



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

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President's Message

Conservation has many meanings to different people. If you ask two of our members to think of a yellow dog and then separate them and ask for their description, one might say the dog was almost brown and had a long straight tail while the other person might say the dog was a buff color and had a short curved tail. Similarly with conservation, one person may think that improving forage for deer is the most important conservation effort, while another might think that improving fish habitat is most important. If we attempted to describe the possible targets of conservation, the following could be a start.

- Air
- Forests
- Water Bodies – *Oceans, Seas, Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Aquifers*
- Open Spaces – *Fields, Meadows, Tree – barren Mountains*
- Fauna – *Wildlife, Water-life, Insects, Microscopic life*
- Flora – *Native Plants, Invasive Plants, Microscopic Plants*
- Minerals, Natural Resources

The table above is huge in scope. Let's try to put conservation in more understandable terms. **What do you see that you think** needs to be included in a **reasonable** approach to achieving the Chapter's conservation mission?

As you drive through our gate, some obvious things may catch your eye. The easiest to spot is the process of erosion. After that, one doesn't have to go far to find certain weeds that look like they are taking over. Can you spot them and identify them? It takes knowledge and a practiced eye to spot those that are "native" weeds and those that are not. The latter are otherwise known as "invasive species" and need to be removed.

Around this time of year certain "bugs" are becoming obvious, for example, tent caterpillars and "stink bugs." Many people today look at all "bugs" as bad, but is that really the case. Birds eat "bugs" like moths, spiders and other insects. If there were no "bugs," what would birds eat? With a reduced food supply, the population of birds would ultimately decrease. Conservation practices like controlling erosion, invasive plants, or bugs need to be looked at comprehensively. We need to ask ourselves, "Are there unintended consequences of applying accepted practices? Are there effective alternatives?"

There are some obvious efforts we can undertake to practice conservation but we need to identify and prioritize our goals and objectives. We should take the time to understand the ramifications of what we are setting out to do? Since conservation is one of our core values¹, I firmly believe that we need to define and understand the subject in more detail and the application of conservation practices in our locale.

As you may or may not know, our strategic plan includes a project – the development of a "conservation course." The goal of the course is to provide members a foundation in *Conservation* as understood by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter.

If you find the above concepts interesting and you want to talk about them, please don't hesitate to give me a call!

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¹ The Chapter's Core Values are reprinted in a subsequent page of this newsletter.

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

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Summary of the April 2014 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

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April 16 Dinner Meeting

- Chapter President Frank Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other Chapter Officers present were Scott Harmon (2nd VP), Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary), Jim Hubbard (Corresponding Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Warner Parks, Jeff Schilling and Jim Tate.
- The following members in good standing also attended: Butch Mezick and Larry Anderson.
- The 2nd VP Report, Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.
- Mary Hagedorn, member of the Montgomery County Master Gardeners, presented a slide show and lecture, "Making the Most of the Soil You've Got", about soil quality in the region and how to test and amend one's own soil for improved garden yield.
- Bob Chapman presented his National Report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

April 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), Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary), Jim Hubbard (Corresponding Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Warner Parks, Hope Rutley, Jeff Schilling and Jim Tate.
- The following members in good standing also attended: Butch Mezick and Larry Anderson.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.

NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- A motion to accept nine new membership applications passed.
- A motion, tabled from previous meeting, to accept changes to Article XI regarding the creation of an Environmental Stewardship Committee passed.
- A proposed capital expenditure not to exceed \$3,500.00 for exterior maintenance of the Chapter House passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Father's Day Family Picnic Sunday, June 15 12:00 noon

Come and enjoy the events of the day with a picnic lunch offered by the Chapter.

Individuals eat for \$5 and Families for \$10.

All proceeds go to the Land Fund.

Interested in helping, contact Frank Parker for more information at vats3@verizon.net.

By-Laws Change

For several years, an Environmental Stewardship Committee has been conducting periodic stream monitoring of our farm's watershed. Stream water entering the property and stream water leaving the property is tested by an environmental lab for pollutants. Careful records are kept. This monitoring is important since our streams may be subject to inspection by governmental authorities. The monitoring is done according to an environmental stewardship plan put in place some years ago.

Even though the committee has been functioning for several years, it has never been officially recognized as a permanent committee of our chapter. At the regular April meeting, your Board of Governors passed a motion to place a change to our chapter by-laws to make the existing Environmental Stewardship Committee a permanent standing committee of our chapter before the membership for a vote. The text of the by-laws amendment is as follows:

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be five standing committees, which will be responsible to the President, Board of Governors, and Chapter, for establishing, coordinating, and implementing chapter operations and activities. These committees shall be an Advance Planning and Finance Committee, Operations and Conservation Committee, Recreation Committee, Public Relations and Education Committee, and Membership Committee. The efforts of these committees shall be in keeping with the policies and goals of the chapter. The President shall appoint a member in good standing to fill any Committee Chairperson vacancies.

The Advance Planning and Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Chapter President and include the following: Chapter First Vice President, Chapter Second Vice President, Chapter Treasurer, Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson, and the immediate Chapter past President.

The Operations and Conservation Committee shall be chaired by the Chapter First Vice President and include the

following: Chairpersons of Building Maintenance, Security, Equipment Maintenance, Grounds & Roads Maintenance, Farm, Ponds and Streams/Save Our Streams, **Environmental Stewardship, Wildlife Management, Forestry,** and Nature Trail. (Amended October 2003, **Amended May 2014**)

The Recreation Committee shall be chaired by the Chapter Second Vice President and include the following: Chairpersons of Rifle and Pistol Range, Trap and Skeet Range, Archery Range, Camp Ground.

The Public Relations and Education Committee shall be chaired by the Chapter Corresponding Secretary and include the following: Chairpersons of Hunter Safety, Firearms Safety, Conservation Education, Legislation, and Public Relations and Programs. (Amended October 2003)

The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Membership Secretary and include up to five (5) committee members. The Membership Committee will be responsible for membership requirements in Article III – Membership, section 2.b and Article VIII, Section 3, 3.a and 3.b.(Amended September 18, 1986 and February 21, 1991, September 2006)

Section 2. The Chapter President shall appoint chairpersons for: Constitution and By-Laws, Building Maintenance, Equipment Maintenance, Grounds & Roads Maintenance, Forestry, Wildlife Management, Ponds and Streams, Nature Trail, Rifle and Pistol Range, Trap and Skeet Range, Archery Range, Camp Ground, Hunter Safety, Firearms Safety, Legislation, Public Relations & Conservation Education, **Environmental Stewardship, Forestry,** and other ad hoc committees as he shall deem necessary for chapter operations and to plan, coordinate, and implement special studies, programs, or events. Such studies, programs, or events shall be in keeping with the policies and goals of the Chapter. (Amended September 18, 1986, Amended October 2003, **Amended May 2014**)

A vote approving this by-law changed is planned for the membership meeting on May 21, 2014.

Thanks to all members who helped make our Earth Day celebration a great success.

- All told, there were about 30 volunteer Chapter IKEs involved in one way or another with the production of this annual outreach to the public. As you may recall, such efforts ensure our continued tax favored status that allows us to spend more money on conservation efforts.
- Speaking of conservation, we really spread the word on Saturday. The continual tractor rides to the large pond ("Iron Man" Ernie Smith drove all day) gave us a captive audience to listen to the salient points about the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space delivered by Butch Mezick.
- One of the best parts of the day was that so many people had such a good time enjoying recreation in the outdoors. The fly fishing mentors, Patrick O Hare, Scott Dawson and others provided guests the opportunity to try and/or observe demonstrations of that wonderful sport. Alan Mullis organized and mentored youth to participate in the fishing derby. Many smiling faces were the result!
- John Karlik was the resident Nature Guide at the lake, greeting people as they arrived on the wagon and then explaining the many aspects of water life. Ann Gallagher led educational and enjoyable Nature Trail tours through the forest while her daughter Clara led other youth in Predator-Prey games. Speaking of games, 1st VP Joe Snider entranced many young participants by having them locating items using GPS coordinates with smart phones. And how about the bow and arrow activity? John Lamb led this event that had steady customers all day.
- The log cabin, manned by Jay La Marche and Don Perino, had visitors interested in the history cabin and the Archeology committee's many activities on and about the our farm.
- Indoors we had exhibitor/counselor tables that included: Maryland Bluebird Society, Maryland Master Gardeners, Montgomery Bird Club, and City Wildlife (animal rescue).
- The tables had visitors all day, provided wonderful information, and satisfied their reason for coming. They all expressed the desire to return next year.
- Also indoors, Bob Benson gave a presentation on the American Chestnut Tree breeding program that he operates and Jim Tate gave a presentation about Wildlife Counts, one of his many interests.
- In the afternoon, Chip Bonde of the Potomac NAVHDA Chapter fascinated visitors by exhibiting his fine bird dog and putting him through its paces. Chip concluded his exhibition by having the dog retrieve a bird placed far down field from the Chapter house. Just after this demo, Norman and Nancy Walter brought out a Goshawk and conducted a "show and tell" about the hawk's characteristics, habits, and talents.
- It was a beautiful day to take pictures and Larry Curtis fulfilled this role and behind the scene activities. This event like every other depended heavily on the invaluable contribution of the cooking crew. Thanks to Tom Lamkin, Tucker Mostrom, and Christie Mullis. Finally, thanks also to the IKEs who volunteered but are not mentioned here due to the large number involved or my deficient note keeping!
- Frank Parker

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
MAY		
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.
Tuesday, May 6	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	Montgomery Bird Club Spring Bird Walk	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday, May 12	Boy Scout 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 Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	R&P Range Officer Class	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 17	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 19	Boy Scout 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 Scout 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	7:30 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
JUNE		
Monday, June 2	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 3	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 7	Introduction to Hunting Seminar	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 9	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 14	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, June 16	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 19	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, June 23	Boy Scout Monthly Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24	Tuesday Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 30	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chapter Visitor

Our chapter was favored with a visit from Dan Ashe, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Department of the Interior. Dan had expressed an interest in our chapter to Mike Leahy, Conservation Director at IWLA headquarters. Thanks to Mike for arranging the visit.

Mr. Ashe enjoyed two rounds of skeet with several chapter members. He also received a briefing from Butch Mezick on the history and future plans for our Conservation Farm. Dan stayed for dinner and filled out a membership application so we can expect to see more of him in the future. Please say hello to him and make him welcome to our Bethesda – Chevy Chase family.



Butch Mezick, Forestry Chair, Jim Hubbard, Corresponding Secretary, Dan Ashe, Director US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Department of the Interior and Mike Leahy, Conservation Director at IWLA Headquarters.

Work Days for the Birds...

Saturday, April 5, Work Day at B-CC IWLA, is an important part of the yearly cycle at the Conservation Farm – cleaning up and getting ready for spring and summer fun. Crews battled with invasive multiflora rose, raked leaves, tended newly planted trees, constructed benches at the greenhouse, and to the dismay of the Cardinals, Red-winged Blackbirds, Juncos and other birds accustomed to visiting the bird feeders, took them down and stored them for another year. Duane Gibson and his son Owen worked with Jim Tate on the feeder storage, and helped lower, clean and re-raise the Purple Martin Houses, lining each little apartment with clean and dry pine needles.

And, an energetic crew led by John Novak put up some 30 nest boxes built by John, around the big pond, the archery range, the little pond at the cabin, and in the meadow near the Chapter House. Now we just wait for the Tree Swallows, Bluebirds, and Chickadees to inspect them and move in. But we probably won't have to wait long. Early arriving Tree Swallows were seen, and the nest box crew reported that as they left the big field east of the Chapter House an Eastern Bluebird flew right in to a newly erected box to inspect the floor plan.

A lot of work – for the birds, but also for the enjoyment and education of us humans as well. Here's a picture of the Nest Box Crew ... John Novak, with Dan Pasquale, Dave Gerth and Tim Jorgensen (not pictured- crew members Lin and Lucy Tate).

The bird feeder program and the nest box programs are part of a larger effort at the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm – the **WILDLIFE COUNTS** program. "Wildlife Counts," is a Citizen Scientist project to inventory and monitor the plants and wildlife of the chapter property and its environs. B-CC IWLA members submit their observations to the "Wildlife Counts" website, and these records are confirmed, recorded and archived in the program database. The data and reports resulting from "Wildlife Counts":

- Help our members meet their IWLA pledge by providing them with opportunities to better "...know the beauty of nature, and increasing their understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space",
- Educate and engage our members and neighbors by involving them in observing and appreciating the local wildlife and wild areas,
- Provide reliable and sound stewardship and management advice to other B-CC IWLA committees,
- Document the unique ecology of the fauna and flora that makes up one of Montgomery County's last wild places, and
- Inform future development decisions.

For further information, contact Board Member Jim Tate jim@tate-tate.us 202 841-2056.



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! Openings starting in July.

There will be a shotgun Range Officers training class on Saturday, May 31. No charge or sign-up – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon+. This is a training class for shotgun RO's. This is not a shooting class or lesson.

The Father's Day Fun Shoot will be held on Sunday, June 15 – 75 targets. Same as in previous years. See the Flyer for full details. On the Sundays we host fun shoots, the range is closed for normal operations until approximately 2:30 p.m. After the shoot has finished normal operation will resume. The Shoots are open to all interested shooters.

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 p.m.	Trap and Skeet
Tuesdays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sporting Clays

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 4	Larry Camper
Sunday, May 11	Jack Sullivan
Sunday, May 18	Dave Myers and Gary Melvin
Sunday, May 25	Dave Myers and Gary Melvin
Sunday, June 1	Paul Shields
Sunday, June 8	Gil Knight
Sunday, June 15	Father's Day Fun Shoot – Bill Thelemann
Sunday, June 22	Paul Shields
Sunday, June 29	WE NEED A RO
Sunday, July 6 – the end of 2014	WE NEED A RO's TO SIGN UP

DINNER MEETING

The 942nd regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21** 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: Assorted

Entrée: Salad, Roast Beef, Bake Potatoes, String Bean Casserole

Dessert: Cookies and Ice Cream

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The May Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Chapter house on **Wednesday, May 28.** **Board Members are expected to attend.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the June newsletter to jhubb00@verizon.net and janet@spectrumprinting.com no later than **Friday, May 30.**

Nominating Committee Report

Larry Anderson
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The nominating committee has been formed and consists of myself, Pat Tarquino, Tom Lamkin, Carol Efdimis and Ernie Smith. The mission of the committee is to compile a slate of candidates for election to our chapter's Board of Governors for the upcoming year. An alternative mechanism exists to being included on the slate of candidates; any chapter member can also be added to the slate of candidates by submitting their name to the president along with at least 10 other member's signatures of approval. The slate of candidates will be in place by prior to the May dinner meeting and the election scheduled to be held during the June dinner meeting. The slate of candidates at this writing is as follows:

PROPOSED 2014-2015 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

President Joe Snider
1st Vice President Scott Harmon
2nd Vice President *vacant*
Membership Secretary Carol Efdimis
Treasurer *vacant*
Corresponding Secretary Jim Tate
Recording Secretary Jack Mandel
Board Member Warner Parks
Board Member Kevin King
Board Member Hope Rutley
Board Member *vacant*
Board Member *vacant*
Past President Frank Parker

Currently we have several openings on the slate and are asking that any member in good standing interested in being nominated to become a Board of Governor member, please contact any member of the nominating committee or current Board of Governor's member to be included on the slate. This is a wonderful opportunity to become engaged in the chapter's business and develop leadership potential. While no prerequisites are required, members interested in becoming a Board member or an officer should be aware of the time commitments and preferably have some understanding of goals of the chapter.

Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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NEW RANGE OFFICERS

If you want to become a Range Officer you will need to attend the RO training session scheduled for Saturday, May 17, starting at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until about 2:00 p.m. At this time you will be briefed on range rules and procedures and at the conclusion take a test, on which you must score at least 80 in order to become a Range Officer. If you plan on attending this session, please bring the following: your current 2014 Chapter membership card, exact cash or check for the fee, a pen and paper to take notes.

Your RO dues are based on your Chapter membership type. If you have an Individual membership to the Chapter, you are eligible for Individual RO dues at \$35/year. If you have a Family membership, you are eligible for Family at \$50/year or an Individual.

MAY

Saturday, May 3 Kosogof, J., Hess, D., Canali, L.,
Newsom, D.
Sunday, May 4 Hess, L., McGrath, J., Liptak, M., Miler, B.

Saturday, May 10 Pickett, M., Myers, D, Miller, B., Moffat, A.
Sunday, May 11 Hamilton, R., Grove, D., Pickett, M.
Saturday, May 17 Burns, M., Guille, E., Hamilton, R.,
Calderwood, Jr., J.
Sunday, May 18 Tarquino, P., Richards, M., Evans, R.,
Burns, M.
Saturday, May 24 Fiol, C., Eschholz, S., Guille, E.,
Strosnider, M., Bruno, F.
Sunday, May 25 Keenan, J., Terrell, J., Rejevich, B.,
Yetter, B.
Monday, May 26 Yetter, B., Chen, G., Panashchenko, O.,
Kang, J.
Saturday, May 31 McDaniel, M., Pasquale, D., Strosnider, M.,
Pumphrey, W.

JUNE

Sunday, June 1 Pasquale, D., Tarquino, P., McDaniel, M.,
Chen, G.
Saturday, June 7 Campagna, C., Richards, M.,
Calderwood, Sr., J., Boynton, D.
Sunday, June 8 Morgan, R., Black, D., Black, H., Keenan, J.
Saturday, June 14 Plummer, F., Canali, L., Gautereaux, J.,
Newsom, D.
Sunday, June 15 Midberry, K., Rodgers, J., Moisan, G.,
Grove, D.
Saturday, June 21 Hunt, J., Eschholz, S., Fiol, C., Sullivan, A.
Sunday, June 22 Sullivan, A., Hess, D., Hess, L., Hunt, J.
Saturday, June 28 Janaskie, P., Welch, J., Behrend, D.,
Pumphrey, W.
Sunday, June 29 King, K., Schilling, J., Welch, J., West, K.



FATHER'S DAY FUN SHOOT FUND RAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

75 Targets \$25.00
**\$10.00 of every entry will go to the
Land Acquisition Fund**

**25 Skeet Targets • 25 Trap Targets
25 Sporting Clays Targets**

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2nd – Each Class
\$15.00 and 2 Free Range Tickets

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The Izaak Walton League of America
BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CHAPTER
CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

Conservation is Our Mission

OUR HISTORY: The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA) was founded in 1935 by 15 visionary hunters and fishermen. These men were not far removed from the intrinsic bonds that tied their prosperity to the health and fertility of the land. They believed strongly in the preservation of wildlife, woodlands, and open space and the wise use of the land and its natural resources. Their vision of conservation encouraged a harmonious interaction without natural resources that provided a sustainable grass roots connection to nature as opposed to a pure environmental protectionism. They also believed in providing outdoor recreational opportunities, such as hunting and fishing, to propagate and foster a respect for the outdoors for future generations.

A 366-acre farm, stripped of its wildlife and the fertility of its soils, was purchased in 1949. Subsequent land acquisition increased these land holding to 573-acres. The mission and purpose of the B-CC IWLA membership was to oversee, direct, and model the farm as a demonstration project in sustainable wildlife and land management.

OUR PHILOSOPHY: We inspire sound conservation ethics. We believe the land and the natural resources we have inherited are not simply a fiscal commodity, but a dynamic and diverse community to which we belong. We strive to understand the processes of nature that govern renewable and nonrenewable natural resources and to provide the environmental leadership, advocacy and initiative for our membership and our local community to coexist with the natural world with minimal disturbance and maximum respect. We are dedicated to expanding, encouraging and preserving access to open spaces. We value above all our ability to impart the framework of environmental stewardship. Our commitment is to create a forum that plants the seeds of ecological appreciation, reverence, and ethics for all things natural, wild, and free.

OUR MEMBERSHIP: We expect our members to maintain the highest standards of ecological integrity. We recognize that our ability to most directly and positively impact local land and wildlife practices begins with the knowledge, imagination, dedication, instruction, and teamwork of our

members and volunteers. We enlist no delineation between outdoor enthusiasts. The cooperative strength of the B-CC IWLA evolves from the diversity of our membership; naturalists, hunters, fishermen, hikers, campers, firearm enthusiasts, archers, and all others enjoying outdoor activities share collaborative and insightful roles under the name of conservation. We believe that future opportunities for outdoor enjoyment are dependent on the collective talents, time, funding, and energy of the entire outdoor community.

OUR FARM: It is with our farm that we discharge our responsibility as "The Ambassadors of Conservation." We maintain and model our conservation farm as a shining and exemplary pillar of environmental and biotic stewardship. We recognize our farm as a living classroom and our members and guests as students of conservation and outdoor ethics. We both educate and enlist, not only our membership, but also the general community and other like-minded conservation organizations through our conservation farm. Our farm provides a substantive and tactile bridge between the academic ideals of environmental stewardship and the physical realities of soil, water, air, wildlife, and open space. We strive to foster a mutually beneficial relationship between our farm, our membership, and our local community.

OUR FUTURE: The most serious obstacles impeding the local land ethic of future generations are irresponsible development and the environmentally apathetic attitude of a populace too long removed from agriculture and other outdoor occupations. We will continually strive to find a sustainable and philosophic balance between population growth/urban development and the aesthetic and rejuvenating reward nature and outdoor recreation can bring to our community. Our goal is to educate and embolden the local community to foster, explore, and enjoy wild places and to advocate the wise use of our local ecosystems – to teach a harmonious relationship with the land and its wildlife and to realize the consequences of all manmade interaction with the natural world. We must therefore create an open, fluid, and creative forum for membership to shape local policies and legislation that protect our natural resources for future generations.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ **\$50** _____ **\$100** _____ **\$200** _____ **\$500** _____ **\$1000** _____ **OTHER**

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to Carol Efdimis, B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837



The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of
The Izaak Walton League of America
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Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

Michael Bearer 301-767-0241
Interests: Legislative, Photography, Rifle & Pistol

Drew Briscoe 214-673-3577

Richard Jurgena 301-674-3451
Interests: Hunter Safety, Legislative, Rifle & Pistol

Emory Linder 240-508-2070
Interests: Pond & Stream, Rifle & Pistol, Wildlife Management

Kevin Maroney 301-229-5547
Interests: Farm, Pond & Stream, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management

B-CC IWLA Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction – Sunday, June 15

Don't we all feel we have too much stuff! If you have guns, fishing gear, camping equipment, reloading tools, hunting clothes, duck decoys, tree stands, boating gear, bows & arrows, gardening tools, outdoor book or videos, or anything else you want to get out of your storage, here is a way to get it to someone who needs it.

Rent a table for the Father's Day swap meet or to donate an item for the silent auction, please call or email Lawrence Kotchek at (240) 793-5316 or lawrence@print1.com. Tables cost \$10.

The meet, auction & picnic (cost is \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families) is a good easy going event. Come and enjoy!

Introduction to Hunting Seminar

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America will be sponsoring an "Introduction to Hunting Seminar" on June 7. If you have never been hunting before, know someone who would be interested, or had a disappointing experience yourself, you are encouraged to attend.

Course will include instruction and discussions about conservation and ethical behavior, the five W's and How of hunting, what is hunting success, preparing to go hunting, techniques and skills for being in the woods, trailing game, animal habitats and habits, safety and first aid, being skunked, what to do if you wound an animal and what can you learn if you miss, advantages and disadvantages of hunting companions and more. There will be time for questions.

This seminar does not replace the required Hunter Safety Education course but is to supplement that training and to expand one's hunting knowledge. The instructors have had many years of experience and what they will share is intended to help participants have a more enjoyable time hunting.

The seminar will be held at the Chapter House located off West Willard Road in Poolesville, MD. The address is 20601 Izaak Walton Way. It is currently scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 to cover materials. Bring your own lunch and boots and clothing for walking outdoors. Class size is limited to 60, so registering early is recommended. Deadline is May 31.

*Interested individuals must register at
hunting.seminar.bcciwla@gmail.com.
Any questions about the seminar should be sent
to this same email address.*