machines.
- Conservation Dinner Chair Andy Wight reviewed the costs for the upcoming Conservation Awards and Dinner. Andy gave a description of the criteria for the awards and how they are by project and may be split between the students involved. The awards give us good publicity within the national organization and the school and local communities.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- Dan Dutton asked about Sunday turkey hunting on the chapter property.
- Andy Wight made the recommendation that we look into raising the work fee. The fee has not changed since it was implemented under John Lamb. Andy will look into what other chapters are doing and report back.

MOTIONS:

- Motion to donate one of the muzzleloader firearms that was donated to the chapter by a Chapter member to the convention committee for use as a silent auction item at the upcoming convention. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve expenses for the Friction by Fire workshop. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to accept member's donation to fund the upcoming Past President's Dinner. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to allocate funds for the Hunter Safety Course food. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to accept 5 prospective members. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve the expense for a new battery for the pond aerator. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to approve funds for the upcoming Conservation Dinner and Awards. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 1,063rd Membership Dinner Meeting

- President Carol-Hulce Efdimis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Dinner Meeting Speaker was David Mecklenburg. David, our resident beekeeper, spoke about bees, beekeeping, and the beehives that he maintains at the chapter and his home.
- Andy Wight talked about the member survey that was sent out and encouraged everyone to fill it out. The survey

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SUMMARY

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results will help us to make decisions for the future of the chapter.

- Membership Secretary Scott Harmon reported on our current membership totals. Nine prospective members introduced themselves at the meeting. A motion was passed to accept the five who were there for their 3rd meeting as new members. Andy Wight swore them in.
- Chapter House Chair John Lamb gave special thanks to Dan Pascal, Shawn Jeffers, and Paul Spangler who spent extra time working with the panels and finishing up the painting and to Jack Mandel for the loan of the scaffolding.
- Hunter Education Chair John Lamb reported that all 29 students that took the class over the May 4/5 weekend passed with the lowest score being an 88%.
- Wildlife Management Chair Larry Anderson reported that 2 turkeys have been reported being taken on the farm.
- Farm Chair Phil Taylor reported that he has planted the sunflowers in the fields but due to the weather slugs have been a problem. Phil also reported that we will be putting in the mixed vegetable garden in conjunction with WUMCO again this year in the field near the shotgun range.
- Bill Gordon reported that the National Convention in Cambridge, MD starts on July 14th. Deadline for reduced rate room reservations is June 17 and deadline to register for the convention is June 28th. Go to the IWLA National website to sign up. The Chapter has 9 voting delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Heritage Days and the Cabin

David Mecklenburg, Log Cabin Committee Chair

Heritage Days are fast approaching and what a great way to appreciate that heritage than a visit to the Willard Log Cabin. The cabin and outbuildings will be open for you to visit with other events happening around it. Come on down, look around, ask questions, maybe participate in one of the other activities, or you can also just kick back and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.



Some of the fun at cabin on Heritage Day

Stop The Bleed Training A Bloody Success, More To Come

Michael Dobson, Adventure Committee Chair
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On Saturday, May 11, the Adventure Committee hosted a **STOP THE BLEED** workshop at the chapter house. Led by shock trauma nurse Katie Meyers, chapter members received hands-on training in how to control (imaginary) bleeding via pressure, wound packing, and tourniquets. Katie has offered to return for trainings whenever the chapter wants, so be on the lookout for more opportunities to learn these life-saving skills.

To learn more about **STOP THE BLEED**, or to purchase tourniquets and other supplies, visit <https://www.stopthebleed.org/>.

To receive emails about future Adventure Committee events directly, or to volunteer to lead a workshop, contact committee chairman Michael Dobson at michaeldobson@protonmail.com.

Swap Meet Update

Many thanks go to Lawrence Kotchek for organizing the Swap Meet held on Saturday, June 8. Great time was had by all! The cost per table and the proceeds from the silent auction benefitted the Land Fund.

Update on Finances

Board of Governors Finance Committee

It's that time of year again – budgeting for the next B-CC IWLA fiscal year (September 2024 through August 2025). At June's dinner meeting, Deborah Behrend, Board of Governors and Finance Committee, will go over:

- the forecast for this current fiscal year ending on August 31st, 2024
- the proposed ByLaws changes as listed in the June Newsletter (and to be voted on following the July Dinner Meeting)
- our current Chapter Membership demographics
- and review the budget process and assumptions for the next fiscal year (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025).

The budget itself will be voted on during the August Dinner meeting. Input and questions from membership is gladly accepted.

June 2024 1,064th Monthly Dinner / Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 19

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

Menu

Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans, Pies

June 2024 Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

7:00pm

2024 – 2025 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 / Membership meeting to accomplish this task.

Below are the Nominating Committee's proposed 2024 – 2025 Board of Governors and Legacy Foundation appointment for ratification.

– The Nominating Committee

Officers

President	Andy Wight
First Vice President	Jerry Murray
Second Vice President	Position Open
Treasurer	Bob Kelly
Corresponding Secretary	Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary	Position Open
Membership Secretary	Scott Harmon
Past President	Carol Hulce-Efdimis

Board Members

Marc Bouchard
Dan Dutton
Shannon Novak
Position Open
Position Open

Legacy Foundation Board

Lawrence Kotchek

IWLA OFFICIAL POLICIES – YOURS TO MAKE

William Gordon

The IWLA national office maintains a list of IWLA Official Policies. These are contained in a 119 page document that is available online. These policies originate as resolutions that are voted on at the annual conventions of the IWLA. If a resolution is approved, it becomes an official policy. However, it is not uncommon for a resolution to be rejected.

There are two resolutions that will be presented to the IWLA annual convention being held this year in July. They are given below. Every chapter member has the option of expressing his or her opinion concerning these two resolutions at the chapter dinner meeting in June. In fact, any member can introduce a motion to direct the chapter delegates to the National Convention to vote for or against any of these resolutions. The IWLA is your organization, and it's up to you to have a voice in making its official policies.

THE RESOLUTIONS

Phasing out of Gasoline Operated Garden Equipment

- Calls for the phasing out of the manufacture and sale of all GLGE (gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment) except chainsaws
- Recommends the EPA strengthen emission standards on all GLGE (gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment) small engines and align with standards comparable to emission limits established for all internal combustion automobiles sold in America.

Dredging

- Calls for the regulation of dredging effluents quality and "Beneficial Use" of dredge spoils, including:
 1. open waters disposals shall be formulated to address the resuspension and dispersal of contained pollutants within the dredge material,
 2. water effluent and dredge spoils shall be tested according to local, state, and federal regulations to assure all lands and waterways are protected from degradation,
 3. the establishment of a baseline of the current state of pollutants on adjacent land or waterways,
 4. requirement that any and all claims of "beneficial uses" of dredged spoil shall be supported by peer reviewed studies that clearly document such claims of social or environmental benefits from the proposed disposal practice are real, sustainable and significant; unsupported claims of such benefits shall not justify issuance of permits, variances or exceptions to applicable water quality standards,
 5. containment areas utilized for dredge spoils runoff shall be monitored and regulated as point source.

Membership Committee Report

Scott Harmon, Membership Secretary
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As of May 22nd, membership stands at 740 total Members: 407 Individuals, 246 Family, 2 Students, 1 Youth, 72 Retired, and 12 Associates. Our membership numbers have been reduced after a reconciliation of our records, national's database records, and our PayPal and check payment spread sheets. If you have not gotten a membership card, reach out to me so that we can resolve the issue.

During the 2025 renewal period starting in September, a work fee will be added to those that have not volunteered 6 hours of time during the year. Mandatory range duty days do not count for worked hours. Working for the ranges outside of your range duty days does. A volunteer card will be sent out with renewal this year.

Work hours are easy to record. Just click or copy and paste the link below to record your hours.

<https://bcciwla.org/log-your-hours/>

As a member, 6 volunteer work hours are required every year as provide by our chapter by-laws. You can opt out or working these hours by paying a \$50 work fee at renewal. Due to inflation, this fee may rise for the 2025 renewal year.

Cost of Monthly Dinner

Due to the increased cost of food, the price for a dinner at our monthly meetings has increased from \$10 to \$15. The new cost went into effect at the May Dinner Meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JUNE

Saturday, June 1	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	6:00am – 9:00pm
Thursday, June 6	Cub Scout Pack 694 Crossover	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday, June 8	Swap Meet and Silent Auction	8:00am Setup; 9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, June 8	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	6:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, June 12	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – Dark
Saturday, June 15	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, June 19	1,064th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, June 22	New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am
Monday, June 24	BSA Seneca District – Week Long Summer Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, June 25	BSA Seneca District – Week Long Summer Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 26	BSA Seneca District – Week Long Summer Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, June 27	BSA Seneca District – Week Long Summer Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 28	BSA Seneca District – Week Long Summer Day Camp	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 28	Articles for July Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Sunday, June 30	Heritage Day – activities and exhibits at the Chapter	12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 30	Archery is for Everyone (part of Heritage Day)	12:00 noon – 2:00pm

JULY

Thursday, July 4	License Free Fishing Day in Maryland (dnr.maryland.gov)	6:00am – 9:00pm
Wednesday, July 10	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – Dusk
Saturday, July 13	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, July 17	1,065th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, July 20	New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour	10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday, July 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, July 26	Articles for August Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day

AUGUST

Thursday, August 1	MD Hunting License Year Begins	5:00am
Wednesday, August 7	Apollo Archery – Archery Range	6:00pm – Dusk
Saturday, August 17	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 12:00 noon
Saturday, August 17	New and Prospective Members Orientation /tour	10:00am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, August 21	1,066th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner starts 6:15pm Meeting starts 7:30pm
Saturday, August 24	BSA Potomac District – Summer Cub Scout Day	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 28	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, August 30	Articles or August Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, August 31	Woodman's Private Event	10:00am – 6:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 2	Opening Day Dove Shoot	12:00 noon – 5:00pm
Monday, September 2	Opening Day Cook Out	5:00pm
Wednesday, September 4	Apollo Archery at the Archery Range	6:00pm – Dark
Saturday, September 7	Fall Hunter Education Course in the Chapter House – R&P Range closes at 12:30pm	8:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, September 8	Fall Hunter Education Course in the Chapter House – R&P Range closes at 12:30pm	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, September 14	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am – 11:00am
Wednesday, September 18	1,067th Membership Dinner Meeting	Dinner – 6:15pm Meeting – 7:30pm
Saturday, September 21	New and Prospective Members Orientation	10:00am – 11:30pm
Saturday, September 21	Poolesville Day (Chapter will be sponsoring a booth)	10:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, September 27	Articles for October Newsletter due – send articles to j.lamkin@comcast.net	By End of Day
Saturday, September 28	Black Powder Day / Muzzleloader Event	9:00am – 4:30pm

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

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

(Edits in red – to be voted on at the July Membership Meeting)

Article VIII – Initiation Fees, Dues, Charges

Section 3.b. Members who are not exempt and who do not complete the required minimum of six hours of volunteer chapter work must pay an additional yearly fee of ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** to maintain their chapter membership. This fee will be added to the membership dues renewal notice and will become applicable for the following membership year. Members who do not complete their required volunteer work time or do not pay the additional yearly fee will be dropped from the Chapter membership roll. (Adopted September 2006; **Amended on 17 July 2024**).

Article IX – Gifts, Donations, or Contributions

Section 3. Establishment of a Capital Fund (Adopted 15 May 2013, **Amended on 17 July 2024**).

- (i) A Capital fund separately accounted for as the Near-Term Capital Fund and Long-Term Capital Fund shall be established for the purchase, repair, and replacement of capital assets in the near-term and long-term. ~~This~~ **These** funds shall be maintained as a segregated accrual accounts and shall be used exclusively for the purchase, replacement, and repair of capital assets, such as equipment; tangible property used in the operations of the Chapter including devices, machines, tools, and vehicles; as well as buildings, roads, structures, and outdoor shooting ranges' lead reclamation; including costs associated with but not limited to, appraisal fees and installation fees as necessary. **Each item or project funded by either the Near-Term and Long-Term Capital Funds will have a minimum cost of \$2,500 and be added to the balance sheet and depreciated according to standard accounting principles.**
- (ii) The moneys for the Near-Term Capital Fund will be derived directly from and in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the ~~Chapter's Annual Revenues collected.~~ **Membership Revenue (renewal, new, and volunteer hours).** The moneys for the Long-Term Capital Fund will be derived from a \$20.00 dues increase for the Individual Membership Type together with pro-rata adjusted dues increase of all other Membership Types, beginning in the Chapter Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- (iii) The Capital Fund shall be administered by the Advance Planning and Finance Committee (AP&FC).
 - a. The accounts shall be reviewed monthly by the Chapter President and the Advance Planning and Finance Committee. The Chapter Treasurer shall publish detailed and complete reports listing the assets and present value of both the Near-Term Fund and Long-Term Fund at all scheduled meetings.
 - b. A Capital Fund Unfunded Requirements List (UFRL) will be established to prioritize capital expenditures.
 - i. A Point of Contact (POC) will be identified to receive all submissions for consideration under the Capital Fund UFRL. Submissions must be made in writing by either a Committee Chairman or Board Member to the AP&FC justifying the proposed expenditure.
 - ii. The Capital Fund UFRL will be presented by a representative of the AP&FC to the Board of Governors (BOG) for final prioritization/ approval at any board meeting or sooner based on urgency of need.

- iii. The Capital Fund UFRL will be reprioritized as new capital requirements are approved by the BOG.
- (iv) This By-Law establishing the Capital Fund can be modified or terminated in keeping with Article XIV of the current By-Laws. (Adopted 15 May 2013, Amended on 18 August 2021, **Amended on 17 July 2024**)

Apollo Archery Program



The Apollo Archery program provides archery instruction and experiences for current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their families. Check out program details here: <https://bcciwla.org/apollo-archery/>

As in prior years, we will host Apollo Archery sessions on the first Wednesday of each month through October (please note date change for July session). We will start at 6:00pm and finish at dark.

July 10 (note date change from July 3); August 7; September 4; October 2

- ◆ 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.

Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth

Steve Poss
bandsposs@gmail.com



We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 9, 2024 and runs through August 17, 2024. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

Archery Committee Report

Jack Mandel, jmandel@design@gmail.com
Marc Bouchard, combat750@gmail.com
To receive regular updates, email Jack or Marc to get on the mailing list:

TARGET RANGE

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

3-D COURSE SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, June 16 (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Saturday & Sunday, June 29 & 30 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm each day)

Sunday, July 7 (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Sunday, July 14 (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28 (9:00am – 1:00pm each day)

Saturday, August 10 (9:00am – 1:00pm)

APOLLO ARCHERY

Chuck Thornton and John Gorney have launched the Apollo Archery program this season. The remaining Apollo Archery scheduled dates for the season are:

July 10; August 7; September 4; October 2

They are also listed on the Archery page of the website and Chapter calendar.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Deborah Behrend and Dave Drazen are continuing the 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.

R&P Range Open

The Rifle & Pistol Range will be open on the evening of the monthly dinner meetings from 4:00pm to 6:00pm for members and guests.

Chapter Entrances

Members must not block chapter entrances (main gate and cattle gates) along Izaak Walton Way and West Willard Road. Emergency vehicles and farm equipment must have access at all times.

Trout Fishing at the Small Pond

There are still trout in the small pond. The limit for trout (catch and keep) at the small pond is five per person per visit. Come on out to the chapter and enjoy a few hours fishing at the small pond.

Questions? Contact John Novak, novakgang4@comcast.net or Pete Wirth, peter_wirth@verizon.net.



Family Campout Update

Andy Wight
Conservation Education Committee Chair

Last month we had perfect weather for the Spring Family Campout. Clear skies and warm weather provided the perfect start for the 30+ campers who took the opportunity to join us in our annual event. As usual, we offered fishing in the small pond under the watchful eye of the Ponds and Stream Committee. At the chapter house, one of our members, Emma Cowan, ran a crafts table where participants had the chance to make bird houses. Outside, we had kite flying, tree climbing, and a rope swing that was put up while our traditional dinner of hot dogs, burgers, cookies, and juice boxes was prepared.



As it got dark, and the stars came out, we played laser tag around the chapter and enjoyed smore's around the campfire. After a good night's sleep, we closed the campout with a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, tater tots, and coffee. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered over the two days including the **Ponds & Stream Committee** and **Emma Cowan** for the arts and crafts.



New and Prospective Members Orientation Tour

Come join us on the B-CC IWLA Orientation Tour. The next tour will take place on **Saturday, June 22, 2024** from 10:00am to approximately 11:30am *if weather permits*.

This event is open to all members (new and old) and those who are interested in membership to the chapter or just curious about what we do.

The guided tour of our property will include an overview of our history and mission, our facilities, the partnerships with local schools and organizations, and a chance to meet and ask questions to current members.

Meet Christine Peterson at the Chapter House. Follow Izaak Walton Way through the gate to the Chapter House parking lot where we will be meeting to start the tour.

Signup for the tour using the signup genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DCAA28A7F8C25-48977796-newmember>

Please make sure you include your email address and cell phone number so that if the tour needs to be canceled due to a change in the weather, Christine will be able to contact you.

Contact Christine – christineakcp@comcast.net or 301 938-9773 (cell) if you have questions.

Wildlife Committee Report

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Maryland DNR has released their results of the 2023 survey of testing deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Of the 1,080 deer sampled, 52 tested positive for CWD, 49 of those were found in the CWD management area (western MD), 2 were found in Montgomery County, and 1 was found in Baltimore County. As a result of this survey, all of Montgomery and Baltimore Counties are now included in the CWD management area. What this mainly means for deer hunters at B-CC, we must follow the same carcass transportation and carcass disposal rules that are in place in western MD. An updated list of approved deer processing sites and carcass disposal sites has not yet been published.

Proper carcass disposal is not yet well defined and is associated with several issues that can continue spread of CWD. Landfill operators are becoming more reluctant to accept carcasses; in Montgomery County it is illegal to put carcasses in the trash. Leaving carcasses in the woods may lead to continued spread of CWD and is not the best option. A unified policy of best practices is not in place, but is being studied and more information on the difficulties can be found at: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/chronic-wasting-disease/tackling-chronic-wasting-disease-qa-codirectors-university-minnesotas-prion>.

On a brighter note, MD DNR (and DNRs from other CWD states) are still saying that with proper precautions, i.e. trimming nervous tissue, venison from positive deer is still safe to consume and that hunters can still enjoy deer hunting outings. Recent research from NIH is suggesting that interspecies transmission is very difficult, at least in studies in test tubes. <https://www.medpagetoday.com/neurology/general-neurology/110192>

Calendar Submissions

Meetings and events that need to be added to the website calendar and newsletter calendar should be sent to 1st Vice President Andy Wight, andywight1@hotmail.com, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Lamkin, j.lamkin@comcast.net.

Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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The safety of our members and their guests at the range is our number one priority and while we are always on watch to make sure the firearms are handled in a safe manner there are some other hazards you need to keep a lookout for. As Dave Mecklenberg pointed out in his lecture about bees last month, our flying friends are very busy collecting nectar for the winter and those soda cans look very enticing. Wasps are also out looking to make new nests, so be on the lookout. If you get stung, we have first aid kits in the range house and there are cold items in the refrigerator that can be used to help with swelling. Let our RO's know if you have an allergy so we can assist with getting you help. Another friend to look out for are the ticks. Use bug spray and check yourself carefully when you get home.

SECOND ANNUAL MILITARY FUN SHOOT

On Saturday May 18th, in honor of Military Appreciation Day we had our second Annual Military Fun Shoot. The weather kept a lot of people away but those that came had a great time shooting a variety of targets for both fun and accuracy. Larry Hess provided poker, 'battleship' and darts targets, and a variety of military firearms to shoot. Afterward everyone had lunch and prizes were awarded to the participants.



PLEASE REMEMBER

- New Fee's: Chapter Members are \$8 and Guests \$10.
- Use of Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI)'s is required.
- Put paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.
- Keep watch on the 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

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| Saturday, June 1 | Summers, D.; Sullivan, A.; Hensley, J.; Stemp, K. |
| Sunday, June 2 | Panashchenko, O.; Wight, A.; Spence, P.; King, B. |
| Saturday, June 8 | Shi, TC.; Duncan, S.; Schmidt, K.; Richards, W. |
| Sunday, June 9 | Crowley, D.; Keenan, J.; Thornton, C.; Carroll, P. |
| Saturday, June 15 | Hammes, P.; Duncan, S.; Richards, W.; Wellman, L. |
| Sunday, June 16 | Rodgers, J.; Panashchenko, O.; Myers, J.; Dady, P. |
| Saturday, June 22 | Carroll, P.; Shi, TC., |
| Sunday, June 23 | Adams, J.; Roth, A. |

2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Restoring Our Great Waters –
Taking Action Today to Secure a Better Future**
Hyatt Regency Chesapeake, Cambridge, Maryland
Sunday July 14 – Wednesday July 17, 2024

CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
June 28, 2024

ROOM RESERVATIONS DEADLINE:
Cut-off Date is June 17, 2024 for reserved rooms.
Afterwards room reservations are based on availability.
Register at iwla.org/convention2024

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, July 14

A travel day. There will be an *Early Bird Social* held in the evening featuring door prizes, raffles and an auction. Finger food provided. Cash Bar.

Monday, July 15

Convention opens. *League Awards Luncheon. Parade of States* social in the evening. Always fun. Each attending state has an open room at which they provide food and drink. You will not go away hungry or thirsty.

Tuesday, July 16

Convention work terminates at close of business day. *Convention Banquet* in the evening.

Wednesday, July 17 – Optional Day

A totally fun day. Tentatively scheduled are deep sea fishing out of Ocean City, Chesapeake Bay fishing, sailing, dining on a paddle boat featuring all-you-can-eat buffet or crabs, sight seeing, etc.

YOUTH CONVENTION:

A program for kids from 8-18 years featuring chaperoned ecology oriented fun activities. The youth may be divided into two or more age groups. Always a great hit with the kids.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

See iwla.org for list of speakers

ROOM RATES:

The convention rate is \$175 per night + taxes. There will be no Resort Fee (which would have been an additional \$40 per day). You can also stay at one of the other neighboring hotels, and still participate in the convention activities.

DELEGATES:

The Chapter is allotted 9 voting delegates. Contact Chapter President Carol Hulce-Efdimis if you wish to attend as a voting delegate.

Archery is for Everyone

Scott Binder
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Want to try archery, but don't know where to start?

Come out on Saturday, June 30, from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm and learn from our certified archery instructors. Program is open to kids (6 year old and up) and adults. Archery has something for everyone. Equipment will be provided, just come ready to learn and have fun!

As part of Heritage Day, **Archery is for Everyone** will be set up outside the Chapter House.

Questions? Contact Scott Binder at binderscott@gmail.com.

Conservation Education Dinner, Awards, and Speaker Update

Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair
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On Saturday, May 25, we held our B-CC IWLA Conservation Education and Awards Dinner. Following on from the success of last year's dinner, we once again combined our traditional CE dinner with our Global Ecology Award ceremony into one event. Over 70 members and guests attended the evening events, which started off with appetizers and a wonderful spaghetti dinner before moving to our awards and guest speaker.

This year the B-CC IWLA gave out four (4) \$500 awards to select Senior students in the Global Ecology Program whose projects were aligned with our mission. The project review was held on Monday, May 20, and the review committee had over 60 projects to review before finalizing on the top 4 projects which covered topics of cover crops, water filtration, power generation, and Varroa Extraction. After the dinner, the winning students stayed by their posters and answered questions from the members and guests.



Our guest speaker, Dr. Luke Macaulay, formally from Texas and now a Wildlife Management Specialist at the University of Maryland Extension, spoke about his career path. From dual degrees in a Great Books program and Spanish, to working for the US Department of Justice, to settling down in Wildlife Management, he shared his career journey, answering questions and giving guidance to the students. His talk, "Enhancing Wildlife Habitats, Strategies across Forests, Farms, Grasslands and Developed Areas" took the audience on a broad journey. From land cover types in Maryland, trophic pyramids and food web to forest lifecycle and succession, he connected wildlife habitats and animal populations to changing environments and conditions. He gave examples of wildlife friendly practices for Forestry, Farming, Grasslands, and Developed areas in a practical and thought-provoking presentation.



Speaker Dr. Luke Macaulay

For anyone wanting to find out more about Luke's work or his monthly seminars, please visit <https://wildlife.umd.edu>.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of our volunteers. A huge thanks to Mark, Frank, Elaine, and Alexandra for the help in preparing and cooking food, setting up the Chapter House, and cleaning afterwards.

Black Powder Day / Muzzleloader Event 2024

Muzzleloading enthusiasts and the newly interested are invited to come for the annual Black Powder Clinic and Shooting Match on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Did you receive a blackpowder firearm as a gift or inherited one and don't know what to do with it? Are you ready to test your skills against others in the afternoon shooting match and compete for prizes? Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity for knowledgeable instruction, loads of fun, and the unique smell of blackpowder smoke!

Participants will meet at the Rifle & Pistol Range at 9:00am. Inline, percussion, or flintlock shooters are all welcome. There will be instruction time for new muzzleloader shooters to develop a workable shooting load, for "veterans" and more experienced shooters to sight-in their guns, and for all to practice shooting.



Bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark Gochnour know in your email that you would like to try one out so he can arrange for a loaner. If you are new to shooting a muzzleloader, a veteran shooter will be assigned to work with you. (Mark is a certified NRA/NMLRA Blackpowder Instructor.) If you have never fired a black powder gun or you have one you have never used or are having issues with one you have forgotten about in the gun safe, come for the morning but stay for the afternoon shooting match!

Match participants will be provided opportunities to shoot at some unusual novelty targets again this year, including – The Flopping Plate. Targets will be shot at a variety of ranges from up close and out to 100 yards with prizes awarded to individual shooters. An overall Grand Prize could be a frozen turkey or ham. A donation from a generous member who moved will enable some unique prizes to be awarded.

Lunch will be served in the Chapter House around noon with the shooting competition beginning at 1:00pm.

Only muzzleloader shooting participants will be allowed to use the Range during the event. Upon its conclusion, Range Officers and their guests may shoot until shooting time expires.

Contact Mark Gochnour at mgdonutman@gmail.com for further details or questions. It is important to contact him; especially if you are bringing a new gun because you may need extra equipment or gear that you were unaware of and their lack could sabotage your experience.

Members and their guests may register using the following link:

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

A small fee will be charged to cover lunch and the event. Any applicable R&P range fees are extra.

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

ATTENTION New Members!
The next Chapter House cleanup will be on:
Saturday, June 15
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.

Questions? Contact John Lamb – jpatricklamb@aol.com



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

If you would like an event to be posted on Facebook, contact Andy Wight at ConservationEd.BCC.IWLA@gmail.com

PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER
Thursday, May 2, 2024



Back Row

Left to right: Dick Hanna, Walt Allensworth, Bob Pavlick, Byron Ricketts, Scott Harmon, Jack MacGregor, Pat Tarquinio, Jeff Seaman

Second Row

Left to right: George Coakley, Bill Gordon, Ron Marchessault, Carol Hulce-Efdimis, Butch Mezick, Larry Anderson, John Lamb, Frank Parker, Kenny Northup

Third Row Seated

Left to right: Ted Whitehouse, Jim O'Connell, Frank Och



Past President Walt Allensworth receives the Presidents Award from President Carol Hulce-Efdimis.



Many thanks to the kitchen crew that provided a scrumptious meal.



HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE CHAPTER

Sunday, June 30

12:00 noon – 4:00pm

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

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. Enjoy family activities such as fishing, archeology, colonial living, archery, air pistols, bird watching, wildlife and insect displays, in addition to a picnic lunch and soft drinks.

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 from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on Sunday, June 30th (Rain or Shine).

Have time to volunteer? We always need volunteers. Please sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA28A7F8C25-48781299-2024>



Photos from some of last year's activities.