## **Fishing Rules**

The B-CC ponds and streams are managed to provide fishing and aesthetic satisfaction for chapter members and their escorted guests. As determined by contractor studies, the ponds are stocked with bass, bluegill, and forage fish species and, unless otherwise stated, all fishing at the small pond, big pond and streams are catch and release only. The management of the ponds and streams is the responsibility of the Ponds and Streams Committee.

- 1. No animals or plants are to be placed in the ponds without approval of the Ponds and Streams Committee Chair and with the concurrence of the B-CC Wildlife Committee Chair.
- 2. No chemical control treatment may be carried out in B-CC ponds and streams without written approval of the ponds and streams Chair and with the concurrence of the B-CC Farm Committee Chair and informing the B-CC Board of Governors.
- 3. Boats, canoes, rafts, or other watercraft or floating devices may not be used on the ponds. The boats at both ponds are for the use of the Ponds and Streams Committee for carrying out management projects.
- 4. All trash and garbage, however small, must be taken with you when you leave the pond.
- 5. Only earthworms, blood worms, insects, or similar bait may be used for fishing. Minnows and live fish are not to be used for bait. Plugs, spinners, and artificial flies are permitted. Digging for worms or other bait is not permitted around the pond. Stones and logs may be turned over to search for live bait, but must be replaced to their original position after being disturbed
- 6. All rules and regulations pertaining to fishing established by the state of Maryland must be observed. All persons 16 years of age and older must possess and have on their person while fishing a valid Maryland fishing license.
- 7. All bass and bluegill are to be returned to the water alive and in good condition. Any bullhead catfish caught should not be returned to the water.
- 8. Always check the bulletin board at the big pond, at the beginning of the nature trail, and at the B-CC Chapter House for any current changes in the above regulations.
- 9. Retriever training is permitted and governed by the current Maryland State Rules and Regulations and any additional B-CC Chapter restrictions.
- 10. Cars or other vehicles may be driven to the big pond only for management work by the Ponds and Stream Committee.
- 11. No Swimming is allowed in either pond

- 12. No camping at either pond without approval from P&S Chair and BOG
- 13. No Ice skating on either pond