



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

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### President's Message

While much of the information in this article is probably old hat to many of you, I present it here for the benefit of those of you **who are not** hunters or fishermen.

As was explained in this column previously, the purchase of guns, licenses, and ammo provides money for conservation efforts by the state. **But what is the connection between conservation and the individual who uses archery and firearms?** For many, it is the development of an individual's skills & knowledge needed to perform very important conservation activities, namely, hunting and fishing.

As with most things in life, supply and demand describes how the world works. This is also true when it comes to wildlife. In any population, human, animal or aquatic population growth necessarily forces increases in the demand for food. When the population rises among humans, the modern world has been able to cope and figure out how to increase food production. No such luck with animals. They are totally dependent on what they find in the natural world. If there were no humans and the population of animals was totally dependent on nature, excessive population growth could result in food shortages. Weakened by insufficient food availability, disease and predatory kills would likely increase. This is nature's way of culling a herd, flock, etc.

In modern day urban environments, increases in population often result in accidental death from, for example, deer-auto collisions. According to the Insurance Information Institute, there are more than 1.6 million deer-vehicle collisions each year resulting in about 200 fatalities, tens of thousands of injuries and over \$3.6 billion in vehicle damage. An additional \$1 billion is spent on medical payments for injuries to people in the car and out-of-pocket expenses paid by vehicle owners.

So what to do! Most state governments **manage** the size of populations of game species. Some even resort to capture and redistribution of certain kinds of animals. **Hunting, however, is the most used method of managing animal populations.** This management, **hunting, is, therefore, an active method of conservation by individuals** that assists nature in ensuring that excessive population growth don't occur and the likelihood of famine and disease is lessened. Bag limits and season length variations allow a calibration of the number and species that are harvested to ensure the health of herds, flocks, etc.

With aquatic species, food is less of a problem except in confined bodies of water and water exposed to environmental pollution. Ponds and lakes can also have the problem of oxygen starvation resulting from excessive populations of plant life. Too many fish for the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water can result in death of fish on a minor or major scale. Again the state governments have instituted fishing restrictions to adjust the number of fish taken or existing in the various water environments. "Catch and Release" and "Put and Take" limits ensure this. These regulations are a conservation control and the act of **fishing, like hunting, is a conservation activity by an individual.**

If you now agree that hunting and fishing are related to conservation, and if you want to try either, you will have an opportunity in coming months to get some instruction to see if you want to go further in learning how to hunt or fish. First, a Chapter member who is a very experienced hunter is developing a "**How to Hunt**" course that should be available in late May or June. Secondly, we will have some **introductory fishing demonstrations** in which members can participate – date to be announced.

On the other hand, if you're not interested in hunting or fishing, **there is a role for all members to actively participate in other conservation activities here on the farm.** If you want to get more involved, please give me a call!

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

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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 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 February 2014 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

E. Hope Rutley, Recording Secretary

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### February 19 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), Scott Harmon (2nd VP), Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary), Bob Benson (Past President), Jim Hubbard (Corresponding Secretary), and E. Hope Rutley (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Warner Parks and Jim Tate.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.
- Jeff Nagy of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County gave a report on Mining in Montgomery County; and, the abandoned copper mine in our West Woods.
- Bob Chapman gave his National Report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

### February 26 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), Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary), Jim Hubbard (Corresponding Secretary), and E. Hope Rutley (Recording Secretary). Other Board members present included Jim Tate, Warner Parks, Kevin King and Bob Benson (Past President).
- The following members in good standing also attended: Bill Gordon, Butch Mezick, George Coakley, Bob Pavlick, Don Perino, and Ray Parker.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.
- Reports were heard from Butch Mezick, Don Perino, and Ray Parker.

### NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- A motion to increase the Propane Budget, passed.
- A motion to increase Scout Budget for Merit Badges to cover expenses that will be reimbursed, passed.
- A motion made to streamline the appeal process in the Hunter Ethics Code, passed.
- A motion to accept 9 new Membership Applications, passed.
- A motion to approve Racheal Harris' Girl Scout Gold Award Project to Tag Trees and Plant Chestnut Trees, tabled.
- A motion to make the Environmental Stewardship Committee a Standing Committee by amending the By Laws, passed.
- A motion on the removal of the Black Oak Tree that overhangs the new barn, passed.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., passed.

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## Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated in April, during which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental causes like conservation and protection (Think about the difference!). It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

It has become a tradition for the Chapter to hold a celebration each year that features outdoor & conservation activities. Food will also be provided without charge. In the coming month, expect to see draft trial agendas for the Earth Day events in future "email blasts." Your input on them is welcome.

The Conservation & Education Committee's intention is to provide enlightenment and experiences related to the earth and the environment in which we live. Our goal is to accomplish this in a way entertaining to both the general public and Chapter IKEs. The celebration is important to the Chapter since this outreach to the general public is one of our major justifications for the IWLA 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Earth Day at the farm will be advertised in many ways. If you have an idea to promote the open house, please let any one of the Board of Governors know as soon as possible. Phone numbers are on the second page of this newsletter.

To make Earth Day successful, chapter member volunteers are needed in many capacities on Saturday, April 19. To participate, email Frank Parker at vats3@verizon.net.

## Calling All Musicians!!!!

Frank Parker, President  
240-405-7395

Are you a "picker" or a "strummer?" How about an upright bass, some horn, or some other instrument you play? Do you enjoy playing music with others for an audience?

At last year's Earth Day celebration, we had a small group of members and non-members playing "blue grass" and other music on the porch of the log cabin. The Log Cabin will have exhibits and handouts with members "manning the fort" for the "Earth Day" visitors.

If you like playing music, how can you beat a better way of working off your volunteer hours.

## Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Committee Chairman  
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The fall/winter hunting seasons are now closed. It appears we had a safe and productive season. There were 41 deer reported taken on our farm by our hunters, similar to the 42 reported last year. Thank you to all who reported their harvests. Across the state, deer harvest numbers were up 10% over last year, but that year was low due to warm weather and good mast crop production, limiting deer movement. This year, the mast crop on our farm was poor, like that reported throughout the state, which encouraged deer to roam further in search for alternate food sources. Our deer population appears to be remaining strong, and sightings and signs suggest many deer remain on our farm. March is a good month to have a walk in the woods, searching for shed antlers before the mice and squirrels gnaw them too badly.

## Conservation Reading Group Being Formed

Why do you read? To escape? To be informed? To be encouraged? At Izaak Walton League we pledge "to know the beauty and understanding of nature." One source of understanding can be the discussion of diverse ideas provided by great books. To that goal, members of our chapter are forming a reading club which will focus on conservation. Books for the first year have been chosen by the initial group to be read and discussed over 6 week intervals. The group will exchange comments, questions and reviews through email. Occasionally the group will meet to share their thoughts, reactions and opinions in lively discourse. The first book to be read from March 1 – April 15 is Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy. The complete list and schedule can be obtained by emailing Larry Curtis at lcurtis@curtisassoc.com.

## Spring Farm Clean-up Day Saturday, April 5

Joe Snider, 1st Vice President  
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The annual Spring Farm Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 5! We have this event annually to clean up the farm after winter and prepare it for spring and summer. It is an important part of maintaining our conservation farm and your help is much needed. All hours worked apply towards the required annual work hours, so please show up.

Members and Crew Leaders need to be at the Chapter house by 8:30 a.m. to sign in and get their work assignments. Crew leaders need to advise the 1st V.P. of the number of volunteers needed to complete projects. Lunch will be served around 1:00 p.m.

### Note:

1. Bring safety gear, Bring safety gear, Bring safety Gear!! (safety glasses, gloves, boots, etc....).
2. Crew leaders are needed! Please let the 1st V.P. know if you can be a leader and what projects you can handle for the chapter.
3. Success depends on all of us, so please show up for this event.

## Curious?

Want to know more what goes on behind the scenes? Here is an opportunity! The Recording Secretary of the Board of Governors has accepted an employment position in Philadelphia – congratulations Tucker Mostrom – and will not be able to continue as a Board member.

As a result, this article is a solicitation for a candidate to fill the position of Recording Secretary. The duties include the documentation of the minutes for the Dinner and Board meetings and their inclusion in the Newsletter. The Recording Secretary also participates as a full member of the Board of Governors and contributes to discussions of issues, can bring up motions before the Board, and votes on motions brought up by Board members. All Board members are expected to be present at all meeting unless an emergency situation arises.

Interested? Email nominations to vats3@verizon.net.

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>MARCH</b>		
Saturday, March 1	Wild Game Dinner	4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 3	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 8	R&P Current Range Officers Sign-Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 10	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13	Cub Scouts Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 15	R&P Current Range Officers Sign-Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 17	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 22	Black Powder / Muzzleloader Event	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 22	R&P Current Range Officers Sign-Up	3:30 p.m.
Monday, March 24	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 29	Boy Scouts Merit Badge Day	9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 31	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>APRIL</b>		
Tuesday, April 1	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 5	Spring Farm Clean-up Day	8:30 a.m.
Monday, April 7	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 14	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	Cub Scouts Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	Earth Day Event	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 21	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26	NAVHDA Handlers Clinic	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27	NAVHDA Handlers Clinic	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 28	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>MAY</b>		
Saturday, May 3	Hunter Safety Course	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 4	Hunter Safety Course	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 5	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	Montgomery Bird Club Spring Bird Walk	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday, May 12	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	Cub Scouts Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	R&P Range Officer Class	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 19	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 26	Boy Scouts Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28	Board of Governor Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 29	Annual Past Presidents' Dinner	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 31	Shotgun Range Officers Training Class	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

## Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

**Robert Brehl** ..... 301-607-4215  
*Interests:* Forestry, Hunter Safety, Pond & Stream

**Joe Finnegan** ..... 202-966-2353  
*Interests:* Conservation Education, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

**Vincent Greco** ..... 301-983-9643  
*Interests:* Conservation Education, Pond & Stream, Shooting Sports

**Marc Rampulla** ..... 240-743-4445  
*Family:* Jennifer, Maya, Nathan  
*Interests:* Nature Trail, Pond & Stream, Shooting Sports

## Tiny Ikes Program at National

Encourage your children to love the outdoors and they'll love it for life – and lead a healthier lifestyle. The Izaak Walton League recently launched a new program for preschoolers celebrating the wonders of nature. Research shows that nature experiences in early childhood provide important academic, psychological, and physical benefits to young children. Tiny Ikes (T'Ikes) has been designed specially for children ages 2-5 to explore and play in the outdoors and discover all the amazing things nature has to offer.

Classes are about 1 hour and parent participation is required. Spring Classes will begin in March and will include topic such as:

- Spring Detectives
- Flutter By Butterfly
- Birds of Feather
- Bugs, Bees, and Slimy Things

Classes are held at National Headquarters in Gaithersburg at 707 Conservation Lane.

For more information or if you are interested in starting your own Tiny Ikes program, contact Rebecca WadlerLase at [rwadler@iwla.org](mailto:rwadler@iwla.org) ([www.iwla.org/tikes](http://www.iwla.org/tikes)).

## DINNER MEETING

The 940th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 19** 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:* Meatballs, Sardines, Cheese, Crackers, Chips and Peanuts

*Entrée:* Salad, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Rolls

*Dessert:* Various types of Pies

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The March Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Chapter house on **Wednesday, March 26.** **Board Members are expected to attend.**

## B-CC IWLA Vegetable Gardening

Ray Parker

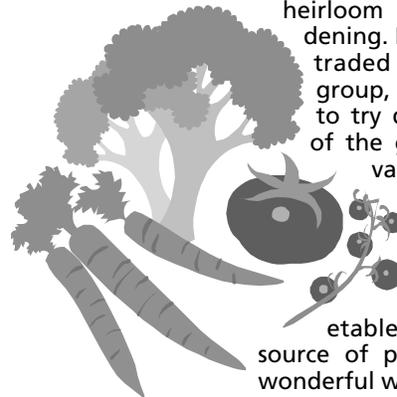
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It's that time of the year! The seed catalogs have arrived and we have planning our spring vegetable gardens. In a couple of weeks it will be time to plant seedlings indoors.

### INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW GARDENERS:

One of the benefits of B-CC IWLA membership is the availability of garden plots for member use and enjoyment. Gardening conveniences include: a water well and a garden tiller provided by the Chapter. Garden plots are roughly 25 feet by 25 feet and are available for an annual fee of \$20 which helps offset the expense of tiller maintenance, gas and oil, water hoses, etc. These plots are an adequate size for a family garden.

Our gardeners enjoy experimenting with various plants and gardening techniques, including trying their luck with



heirloom varieties and organic gardening. Excess produce is frequently traded within the gardening group, which provides a fun way to try different things. A number of the gardens have incorporated various types of flowers to add color and enjoyment.

Hummingbird feeders and plants that attract hummingbirds provide entertainment for all. A vegetable garden can be a great

source of personal satisfaction and a wonderful way to spend pleasant spring

and summer evenings and weekends with the family. It is a great activity for the entire family, especially the kids, encouraging them to get outdoors and participate in growing their own vegetables, flowers, pumpkins or even popcorn. Recently there has been increased interest in planting blackberries and raspberries, which provide even more variety to the garden.

Everyone is encouraged to work on improving the soil by the addition of organic matter in the form of compost, leaves, etc. One way this is encouraged is by allowing existing gardeners to retain the same plots from year-to-year, providing the incentive to invest the time and cost of improvements, knowing they will benefit from their efforts in following seasons. There are a number of individually maintained compost bins visible throughout the garden area. There is also an ample supply of free wood chips that are usable for garden pathways and eventually for compost.

To reserve your garden plot for 2014, or for additional information or questions, contact Ray Parker at [parkerray@hotmail.com](mailto:parkerray@hotmail.com) and include "B-CC IWLA vegetable gardens" in the subject line.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the April newsletter to [jhubb00@verizon.net](mailto:jhubb00@verizon.net) and [janet@spectrumprinting.com](mailto:janet@spectrumprinting.com) no later than **Friday, March 28.**

## Shotgun Range Report

Bill Thelemann  
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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 WET season is here. Please don't park or drive off the gravel area. **DO NOT drive over to the trailer.** The range is very muddy right now. **WEAR BOOTS!!!**

Please use caution when turning on all electric traps. Stand off to the side when cocking all arms. The TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm.

April 1 will be the start of Tuesday Sporting Clays. Get ready!!!

There will be a shotgun Range Officers training class on Saturday, May 31 (to be confirmed in the next Newsletter). No charge or sign-up – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon+.

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, March 16	Jim Wilbur/Doug Marks
Sunday, March 23	Lawrence Kotchek
Sunday, March 30	Warner Parks
Sunday, April 6	John Novak
Sunday, April 13	Lawrence Kotchek
Sunday, April 20	Paul Shields
Sunday, April 27	Warner Parks

## Hunter Safety

John Lamb  
e-mail: jpatricklamb@aol.com

The B-CC IWLA Spring Hunter Safety Course will be held on the weekend of May 3-4 at 8:00 a.m. inside the chapter house. Anyone wishing to take up hunting for the first time is required to satisfy a state certification course. All participants for the B-CC IWLA Hunter Safety Course must be pre-registered with Allan Smith to attend. Please send him an e-mail at huntersafety13@gmail.com or contact him at 240-224-7298.

Registration will begin after March 1. If you decide to attend this course, we encourage you to bring a lunch because it will be an all day event on both days.

We also need volunteer members willing to work off their required services hours to the chapter. If you are a member and are interested in assisting us, please contact John Lamb at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

## Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer  
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### CURRENT RANGE OFFICER SIGN-UP

This year's RO sign up will be held on Saturday, March 8 and March 15 at 9:00 a.m. The third RO sign-up will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 3:30 p.m. The sign-up list will be in the Chapter house at 7:00 a.m. and registration forms will be passed out at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting to start immediately at 9:00 a.m. If you are not present at this time, your spot is gone and you will go to the end of the line. Selection of duty days will start immediately following the meeting.

The RO fees are \$50 for Family memberships and \$35 for Individual memberships. Remember this is based on your chapter membership type.

### RANGE OFFICER CLASS

The RO class has been scheduled for May 17 at 9:00 a.m. April's newsletter will contain complete details.

### BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY

Saturday, March 29, we will be holding the scout merit badge day and the range will be closed.

### BLACK POWDER / MUZZLELOADER EVENT



Mark Gochnour and a cast of muzzleloading enthusiasts will be hosting the annual spring blackpowder clinic starting on Saturday, March 22 in the chapter house from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. for registration. Instruction / practice will continue up to lunch, which will be served before the competition begins on the R&P range at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss the rare opportunity to shoot at non-standard targets. There will be prizes! For the match, up to five targets are to be shot at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards with prizes awarded for the best shooters.

Guests/family members are welcome to join you to watch. "Guests" of shooters who have muzzleloaders may get chances to shoot them in the morning.

In the afternoon, in order for the match to go smoothly, the owners of the guns should shoot in the match, anyone extra would be an observer. \$10 for the event + any applicable R&P range fees.

Either bring the muzzleloader that you want to shoot or let Mark know in your email that you need a loaner. If you have a preference as to the style of muzzleloader you wish to borrow, let Mark know that too in the email.

Contact Mark Gochnour at mgdonutman@gmail.com or Daniel Hess at big\_d\_hess@hotmail.com for further details or to pre-register for the event.

WANT TO GET READY FOR TURKEY SEASON

### WANT TO GET READY FOR TURKEY SEASON

On Saturday, March 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the range will be open with ROs on duty for those members who are not range officers to sight in their firearms for Turkey Season. Range fees are \$7 for members and \$10 for guests.

## M-1 Garand Auction A Success

Chuck Slemenda, Chairman Gun Auction Committee

The BCC auction for the 30-06 M-1 Garand was kicked off at the regular monthly dinner meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (for members only). A reserve price of \$900 was assigned by the gun auction committee, but that was soon overturned by the opening bid of \$1,500. Over the next day or two the bidding was reduced down to two interested members. Phone calls were made back and forth between the person upsetting the bid by at least \$50, the auction committee chairperson Chuck Slemenda and the party whose bid was overturned. Sometimes the latest bid was overturned within minutes, yet sometimes strategies would be used and the upset bid would be phoned in to Slemenda just minutes before the deadline of 24 hrs was at hand. In the end, the more persistent bidder won with a final bid of \$2,050.

As Chairman of the Auction Committee, I want to extend my thanks to several people who made this event happen. First, it goes without saying that without a "donation" of one or more firearms there would be no auction; the member (wishes to remain anonymous) who donated the M-1 literally made this happen – with all proceeds going to our Land Fund debt. The Auction Committee made up of Chairman Slemenda, along with committee members Jim Hubbard and Tom Sigman give of their time and expertise in determining what each item is worth, setting up a reserve price for each item and determining just when and how the auction should occur. Articles for our newsletter have to be written and submitted in order to inform the membership and many phone calls made both before and during the auction itself. Then there are the B-CC IWLA members who not only appreciate the opportunity for such an auction, but utilize their resources to participate in such auctions.

It was a pleasant surprise last year to see an old WWI bayonet be auctioned to the highest bidder at \$300; and now, to see the M-1 Garand auctioned for \$2,050 – with every cent of the \$2,050 going toward the Land Fund debt – is a real tribute to the people involved and the cause we serve.

## BOYS AND GIRLS — WANT TO LEARN RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP FROM THE EXPERTS?

HERE'S HOW . . .

JOIN THE B-CC IWLA EAGLES JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB . . .

We shoot .22 rifles at the Landon School Range in Bethesda every Monday night between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. from October to May.



### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be at least 11 years old
- Must be enthusiastic about learning to shoot
- No prior experience required
- No special equipment needed

**All rifles, ammo and equipment plus awards and expert instruction provided at nominal cost**

### Want more information?

Contact Rex Gori, NRA Certified Instructor at 301-946-6530 or Aurelius.gori1@verizon.net

**If you are a new member, please contact Rex Gori before attending a session at Landon School.**

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