



SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

Welcome to September!

The month where the temperature starts to cool down, kids go back to school, hunting season begins, and a new administrative year at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter is being undertaken.

As a chapter, we accomplished a lot this past year and as we move into this coming year, there are plans to accomplish even more. I want to say thank you to all of those members and Committee Chairs who gave their time this year. Now is a great time to see where your skills and aptitude can be used. Contact our committee chairs in an area of interest and find a way to get involved. There is a list on our chapter's website.

As a gentle reminder, it is hunting season. So as you venture out to enjoy the property, be mindful of that fact and wear orange or bright colors on yourself and your dogs.

As the new President of our chapter, it will be my sincere pleasure to serve you and the Chapter as President this year.

2017 Membership Renewals

Lynn Adams, Membership Secretary
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Membership renewals will be sent out by mid-September. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2016 or a late fee of 1/4 of your annual Chapter dues payment will be added to your annual dues (see Article VIII, section 4(a) of the Chapter By-Laws). An information form will be included for you to fill out with updated information and needs to be returned with your payment.

For probationary members: If you have completed your 16 work hours, please send your paperwork to me via email or the post office. If you are unsure of when your probationary period ends or how many hours you have accumulated, contact me. Any probationary member whose probationary period ended in 2016 that has not completed their work hours will be dropped from the membership. If you would like to reapply for membership, you will need to go through the acceptance process again (see Article III, section 2.b of the Chapter By-Laws).

For regular members: If you have completed your 6 work hours, send in your paperwork to me when you send in your dues. If you have not completed your 6 work hours by December 31, you are subject to a \$50 work fee that is added to your dues.

These hours can be sent to me by email (listed above) or by mail at the address below:

Our mailing address is:
B-CC IWLA
P.O. Box 542
Poolesville, MD 20837

Save the Date!

Fall Chapter Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 1

Meet at the Chapter House

at 8:30am.

Lunch will be provided.

DINNER MEETING

The 970th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 21** at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Pitt Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Ice Tea, and Dessert.**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the **B-CC IWLA Chapter House on Wednesday, September 28** at 7:30pm. **Board members are expected to attend.**

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

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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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Summary of the August 2016 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

Jack Mandel, Recording Secretary

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August 17, 2016 Dinner Meeting

- The 969th consecutive dinner meeting was called to order by President Scott Harmon at 7:30pm.
- A motion to ratify the slate for the incoming Board of Governors was made; Jack Mandel for the position of 2nd VP (as Ron Marchessault is unable to serve this fall) and Tucker Mostrom for the position of Recording Secretary (to serve in Jack's place); the changes were approved by vote.
- Incoming officers were officially sworn in.
- Prospective members introduced themselves.
- Lynn Adams gave the membership report and led the induction of 10 new members.
- No speaker was invited, as Scott conducted an awards ceremony.
 - Butch Mezick was the recipient of the Gorman Fry Conservation Award
 - National gave our chapter the Defenders Achievement Award
 - Thanks to the contributions of many and the hard work of Janet and Tom Lamkin, our chapter has won the Best Newsletter Award
 - We won the James Lawton Childs Award for our outstanding conservation outreach programs
 - The Judge John W. Tobin Award was given to Deborah Behrend for her dedication to the 4-H Archery Club
 - Butch Mezick received the National Conservation Award
 - The Presidents Award was given by Scott to past president Joe Snider for his continued devotion to B-CC
- Ron Marchessault gave the Treasurer's Report.
- John Novak says we are on track to having the Small Pond filled by spring.
- Don Perino would love to get some volunteer support for planting wildflowers behind the log cabin.
- John Lamb reports that the Hunter Safety class is scheduled for September 10-11; online enrollment is open now.
- George Coakley reports that Poolesville High School is ranked 32 in the entire nation; we can take pride in our contribution to their success.
- Don Perino announced the discovery of a "pointed stone" found on the farm that has been determined to be an ancient projectile tip. Age: 5,000 - 6,500 years old. We are not the first people to hunt these grounds!
- Don Perino will host a Creek Walk on Saturday, August 27 at 9:00am.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

August 24, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting

- Scott Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Other chapter officers present were Carol Efdimis (1st VP), Jim Tate (2nd VP), Tom Lamkin (Corresponding Secretary), Lynn Adams (Membership Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Art Duffy, Aaron Smith, Jeff Seaman, and Tom Shiner.
- Other members present included Bill Gordon, Jack MacGregor, Butch Mezick, Tucker Mostrom, John Novak, Frank Parker, Bob Pavlick, Lin Tate, Bill Thelemann, and Frances Wright.

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SUMMARY

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- Ron Marshessault gave the Treasurer's Report: Operating Account – \$22,789.98, Management Reserve – \$23,235.00, Land Fund – \$3,634.04, Capital Fund – \$14,329.75.
- Lynn Adams gave the Membership Report: 583 Individual, 356 Family, 13 Associate, 2 Youth, 19 Student, and 77 Retired.
- Aaron Smith reports that lightning damaged the computer that controls the security entrance system at the Chapter House, but it will be up and running soon.
- John Novak says he is in discussions with a pond maintenance company to control unwanted vegetation in both ponds.
- John Lamb says that we now have many prospective Eagle Scouts in search of projects to do on the farm; please let John know if there is an area in which the scouts might be used.
- A handicapped accessible toilet has been requested for the shotgun range.
- The Christmas Party is scheduled for the second Saturday in December.
- Tom Lamkin mentioned the appointment of Andy Wright to head the Conservation Committee.
- Tom Shiner says that progress is being made in a long-term strategic plan for the Chapter.

MOTIONS

- To approve \$2,612.17 from the Operating Account to cover overages in 7 areas from the past year – passed
- To approve the Solitude plan to manage vegetation in the Big Pond in the amount of \$4,308.00 – passed
- To approve increasing the allotment of money towards the purchase of a aerator for the Small Pond from \$1,300 to \$2,000 – passed
- To approve the Solitude plan for the Small Pond in the amount of \$1,042.00 – passed
- To approve funds from Management Reserve to cover overages in Membership Administration for up to \$650.00 – passed
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Archery Report

Walt Allensworth

We had a great spring and summer archery season this year with lots of fun shoots, wild game lunches, and a couple of impromptu crab-feast dinners! The 3D range is now closed for the season. 3D shoots will start back up in the spring. There are still target bags at the range at 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards for B-CC IWLA member use. Please do not shoot broadheads at the target bags because this will quickly destroy them. Field points and target only please!

DINNER MEETING SPEAKER



Lynn Sheldon, coordinator for the local Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH), will be the speaker at our September meeting. Lynn will give a presentation on the program and discuss how B-CC IWLA members can participate.

Small Pond Update

Frank Parker, Ponds & Streams Committee
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You all may have noticed that the earth moving project around the small pond and its drainage field has been completed. This begs the question; What will happen next?

First, the structure built to keep debris from blocking the drain is nearly complete and needs to be finished. Secondly, the wooden pallets you currently see in the pond basin are going to be formed into triangular shaped structures and permanently fixed and weighted down at various places in the pond basin. These structures will serve as habitat for fish once the pond is filled. Speaking of filling the pond, when will that take place? As soon as the habitats are complete!

By the way, fish cannot be placed into the pond immediately after it is filled because the water will need to reach a certain chemical balance and the aerator pump needs to be replaced.

Although some work was accomplished in late July, the Ponds and Streams committee did not work in August due to the hot weather. However, a work party is scheduled for September. If we are able to complete the necessary items, the valve will be closed and the ground seepages and rain will begin the process of filling the pond. It is interesting to note that there are approximately 4 areas where water seeps from underground into the pond basin. These sources and rainwater keep the pond filled. Once the pond is filled, a contractor will perform a treatment of the water to kill off all remaining seeds and seedlings of the lily pads that overwhelmed the pond in recent years. The chemicals that will be used have a short "half-life" and will decompose and not endanger aqua-life placed in the pond at later time.

A decision on the species of fish that will be introduced into the pond has not been made. The Chapter is fortunate to have a fishery biologist, John Novak to help guide us in that respect. Members need to be aware that the introduction of fish into the pond needs to be done carefully. No fish should be introduced without coordinating with the co-chairmen of the Ponds and Streams committee, John Novak and Rob Parker.

With regard to time frames, the committee is considering a youth fishing derby in the spring if all of the above proceeds as planned. Such an event would require the stocking of a species such as adult sunfish. Other species will also be considered.

If you're interested in participating with the Ponds and Streams committee on the upcoming work, keep an eye out on the web site calendar for the date and time.

Chapter Events Committee

Tucker Mostrom, B-CC IWLA Event Committee Chair
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Members who want to get more involved, or who need work hours, and for whom inside work is preferable: the chapter Events Committee needs your help!

Between next Thursday and next Spring, we have (in this order) the Opening Day Dove Cookout, Fall Cleanup Day, the chapter Christmas Party, the Conservation Education Dinner, and the Wild Game Dinner to plan for and execute. We need set-up help, kitchen help, serving help, and cleanup help. Get your whole family involved! Contact us to volunteer!

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
SEPTEMBER		
Thursday, September 1	Opening Day – Dove Hunting	12:00noon – 5:00pm
Thursday, September 1	Opening Day Picnic	5:30pm
Monday, September 5	MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday, September 6	Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Thursday, September 8	Montgomery County Soil Conservation Annual Picnic	5:00pm
Saturday, September 10	Hunter Safety/Education Class	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, September 11	Hunter Safety/Education Class	8:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, September 12	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 13	Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Thursday, September 15	Cub Scout Troop 694	7:00pm
Sunday, September 18	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am
Sunday, September 18	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm (final sign up 1:00pm)
Monday, September 19	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 20	Sporting Clays	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, September 21	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, September 26	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 27	Sporting Clays Finale	3:00pm – dusk
Wednesday, September 28	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00pm
OCTOBER		
Saturday, October 1	Chapter Fall Cleanup	8:30am
Monday, October 3	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, October 7	Rural Republican Women's Night in the Country – set up	1:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, October 8	Rural Republican Women's Night in the Country	All Day
Saturday, October 8	Adopt-A-Road – meet at the Chapter House	8:30am
Monday, October 10	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Monday, October 17	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Thursday, October 20	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00pm
Sunday, October 23	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm (final sign up 1:00pm)
Monday, October 24	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30pm
Monday, October 31	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
NOVEMBER		
Monday, November 7	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Sunday, November 13	Chapter House Cleanup	9:00am
Monday, November 14	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 16	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 16	Board of Governors Meeting	Immediately Following the Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 17	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00pm
Sunday, November 20	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm (final sign up 1:00pm)
Monday, November 21	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday, November 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Monday, November 28	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm

The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.
Check the online www.bcciwl.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the October 2016 newsletter **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.**

Centrarchidae

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee
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Centrarchidae, the sunfish family of 30 species in North America, is composed of a diverse group of warmwater fishes well known to freshwater anglers - kids and adults alike. There are sixteen sunfish reported to occur in Maryland freshwaters. This family includes the popular bluegill, crappie (black and white), and black basses (largemouth and smallmouth). In addition to these species, the redear sunfish, pumpkinseed, warmouth, rock bass or redeye, mud sunfish, flier, bluespotted sunfish, banded sunfish, redbreast sunfish, green sunfish, and longear sunfish are found in Maryland freshwaters. No members of the sunfish family occur in marine waters, however, redbreast sunfish, largemouth bass and pumpkinseed may at times be found in brackish waters. Largemouth bass is the largest member of the sunfish family and may reach a length of 35 inches while the smallest member is the banded sunfish at 1.3 to 2.8 inches.

Some species of the sunfish family found in the Potomac River drainage in Maryland are not known to be native to this area. These species include the largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white crappie, rock bass, bluegill, longear sunfish, and redear sunfish. Most sunfish species were originally described by early naturalists in the 1700's and the 1800's in the Mississippi River and St. Lawrence River drainages. Today sunfish species occur in ponds, lakes, reservoirs and streams because they have been stocked throughout the U.S. by individuals and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies. The most common species stocked in impoundments are largemouth bass and bluegill. Typically, stocking of bluegill and largemouth occurs at a ratio of one largemouth bass for every 10 bluegills per acre of water. Sunfish species are highly adaptable to impoundment environments and thrive quite well with adequate food sources and water quality (especially pH, temperature, and dissolved oxygen) that is conducive to their survival. Sunfish may tolerate a low pH of 4, but the normal range for good survival is pH 6.5-8.5. Suitable dissolved oxygen concentrations should not fall consistently below 5.0 milligrams per liter, however, dissolved oxygen as low as 2.0 milligrams may be tolerated for short periods of time. Water temperatures reaching the mid 80's F are tolerated by most sunfish.

Sunfish feed on a variety of food organisms. These prey items include terrestrial and aquatic insects, crustaceans (cray-

fish), worms, molluscs (clams and snails), and fish. Mouth size is a determining factor in prey selection and hunger likely plays a role. The largemouth bass, an opportunistic feeder preys heavily on fish and can take a range of sizes given its large mouth; it may also prey on frogs, snakes and even small ducklings. Many of the lures used to catch largemouth bass imitate fish, frogs, and worms. There is an almost endless array of lures designed to attract and catch largemouth bass. One only needs to go to Bass Pro Shops to see the numerous shelves of bass lures. On the other hand, fishing for bluegills is relatively easy and simple; one only needs a cane pole, plastic bobber, and earthworm. However, at times large bluegills may also strike a lure intended for largemouth bass.

Sunfish are nest builders. They spawn in shallow circular cavities constructed along the shoreline of streams, ponds and lakes. The male digs the nest cavity in gravel or suitable substrate by fanning with the tail to remove silt and debris. Spawning for most sunfish occurs during spring to early/mid summer. The male guards the nest after spawning occurs and only leaves to chase away predators or other fish. During the period of guarding the nest, the male is vulnerable to capture as they tend to remove any foreign objects such as lures that land or come near the nest. Bass fishermen are well aware of this characteristic of largemouth bass. The female largemouth bass leaves the nest area after spawning and may spawn again at other nest sites.

In summary, sunfish are a diverse and a highly adaptable family of warmwater fish providing a wide variety of angling opportunities in Maryland freshwaters. These colorful and obliging fish can be found just about anywhere there is suitable habitat. So grab your fishing gear and head to the big pond, a state impoundment or the nearby Potomac River for some light tackle action.

Sources of information used in this report:

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2016 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 (written out to B-CC IWLA) to Lynn Adams, B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 3 **Zoulis, A.**, Kendall, R.
Sunday, Sept. 4 **Reilly, J.**, Raredon, G., Gregorio, R.,
Dickerson, C.
Saturday, Sept. 10 **Eschholz, S.**, Latimer, R., Hess, D.,
Moisan, G.
Sunday, Sept. 11 **Novak, J.**, Riccio, R., Ives, S.,
Brockman, M.
Saturday, Sept. 17 **King, D.**, Haake, T., Ryea, K., Terrell, J.
Sunday, Sept. 18 **Haake, T.**, King, D., Mense, M.,
Gergorio, R.
Saturday, Sept. 24 **King, B.**, Raredon, G., Greenberg, R.,
Lan, K.
Sunday, Sept. 25 **Midberry, K.**, Reilly, J., Novak, J.,
Lowe, C.

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 1 **Myers, D.**, Welch, J., Griffin, J., Buh, L.,
Bush, L.
Sunday, Oct. 2 **Terrell, J.**, Bissett, R., Smith, E., Finley, F.,
Sy, K.
Saturday, Oct. 8 **Mense, M.**, McKenney, D., Sigalas, G.,
Finnegan, J.
Sunday, Oct. 9 **Abbott, R.**, McKenney, D., Sigalas, G.,
Boynton, D.
Saturday, Oct. 15 **Jones, R.**, Antolli, P., Princiotto, M.,
Smelson, D.
Sunday, Oct. 16 **Sanfuentes, J.**, Urgo, C., Riccio, R.,
Ives, S.
Saturday, Oct. 22 **Solis, J.**
Sunday, Oct. 23 **McUlksy, A.**, Smith, E., Wetcher, B., Sy, K.
Saturday, Oct. 29 **Murry, J.**, Elkins, B., Myers, D., Welch, J.
Sunday, Oct. 30 **Brower, P.**, McUlksy, A., Pedersen, P.,
Howard, B.

Preventing injuries and deaths, crop damage, and ecological ruin with a citizen-driven program—

Poolesville, Maryland, September 1, 2016 – At a time when governments are in turmoil around the world, a local citizen-driven program of self-help continues to provide tons of much needed protein for the hungry and marginalized among us.



Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry links farmers and hunters who harvest and donate deer with approved meat processors. Donated funds cover the cost of meat processing. The meat is then distributed to feeding programs to address the needs of homeless and other marginalized populations. This citizen-

driven program is needed because the Whitetail Deer population exceeds its carrying capacity in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

Without natural predators and with favorable urban habitat, deer populations have grown out of control. In Rock Creek Park in the District, for example, there were no reported sightings of deer before 1960. Yet by the early 1990s their

population had reached nearly one hundred per square mile and the National Park Service stopped taking data. The vegetation in the park has been devastated along with the ground nesting birds that depend on vegetative cover.

Besides ecological damage, deer overpopulation is costly and dangerous. An analysis of car insurance claims finds that Maryland is among the states with the highest risk of car-deer collisions. Deer cause millions of dollars of damage, numerous injuries and even deaths. Deer help spread the ticks that carry the dangerous Lyme disease that affects many people and pets. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the United States. However, Lyme disease does not occur nationwide, but is heavily concentrated in the Northeast and upper Midwest.

In the fall of 2009, Jim Tate and Ann Nix received a grant from the St. Alban's Episcopal Parish for the processing and delivery of meat to food recycling and meal distribution programs in the District of Columbia. For several years, with the financial help of the Workers of St. Alban's and other generous contributors, the program delivered two and one-half tons of meat to the needy in the Nation's Capital—annually.

The FHFH program in DC and Montgomery County will continue this fall with a new local chapter coordinator and some remarkable local partnerships. **Lynn Sheldon**, a resident of the District of Columbia and a bow hunter has taken over as coordinator for the local chapter of FHFH. Members of the **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America** will continue to have the option of donating harvested deer in excess of their own family's needs to FHFH. And, **Montgomery County** recently awarded a grant to **Willard Farm, LLC** in Poolesville to support operation of the existing cold storage unit, transportation to **KS Kuts Farm Services** in Damascus for meat processing and distribution by FHFH.

When asked about goals for 2016-2017 hunting season, FHFH Coordinator Lynn Sheldon said, "Building on existing partnerships, obtaining local cold storage space, and getting processing dollars to revive and expand this successful, citizen-supported self-help program will provide food assistance to those most in need in our community." Each of us can support this by donating deer as often as possible; if you don't hunt, your financial contribution will help offset processing fees and be greatly appreciated. For more details, come on out to the Izaak Walton Chapter on West Willard Way for the September 21 dinner meeting and discussion of the FHFH program.

Contact: Lynn Sheldon, Chapter Coordinator MD-09: District of Columbia and Montgomery County at 6001 33rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20015 or 202 288-1665 cell and text, sheldonstraus@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Road Program

Interested members are invited to participate in the chapter's Adopt-A-Road program. Join our team on the scheduled dates below. Bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available for those who participate.

Questions concerning the upcoming road cleanups can be directed to John Robinson, 301 641-1188.

SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Location
Saturday, October 8	8:30am	Chapter House
Saturday, December 10	8:30am	Chapter House



SPORTING CLAYS FUN LEAGUE 2016

Frederick County Fish & Game
Pt. of Rocks, MD
Contact: John Ortaldo – 301-695-8322

Shoot Dates

September 11 ♦ October 9
November 6 ♦ December 4
9:00am until 1:00pm (final signup)



Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League
Poolesville, MD

Contact: Warner Parks – 240-620-6942

Shoot Dates

September 18 ♦ October 23
November 20 ♦ December 18
9:00am until 1:00pm (final signup)



League Details

League will consist of 8 shoots held at 2 different clubs. Each shoot will be 50 Targets.

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Load Limit: 12 Gauge 1-1/8 oz. – 3 Dram Equiv. 7-1/2

Optional Lewis (\$5) Purse [2 places/(60-40%)]

Lucky Draw \$ Game

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4 Mark Ziner
Sunday, September 11 Keith Funger, Hugh Kaplen
Sunday, September 18 Paul Antolli – **Winter League**
Sunday, September 25 Andy Latos, Mort Tabman

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, October 2 Mark Wildman, **Need 2nd RO**
Sunday, October 9 Tim Jorgensen, John Novack
Sunday, October 16 Need Range Officers
Sunday, October 23 Dave Hill, Ed Kavangh –
Winter League
Sunday, October 30 John Frick, **Need 2nd RO**

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday's 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesday's 3:00pm until Dusk Sporting Clays Only

B-CC IWLA Eagle Junior Rifle Club Report

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We've finished an unusual but still wonderful season training great kids and adults. In our Final Shoot competition on July 2, Ryan Hunter won with a Score of 125 followed by Michael Tuico with a score of 102 and Nate Tuico with a score of 100.

However, our biggest cheers this year go to one of our few Expert Qualification winners, Rebecca Padrusch. With her amazing raw shooting talent, guts and determination, she achieved this honorable qualification in just over one year. Normally, it takes most of our shooters who stick it out at least several seasons to achieve this level. We bid Rebecca farewell as she has now moved on to the Damascus Rifle Club where she and several of its members have been shooting at the Junior Olympic level. Congratulations Rebecca!

Due to reasons beyond our control, we are no longer hosting our activities at the Landon School Frank Parsons Indoor Range as we have been since 1977. We now shoot official 50 yard targets outdoors exclusively at the B-CC IWLA Rifle and Pistol Range. We're hoping to recruit additional shooters to join us at our new location. If you are 11 years old or older (over the years, some of our "kids" have been retired adults), are responsible and would like to learn to shoot .22 caliber rifles safely and accurately, please give me a call or send me an email for more information.

Tax Tip

George Coakley
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Congress made permanent the provision that allows contributions to tax exempt organizations from an IRA required annual distribution to be excluded from income. This means that if you have an IRA account and you're over 70.5 years old, you can have your account manager (i.e. broker) send whatever portion of your distribution you desire to one or more tax exempt organizations and not have to include it as income for tax purposes. It does however count toward your distribution amount. So, if you would like to make a donation to the B-CC IWLA Chapter or Land Fund, IWLA National, your place of worship, or any other charity of your choice you need to give your account manager the Name(s), Address(es), and Taxpayer Identification Number(s) of the organization(s). The check(s) will be sent directly to your designated organization(s). If you haven't taken your distribution yet this year you can do it in 2016. If you have, keep it in mind for next year and beyond.

Shotgun Range Report

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Attention all range officers – remember that if any trap is not working correctly please turn it off and do not use it. Please do not attempt to repair it. Please notify me. No one except Joel and myself are to repair the traps.

There are days open in September through December.

The sporting clays winter league will be starting in September. Anyone wanting to shoot trap and skeet on those days please remember that there will be no trap or skeet until the last squad has shot.

Please remember to stand to the side when cocking all arms. THE TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm.

Please refill and restock the skeet houses and uncock all machines when done shooting. Additional targets are stored in the container next to the parking lot, the trailer under the tower, and the low skeet house on the left field.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. Keep the range clean and restocked for the next range officer and shooters.

All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let Joel or me know ASAP.



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Mags for Vets

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It's not too early to start saving and putting together your magazines, books and other types of media for our December donation and pickup for our veterans in Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Items to Donate:

1. Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, sports of all types, etc.
2. CDs: any and all types of music, including 'books on tape'
3. DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
4. Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery:

1. All items **must** be clean and current – no magazines over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements
2. All items **must** be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each
3. All items **must not** be dropped off prior to the designated time and location

We'll send you the exact date in December for your donations in an upcoming newsletter as soon as we have a scheduled date from the hospital.

The vets appreciate our efforts and the variety of media we bring for them to enjoy while recuperating. Thanks IKES and as always call me if you have any questions or comments.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the August 17 Dinner Meeting:

- Chris Bogdan** 301 674-4149
Interests: Archery, Farm, Rifle & Pistol
- Orhan Caylak** 202 560-1009
Interests: Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management
- Sameh Komeha** 202 431-7002
Interests: Family Picnic, Photography, Rifle & Pistol
- Kevin McDermott** 301 320-4295
Family: Kathleen, Colin, Luke, Liam
Interests: Archery, Family Picnic, Shooting Sports
- Bert Pena** 202 249-0042
Interests: Archery, Legislative, Shooting Sports
- Ed Rattie** 301 349-3584
Interests: Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports
- Jeff Rommel** 301 229-1043
Family: Kristen, Ashley, Katelyn, Courtney, Justin
Interests: Archery, Farm, Hunter Safety, Ponds & Streams, Star Gazing
- Christopher Spence** 410 350-6353
Interests: Archery, Ponds & Streams, Rifle & Pistol, Wildlife Management
- Jonathan Tomares** 301 407-2230
Family: Katherine,
Interests: Building & Facility, Family Picnic, Shooting Sports
- Tyler Wellman** 301 601-5671
Interests: Archery, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports