



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

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President's Message

Spring is finally here! We'll likely get a few little cold fronts coming through but I think we've made it out of the worst of winter.

At the February Monthly Dinner Meeting I discussed legislation in Maryland that our Chapter, State IWLA and National IWLA are opposing. I explained to our membership, and later to the IWLA State Division that:

- *At the Board of Governor's Meeting in February a discussion came about concerning Maryland Senate Bill (SB748). This bill deals with the "Legalization of the sale of venison under "Certain Circumstances". The "Certain Circumstances" were limited to individuals with Crop Damage Permits and not the average sportsman.*

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of IWLA currently has no existing resolution on this legislation. However, there was strong opinion expressed at our board meeting that no one should be allowed to commercialize game meat. IWLA National does have a policy on the topic of "the sale of game" in its "2014 Conservation Policies Handbook" (Chapter V, section B, item 1). The IWLA position is "The League opposes commercial transport or sale of game animals or fish or the meat thereof."

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, known to be the best public trust doctrine for conservation worldwide, expresses a distinct policy on this issue as well. Within its core principles, the document states a prohibition on commercialization of dead wildlife. The NAMWC also addresses and condemns the idea of a privatized market (i.e. certain circumstances only for certain individuals).

All wild game that exists and which is well and properly regulated is, by law, open to all citizens in good standing. Wild game is owned by all and not by one or by a chosen few individuals, whatever their "Certain Circumstances" may be.

The B-CC chapter's State Division Chairman delivered this message in my letter to the State Division meeting. A motion was passed at that meeting to oppose the bill.

The B-CC Board of Governors will likely take a formal position on this bill if it proceeds any further in the state legislature. Reports from the MD Senate hearing held in mid-March are that there was strong opposition to the legislation, and it is not expected to proceed to law.

We, as conservationists and good stewards of the land and its resources, will stand for something lest we fall for anything.

Respectfully,
Joe Snider

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

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Summary of the March 2015 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

Jack Mandel, Recording Secretary

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March 18 Dinner Meeting

- The 952nd consecutive dinner meeting was called to order by President Joe Snider at 7:30 p.m.
- A motion to accept eight new members was accepted.
- Our guest speaker was Jeff Berger, Deputy Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Jeff studied non-profit business administration in college and went straight to work for the BSA. They have been the sole source of employment for him in his adult working life, and his love of the job is evident. He was full of praise for our Chapter's ongoing support of our local scout troops, and he hopes our members might attend and compete in the BSA 2nd annual Sporting Clay Tournament on May 7 & 8 in Haymarket, Virginia which Jeff hopes to be a high quality shooting tournament as well as a good source of revenue for the 48,000 area scouts.
- Joe mentioned the ongoing need for new board members, as positions open up annually. Please contact Joe if interested.
- Joe read a letter he composed for presentation to the IWLA State Division by Bill Gordon which eloquently voiced the Chapter's position opposing MD SB748 allowing commercial sale of venison; Joe said that the most compelling fact in his argument was the simple fact that Maryland wildlife is legally owned by all residents and that no single group should receive privileges not applied to all.
- Ron Marchessault gave the Treasurer's Report
- Scott Harmon, in his First VP's report, told us that the culvert repair is still not scheduled but will likely occur this summer and will take up to six weeks to complete.
- Frank Parker says that the Earth Day Celebration is set for April 25; volunteers are needed.
- Jim Tate says we will need volunteers for Spring Farm Clean-Up day on April 18. This will include installation of Tree Swallow boxes at the Big Pond, takedown of the bird feeders, installation of a bluebird trail, and opening the Purple Martin boxes. Also, on May 9 we will need volunteers to escort Montgomery Bird Club on the property during the spring bird walk.
- John Lamb reports that on April 18 the Trails Committee will need help on trail clearing operations. John is soliciting suggestions for information materials to be placed in the existing kiosks. John also needs new hunter safety instructor volunteers.
- Warner Parks says the range officer signup for the shotgun range will be on March 28.
- Mark Gochnour presented our Conservation Farm Book to the Poolesville Library.
- Bill Gordon reports that a tour of Pennsylvania fracking operations will be held sometime in May. Members may contact Bill if they are interested in attending.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

March 25 Board of Governors Meeting

- President Joe Snider called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other chapter officers present were Scott Harmon (1st VP), Carol Efdimis (2nd VP), Byron Ricketts (Membership Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), Jim Tate

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SUMMARY

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- (Corresponding Secretary) and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Board members present included Warner Parks, Hope Rutley, Aaron Smith and Jeff Seaman. Past President Frank Parker was present.
 - Members present included Lin Tate, Bill Gordon, John Lamb, Larry Anderson, Bob Pavlick, Pat Tarquinio, Bob Benson, Butch Mezick and Tucker Mostrom.
 - Joe mentioned that we will hold a Food Safety Licensing Course in the chapter house sometime in May. Maryland Senate bill (SB747) concerning tree pruning and removal by power companies is an issue we might want to address in the near future. A letter has been sent to Dave Hansroth thanking him for his presentation on the Ruffed Grouse Society at the Wild Game Dinner.
 - Treasurer's Report: Operating Fund – \$71,456.00, Management Reserve Account – \$22,812.00, Land Fund Account – \$808.00, Capital Fund – \$24,278.00, Land Purchase Balance (to be paid) – \$468,078.00.
 - Membership Report: 1,005 members; 544 Individual, 328 Family, 16 Associate, 2 Youth, 27 Student, 78 Retired.
 - Total donations by the Chapter towards area conservation efforts last year – \$16,200.00.
 - Butch Mezick needs volunteer supervisors with tree planting experience for the April 11 tree planting; 931 trees to be installed, no small task.
 - Larry Anderson reported that a hearing was held on March 17 regarding SB748 in regard to Crop Damage Permitting commercial sale of venison.
 - Scott Harmon says the county is likely to do culvert repair work in June or July.
 - Joe mentioned that he informed National Headquarters about Don Perino's work with milkweed waystations on the property, and this precedent will likely motivate other chapters to follow suit. Kudos, Don!
 - Aaron Smith says the kitchen fire suppression system will be upgraded this week, and ongoing issues with the men's room plumbing require attention.
 - Tucker Mostrom reported that the website will soon have a fairly complete archive of past newsletters.
 - Bob Benson reports that the Boy Scout campground will be up and running again this coming weekend with troop activities.
 - Frank Parker has been busy with Earth Day preparations. Many volunteers are needed to pull this event off smoothly.
 - B-CC will host an upcoming scout shooting sports merit badge day on March 28.
 - Bill Gordon reported that the IWLA Maryland Division will hold their next meeting at the Rockville chapter on June 6.
 - A motion to accept 6 new membership applications passed.
 - A motion to allocate no more than \$500 from Management Reserve account for plumbing repairs to men's room passed.
 - A motion to approve funds to cover expected overage in the propane budget passed.
 - A motion to approve Chapter House use on October 9 and 10 for the Rural Women's Republican Club Night in the Country passed.
 - A motion to approve use of the Chapter House for the Family of Dennis Ferguson to hold a celebration of his life on March 29 passed.
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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 are 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 which is an adequate size for a family garden. These are available for an annual fee of \$20 which helps offset the expense of tiller maintenance, gas and oil, water hoses, etc.

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 2015, or for additional information or questions, contact Ray Parker at parkerray@hotmail.com and include "BCCIWLA vegetable gardens" in the subject line.

DINNER MEETING

The 953rd regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 15** at the Chapter house. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. **Board members are expected to attend.** All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Ham, Green Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert.**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The April Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Chapter house on **Wednesday, April 22.** **Board Members are expected to attend.**

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
APRIL		
Saturday, April 4	R & P Range reopens to General Membership	
Monday, April 6	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Saturday, April 11	Forestry Tree Planting	8:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 12	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 13	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, April 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16	Cub Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	Spring Farm Clean Up Day	beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, April 20	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, April 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	Earth Day Celebration	beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Monday, April 27	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
MAY		
Saturday, May 2	Hunter Safety Course	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	Hunter Safety Course	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 4	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Thursday, May 7	Past Presidents Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 9	Bird Field Day	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Saturday, May 16	Adopt-A-Road Clean-up – Entrance to Izaak Walton Way	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 16	R & P Range – Range Officers Training Session	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 18	Global Ecology Awards	5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, May 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Cub Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, May 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 29	Boy Scouts First Aid Class	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 30	Boy Scouts First Aid Class	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 31	Boy Scouts First Aid Class	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
JUNE		
Monday, June 1	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 2	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Saturday, June 6	Rachel Gauza Streams Field Trip	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 6	Introduction to Hunting Seminar	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 7	Summer Archeology Class	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Saturday, June 13	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 14	Summer Archeology Class	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 15	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, June 17	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 18	Cub Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Fun Shoot at the Shotgun Range	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day Family Picnic	12:00 noon
Sunday, June 21	Summer Archeology Class	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark
Wednesday, June 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 28	Summer Archeology Class	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 29	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 30	Sporting Clays	3:00 p.m. – dark

Earth Day – Saturday, April 25, 2015

Frank Parker, Chairman, Conservation Education Committee
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The Committee is planning the **B-CC IWLA Chapter's Annual Earth Day Celebration** for April 25. The Earth Day Celebration is one of the Chapter's outreach efforts to the general public. We invite members and non-members to attend and learn about the outdoors and conservation. Our Earth Day celebration helps to show that we are a non-profit and contributes to the retention of our 501(c)(3) status.

On arrival, guests and members are invited to sign in at the Chapter House, have a cup of coffee, and **visit the tables** that include handouts for children, wildlife artifacts and other items of interest. City Wildlife, Master Gardeners, Montgomery Bird Club, Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Trout Unlimited and many other important local groups will meet and greet you.

- There will be a **geo-caching** event in which you can get involved using your smart phone. Geo-cachers will be given clues to find a hidden item using the map features of the phone.
- Mountain Man Microbiologist Bob Benson will give a presentation describing the loss of the **American Chestnut** tree in the US and the effort by our Izaak Walton chapter to help breed a stronger strain of chestnut tree.
- At any time the guests may visit the **historic log cabin**, which will contain archeological artifacts and displays related to the history of the farm and the surrounding area.
- An **expedition** will be led by a B-CC IWLA member to a nearby stream to capture and identify stream critters. And, pans of water containing stream captured "creek critters" will be on display at the Log Cabin with a scientist explaining their ecology and role in stream health.
- There will be a **tractor-pulled wagon ride** (weather permitting) to the big pond. Upon arrival, visitors can walk around with a B-CC volunteer. Or, visitors can hike the short distance to the pond. At the pond, there will also be a person explaining the enjoyment, art, and techniques of fly-fishing. The one-way trip in the wagon takes approximately 15 minutes.
- There will be a chance for youth and adults to **shoot a few arrows** using one of our bows.
- In the afternoon, there will be a **hunting dog demonstration** by the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association. This will be followed by a **falconry** demonstration in the field below the Chapter House.
- The final activity of the day will be a **"fishing derby"** at the big pond. Guests are encouraged to bring rods and reels although a limited number will be available for use by visitors.

AGENDA – INDOOR

- 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wildlife artifacts (You are free to handle them, but **Please Don't Take Them!**)
- 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Log Cabin Open House
Historical and Archeological displays/discussions
- 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Master Gardener Table – Counseling Available
Maryland Bluebird Society
Montgomery Bird Club Table
Mid Atlantic Trout in the Classroom program
Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry
City Wildlife

- 10:00 a.m. Creek Critters Expedition (ages 12 and up) Meet at Barn (Departs from paved road near small pond)
- 11:00 a.m. American Chestnut Tree Recovery Project presentation
- 11:30 a.m. Tree Stand Demonstration using "climbing tree stand" (Location map available at front porch)

OUTDOOR EVENTS (all day)

Woody Owl – US Forest Service will attend and move about the farm.

Archery – Shoot 5 arrows (max) from the Chapter House east veranda.

Guided Walking Tours – Assemble on Chapter House Porch during hours below

- Cathedral of the Pines, Big Pond/Shotgun Range
- Little Pond/Rifle & Pistol Range/Bee Hives/Wild Flowers

Wagon Rides (weather permitting) will be available from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. making a circuit with 2 to 3 stops. **Assemble in Barn area! NOTE!** When disembarking at one of the available stops, guides will accompany visitors. A final trip to and from the Big Pond will be provided for the fishing derby and leave from the barn at 3:00 p.m.

Creek Critters (Ages 12 and up) Visit a stream on the property to capture very small critters and identify them. Use the smart phone app, **Creek Critters**, which can be downloaded to your iPhone. No iPhone? Don't worry the leader of the group will have one. Nets, examination boxes and other tools are available for use. Those who sign-up can get their feet wet – **if they want to!**

Geo-Cache Event – Locate a hidden item using your phone and provided clues (Ages 12-14, Youth under 12 with age **14 or older/or adult.**) Assemble on the Chapter House Porch.

Fly Fishing Demonstration – A fisherman will demonstrate techniques of fishing with fly rod at the **big pond (Walton Pond).**

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Wagon Ride with Nature Walk Option
- 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Fly Fishing Demo at Big Pond (**take wagon to pond**)
- 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Geo-Cache Event, Boy Scout to lead anyone with smart phone – **Assemble on the Chapter House Porch**
Walking Tours – **Assemble on patio near Chapter House porch**
1) Cathedral of the Pines, Big Pond/Shotgun Range
2) Little Pond/Rifle & Pistol Range/Bee Hives/Wild Flowers
- 11:00 a.m. American Chestnut Tree Recovery presentation (**Chapter House**)
- 11:30 a.m. Tree Stand climbing Demonstration. Get location at Porch Desk
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. LUNCH at BARBEQUE PIT**
- 1:00 PM Geo-Cache Event – **Assemble on the Chapter House Porch**
- 1:30 PM North American Versatile Hunting Dog Demonstration
- 2:30 PM Falconry Demonstration
- 3:00 – 4:45 PM Fishing Derby (Ages 10 to 13) Prefer adult accompaniment – **Take Wagon to the Large Pond at 2:45**

Shotgun Range Report

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ATTENTION ALL RANGE OFFICERS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE RANGE HOUSE. THIS INCLUDES THE KNOB LOCK ON THE DOOR.

A sign-up sheet for the upcoming year is in the range house. Please use it to sign up. We need two range officers on duty at all times. Also, range officers will now need an additional key to access the range house. **ONLY CURRENT RANGE OFFICERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR DUTY WILL BE ISSUED A KEY.** As of March 1st, the right skeet field is to be left open for those members that do not want to shoot sporting clays on Sunday mornings. This will not apply on special shooting events (ex. Winter Sporting Clays League).

Please remember to stand to the side when cocking all arms on throwing machines. The TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm. Please refill and restock the skeet houses and uncock all machines when done shooting. This is currently not being done. Additional targets are stored in the container next to the parking lot, the trailer under the tower, and in the low skeet house on the left field. Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. This is currently not being done. Please keep the range clean and restocked for the next range officers and shooters. All shotgun range equipment is to be used by pre-qualified shotgun range officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let me or Joel know ASAP.

APRIL RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5	Dave Hill and Chris Davis
Sunday, April 12	Joe Contrera and Greg Olsen
Sunday, April 19	John Novack and Tim Jorgensen
Sunday, April 26	Gary Melvin and Dave Myers

MAY RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3	Larry Camper and Rick Tomlin
Sunday, May 10	Richard Riccio and Stephen Ives
Sunday, May 24	Mark Shanker and Chuck Aubertin
Sunday, May 31	Paul Newbold and Paul Antolli

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays
Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. until dark Sporting Clays
(Starting April 7, 2015)

Hunter Safety

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The B-CC IWLA's Maryland Hunter Safety courses for 2015 are now posted on the Maryland DNR web site. All participating students in the Hunter Safety Education program must enroll online. Our class is a 2-day (16 hour) course that we offer twice a year, spring and fall. Classes are scheduled for May 2 – 3 and September 12 – 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapter House. These classes are free of charge and are open for everyone wishing to obtain Hunter Safety Training certification. Participants are encouraged to be early and to bring a lunch with them on both days. All other supplies will be provided by the state. Parents/guardians are required to remain on the premises for the duration of the class. If you have any questions regarding enrollment or the class itself, please feel free to contact me at jpatricklamb@aol.com.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

- Stephen Durr** 301-977-1591
Family: Amy, Emily, William, Emma, Cara
Interests: Building & Facility, Recreational Activities, Shooting Sports
- Robert Hoffman** 301-881-8118
Interests: Archery, Farm, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports
- Earl Hower** 703-777-6527
Interests: Conservation Education, Forestry, Wildlife Management
- Christopher Kaine** 301-299-2678
Family: Blair, William, Hugh
Interests: Archery, Conservation Education, Family Picnic, Hunter Safety, Nature Trail, Photography, Pond & Stream, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Youth Activities
- Andrew Ma** 512-879-9799
Family: Eileen, Nathan, Matthew, Serena
Interests: Archery, Rifle & Pistol, Youth Activities
- Daniel Menser** 301-972-8353
Interests: Nature Trail, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports
- George O'Brien** 240-483-0130
Family: Alice, Dylan, Bridget
Interests: Nature Trail, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management
- Terry Rauh** 301-365-2919
Family: Sandy, Morgan, Jane
Interests: Grants & Fundraising, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CHAPTER
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION EXHIBITS

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015
9:30AM TO 4:00 PM



A FAMILY EVENT – BRING THE KIDS
CONSERVATION FARM TOURS & WILDLIFE EXHIBITS
FREE LUNCH & FREE ADMISSION

20601 IZAAK WALTON WAY
OFF WEST WILLARD ROAD

SOUTH OF POOLESVILLE, MARYLAND 20837

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE WWW.BCCIWLA.ORG

The Earth Day flyer is available on the B-CC IWLA website (www.bcciwla.org). Please help promote our Earth Day celebration by downloading the flyer and distributing it locally!

Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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RANGE OFFICER CLASS

If you want to become a Range Officer you will need to attend the RO training session scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 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 2015 Chapter membership.**

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.

APRIL

Saturday, April 4 **Beitzel, D.,** Warren, J., Williams, B., Terry, J.
Sunday, April 5 **Finn, K.,** Beitzel, D., Williams, B., Terry, J.
Saturday, April 11 **Latimer, R.,** Shallow, T., Lan, K.
Sunday, April 12 **Murray, J.,** Elkins, B., Rejevich, B.
Saturday, April 18 **Hoover, J.,** Kerr, A., Poppo, J., Ryba, J.
Sunday, April 19 **Ryba, J.,** Evans, R., Latimer, R., Tarquinio, P., Snider, J.
Saturday, April 25 **Shallow, T.,** Mostrom, T.
Sunday, April 26 **Hess, L.,** Hoover, J., Kerr, A., Poppo, J.

MAY

Saturday, May 2 **Saiz, J.,** Moisan, E., Black, H., Black, D.
Sunday, May 3 **Evans, R.,** Tarquinio, P., Saiz, J., King, B.
Saturday, May 9 **Hamilton, R.,** Myers, D., Welch, J., Morgan, R.
Sunday, May 10 **Pasquale, D.,** Hamilton, R., Lan, K., Panashchenko, O.
Saturday, May 16 **Burns, M.,** Myers, D., Welch, J., Riccio, R.
Sunday, May 17 **Greenberg, R.,** Burns, M., Hess, L., Finn, K., West, K.
Saturday, May 22 **Fiol, C.,** Eschholz, S., Miller, B., Campagna, C.
Sunday, May 24 **Miller, B.,** Mcgrath, J., Pasquale, D., Panashchenko, O.
Saturday, May 30 **Hensley, J.,** Moffat, A., Black, H., Black, D.
Sunday, May 31 **Hensley, J.,** Liptak, M., Chen, G., Belendiuk, A.

Talks for the Good of the Chapter

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At our past board meeting, I brought up the issue of parking off the gravel areas of our chapter when we have our dinner meetings. Over the past few years due to our increased membership, we have started to park on the grassy areas heading down to the shotgun range and in numerous other areas not designated for parking. Parking off the gravel leads to the killing of the grass, rutting and erosion, the compaction of the soils around our trees, and pollution that drips from some of our cars. It is also stated that we do not park our cars off the graveled areas in our bylaws for the above reasons.

Our solution is that we better utilize the parking areas that we have. At the last dinner meeting, one of our members mentioned the following solution to me. In our main

parking lot we need to park four rows of parking. Parking two rows in the middle and one row to each boundary. In the event that the parking lot is full, we should utilize the shotgun range parking area for overflow. There should be no parking at the R&P parking lot, unless you have a hand-capped tag or hanger.

So to set the example, I will start parking at the shotgun range for future dinner meetings to allow our less mobile folks to park in the chapter house parking area. Please join me in this conservation effort!

Archeology Report

Don Perino
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I'm sure you've noticed the beautiful old log cabin that we have. But, have you ever wondered about its history? If so, join our summer archeology class! It's scheduled for Sundays: June 7, 14, 21, 28.

Classes run from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The cost for all four sessions is \$75 per individual and \$100 for a family. Please consider bringing your children. No experience necessary.

This summer's class will again explore the area around the log cabin. Nowadays we call it the Willard Log Cabin, but the original part is earlier; we believe it was first built around 1825. During that time the farm belonged to a Georgetown businessman. Slaves worked the fields and Jessie, the overseer, probably lived in the log cabin. Actually, the farm is even older. A 1769 survey describes a farm on our land and the earliest property records date from 1750.

Interested? Let me know if you plan to attend. We need a minimum number of students and are looking for a few more. Contact: dperino@verizon.net.



It's time to start thinking about the B-CC IWLA Father's Day Swap Meet and Silent Auction: Sunday, June 21st

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I think you will agree- "We all have too much stuff!" If you have guns, camping equipment, reloading equipment, hunting clothes, duck decoys, tree stands, boating stuff, bows or arrows, gardening tools, outdoors books or videos, fishing stuff, or anything else outdoors related and would like a table for the Father's Day swap meet or to donate an item for the silent auction, please call or email me: Lawrence Kotchek 240-793-5316 or lawrence@print1.com. This offer is open to both members and prospective members. Tables cost \$10.00 with the money going to the Land Fund. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds going to the Land Fund. Contributions for the silent auction are welcomed.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the May 2015 newsletter to jim@tate-tate.us and janet@spectrumprinting.com no later than Friday, April 24.



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The League was recently honored with a coveted "Community Spot" on Maryland Public Television. Award-winning MPT host Rhea Feikin interviewed Scott Kovarovics, the League's Executive Director. The short segment promotes the League's mission and activities state and nationwide. You can watch the interview on the **League's YouTube channel**. The segment is expected to be featured on MPT several times a week for the next few months.

Also, take a look at page 15 of the 2015 issue 1 of **OUTDOOR AMERICA** where our Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter is honored for its Global Ecology Program at Poolesville High School.

Wildflower Corner

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In a few weeks blooms will appear in our fields and woods. This is a great time of year to take advantage of our trail system and go for a hike. A couple of early-blooming wildflowers you might find are Wild Azalea and Ground Ivy. Wild Azalea is a native plant that's easily recognized by its bright pink



flowers. The one photographed here is located on the north edge of Clearing-A. It's just a short walk from the Chapter House. The Ground Ivy, on the other hand, is a non-native invasive plant. It spreads rapidly and becomes a nuisance. Ground Ivy is recognized by its small purple flowers and strong smell when cut. It's native to Europe and was once used to relieve congestion.

