President’s Message

The Board of Governors Meetings are open to all members, not just this month, but always. Officers and Board Members are required to attend, but we usually have special guests and committee chairs who voluntarily come to propose new ideas and projects or to simply listen in.

We are not a secret society – far from it; the Board consists of members like you who share a love of the outdoors and our conservation farm who generously donate their time and expertise.

If you have ever wondered what goes on in these meetings, I have a simple suggestion – JOIN US!

The room is filled with members who collectively have well over 100 years of experience with our chapter and have an amazing breadth of skills from impala hunting in Africa, conservation lobbying on Capitol Hill, wiring residential and commercial buildings, constructing blackpowder rifles, suing fortune 500 companies and more!

Meetings typically last under 2 hours, and everyone in the room is given an opportunity to speak on any issue that concerns them. We do not have a laser light show, no moon bounce nor chocolate fondue fountain, but I promise you will find something of interest on the agenda.

I sincerely encourage you to JOIN THE PARTY!

Jack Mandel, President B-CC IWLA
jmandeldesign@gmail.com  202 487-8440

UPCOMING EVENTS
for B-CC IWLA and Community

Tuesday Sporting Clays
Every Tuesday through September

Father’s Day Silent Auction and Swap Meet
9:00am

Father’s Day Shoot at the Shotgun Range
9:00am

Father’s Day Family Picnic
1:00pm
Sunday, June 16

Heritage Days
Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Ranges (Archery, Rifle & Pistol, and Shotgun) are CLOSED on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 for Heritage Days

June Dinner Meeting Speaker

The speaker at the June dinner meeting is chapter member Tracy Waterman of the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association.
Summary of the May 2019 Dinner Meeting and April 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

Mark Gochnour, Recording Secretary
301 642-3565 mgdonutman@gmail.com

May 15, 2019 Monthly Membership Meeting
• The 1,003rd consecutive Monthly Dinner Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
• Anna Jorgensen was mentioned in the latest issue of Outdoor América. She was given a National Award for $2,500. Anna was one of the Global Ecology students who received a scholarship from the Chapter for her Senior Project. Recently, she brought a group from Georgetown University to the chapter to fish at the Big Pond.
• Dave Drazen will be stepping down as the Chair of the Archery Committee probably in September.
• Two new members were inducted into the Chapter – Fred Selck, Jeff Rosier
• Guest Speaker Stan Fisher – North American Bluebird Society and Maryland Bluebird Society. The efforts to save these birds have been occurring since the 1970s. Bluebird boxes should only have an opening hole of 1.5 inches. Berries are a good summer food; staghorn sumac, hawthorn, red cedar are good winter foods.
• Sunflowers and millet were planted.
• Electric fences are in place to protect the sunflowers in the dove fields.
• Rain has helped out with the algae in the small pond.
• Jeff Seaman mentioned that getting kids involved in stream monitoring is fun and engaging. He urged members with children to take part in it.
• Montgomery County Range Committee approved the usage of our Rifle and Pistol range for the next three years.
• 34 out of 35 students graduated from the Spring Hunter Education class. Registration is open for the next classes to be held September 7 and 8.
• Motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 8:59 pm.

April 24, 2019 Board of Governors Meeting
• Chapter President Jack Mandel called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
• 5 Chapter officers, the Past President, and 3 Board members were present. Mark Gochnour and Joe Snider were not present. Nine members in good standing attended: Blaine Elkins, Bill Gordon, Scott Harmon, John Lamb, Bob Pavlick, RJ Schissel, Mark Shanker, Lin Tate, David Waterman.
• The Chapter president gave his report and opening remarks, including:
  o Spring cleanup was a big success.
  o Smart Book – Will reach out individually to committee chairmen, BOG members and officers for info.
  o The potential viability of the greenhouse was discussed.
  o Youth Advocate – Non-voting BOG member/minor. This could spark more interest in chapter involvement from youth.
• The Membership Secretary (Tucker Mostrom) – Total members – 894
• Past President (Jim Tate) – Bat boxes – bats are good mosquito control. There are a few at the chapter, but need to be thoroughly/regularly maintained.
• Forestry (Joe Snider) – Signed a contract for forest mitigation.
• Chapter House Security (Carol Hulce-Efdimis) – There is a new keypad at front gate. Gate camera is in the works.
• Chestnut Grove (Blaine Elkins) – Gave background on (continued on page 3)
American Chestnut trees. American Chestnut Foundation is very enthusiastic about potentially working with the Chapter.

- **UTV** (Walt Allensworth) – Chapter had a loaner UTV from Rippeon for spring cleanup day. It was well used. Diesel UTV is a good option as the fuel does not go bad. Multiple committee chairs would get use out of one.

- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**
  - **Archives & History** (Bill Gordon and Jim Tate) – Discussed the importance of having original legal documents and how they must be kept safe.
  - **Internet** (Shannon Novak) – Website will be ready for the BOG to view soon.
  - **Recycling** (RJ Schissel) – Reviewed the trash/recycling contracts.

**NEW BUSINESS** (Motions from the meeting floor)
- Ron Marchessault – Motion to transfer $1,600 from Management Reserve to Operating Account to fund the food handling licensing class. Seconded and approved.

**TALKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**
- (Jim Tate) – Will give the talk on turkeys in the fall. Discussed an article about turkeys and concerns over the declining turkey populations in a few states, including Maryland.
- (Janet Lamkin) – “Conservation is our Mission” sign needs to be replaced.
- (Bob Pavlick) – Discussed ideas to increase membership.

Motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved by acclamation at 9:27pm.

**Come and enjoy our Chapter on Heritage Days**

For over a decade, Montgomery County has hosted an annual “Heritage Days” weekend to celebrate Montgomery County’s rich history and culture. On June 29 and 30, the B-CC IWLA Chapter will once again open its doors for **Heritage Days**, offering access to our site to promote our message as well as sharing our local history. We will continue to offer family activities here on the Conservation Farm including fishing, archery, archaeology, bird watching, wild life and insect displays, tractor pull, and of course food and drink. We are also planning on extending our historical offerings to include a focus on the civil war. In addition, this year we hope to have a live blacksmith demonstration.

Whether you are a new member, or a seasoned veteran of the league, this is the best time to bring your friends and family and enjoy what the chapter has to offer.

Gates will be open 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm on the 29th and 30th of June (Rain or Shine).

**Chestnut Committee Report**
Blaine Elkins, Committee Chair
301 767-5731 blaineelkins@verizon.net

The Chestnut Committee needs some volunteers to help maintain the orchard near the entrance to the campgrounds off West Willard Road. The orchard is a “Mother Orchard” that is run in partnership with The American Chestnut Foundation. The seeds of American Chestnuts native to Maryland are planted in the orchard in the hopes of maintaining the genome of the species from trees native to Maryland. This is a key activity in the effort to develop blight resistant American Chestnuts.

We need help with mowing the orchard to prevent rodent damage to seedlings, weeding around seedlings, maintaining the deer fence, collecting chestnuts in the fall, planting seeds in the spring and so forth. Please contact me if you are willing to lend a hand.

**B-CC Quiz**

**Question:** The land, part of which later became our Conservation Farm, was granted in 1750 by Lord Baltimore to Robert Peter who was the mayor of what nearby town?

**Answer:** can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
Nominating Committee Report
Scott Harmon, Chair
301 467-0645 (Cell) scott.w.harmon@verizon.net

During this month’s dinner meeting, we are electing next year’s Board of Governors. Our nominating committee has been hard at work but are still looking for a Treasurer. If you are interested in serving your chapter in this position, please contact me.

B-CC IWLA 2019 – 2020
Current Proposed Slate of Officers and BOG Members

Officers
President: ......................... Jeff Seaman
First Vice President: .................. Ron Marchessault
Second Vice President: ................. Lin Schmale-Tate
Membership Secretary: .................. Tucker Mostrom
Treasurer: ......................... Open
Corresponding Secretary: ................. Janet Lamkin
Recording Secretary: .................... Joe Trotter
Past President: ..................... Jack Mandel

Board Members
Board Member: ..................... Walt Allensworth
Board Member: ..................... David Boynton
Board Member: ..................... Shannon Novak
Board Member: ..................... David Waterman

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Schedule

The B-CC IWLA Adopt-A-Road team will meet at the Chapter House at 8:00am for cleanup on the following dates:
- Saturday, July 13
- Saturday, September 14

Litter bags, gloves, and orange traffic vests will be made available for participants. If you would like to participate or have questions concerning the upcoming road cleanups, contact John Robinson – 301 641-1188.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

The 1,004th dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:15pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include Salad, Roast Beef, Baked 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, June 26. Board members are expected to attend.

Bluebirds Welcome at B-CC

Members and guests at the May dinner meeting were treated to a presentation by Stan Fisher, president of the Maryland Bluebird Society, emphasizing the importance of efforts like ours to the preservation and encouragement of the Eastern Bluebird (Sialia sialis). Bluebirds were once a common “country bird,” but changes in the 1800s in farming practice, and the introduction of the House Sparrow and the European Starling, resulted in the bluebird becoming a rare species over much of North America. The North American Bluebird Society, formed in 1977, was largely responsible for education and citizen efforts to help bluebirds thrive again. Diane Seward, our Citizen Science Projects Coordinator, has led B-CC’s efforts to install and monitor the series of bluebird boxes on the farm, and you have no doubt enjoyed the gregarious and colorful presence of the many bluebirds that share the Farm with us.

Montgomery County Ag Fair Booth

We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth at this year’s Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The fair starts on August 9 and runs through August 17. 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. Please contact Steve Poss (301 332-5259) bandsposs@gmail.com if you have any questions, or Bill Leaman with the Rockville Chapter to schedule a time slot (240 888-7600).

Kids’ Fishing Event

John Novak, Co-chair Ponds & Streams Committee novakgang4@comcast.net

On May 18, 2019, kids’ fishing was held from 4-6:00pm down at the big pond as an event of the spring family campout. Rod and reel combos and worms were provided. Twelve kids participated ranging in age from six to thirteen. Ponds & Streams committee members Neill Morgan, Brett Davis, Guy Wiegold, and John Novak assisted with this event and were kept busy baiting hooks, unhooking fish, and untangling lines. An estimated 70 fish were caught and released, mostly bluegills ranging in size from 4 to 5 inches, but one 6-inch redear sunfish and one 15-inch largemouth bass were also caught. All of the kids caught fish; some caught more than ten fish; even some of the parents who had never fished before caught fish. The kids had a great time fishing and some were having so much fun that they were reluctant to leave at 6:00pm for hot dogs and burgers.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.  
Check the online www.bcciwla.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.
We are halfway through the 2019 membership year, but we are also 75% through the schedule (less than 3 months remaining) for earning 2019 volunteer hours toward renewal for 2020.

It’s time for members and committee chairs alike to get creative. Don’t wait for formal workdays: schedule your own committee workdays! Committee chairs can and do schedule their own workdays all over the farm, even in the community. We have road cleanups, Heritage Days, Poolesville Day, the MoCo Ag Fair, and other opportunities all happening before the August 31st, 2019 deadline to earn 2020 volunteer hours.

On a longer-term note, do you plan to be an IWLA member for the long haul? Do you belong to or plan to belong to IWLA chapters? If the answer to either is “Yes,” then you should consider Life membership to IWLA National. For the equivalent of 20 years’ dues, you can join IWLA National for life. If you have the “Ike bug” bad, consider making the investment in your future. “Why two chapters?” you ask. If you belong to two IWLA chapters, both are obliged to include National dues in your renewal fees. As a Life member, you would be charged for neither. A twenty-year nut suddenly gets cut in half to ten.

There is a program under consideration by the chapter board to develop some membership-renewal incentives, so start bringing your friends out to the chapter when you come out for activities. Everybody wins!

Membership stands at the following levels:

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**Greenhouse Committee Being Formed**

A greenhouse committee is being formed to determine the best use of the greenhouse located near the archery range. Currently, the greenhouse is not being utilized, but several potential uses have been proposed. The committee will determine the best possible use for the greenhouse, for example for establishing seedlings to be later replanted at the Chapter, for use by Boy Scout or other youth groups. The committee will also consider the best means of completing the construction of the greenhouse and the costs associated therewith. The goal of the committee is to present a plan of action to the board of directors, which will include proposed uses and the costs associated with the proposed uses.

Anyone interested in working on this committee should contact Arthur Belendiuk at 301 706-4519 or send him an email at abelendiuk@fccworld.com.
NestWatch Report
Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator
trina65@verizon.net

As of late May, our 19 nest boxes were nearly all claimed, holding 10 Eastern Bluebird nests and seven Tree Swallow nests. Twenty-eight bluebirds have fledged and another 18 are nestlings or about to hatch in this first round of nesting attempts. The Tree Swallows have constructed seven nests, complete with their trademark feather linings, and have produced 22 nestlings and seven eggs. In addition, our Purple Martins began nesting this month and by late May had laid 46 eggs in 10 nests. Many thanks to John Novak who donated two finely crafted nest boxes to increase nesting sites in view of the avian competition for our boxes.

For example, Theresa Zmola was surprised by a European Starling that flew out of a nest box during one of our weekly checks. The starling left behind two large, oval, blue eggs. She removed the eggs and brushed down the box; a few days later, I found a dead adult male bluebird in the box, belly-up, on a nest he had been constructing. A vicious attack by the starling, we surmise. Theresa reduced the size of the oval entrance hole, and a week later, found a new bluebird nest in the box with five eggs, no sign of the starling.

Our NestWatch data is submitted to Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology for analysis. The project is conducted nationwide with thousands of participants reporting nesting data throughout the spring and summer months. For instance, more than 8,200 reports of Eastern Bluebird nesting attempts were submitted to the Cornell Lab in 2018. The states with the highest numbers reported were Texas, Ohio, and Florida, followed by North and South Carolina. Over 6,200 Tree Swallow nesting attempts were reported in 2017, led by Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Theresa and I are delighted to welcome Peter Cappellino to our NestWatch team. If you would like to accompany us on a nest box or Purple Martin house check, please send me an email and we will include you.
Please note the range is closed the weekend of June 29-30 for Heritage Days.

A quick note of thanks to the Range Officers and their guests for keeping the range house clean and in order.

PLEASE REMEMBER
• Put paper in the trash. If the cans are full, please empty them.
• Keep watch on guests you bring. It is your place to brief them on the SOP’s.
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• All must PICK UP THEIR BRASS!

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

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Sunday, June 2 Hess, L., Hess, A., Keenan, J., Chen, G.
Saturday, June 8 Schilling, J., King, K., Wight, A.
Sunday, June 9 King, B., Adams, J., Hess, A., Chen, G.
Saturday, June 15 Gori, R., Zic, T., Lastra, C., Gallagher, J.
Sunday, June 16 TBD
Saturday, June 22 Watt, D., Finn, K.
Sunday, June 23 TBD
Saturday, June 29 TBD
Sunday, June 30 RANGE CLOSED: Behrend, D., Richards, M.

JULY
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Sunday, July 14 King, B., Adams, J., Hess, A., Chen, G.
Saturday, July 20 TBD
Sunday, July 21 TBD
Saturday, July 27 TBD
Sunday, July 28 TBD

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Committee Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
240 372-2258 bcciwla.rp@gmail.com

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Saturday, July 6 Keenan, J., Kiser, J., Riccio, R., Turner, J.
Sunday, July 7 Hess, L., Hess, A., Keenan, J., Chen, G.
Saturday, July 13 Schilling, J., King, K., Wight, A.
Sunday, July 14 King, B., Adams, J., Hess, A., Chen, G.
Saturday, July 20 TBD
Sunday, July 21 TBD
Saturday, July 27 TBD
Sunday, July 28 TBD

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following members were inducted at the May dinner meeting:

Jeff Rosier  
Interests: Rifle & Pistol; Wildlife Management; Youth Activities/Scouting

Fred Selck  
Interests: Archery; Rifle & Pistol; Trap, Skeet, & Sporting Clays

Volunteer Opportunities

Monthly Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, June 19
Contact Chip Dunn, cdunn20842@aol.com, if you can help with food preparation, setup, and/or cleanup. 1:00pm setup start time.

Father’s Day Family Picnic – Sunday, June 16

Heritage Days
Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30
Contact Andy Wight for more information – andywight1@hotmail.com.

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – Saturday, July 13
Contact John Robinson at 301 641-1188.

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
Friday, August 9 – Saturday, August 17
Contact Steve Poss – 301 332-5259 or Bill Leaman – 240 888-7600.
Please submit all articles for the July 2019 newsletter NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 28.

Montgomery Bird Club Spring Walk
Diane Seward, Citizen Science Projects Coordinator trina65@verizon.net

The Montgomery Bird Club held its annual spring walk at our conservation farm on a very rainy Sunday, May 5. Our farm is considered a birding “hotspot”, and the enthusiastic bird club members greatly value their spring walk-about here, especially during spring migration. Larry Anderson escorted the intrepid group, led by Jim Nelson, who, despite the continuous rain, observed or heard 35 species, including Wood Ducks, a Summer Tanager (a rarity in Montgomery County), and Blue Grosbeaks, all firsts for the cumulative species list for this hotspot.

The list of birds observed or heard follows:
Wild Turkey .............................................. 1
Great Blue Heron .................................. 2
Green Heron ......................................... 1
Red-tailed Hawk ................................... 1
owl sp. .................................................. 1
Pileated Woodpecker ............................. 2
Northern Flicker ................................... 2
Eastern Kingbird .................................. 3
White-eyed Vireo .................................. 1
Red-eyed Vireo .................................... 4
vireo sp. ................................................ 1
Blue Jay ................................................ 4
American Crow ..................................... 1
Tree Swallow ....................................... 2
Barn Swallow ....................................... 2
Carolina Wren ...................................... 8
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher ......................... 8
Eastern Bluebird .................................. 3
American Robin .................................... 3
Grasshopper Sparrow ......................... 2
Chipping Sparrow .................................. 4
Field Sparrow ....................................... 3
Eastern Towhee .................................... 1
sparrow sp. .......................................... 4
Red-winged Blackbird ......................... 1
Brown-headed Cowbird ....................... 10
Common Grackle .................................. 1
Black-and-white Warbler ..................... 5
Prairie Warble ....................................... 5
Summer Tanager ................................... 1
Scarlet Tanager .................................... 2
Northern Cardinal .............................. 10
Blue Grosbeak ..................................... 2
Indigo Bunting ..................................... 9
passerine sp. ........................................ 8
Wood Ducks ........................................ 2
Common Yellowthroat ....................... 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler ..................... 1
Purple Martin .................................... unknown number observed

National Convention – Delegates Needed
National’s Annual Convention this year is being held July 16-19 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Chapter is allotted 12 delegates, and the Chapter helps defray the costs of travel and lodging. If interested, contact Bill Gordon at wgordon14@verizon.net.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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**Archeology Update**

One of the special things about our Chapter is that our property was home to other people in the past. The first farm was established on our land hundreds of years ago. And we’ve found evidence that it’s been popular with hunters for many thousands of years!

The Archeology Committee was formed to research and document the history of how people used our land in the past. Most of the things we have uncovered make sense. We have a fairly decent picture of the history of our two abandoned farms. But one area remains a mystery – the West Woods Shaft.

Soon after we purchased the West Woods we discovered a stone-lined shaft that measures 60 feet deep. Typically it has 20 feet of water at the bottom. We named it the “West Woods Shaft”. Most likely the shaft is a well, however, there has been conjecture it could be a mine shaft. Records show that there was never a homestead in that area. Furthermore there is no trace of a foundation nearby. Yet somebody went to great efforts to construct this well. But who? And why at that location?

On March 30, 2019 the Archeology Committee conducted an exploration of the area around the West Woods Shaft. A group of 8 people consisting of chapter members, their children and guests participated in this archeology dig. We concentrated on the area about 50 feet north of the well. That’s where we found a dense collection of square nails during last year’s dig (April 22, 2018). Note: square nails date from around 1880 or earlier.

On our most recent dig we found: 2 square nails, 5 round nails and 4 more of those odd shaped unidentified objects. Let’s talk about those last objects. Perhaps our best chance to find out who and why the West Woods Shaft was dug is to identify those objects. So far we have discovered 9 of them! They are magnetic, so probably made from iron. Their shapes are clearly similar but distorted by thick rust. The best-preserved example is shown in the photo to the right. And there are two other examples on display in the Chapter House. If you have any ideas of what these might be used for please let us know!

If you are interested in the Archeology Committee please send a message to: davidmecklenburg@kw.com.

**Global Ecology Awards**

On May 20, twelve seniors from the Poolesville High School (PHS) Global Ecology Studies Program (GESP) were recognized for their senior projects. The ceremony, hosted by our Chapter, brought together several Upcounty ecology based organizations to honor those students whose keystone projects best meshed with their groups’ values.

Joining the B-CC IWLA were the Monocacy Garden Club, represented by Trish Dunn, and the Maryland Bluebird Society, represented by Anne Sturm, Stan Fisher, and Linda Pepe. Representing our Chapter were president Jack Mandel and conservation education award committee members Andy Wight, Frank Parker, Mark Gochnour, and George Coakley. Erin Binns, Head of House (GESP) at PHS thanked the organizations for their support of the global magnet program and the students for their hard work and commitment.

The awarded students and projects were:

- **Katrina Rowe**: Wyndham Oaks Equine Waste Management System
- **Aidan Auel**: The Effect of Artificial Habitats on the Populations of the *Osmia lignaria* and the *Megachilidae* Species
- **Clara Benadon**: Predicting Ovine Pregnancy Through Timbre Analysis of Bleats
- **Alison Ransom**: Insect Infantry: Reducing the Agricultural Impact of Stink Bug Pests
- **Rachel Bupp and Madeline Burdette**: Barn Owl Boxes in Frederick and Montgomery Counties
- **Sruthi Ganesh, Alex Jin, Sahana Kundu**: Food for Thought: Comparing the Efficiency of Composting Systems
- **Josephine Crucillo, Jenny Kim and Anthony Meza**: Barnesville Bluebirds

**Food Handling Class**

A class was held at the Chapter recently. Chef Robert McKeon, CDM, CFPP led the class. Several chapter members took the class at the Chapter as well as at a different location, passed the test, and are now certified food handlers!
Shotgun Range Report
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Please note that the Range is closed on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 for Heritage Days.

Tuesday Summer Sporting Clays League hours are from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, so please come out and join in on the fun.

Try to get there early as squads fill up quickly.

Range Officers – please double check and make sure all release cords and extension cords are returned to the range house.

There are still some open days where I need a range officer. Please contact me if anyone is interested in filling one of those days.

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.

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

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.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE
JUNE
Sunday, June 2 Brett Davis, Jim Stables
Sunday, June 9 Jeff Schilling, Kevin King, Nate Lowery Hendrickson,
Sunday, June 16 James Calderwood, Sr., James
Harry Simpson
Sunday, June 23 James Calderwood, Jr., Lyle Bush, Logan Bush
Saturday, June 29 RANGE CLOSED
Sunday, June 30 RANGE CLOSED – Richard Ricco,
Stephen Ives, James Hendrickson

JULY
Sunday, July 7 Dale Beitzel, Terrence Walsh
Sunday, July 14 David Boynton, Terrence Walsh
Sunday, July 21 Pat Dady, Mark Vincent
Sunday, July 28 Dale Beitzel, Mark Vincent

HOURS OF OPERATION
Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesdays 3:00pm to 6:00pm Sporting Clays Only

Tuesday Sporting Clays
3:00pm until dusk
Come join the fun!
For more information contact:
Warner Parks - 301 540-1947
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Report of the Archives Committee of the B-CC Chapter
Bill Gordon, wgordon14@verizon.net and Jim Tate, jim@tate-tate.us
Co-Chairs, Committee of the Whole for Chapter Archives

The (ad hoc) Archives Committee reported progress on developing an electronic, searchable, archival record of the chapter at the May meeting of the Board of Governors (22 May 2019).

Bill Gordon has arranged to acquire a safe deposit box for original legal documents (at a Sandy Springs Bank branch). Details of safe deposit box access will be worked out with our Chapter officers and reported to the Archives committee at a future meeting. Bill also presented ideas on how the Chapter’s archived collection might be organized and documented.

Jim Tate attended a workshop on Memory Lab, a do it yourself archiving facility located in the DC Library system established through a grant from the Library of Congress. The session Jim attended was sponsored by Iona Senior Services. It targeted individuals seeking to develop and maintain personal and family archives for the future. Standards procedures and protocols of organization, security, and legacy were discussed for personal and family projects. The facility is available in three-hour segments by appointment. If you are interested in saving your family or personal archives, please ask Jim about Memory Lab or go to <libguides.dclibrary.org/memorylab>.

Don Perino’s (ad hoc) Archeology and History Committee held a field trip to a recognized site on the Conservation Farm trip in April – see their report elsewhere in this Newsletter. Don provided the AHC with some very useful information and photos about the log cabin, as well as chapter buildings on the original purchase of the Conservation Farm. One of the old Chapter photos appeared in the April newsletter B-CC Quiz.

The Chapter’s (ad hoc) Photography Committee has a new Chairman, Brett Davis. Brett will be working with the previous chair and members of the Photography Committee to locate and revive their extensive collection of old B-CC photos that they assembled a few years ago.

Boxes and envelopes of potentially important archival materials have been coming in to Bill and Jim for possible inclusion in the Chapter’s Archives. If you have old photographs, documents, or even physical artifacts, please contact Bill or Jim.

We plan to hold quarterly meetings of the Archives Committee. Please send Bill or Jim your suggestions for a preferred June meeting date. Remember that you, and every other past and present B-CC member is a member of the AHC. Your interest, participation, and contributions to our electronic, searchable, archive database rests squarely on your shoulders.
Annual Spring Campout Update
Andy Wight, Conservation Education Committee Chair
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On Saturday, May 18, we had our annual Spring Family Campout. With warm temperatures, a clear sky, and 10% chance of rain we had near perfect camping weather. As in previous meetings, we started the afternoon fishing and collecting firewood and then walked down through the Cathedral of Pines to the big pond. Once again the children and parents, helped by John, Pete, Guy, and Neil, members of the Ponds and Streams committee, made catching fish seem easy. Simply casting their lines into the pond yielded rewards for all, and of course led to the usual bragging rights of who caught the most.

A hearty dinner of burgers, dogs, juice boxes, chips and cookies ably provided by Tucker and Christine was gulped down in no time, followed by seconds and thirds. The food was a big hit, with little left and one individual managing to eat over 6 hot dogs.

With the fire lit and the sun setting, the evening rounded off with traditional S’mores around the roaring campfire. After an energetic evening of glow-sticks, hide and seek (complimented by walkie talkies), and playing with friends, the kids retired, allowing the parents a chance to relax by the fire. Nature enhanced the evening with a full moon over the chapter house and a lightning display from storm clouds far in the distance later in the evening.

The actual campout ended with a breakfast of waffles, bacon, scrambled eggs, and pancakes, but the memories and friendships that were developed will stay. A big thanks to all involved and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Campout.
HERITAGE DAYS 2019
June 29 and 30
Public 12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Volunteers 11:30am – 4:30pm

Your help is needed to make the public’s visit to the Chapter fun and informative.

Help is needed for the following tasks:

Parking
Food Preparation and Serving
Logo Cabin Exhibits
Wagon Shuttle to the Big Pond
Welcome Station

First Aid Area
Big Pond Exhibit
Chapter House Exhibits
Cleanup
and much more!

A volunteer shift will count towards your yearly required volunteer hours. Contact Andy Wight and let him know how you can help!!!

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