



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

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### President's Message

#### The Farm Part 1.

We as members all know that the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter is located on a farm. Many of us know a limited amount about the farm – what it is comprised of (besides land), what it takes to operate and maintain, and, exactly what is meant by “operate” and “maintain.”

Last week, some of the Chapter officers and other members of the Board of Governors took a tour of the farm to refresh and improve our understanding and knowledge of the issues that confront us as decision makers.

The farm consists of 623 acres of forest, arable land, ponds, streams, and meadow. More than half of the land has been placed under conservation easements. Such easements are an essential tool to protect our property from development or other than specific uses for all time. The easements govern the use of the land and provide a menu of what can be done and what cannot be done. They provide guidance for the stewardship of our property and set-up the legal parameters for its use. Examples of the use of easements include; prevention of clear-cut tree harvesting, the use of the best silviculture practices to insure their health and harmony with wildlife, and obstacles to the use of eminent domain.

While some of the farm is of course used for the ranges, farm buildings, parking lots and the Chapter House, approximately 135 acres are in use for cultivated farming or meadows. Pat Tarquinio, the Farm Committee Chairman, is the Chief Operating Officer of the farm who either contracts, or, by himself does planting and cultivation of various crops such as corn, pumpkins, and winter wheat. Pat, together with the Wildlife Committee Chairman Larry Anderson discuss and agree on the “forage crops” that will be good for animals to thrive and survive winters.

The Chapter has a modest number of farm implements including but not limited to tractors, seeders that inject seeds into the ground, and bushhogs used to remove scrub and underbrush around various kinds of plantings. Pat uses his skill and knowledge to keep the equipment up and running. He has saved the Chapter untold amounts of money that would have been spent hauling Chapter equipment to garages and repairing Chapter equipment.

Regarding the forests, our Forestry Chairman, Butch Mezick has had a very active program for a number of years to increase the amount of forest area of the Chapter. Much of the planting is to make sure the forest average total complies with the conservation easements. One aspect of his effort, was the development of a Long Range Plan for the B-CC IWLA Conservation Plan. The goal of the plan is to establish and develop the finest example of living resource management in the state of Maryland.

The plan addresses: soil conservation, soil erosion, invasive plant control, planting of native plants and trees, creating and maintaining wildlife habitat, education and understanding of the needs of wildlife and the value of woodlands and undeveloped spaces, and “To the preservation of this heritage and to man’s sharing in it.”

Butch together with a contractor by the name of William Brumley of Acorn Forest Planning, have developed a Forestry Management and Stewardship Plan for the Chapter. The implementation of the plan has been in progress for a number of years and the plan itself was completed in May of 2012.

Another major project under the forestry committee was the development of a Natural Resources Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation (NRI-FSD). A major additional contributor to this project was the Chapter’s 1st VP, Joe Snider, who contributed major amounts of time effort and materials to development of the Inventory/Delineation.

While the above forestry efforts are technical in nature and require few concentrated specialties, members can be involved in the Forestry Management Plan implementation. At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, Butch will be leading a tree planting effort and all are invited to volunteer. In the past, many families as well as individual members participated in these efforts. The children are especially impressed when they actually plant trees. There is something “down to earth” about the experience – pardon the pun!

I hope to see as many as possible of you on the 16th.

Frank Parker

## Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

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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 e-mail 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 October 2013 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

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### October 16 Dinner Meeting

- Chapter President Frank Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other chapter officers present were Joe Snider (1st VP), and Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary). Other Board members present included Jim Tate, Warner Parks, Hope Rutley, Kevin King, and Jeff Schilling.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report and Committee Reports were presented.

### NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- No motions were presented to the membership for their consideration.

### October 23 Board of Governors Meeting

- Chapter President Frank Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other chapter officers present were Joe Snider (1st VP), Scott Harmon (2nd VP), and Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary). Other Board members present included Jim Hubbard, R. Tucker Mostrom, Jim Tate, Warner Parks, Hope Rutley, Kevin King, and Jeff Schilling.
- The following members in good standing also attended: Butch Mezick, Bob Pavlick, Ernie Smith, Bill Gordon, Larry Anderson, Ray Parker, Gary Jones, and Byron Ricketts.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report and Committee Reports were presented.

### NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- The motion to accept 11 applications for probationary membership passed.
- The motion to approve chapter house use for Jack McCarty (Troop 496) on October 27 passed.
- A motion to fund trap machine replacement (NTE \$6k) by moving to top of Capital Priorities passed.
- A motion to fund aerators replacement (NTE \$2k) by moving to 2nd in Capital Priorities passed.
- A motion to approve Jack Contrera's Eagle Project, as presented to the Board and pending tech review and spring start date, passed.
- The BOG meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

### DINNER MEETING

The 936th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 20** at the Chapter house. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. **Board members are expected to attend.** All members and guests are invited.

#### MENU

*Appetizers:* Various including Meatballs

*Entrée:* Salad, Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, String Bean Casserole, Rolls

*Dessert:* Various Pies

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The November Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Chapter house on **Wednesday, November 27.** **Board Members are expected to attend.**

## Mystery In The West Woods

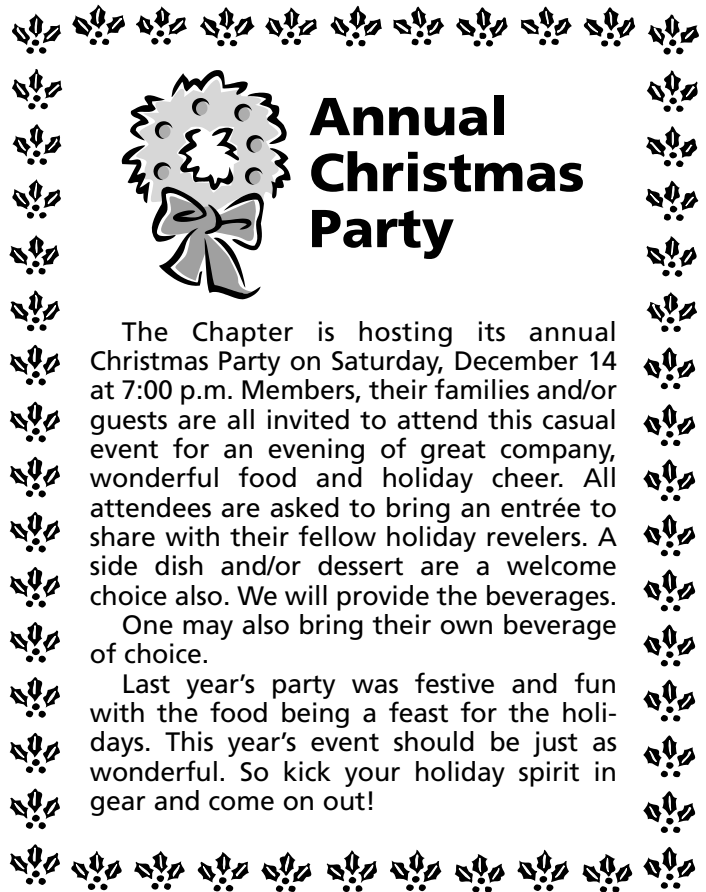
Shortly after our Chapter acquired land in the West Woods an unusual hole was discovered on the property. It's about 3 feet in diameter, 60 feet deep and flooded with 20 feet of water. An orange fence now encloses this hazard. But who dug this hole? What was its purpose? Investigating this is one of the ongoing projects of the Archeology Committee.

While we can't rule out the possibility that the hole in the West Woods is a well, many pieces of information indicate it is an abandoned mineshaft. But then how was the ore carried away? A 1907 map shows an access road from Mt. Nebo Road running into the West Woods. Did that road go to the mineshaft? To help find out, members of the Archeology Committee hiked into the West Woods on October 13. Our objective was to explore the area and look for signs of that road. We did find an abandoned road nearby, but it doesn't lead west. Instead it leads southwest toward River Road. Also, we saw three other excavations near the mineshaft. These are just over the line and are on County property. One of these depressions is very large and might be a sinkhole. It could be the result of part of the mine collapsing. If so it's dangerous and best avoided.

At one time there was a fair amount of mining in Montgomery County. For example, you may have heard about the gold mine near Great Falls. There's even a group that studies historic mining called the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County. One of their members, Jeff Nagy, came out a few years ago to look at our mineshaft. Jeff has been doing research since then, and he now believes that what we have is most likely a copper mine. One reason he came to this conclusion is there was a copper mine not too far away. Old records show that around 1900 to 1910 there was a prospector named Thomas C. Homillier who lived in Seneca and had a copper mine in that vicinity. It's possible he was also working in our West Woods.

We have a photo looking directly down the mineshaft (taken by extending a camera on a boom). It shows ripples showing water movement. Moving water supports the notion that we have a mine, not a well. Furthermore it suggests that the horizontal passageways (called drifts) may be intact. According to Jeff Nagy, if this is true, then this is the only one left in Montgomery County.





# Annual Christmas Party

The Chapter is hosting its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. 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. One may also bring their 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!

## TOP GUN SHOTGUN MATCH

**(Current B-CC IWLA Members Only)**

Sunday, December 8, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

### Course of Fire:

Stage 1, Trap (25 shots)

Stage 2, Skeet (25 shots)

Stage 3, Sporting Clays (25 shots)

**Shotgun:** The SAME shotgun must be used in all three stages. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, then different chokes are permitted for the different stages.

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 for those 17 years of age or older and \$5.00 for those 16 years of age and younger

**Contact:** Bill Thelemann at [thelemann@comcast.net](mailto:thelemann@comcast.net) or 301-674-3509 (cell) for more information.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the December 2013 newsletter to [jhubb00@verizon.net](mailto:jhubb00@verizon.net) and [janet@spectrumprinting.com](mailto:janet@spectrumprinting.com) no later than Friday, November 29.

## 2013-2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sunday, November 1	Girl Scout Camp Fire Event	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2	Black Powder Class / Match	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 9	Girl Scouts using Chapter House	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 11	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 16	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 16	Tree Planting	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 17	Sporting Clays Fall/Winter League Shoot	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, November 18	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m..
Wednesday, November 20	Board of Governors Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21	Cub Scout Den 694	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 23	Shotgun Range Officers Training Class	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday, November 25	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 30	Christmas Decorating	TBD
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Monday, December 2	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 8	Top Gun Shotgun Match	9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 9	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 14	Chapter Christmas Party	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 15	Sporting Clays Fall/Winter League Shoot	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Board of Governors Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 19	Cub Scout Den 694	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, December 23	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, December 30	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>		
Monday, January 6	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 11	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 13	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 16	Cut Scout Den 694	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, January 20	Boy Scout Troop 496	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Monday, January 27	Cub Scout Den 694	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Public Relations Inquiries:** The new Maryland laws affecting gun ownership have attracted the interest of the media in the last few weeks. Our Chapter has been asked by two local media outlets for comments on how our membership is affected by the new statutes. According to the Chapter by-laws, the corresponding secretary is responsible for all public relations activities of the chapter. In the case of the two inquiries, the corresponding secretary answered one and our national president answered the other as it related to IWLA national policy.

Our members should be aware that they are free to offer personal opinions regarding laws, regulations, and legal opinions affecting them as individuals. However, only the chapter president is authorized to speak on behalf of the chapter or to authorize the corresponding secretary to speak or answer inquiries. If any member receives an inquiry that seeks a response on behalf of the chapter, please refer the inquiry to either the corresponding secretary or the chapter president. Contact information for these two individuals can be found in the newsletter.

## Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Committee Chairman  
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**Slob Hunters.** This a term that we wish never gets applied to B-CC IWLA members. We pride ourselves on good sportsmanship and ethical behavior. Unfortunately, it only take one or two acts to condemn us all and spoil our reputation as fine examples of what hunters should be. While we have rules to promote safety, sustain wildlife and enforce property boundaries, we have to rely on our fellow member's sense of courtesy, common sense, and ethics to make being on our farm enjoyable to all of our members. Unfortunately, an incident has occurred, so we have to remind all of our members to behave on our chapter in ways consistent with decency and respect for other members. Leaving spent shells and litter in the field, leaving gut piles on heavily traveled paths, and transporting uncovered deer in suburban areas are a few examples of activities that can cause offense to other people and as such tarnish our reputation of being good sportspeople and conservationists. It is up to us all to be vigilant and conscientious to protect our fine reputation.

Deer firearms season will be open November 30th through December 14th (including Sunday, December 1st). This is usually a busy season on the farm, we ask that during this time all members consider wearing some hunter orange if out on the farm. As a reminder, in addition to a valid hunting license, all hunters must have a current membership card that is their written proof of permission to hunt. As many members may have seen, the acorn crop (hard mast) on the farm is not prolific. This is consistent with MD-DNR mast survey in the western counties that is rated as a mast failure ([http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Hunt\\_Trap/pdfs/2013\\_W\\_MD\\_Mast\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Hunt_Trap/pdfs/2013_W_MD_Mast_Survey.pdf)). The implication of this survey is that wildlife will be searching out alternative food sources this fall and winter.

We do not have permission to hunt on any of our neighbors properties. Please use the Chapter's Trail Guide and Web Page to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm. 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).

### 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.

## Leaf Collection

We have several bins in which we collect leaves and grass clippings to make compost to support our planting operations. The bins are down behind the shotgun range. Donations from members are welcome. The first bin is for the freshest material. Please no plastic bags and no sticks larger than large pencil thickness.



## Silent Auction

The annual Christmas party will be held at the chapter house on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. We would like to have a small silent auction to raise money for the land fund.

Do you have something to donate for the evening? Items do not have to be just hunting items. Items or services should have a value of at least \$50. No worn or tattered clothing. Some suggested items might be a case of shotgun shells, a handmade piece of jewelry or shooting instruction for two people at a mutually agreed upon date. If you have something that you wish to contribute, please send a description of the item or service to [john\\_sholes@yahoo.com](mailto:john_sholes@yahoo.com) or call John at 301-948-1462. Thank you for your support.



## 2013 SPORTING CLAYS FALL/WINTER LEAGUE

50 Targets — Entry Fee: \$15.00

Optional LEWIS for each event \$5.00

Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.

Last entry at 2:00 p.m.

League Awards by Lewis Class

### For more information

(301) 620-1535 Bill Thelemann Poolesville  
(301) 695-8322 John Ortaldo FCFGPA

### SHOOT DETAILS

What	Where	Shoot Dates
Clays	FCFGPA Camp Kanawha	Sept. 8; Oct 6; Nov. 3; Dec. 1
Clays	Poolesville B-CC IWLA	Sept. 15; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15

*League will consist of 8 shoots held at 2 different clubs. To be eligible for League Awards each shooter must shoot 6 of 8 shoots. Best 6 scores will be used by Lewis Class for awards. Load Limit is 12 Gauge 1 1/8 oz. – 3 Dram Equiv. 7 1/2. Optional Lewis (\$5) Purse (2 places/60-40%) will be available.*

## Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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### RANGE CLOSURES

The range will be **closed** on the following days for hunting season:

Saturday, November 16	Youth Hunt Day
Saturday, November 30	Firearm Season
Sunday, December 1	Firearm Season

### RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

#### NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 2	Carey, L., Morgan, R., March, G., Holt, M., Sheehy, J., O'Rear, G.
Sunday, Nov. 3	Benson, R., March, G., Wildman, M., West, K., Taylor J.
Saturday, Nov. 9	Donovan, P., Jones, G., Sigalas, G., Suleman, S., Pare, M.
Sunday, Nov. 10	Thorne, T., Jones, G., Sigalas, G., Pare, M.
Saturday, Nov. 16	<b>RANGE CLOSED – Glass-Royal, M., Plumley, C.</b>
Sunday, Nov. 17	<b>Glass-Royal, M., Thorne, T., Longo, R., Barnett, J., Bonatti, C.</b>
Saturday, Nov. 23	Moynihan, D., Solis, J., Epstein, G.
Sunday, Nov. 24	Hess, L., Calderwood Sr., J., Calderwood Jr., J.
Saturday, Nov. 30	<b>RANGE CLOSED – Shanker, M., Johns, P.</b>

#### DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 1	<b>RANGE CLOSED – Johns, P., Yetter, B.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 7	Keller, A., Shallow, T., Kang, J., Davis, C., O'Rear, G.
Sunday, Dec. 8	Shallow, T., Abbott, R., Canali, L., Bonatti, C.
Saturday, Dec. 14	Solis, J., Pedersen, P., Gautereaux, J., Appleton, B.
Sunday, Dec. 15	Rolls, J., Keller, A., Epstein, G., Urgo, C.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Stokes, S., Moynihan, D., Davis, B.
Sunday, Dec. 22	Stokes, S., Kuhnsman, K., Davis, B.
Saturday, Dec. 28	
Sunday, Dec. 29	

### PARKING AT THE RANGE

The handicap parking at the range is only for those who have a handicap placard, license plate or a sticker on their vehicle. No other parking is allowed in this area on either side of the road leading down to the range. You may pull your car up to the yellow gate to unload or load but then it must be immediately moved.

## Shotgun Range Report

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The 2014 Range Officers sign-up sheet is now posted at the Range House. Please check your schedules and start thinking about signing up. We need all RO's to serve two Sundays in 2014!

The Fall Sporting Clays League is half over. See the flyer for the remaining dates. On the Sundays we host the Fall League, the range will reopen to normal shooting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

The Top Gun Shotgun match has been scheduled for Sunday, December 8 starting at 9:00 a.m.

We need to thank Mark Wildman and Ken Northup for all the work they have been doing to correct the drainage on the trap house. Great job!

There will be a Shotgun Range Officers training class on Saturday, November 23. No sign-up required – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon + at the shotgun range pavilion.

Please use caution when turning on all electric traps. The trap machine needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm.

Please re-fill and restock the skeet houses with targets when you are finished shooting. Additional targets are stored in the trailer under the tower or the empty low skeet house on the left side of the range.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. We need all the empty shotgun shells/hulls picked up after shooting. Please keep the range clean and restocked for the next 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.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sporting Clays
Sundays	12:00 noon – 5:00 pm	Trap and Skeet

### RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3	T.C. Whitehouse
Sunday, November 10	John Novak
Sunday, November 17	Fall Sporting Clays League – Bill Thelemann
Sunday, November 24	Gil Knight
Sunday, December 1	Mike Noble
Sunday, December 8	Top Gun Shotgun Match – <b>WE NEED A RO</b>
Sunday, December 15	Fall Sporting Clays League – Bill Thelemann
Sunday, December 22	<b>WE NEED A RO</b>
Sunday, December 29	<b>WE NEED A RO</b>

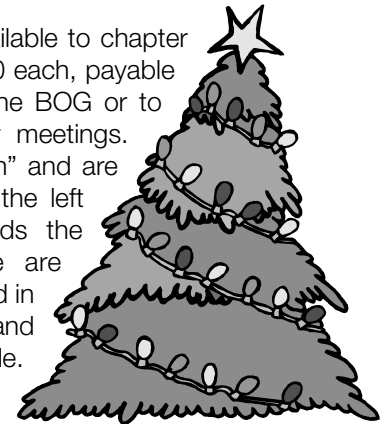
## Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are available to chapter members. Trees are \$30 each, payable to either members of the BOG or to the treasurer at dinner meetings.

Trees are "cut your own" and are located in the field on the left along the drive towards the shotgun range. There are many small trees planted in rows by our members and may not be easily visible.

Please be careful of our future crop. Please

leave stumps tall and visible or cut them flush to make mowing less challenging. Trimmed branches should be placed in the woods at the bottom of the hill. Any questions, contact Larry Anderson, 301-942-1384, or anduption9@hotmail.com.



## Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

**Lyle Bush** ..... 301-565-3785  
*Interests:* Family Picnic, Hunter Safety, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

**Diego Calderon** ..... 301-674-7919  
*Family:* Alicia, Matthew, Walker  
*Interests:* Recreational Activities, Rifle & Pistol, Scout Camp Area, Shooting Sports, Youth Activities/Scouting

**Robert Charles** ..... 301-947-6658  
*Interests:* Legislative, Public Affairs/Chapter Publicity, Star Gazing, Youth Activities/Scouting

**Bob Fleming** ..... 703-354-8978  
*Interests:* Building & Facility, Pond & Stream, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

**Brett McMahon** ..... 301-983-0360  
*Interests:* Archery, Legislative, Rifle & Pistol

**Matt Pilcher** ..... 202-834-8991  
*Family:* Roya, Roxanna, Franklin  
*Interests:* Star Gazing, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management

**Michael Quirk** ..... 704-574-9118  
*Interests:* Susan, Shannon, Abigail, Danielle  
*Interests:* Nature Trail, Pond & Stream, Shooting Sports

**Navin Singh** ..... 301-299-0515  
*Family:* Shyam, Simrin, Shyer  
*Interests:* Family Picnic, Public Affairs/Chapter Publicity, Shooting Sports

**Rick Tomlin** ..... 301-515-1171  
*Family:* Denise, Peter, Katherine  
*Interests:* Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management

**Jeffrey Williams** ..... 301-947-4765  
*Interests:* Nature Trail, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

## Membership Renewals and Dues Increase

Carol Efdimis, Membership Secretary  
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At the May dinner meeting, it was voted to increase chapter dues by \$25 which will take effect for 2014 dues and will be noted on your renewal statement when I send them out in September. Each membership dues amount is based on a fraction of the Individual chapter dues so the increase to your dues will be the appropriate fraction of \$25. If there are any questions, please call Carol Efdimis at 301-407-0025 or email glock22@comcast.net.

Membership renewals will be sent out by mid-September. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2013 or a late fee of ¼ 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. 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 2012 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 the \$50 work fee that is added to your dues.

These hours can be sent to me via email at glock22@comcast.net or via the post office at the address below.

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

## 2014 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. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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***If you own a camera or have photographs of your activities at the BCC Conservation Farm, please read this article.***

## **B-CC IWLA Photography and Media Plan**

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League was founded in 1935. Several thousand members have participated over these last 78 years in upholding sound conservation ethics and the idea that understanding the process of nature is the pathway to coexist with the natural world with minimal disturbance and maximum respect. We do not want that history lost.

Since 1949 the Conservation Farm has hosted 100's of events, been home to wildlife, trees, flowers, open fields, hosted untold numbers of campers, hunters and hikers. We do not want the record of their presence lost.

Your contribution to that history can now be preserved. The BCC photo group under the Chairmanship of Gary Jones will review and post some photographs on the Chapter website for public viewing as well as support ongoing off-site archiving of all the photographs. See the beginnings of this project at: <http://www.bcciwla.org/photos>.

Email your favorite historical digital photos; humorous, serious, landscape, people and wildlife photos to [lhcurtis@msn.com](mailto:lhcurtis@msn.com) for inclusion on the site or in the archives. If you know the names of people depicted in the photographs and the approximate year when taken, please also include that information.

If your old Izaak Walton photos are hard copies, please let us know via email. We will plan a "scanning day" to coincide with a Chapter cleanup day so that you can bring the photos

in to the Chapter to be digitized, work a couple hours of cleanup towards your annual requirement and get your photos back when you leave.

If you don't have photos yet, but you have a camera you want to learn to use – send us an email. There will be announced a half-day photo class in the near future specifically focused on taking wildlife, landscape or other conservation related photographs. After the class, members with photography knowledge will be available to answer your specific questions about your camera, how it works and how you can use it to the benefit of the Chapter.

If your Committee or group within the Chapter has need of photography to record or promote its event, activity or work detail, let the Photography group know and they will endeavor to provide coverage for you.

The first edition of the Conservation Farm Guide Book has just been published in pdf on the Chapter website. Everyone should read the guide – at least twice!!

*<http://www.bcciwla.org/facilities-and-grounds/conservation-farm/guide-book>*

All members are encouraged to contribute pictures that they consider as potential candidates for updates to this important reference work.

If you would like to make photography part of your contribution to the Chapter, consider joining the photo group. Email Gary Jones c/o Larry Curtis, [lhcurtis@msn.com](mailto:lhcurtis@msn.com).