



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

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President's Message

Our membership renewals have gone out so you should be receiving them soon. Every one of our members has been documented with a renewal slip and in our database so if you have not received one by the end of the month, please contact our Membership Secretary. There are still plenty of opportunities to get in your volunteer hours so if you are in need, contact me and I will be glad to help you.

On September 8, our chapter had the pleasure of hosting the Montgomery Soil Conservation District annual picnic. We were able to showcase a condensed version of who we are as a conservation farm and what we offer our members.

On Saturday, October 15, our Conservation Education Chairman, Andy Wight will be hosting a Fall Family Campout. This will include dinner on Saturday night, an evening activity, bonfire and breakfast Sunday morning. With the moon being full, it will be a great night outside around the bonfire.

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.

I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy the cool fall nights that are coming in along with the color-changing season of the leaves.

Carol Hulce-Efdimis

By the time you get this, membership renewal bills will have been sent out. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2016, or a late fee of one-quarter of your annual chapter dues payment will be added to your annual dues. (See Article VIII, section 4(a) of the Chapter By-Laws). Please remember that once you send your payment into the chapter, it must be processed and sent on to National. Then National will issue new membership cards which will be sent back to the chapter. Then the chapter will process the new cards, adding your 2017 auto decals and sending them on to you. So, if you want your cards for the beginning of 2017, please do not wait until the end of the year to send in your payment. Thank you.

As you will recall from the August newsletter, the National dues were increased at the National Convention in July. This increase will be added into the yearly dues at renewal time. The increase will result in the dues being as follows: Individual \$185, Family \$279, Student \$94, Youth \$37, Retired \$88, and Associate \$77.

An information form is included for you to fill out with updated information and to return with your payment. I would appreciate it if you don't fill out any information that has stayed the same. **Please only include on the form information that has changed.** This saves me a great deal of time.

If you are a probationary member and have received a note on your renewal form indicating I need your hours, but you feel you have completed your 16 hours, please email me right away. I then will check with whomever was the supervising member of whatever project you worked on to accrue your hours.

Any probationary member whose probationary period ends in 2016 who has not completed his/her/their work hours will be dropped from the membership. If you find yourself in this category, check the newsletter for volunteer opportunities in which you may participate right away. You also may check the website, <http://www.bcciwla.org>, and click on the "Volunteer" tab for immediate opportunities to complete your hours. If all this fails, please contact me, and I will try to connect you with folks supervising projects to be done before the end of the year. Remember, you must do one Chapter House cleanup as part of your sixteen hours. So, if you haven't done this, please contact Aaron Smith at asmith@disasterdemonsemg.com or 304 638-4190. Please try to get your hours completed because, if you are dropped and have 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).

If you are a regular, not probationary, member and your renewal included a handwritten change to cover a \$50 fee added to your dues amount, in lieu of your six hours of work, but feel you have completed your work hours, please send in your hours paperwork to me when you send in your dues and adjust your billing amount. These hours also may be sent to me via email.

Membership Report and 2017 Membership Renewals

Lynn Adams, Membership Secretary
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Currently, chapter membership stands at 1,053. We have 586 Individual members, 356 Family members, 13 Associate members, 2 Youth members, 19 Student members, and 77 Retired members. Within our membership, we have 26 Life Members, 3 Life Benefactors, 8 Family Life members, and 1 Family Life Benefactor.

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

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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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We need your Photo's

We're coming to the end of 2016 and what better way to end the year by reflecting on what we've achieved so far.

We want your photos showing life at the IWLA, projects you've done, events you've attended, fun that you've had, for a slide show at the January Conservation Dinner.

If you have any 'PG' rated pictures that you're willing to share, please send them to andywright1@hotmail.com. Please include the date it was taken, the event that you were attending, and any names of people in the picture if you have them.

Chapter House Holiday Decorating

On Saturday, December 3, we will be decorating the Chapter House for the upcoming Holiday Season. We will start at 12:00noon and end when it is completed. We are in need of people to decorate inside and outside.

Mags for Vets

Douglas Smith
301 452-5650

This is the 5th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center. Here's a list of items we may donate and the requirements we've been asked to adhere to in order to make this worthwhile project work.

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. Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order and all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge.
5. Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery:

1. All magazines must be clean and current, not 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 – no boxes or paper bags
3. All items must not be dropped off prior to the designated time and location

Please use good judgment when selecting those items you wish to donate; remember, our veterans are recuperating in the hospital and have been through some pretty horrific situations.

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday, January 8, 2017 (12:00 noon at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Board of Governors meeting room (the room with the fireplace and large picture window overlooking the front porch).

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.

As a reminder...

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

Archeology Report

Don Perino
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The recent drought has exposed the floor of our Spring Box. The Spring Box is the stone building next to our Small Pond. Sometimes it's called the "Spring House". But when the Archeology Committee interviewed Pat Spindle (whose family once farmed the land in our Northeast Woods) she referred to our building as a "Spring Box". Most of us had never heard that term before. Pat explained that buildings like ours were once built on top of springs and used to keep food cold. It was sort of like a refrigerator!

Our spring box is usually flooded, so you can't see the channels along the walls. But, when this building was functioning properly, only those channels would be filled with water. A person could stand on the platform on the left side to retrieve food stored in containers that sat in the cold spring water. Pat told us she remembered putting containers of milk in the spring box at the Offutt Farm (the next farm to our north).

The spring inside our Spring Box is usually quite reliable. It's rare for it to run completely dry like this. In fact, the quality of our spring may be what attracted people to farm this land as early as 1750! Our Spring Box is significant because it's over a hundred years old, and it's part of a group of buildings which provide a view of what life was like here in the past.



SPORTING CLAYS FUN LEAGUE 2016

Frederick County Fish & Game

Pt. of Rocks, MD

Contact: John Ortaldo – 301-695-8322

Shoot Dates: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4
9:00am until 1:00pm (final signup)

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League

Poolesville, MD

Contact: Warner Parks – 240-620-6942

Shoot Dates: Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 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

Adopt-A-Road Program

John Robinson
301 641-1188

The last Adopt-A-Road cleanup in 2016 will be on Saturday, December 10. Members interested in participating should meet at the Chapter House at 8:30am. Bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available for those who participate.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following new members were inducted at the September Dinner Meeting.

Blake Covington 202 316-4337
Interests: Hunter Safety, Rifle and Pistol, Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays

Chris Frazier 410 674-1535
Interests: Archery, Hunter Safety, Rifle and Pistol

Patrick Knight 202 631-0159
Interests: Archery, Nature Trail, Wildlife Management

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
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
Saturday, October 15	Family Campout	5:00pm to
Sunday, October 16	Family Campout	12:00pm
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 (1:00pm final signup)
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	7:00pm
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 (1:00pm final signup)
Monday, November 21	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, November 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Monday, November 28	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00pm
<p>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.</p>		

Shotgun Range Report

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The Sporting Clays Winter League has started. The dates for the BCC league shoots are Sunday, October 23, Sunday, November 20, and Sunday, December 18. On those days, please remember that there will be no trap or skeet until the last squad has shot.

Tuesday night sporting clays is over. I would like to thank everyone who helped set up and everyone who came out and shot.

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. Please 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.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2	Mark Wildman, Need 2nd RO
Sunday, October 9	Need Range Officers
Sunday, October 16	Tin Jorgensen, John Novak
Sunday, October 23	Dave Hill, Ed Kavangh – Winter League
Sunday, October 30	John Frick, Rick Tomlin

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6	Jim Wilber, Doug Marks
Sunday, November 13	Need Range Officers
Sunday, November 20	Doug Stewart – Winter League
Sunday, November 27	Need Range Officers

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday's 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays

Annual Christmas Party



The Chapter is hosting its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10 at 7:00pm. Members, their families and/or guests are all invited to attend this casual event for an evening of great company, wonderful food and holiday cheer. All attendees are asked to bring an entrée to share with their fellow holiday revelers. A side dish and/or dessert are a welcome choice also. We will provide the beverages.

You may also bring your own beverage of choice.

Last year's party was festive and fun with the food being a feast for the holidays. This year's event should be just as wonderful. So kick your holiday spirit in gear and come on out!

DINNER MEETING

The 971st regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19** 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, Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Lemonade, and Dessert.**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the **B-CC IWLA Chapter House** on **Wednesday, October 26** at 7:30pm. **Board members are expected to attend.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the November 2016 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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The fall cleanup day brought to mind maintenance items needed on our range. We cleaned the Range house and rebuilt target butts. Thanks to those that helped. We appreciate your turn out.

We have repairs to do that will require help. Please contact me by email if you have roofing or concrete experience or know of contacts in the industry.

All members using the Range remember that this is your range, help us keep it.

- Know the SOP's.
- Keep the burn barrel under the pistol roof when not in use – it should not be left out in the rain.
- Clean up after yourself – put brass in the buckets and paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

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., Princiotta, M., Smelson, D.
Sunday, Oct. 16	Sanfuentes, J., Urgo, C., Riccio, R., Ives, S.
Saturday, Oct. 22	Solis, J.
Sunday, Oct. 23	McUlisky, A., Smith, E., Wetcher, B., Sy, K.
Saturday, Oct. 29	Murry, J., Elkins, B., Myers, D., Welch, J.
Sunday, Oct. 30	Brower, P., McUlisky, A., Pedersen, P., Howard, B.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 5	Greenberg, R., Moffat, A., Pare, M., Hodgson, E.
Sunday, Nov. 6	Pare, M., Benson, R., Bryan, K., Johnson, G.
Saturday, Nov. 12	Glass-Royal, M., Pickrel, T. Quirk, M., Schilling, J.
Sunday, Nov. 13	Kosogof, J., Glass-Royal, M., Lan, K., Brower, P.
Saturday, Nov. 19	Morgan, R., Pickrel, T., Hodgson, E., Bryan, T.
Sunday, Nov. 20	Benson, R., Lowe, C., Bryan, K., Epstein, G.
Saturday, Nov. 26	RANGE CLOSED – FIREARM SEASON Johns, P., Solis, J.
Sunday, Nov. 27	RANGE CLOSED – FIREARM SEASON Johns, P.

Keep the Chapter House Clean

Your membership to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase IWLA entitles you to access to the Chapter House. It is up to the membership to keep the Chapter House neat and orderly. Do not leave bottles, trash, etc., in the Chapter House or on the porches when you leave for others to pick up.

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter
 IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
 FY 2016-17 Operating Budget**

ANTICIPATED INCOME	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)		
401	Membership Renewal Fees	160,000.00	550	Net Zero	500.00
402	New Member Initiation Fees	14,000.00	601	Farm Operation	11,500.00
403	Shotgun Range Fees	28,500.00	603	Farm Equipment Maintenance	4,200.00
404	Dinner Meeting Sales	9,000.00	604	Gasoline and Diesel	2,500.00
405	Rifle & Pistol Range Fees	12,000.00	605	Wildlife Management	3,000.00
406	Archery Range Fees	1,000.00	606	Ponds and Streams	700.00
407	Family Picnic Auction	800.00	607	Forestry Management	2,540.00
408	Dove Shoot and BBQ	120.00	609	Trail Maintenance	1,200.00
409	Republican Women's Dinner	880.00	610	Conservation Education	8,000.00
412	Christmas Tree Sales	320.00	611	Guide to Conservation Farm	0.00
413	Junior Rifle Team	1,135.00	613	Environmental Stewardship	5,000.00
416	Keys & Locks	400.00	614	Log Cabin Maintenance	300.00
417	Chapter House Use Donation	200.00	615	Floral Gardens	500.00
418	Interest	10.00	616	Greenhouse	1,000.00
419	Vegetable Garden Plots Use	370.00	617	Spring Clean-up	600.00
420	Hat Clothing Sales	0.00	618	Fall Clean-up	600.00
421	Donations and Grants	2,000.00	620	Building Maintenance	3,000.00
422	Campground Reservations	500.00	621	Road Repair & Snow Removal	1,000.00
423	Firearm Courses	0.00	622	Kitchen Equipment & Maintenance	1,750.00
425	Security Cards	2,500.00	624	Chapter House Equipment	250.00
426	Conservation Education	10.00	630	Insurance	32,000.00
490	Land Fund Contribution	0.00	631	Newsletter Publishing	10,100.00
800	Other	1,210.00	632	Propane	2,800.00
801	Cash Advance Return	500.00	633	Trash Removal	2,910.00
802	Boy Scout	1,000.00	634	Electricity	3,500.00
803	Volunteer	18,000.00	635	Telephone	1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	254,455.00		636	Misc Administration Expenses	1,000.00
			637	Operating P-O-L	4,240.00
			638	Internet Website Maintenance	900.00
			639	Printing - Administrative	750.00
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT (\$)		640	Postage and Mailing	515.00
501	National and State IWLA Dues	42,000.00	641	Security	2,000.00
502	Membership Administration	2,200.00	642	Keys and Locks	1,400.00
503	Shotgun Range	22,300.00	644	Memorial and Flowers	450.00
504	Food and Kitchen Supplies	8,250.00	650	Scout Support	4,000.00
505	Rifle & Pistol Range	5,550.00	651	Hunter Safety Course	1,000.00
506	Archery Range	3,100.00	652	Nat'l Conv. MD Room	200.00
507	Family Picnic/Auction (Fr.'s Day)	1,300.00	653	Nat'l & MD IWLA Conc (Travel)	3,500.00
508	Dove Shoot BBQ	300.00	654	Izaak Walton Cottage Sponsor	0.00
509	Republican Women's Dinner	760.00	655	Youth Convention	100.00
510	Wild Game Dinner	300.00	657	Legislative	150.00
511	Family Day Campout	600.00	660	Taxes	3,300.00
512	Christmas Tree	585.00	661	Bank Fees	1,400.00
513	Junior Rifle Team	1,000.00	671	Chapter Awards	750.00
514	Christmas Party	200.00	680	Capital Fund (CAPEX)	25,455.00
516	Special Events	130.00	681	Mgmt Res Non-Capital	0.00
517	Chapter House Supplies	600.00	700	Other	960.00
519	Vegetable Garden	600.00	701	Cash Advance	500.00
522	Campground Maintenance	1,000.00	800	CPA Preparation Fee	2,800.00
524	Past President's Dinner	1,500.00	809	Donations & Grants	6,000.00
550	Land Fund (phone-a-thon)	160.00			
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	92,435.00		TOTAL EXPENSES	254,455.00	

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

For the Birds: Changing of the Seasons

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All of us could take a lesson from the weather. The weather pays no attention to criticism. And, the seasons go ahead and change in a regular and predictable cycle. May it ever be so.

This month our bird projects are moving from the summertime NestWatch to the wintertime FeederWatch. First, here is a report from our NestWatch leaders: **Diane Seward** managed the weekly nest checks, summarized the data and reported it to the citizen science project, NestWatch. **John Novak** constructed and managed the installation of the nest boxes and the predator guards primarily at the big pond and the small pond. Last spring **Dan Pasquale** constructed nine stovepipe baffles and installed four of them in the field and in the garden/archery range. **John Novak** installed the remaining five baffles at the big pond. **Larry Anderson** chaired the Wildlife Committee and worked closely with all of our "For The Birds" volunteers.

- Unlike previous years, there was only one successful Carolina Chickadee (CACH) nest. During a nest check, feathered young were fine on day 15 and were expected to fledge on Day 17. So when the nest box was opened on Day 18 we were not surprised to find it empty.
- Tree Swallows (TRSW) delivered four successful nests and six that were not. Two nests at the Big Pond lost their entire clutches (12 nestlings) to predation. Tree Swallows nest only once a season, thus their losses hit particularly hard, all likely due to Eastern Ratsnake predation.
- The Eastern Bluebirds (EABL) did a little better than the TRSW. One nest box with five nestlings was lost due to Black Bear nest predation. It was the box close to the bird

feeding station south of the chapter house. Box 6 in the Field hosted three sequentially successful EABL nests (same pair), and the Archery Range and FB 3 hosted two successful EABL nesting attempts, as did the Big Pond (BP 5, 1 (same pair)).

- The Purple Martin (PUMA) nests were predated by EUST and Eastern Ratsnake. As a result, there was no success for the European Starlings (EUST) or the House Sparrows (HOSP) nesting in the PUMA apartments. For the Birds crews reported only those EUST and HOSP associated with the PUMA houses. Other nests of EUST and HOSP were successful at B-CC IWLA but were not reported on by our volunteer crews.

In November B-CC IWLA For the Birds programs will transition to citizen science project FeederWatch. This program is just plain fun, as well as an opportunity to get your work hours in while learning about birds. The way it works is an observer is able to sit in warmth and comfort just inside the south-facing windows of the chapter house and count the maximum number of each species of bird that comes to the feeders. FeederWatch leaders will keep the feeders full (and teach you to fill feeders), train volunteers in the protocols of the program, and help you get comfortable with identifying the birds at the feeder.

Sign up with Diane Seward (trina65@verizon.net) or with me (jim@tate-tate.us) and learn about winter birds with us. And spend a few moments with the FeederWatch website (<http://feederwatch.org/>) for articles like these:

- Chilly air & warm hearts: Chickadee winter romance
- What are they doing with all those seeds? -November 17, 2015
- New research links House Finch behavior at feeders to the acquisition and spread of eye disease.

Species	Nesting Attempts	Eggs	Nestlings	Fledglings	% success
Carolina Chickadee	1(BP)	7	4	4	100%
Tree Swallows	10 (BP, F, AR,SP)	37	34	16	47%
Eastern Bluebird	13 (BP, AR, F)	49	45	40	89%
Purple Martin	2 (MH)	unknown	-	-	-
European Starling	MH	unknown	-	-	-
House Sparrow	MH	unknown	-	-	-
Totals:	24	93	83	60	72

NOTE: From B-CC IWLA 2016 NestWatch database report: Big Pond (BP), Archery (AR), Field (F), Small Pond (SP), Martin Houses (MH).

Join the Conservation and Education Committee

Andy Wight, C&E Committee Chair
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As 2016 comes to a close, we are beginning to plan for C&E activities for 2017. Conservation and Education are the primary focus of the B-CC IWLA's mission, and we are looking for volunteers to join the Conservation and Education Committee. The C&E Committee meets as needed in the B-CC IWLA Chapter House to plan & organize execution of each

year's conservation activities and events on the farm and at other locations around Maryland.

We want your ideas and suggestions for how we can build upon the great work done by previous C&E committees, expanding the knowledge in the chapter, and promoting/educating the general public on the work of the IWLA.

If you're interested in being on the committee or simply supporting the team, please send an email to andywight1@hotmail.com. I am looking to have a kick off meeting at the Chapter early November, so sign up quickly.



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Wildlife Report

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Deer firearms seasons starts on October 20 with the early muzzleloader season. We ask that all hunters be safe and courteous, read and follow our rules, and respect all property lines. B-CC IWLA chapter website has our updated rules and a variety of methods to distinguish our property lines. 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. All members intending to hunt on our farm must acknowledge that they have read our rules and understand where our property lines are by registering on our website.

We do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. In the event that you wound an animal and it expires on the property owned by Joe Morin, located to the north and west of our farm on several different boundaries, or the property owned by Vikki Van Winkle, located north of the NE Woods, you may enter their property only after calling them and asking permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind – **Joe Morin** (301 674-5397) **Vikki Van Winkle** (301 379-3560).

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 chapter house's main door, or by sending an email to andupton9@hotmail.com. When reporting your deer or turkeys, we ask for the follow-

ing 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.

Of interest to some of our hunters and wildlife enthusiasts, the 2016 Western Maryland mast survey has been published (http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/WMD_Mast_Survey.pdf). While our farm is not included in the survey area, Frederick County is included and its findings may apply to us. Acorn (hard mast) production in Frederick County this year is reported to be poor and spotty. That assessment appears to be accurate on our farm, acorns are not abundant and generally on the small size. According to the survey, years in which the mast crop is poor, higher harvests of deer are observed due to increased movement of the deer between feeding sites. Soft mast (fruits and berries) production on our farm appears to be good this year, particularly the persimmon crop. On a related note, our fields have been planted with forage crops (that also act as cover crops) that include wheat, barley, clover and soybeans. All told, we could have a productive deer season.

**To report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife
(Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm)
Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1 877 463-6497**

**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.