



AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

Did you ever think about what it takes to keep a farm operating? Drought, drenching wet, stormy, extra cold and even extra-warm years can each take a toll on a farmer's work in plant or animal production. They never know what is in store. Accounting for the temperament of nature is a continual battle for the professional farmer. High winds or even tornados are another extreme that make it very difficult for the farmer to produce a crop and get to market. True a great deal has changed to help the farmer deal with natural phenomena when weather is not at issue. Take for instance, injection (or no plow) seeding. Who would have ever thought twenty years ago that plowing the field before seeding would not be the best way to plant a crop. Technology today requires that a farmer know more than the previously simple act of plowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting.

Satellite detection of fertilizer requirements in a field and the guiding of farm equipment to get the most uniform and optimally spaced plants are becoming more and more commonplace. A satellite camera coordinated with computers can actually tell where more or less fertilizer is needed and then direct a specialized farm vehicle to drop or spray more or less fertilizer. When planting time comes, similar vehicle/computer/satellite combinations can direct seeding equipment to precisely inject (not drop) seed into unplowed ground to within inches of each other to optimize the amount of growth that can take place within a square foot.

We don't use satellite-associated controls on our conservation farm since we are not in business to make a profit in the sense of selling our planted products and our fields are not large enough to warrant the expense. Our business is farming to produce crops that feed wildlife, improve and conserve the soil, and to facilitate a healthy bug & insect population to prime the chain of life. True the professional farmer that provides us with mechanical help on the farm takes part of the yield in return for his services, but the primary reason we farm is for conservation purposes.

The Chapter does another kind of farming too. Consider that we plant many crops that are not harvested because they are grown to feed the wildlife that lives on our 623-acre property. Corn, various types of grasses, grains, seed-producing plants like sunflowers, and root plants like turnips & sugar beets are grown specifically because they are favorite foods of the wildlife. The harvest of the wildlife (deer hunting) is not only for the purpose of gathering meat but is also for the complementary purpose of managing the population to encourage the growth of healthy herds. Similarly, while we take extra care with the fish population in our large pond by the catch and release policy, the Ponds and Streams committee has a near term objective to understand if the population still warrants such a policy. Such investigations are necessary periodically since overpopulation can have an adverse effect on the aquaculture of the ponds.

The point of this article is to give members an insight into the processes of farming both conventional and conservation crops, namely, flora, fauna and aquaculture. If your interest has been stimulated, get in a conversation at the next dinner meeting with the Farm Chairman (Pat Tarquinio) or the Wildlife Chairman (Larry Anderson), *you will be glad you did!*

Frank Parker
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Board of Governors

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

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* Indicates Officers and Board Members who were absent from the previous month's Board of Governors meeting.

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Address, phone and e-mail changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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

Jack Mandel, Recording Secretary

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July 16 Dinner Meeting

- First Vice President, Joe Snider presided in Frank Parker's absence; meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- A raffle was held; \$140 was taken in: \$70 to the winner and \$70 to the Land Fund.
- The guest speaker was Jim Cummings of The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. He spoke of the phenomenal success his shad stocking programs have had in the Potomac and how his group has worked with many other organizations to monitor, stock and create functioning fish ladders for shad.
- Joe Snider announced that WiFi will be available in the Chapter house area to all members for a several month trial period.
- Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

July 23 Board of Governors Meeting

- Chapter President Frank Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other chapter officers present were Carol Efdimis (Membership Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), Jim Hubbard (Corresponding Secretary) and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Hope Rutley, Jeff Schilling, Jim Tate, Kevin King and Bob Benson.
- The following members in good standing also attended: Butch Mezick, Aaron Smith, Bob Pavlick, Pat Tarquinio, George Coakley and Ray Parker.
- The Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, and Committee Reports were presented.
- Frank Parker reported that Butch Mezick and Bob Benson were both honored with awards at the national convention; our chapter was also given the Defender Award.
- Jim Hubbard spoke of the success of the archaeology class just completed. The instructor from Montgomery College, Ron Nun, will likely run the class again sometime soon.
- Tucker Mostrom, Joe Snider and Butch Mezick have put in a lot of hard work to get the GPS property line map up on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- A motion to accept 5 new membership applications, passed.
- A motion to approve Chapter President Frank Parker signing the Application for Exemption of Charitable Property Tax, passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the **September** newsletter to jimbooboy43@gmail.com and janet@spectrumprinting.com no later than **Friday, August 29.**

In Memoriam

CHARLES LOCKER

Long-time B-CC IWLA member Charles Locker passed away on July 2.

Charlie was president of the B-CC IWLA chapter in 1982 – 1983. He also served for many years as the Secretary of the Maryland Division.

Our sincere condolences go to Charlie's family.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase IWLA Endowment Board

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America has established an Endowment Fund with the primary purpose of receiving or distributing funds as a charitable fund for and on behalf of the Chapter. These monies are for "conservation and environmental protection projects shall inure to the benefit of the General Public and shall in no way benefit any member of the Endowment or the Chapter." Article VII, Section 1.

This fund is managed by a Board of Directors composed of Past Presidents. The Board meets regularly and discusses which conservation or environmental protection projects to be considered for funding by the Endowment on behalf of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter.

We are currently seeking proposals for consideration. If a proposal meets our criteria which is guided by a set of Endowment by-laws, then funding, such as a one-time grant or multi-year grant, could be distributed to a project that is in the general public's interest in the name of our Chapter, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Current Endowment Board members are President Ken Northup, Vice President Tom Lamkin, Treasurer Pat Tarquinio, Secretary Ernie Smith, and Larry Anderson.

Please contact us with your ideas and proposals.

Family Campout and Family Day at the Farm

We will be holding the Family Campout on Saturday, September 27 to Sunday, September 28. On Sunday, we will be hosting an event that will be opening up the chapter to all our members. We will be having activities at the Shotgun and R&P ranges, wagon rides, Nature Trail walks and a BBQ luncheon. The fees for the ranges will stay the same and the lunch will be \$5 Individual and \$10 Family. A full schedule will be in September's newsletter and an email blast will be sent out.

Ponds and Streams Committee History Request

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The Ponds and Streams Committee is evaluating the condition of the two ponds. If you're a long time member who participated or observed the last major work done to the bottom of either or both ponds, we would like to talk to you. Photographs of the Ponds when they were empty would be a big plus. Stories, records, memories of the event(s) are also solicited. If you can contribute to the Chapter's historical record, it would really be appreciated. Please send all responses to this request to vats3@verizon.net and make the Subject Line "Ponds Historical Record." Thanks for any help you can provide.

Interpretive Walk In The Woods Saturday, October 18, 2014 Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Byron "Butch" Mezick, Forestry Chairman

The B-CC IWLA has provided an Interpretive Walk in the Woods for the Poolesville Global Ecology Students for the last six years. Yes, your chapter has instructed over 500 students in the ability to SEE the woods in depth by sharpening their senses.

Now, it's your turn! Saturday, October 18, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m. we will provide the Interpretive Walk for our membership. Starting at River Road we will inspect the prickly pear cactus growing in the shale outcrops above the road. Hiking up the access trail we will stop and catch our breath and discuss soil and soil erosion. At the top of the hill, our discussion will center on a trash pile and how long different types of trash take to decay. Further along the trail everyone will learn



how to identify white, red and chestnut oaks by their bark and leaves. We have lots of wildlife treasures to be discovered including deer antlers, turkey feathers, snakeskins and much more. Turkey calling will be demonstrated with a mouth call and a box call as we observe life like turkey decoys in the woods. Water, the carbon cycle, and photosynthesis will be discussed and contrasting development policies between Virginia and Maryland will be easily observed as we stand in a blue berry patch on top of a knoll. We will have a fun interactive event where everyone has their moment to share a bit of what they learned before we visit our "Gold Mine." The entire walk takes about 2.5 hours traversing a one-mile distance ending at the chapter house. Bring your children, bring your friends. If we get a large group, we will run multiple tours.

DINNER MEETING

The 945th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 20** at the Chapter house. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. **Board members are expected to attend.** All members and guests are invited.

MENU

Appetizers: Assorted – Cheese, Crackers, Meatballs, Herring, Peanuts, Chips

Entrée: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans

Dessert: Assorted

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
AUGUST		
Saturday, August 9	Ruffed Grouse Society Fun Shoot	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 11	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 14	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 17	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 17	Archery Shoot	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 18	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 20	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 23	Annual Budget Meeting	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon
Sunday, August 24	Archery Shoot	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday, August 25	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER		
Monday, September 1	Dove Shoot – Opening Day	12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 1	Opening Day Cookout	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 1	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 6	Hunter Safety Class	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 7	Hunter Safety Class	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 8	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 13	Adopt-A-Road Clean Up	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 13	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, September 15	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 18	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, September 22	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 26	Annual Family Campout	7:30 p.m. –
Saturday, September 27	Annual Family Campout	TBD
Sunday, September 28	Family Day at the Farm	TBD
Sunday, September 28	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Final Sign up 1:00 p.m.)
Monday, September 29	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
Saturday, October 4	Fall Clean Up	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4	Adopt-A-Road Clean Up	8:00 a.m.
Monday, October 6	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday, October 10	Rural Republican Womens' Dinner – Set-up	3:00 p.m. til Close
Saturday, October 11	Rural Republican Womens' Meeting and Dinner	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 12	Chapter House Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 13	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 16	Cub Scout Troop 695 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18	Interpretive Walk in the Woods	9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 20	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 26	Sporting Clays Fun League	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Final Sign up 1:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 27	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

For the Birds

(being either road apples or a short story by Isaac Asimov)

Jim Tate

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SU: the summer season at B-CC IWLA was difficult for many of our native birds largely as a result of the unusual spring weather. The aerial insectivores suffered the most. The Barn Swallows did not nest on the speaker on the east porch of the Chapter House as usual. The Tree Swallows were seen during migration, but were nearly absent during the nesting season. And, the B-CC Purple Martin colony totally crashed this year.

We did our part: during the Spring cleanup we installed nest boxes newly built, and rebuilt by John Novak around the big pond, the small pond, and in the field between the Chapter House and the Archery range. A crew of volunteers opened, cleaned, and raised the Purple Martin (PUMA) houses. And we watched and waited for our usual occupants.

The weather during spring migration for these long-distance migrants was especially tough. The Accuweather forecast of February 4th predicted that cold air masses and a few snowstorms would continue to impact the Great Lakes, Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions as late as March before the winter season comes to an end. This time the weatherman was right on.

We experienced alternating spring temperatures and wintry cold in Montgomery County on a weekly basis for nearly two months. The aerial insectivores, which depend on airborne insects, came to Florida early and pushed on into the mid-Atlantic and Northeast only to find no food available. They quickly used up their fat reserves and died.

Some PUMA colonies did better than ours because the owners supplemented natural food with mealworms. A few early migrants, called "scouts" visited our PUMA colony, but none stayed. The total loss of our colony last year to the Black Racer (*Coluber constrictor*) didn't help either.

It appears that there is something else going on as well.

Aerial insectivore populations have declined steeply throughout eastern North America in recent decades according to a major scientific study. According to the study, Bank and Cliff swallows, Purple Martin, and Olive-sided Flycatcher were found in 39 to 65% fewer census blocks in the last decade. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Chimney Swift occurred in 38 and 26% fewer blocks, respectively. Declines in aerial insectivore populations have been most severe in the north and east, and began in the 1970s. Species that migrate to South America have declined to a greater extent than have species that migrate over shorter distances.

At B-CC we are looking forward to watching the fall migration, and participating in the winter feeder counts. Then we look forward to making up our 2014 losses next breeding season.

Download Trail Maps !!

A few chapter members have donated WiFi access inside the chapter house on a trial basis. Please take advantage of this new service to check chapter schedules, maps, photos on your WiFi-enabled laptop, tablet, or GPS device before you head out onto the grounds. The password is posted in the chapter house.

Our donated bandwidth is not unlimited, so please continue to use your mobile-internet devices with your mobile provider.

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

Logan Bush 301-565-3785
Interests: Archery, Building & Facility, Hunter Safety, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

Richard Drummond 301-869-8089
Interests: Forestry, Scout Camp, Shooting Sports

Peter Kelyman 301-649-5174
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Carl Patton 301-654-2331
Interests: Conservation & Education, Farm, Pond & Stream

Keith Ryea 301-251-2805

New Membership Secretary and 2015 Membership Renewals

Carol Efdimis, Membership Secretary

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As of September 1, there will be a new Membership Secretary in office. Mr. Byron Ricketts will be taking over the position. While he is the Membership Committee chairperson, I will be staying on as his committee person who will be training a new secretary that will be taking over in September 2015. This means that all questions and paperwork should still come to me.

Membership renewals will be sent out by mid-September. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2014 or a late fee of ¼ of your annual Chapter dues payment will be added to your annual dues (see Article VIII, section 4(a) of the Chapter By-Laws). An information form will be included for you to fill out with updated information and needs to be returned with your payment.

For probationary members: If you have completed your 16 work hours, please send your paperwork to me via email or the post office. If you are unsure of when your probationary period ends or how many hours you have accumulated, contact me. Any probationary member whose probationary period ended in 2014 that has not completed their work hours will be dropped from the membership. If you would like to reapply for membership, you will need to go through the acceptance process again (see Article III, section 2.b of the Chapter By-Laws).

For regular members: If you have completed your 6 work hours, send in your paperwork to me when you send in your dues. If you have not completed your 6 work hours by December 31, you are subject to a \$50 work fee that is added to your dues. These hours can be sent to me via email at glock.22@verizon.net or via the post office at the address below.

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Shotgun Range Report

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I would like to thank everyone who has made my 20 years as Shotgun Range Chairman a memorable experience. Without all your help and friendship, the time would not have been near as enjoyable or passed so quickly. Retirement and other commitments have sparked a desire to pursue new endeavors in this wonderful life we live. Warner Parks has graciously stepped forward to take control of the Chairmanship starting September 1. His knowledge of the Clay Target Sports and our range should insure a smooth transition. It has been a pleasure to have served. I'll see you at the range!

The Fall Sporting Clays League schedule is set. The first shoot at BCC is Sunday, September 28. See the flyer for further details.

The last day of Tuesday Sporting Clays will be September 30.

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.

Please refill 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. Spent shotgun shells are not appreciated by our excellent lawn service. 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 Warner or Joel 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. – ?	Sporting Clays <i>(last Tuesday is September 30)</i>

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10	John Kifer
Sunday, August 17	WE NEED A RO
Sunday, August 24	Ed Stewart
Sunday, August 31	WE NEED A RO
Sunday, September 7	WE NEED A RO
Sunday, September 14	John Kifer
Sunday, September 21	WE NEED A RO
Sunday, September 28	Sporting Clays League – Warner Parks

Archery Report

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Fellow Archers,

We have our final three shoots coming up in August. On our final shoot, we will be taking the 3-D course down and need your help. The course takedown is counted as work hours and is a great way to get your hours in for the year. Hope to see you all there!

Sunday, August 3	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 17	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 24	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Opening Day Dove Hunt and Picnic

Monday, September 1

Volunteers are needed to help out at the gate and also at the picnic.

Hunting starts at 12:00 Noon in our traditional dove field. Hunting sites are available in other fields also. We're asking that everyone leave the fields at 5:00 p.m. to join us at the picnic (BBQ) at the chapter house.

What you need to bring . . .

1. Valid 2014-2015 MD hunting license
2. 2014-2015 Migratory bird stamp (also known as the "duck stamp")
3. 2014 B-CC IWLA membership card

The cost is . . .

\$5.00 donation from members.

NO GUEST HUNTERS.

Things to remember . . .

Be Safe and Courteous! Please limit shots between 10 and 2 o'clock (no low shots) and no shot larger than 7½. Be considerate. We have a lot of hunters in the field. Also, please police your spent shells and trash.

Know your birds. There are a lot of "non dove" birds in the fields. Please leave them be. If you get a banded dove, please report it at 1-800-327-2263.

Adopt-A-Road

Interested members are invited to participate in the adopt-a-road program on any of the scheduled dates. The Chapter is planning at least five road clean-ups this year. Materials, such as bags and gloves will be made available. Maps showing our zone of responsibility will be distributed.

Questions concerning the upcoming road clean-ups can be directed to John Robinson (301-641-1188) or Ray Parker (301-538-1232).

2014 ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Date	Start Time	Location
Saturday, September 13	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House
Saturday, October 4	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House

Trail Maintenance

John Lamb
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Attention members in need of working off chapter hours!!! Renewal time is around the corner and it is time to complete those work hours. The chapter has several miles of trails that need to be cleared, and I will be focusing on them over the next two months. I want to complete this activity before any deer firearm season begins. I have found that this is very helpful method for members unfamiliar with the property to become acquainted. Some of you hunters may also want to consider this for scouting purposes. So if you have a pair of clippers, loppers, chainsaw or weed eater and you're interested in working on the trails, contact John Lamb at jpatricklamb@aol.com. Keep in mind, if you bring power equipment then you are responsible for your own safety and must bring the appropriate protective gear. You may not stray from the designated trails to cut additional paths or shooting lanes!!!

The cathedral of pines has become the subject of discussion lately and will be receiving some needed attention. Previous year storms have battered them harshly. Eleven damaged trees will likely have to be replaced and some invasive under story brush removed. This will be a project for the next fiscal year.

We have done a series of Eagle Scout projects on the trails over the past 2 years with a couple more scheduled in August and September. The Scouts will have completed 3-foot bridges, an information kiosk with sitting benches, mulched the head of the Joseph Fitzwater Nature Trail and constructed a Hunter Safety Course gun rack. I hope our members and guests will be able to appreciate the hard work of these young men!

B-CC IWLA Property Lines

Butch Mezick, Forestry Chairman

View on your Smartphone, GPS, Tablet or Home Computer

<http://www.bcciwla.org>

Facilities & grounds / Property Boundaries

Google Earth.kml

GPS Exchange Format.gpx

Garmin GPS.gdb

The B-CC IWLA's entire 624 acre property boundary lines can now be downloaded to your Smartphone, tablet, GPS hand held or your home computer. The chapter's web master, Tucker Mostrum, has posted three files for your use. The Google Earth.kml file allows you to view the chapter's boundary lines in any device running Google Earth. The Exchange Format.gpx file allows the exchange of GPS information between different applications and users. The third file is a Garmin format.gdb file that will display in any Garmin application such as MapSource.

Many GPS applications, including Google Earth, Back Country Navigator (smart phones) and Garman Map Source computer application can interpret the data in the files to display the chapter property boundaries. Click on the link within the browser of a computer / laptop / device that is enabled with a GPS application that allows you to view your position on a map. The Apple iTunes Store and Google Play store suggests a number of choices. Once you click on the link, you may be prompted which program you wish to use to open the file or some applications that do not connect to the web will require you to save the file to your computer and then open via the application. Choose the GPS app of your choice if you have more than one loaded on your device. If no GPS apps are presented as options, you may not have any GPS apps installed on your device. Once you and your computer / tablet / device are located on the chapter conservation farm property, you should see your position relative to the boundaries.

Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 2 Hensley, J., Warren, J., Cho, F., Belendiuk, A.
Sunday, Aug. 3 Benson, R., Cho, F., Tome, M., Henlsey, J.
Saturday, Aug. 9 Rogers, B., Maisel, J., Warren, J.
Sunday, Aug. 10 Maisel, J., O'Rear, G., Caw, J., West, K.
Saturday, Aug. 16 Brower, P., Curtis, L., Penrod, K.
Sunday, Aug. 17 Watt, D., Adams, J., Campagna, C., Morfit, V.
Saturday, Aug. 23 March, G., Cameron, J., Smith, E., Shi, P., Qudosi, U.
Sunday, Aug. 24 Gori, R., Cameron, J., Penrod, K., Pickrel, T.
Saturday, Aug. 30 Rejevich, B., Gori, R., Riccio, R., Johnson, G.
Sunday, Aug. 31 Kuhnsman, K., Gregorio, R., Quirk, M., Smith, E.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 6 Mckenney, D., Sheehy, J., Moffat, A., Lan, K.
Sunday, Sept. 7 Mense, M., Mckenney, D., Gregorio, R., Morfit, V.
Saturday, Sept. 13 Schilling, J., King, K., Janaskie, P., Haake T., Hill, D.
Sunday, Sept. 14 Haake, T., Novak, J., Kiser, J., Johnson, G.
Saturday, Sept. 20 Reilly, J., Kosogof, J., Moynihan, D., Nichols, W.
Sunday, Sept. 21 Adams, J., Watt, D., Terrell, J., Midberry, K.
Saturday, Sept. 27 King, D., Greenberg, B., Morgan, R., Yu, Z.
Sunday, Sept. 28 Abbott, R., Novak, J., King, D., King, B., Finn, K., Bissett, R.

2014 SPORTING CLAYS FALL/WINTER FUN LEAGUE

50 Targets — Entry Fee: \$15.00
Optional LEWIS for each event \$5.00
Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.
Final sign up 1:00 p.m.
League Awards by Lewis Class

For more information

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SHOOT DETAILS

Where	Shoot Dates
FCFGPA	September 7; October 12;
Camp Kanawha	November 9; December 7
Poolesville	September 28; October 26;
B-CC IWLA	November 23; December 21

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



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IWLA National Convention was a Great Success!

From the Early Bird party to the closing banquet, our national convention in California brought together League members from across the country to conduct business, share insights, and network. Here are some of the highlights:

- Who was Izaak Walton, and why does he continue to inspire the members of the Izaak Walton League of America? Professor Marjorie Swann discussed Walton's pioneering environmental vision and its relevance today.
- Nationally recognized communications expert Mark Duda discussed prevailing public opinion about conservation issues and highlighted the keys to successfully reaching and engaging Americans who care about the outdoors.
- Members elected Ikes from across the country to lead the League through the coming year -notably, the newly elected IWLA National President is Shawn Gallagher who lives in Ohio.
- Convention delegates approved six new policy resolutions that will guide the League in our mission to conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources.
- The resolutions concerned:
 - Hunting in America is an Ethical Pursuit
 - Hydrofracking
 - IWLA Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
 - Resolution Favoring Replacement of the Oil Pipeline under the Straights of Mackinac
 - Sulfide Mining
 - Sustainable Clean Energy.
- The League recognized individuals and organizations that made a difference in conserving outdoor America in local

communities and across the country in 2013. Our own Butch Mezick and Bob Benson were awarded the Hall of Fame, and the Conservation Award, respectively.

- Chapters and divisions that implemented successful and innovative member recruitment and retention programs in 2013 were also recognized at convention. The BCC chapter once again won the Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters & Wildlife award and a "100% Recruitment" Award.

Above Excerpted from Conservation Currents by Bob Chapman, Immediate Past IWLA National President

Hunter Safety Class

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The B-CC IWLA Chapter's Hunter Safety Class will be held on the weekend of September 6 and 7 at the chapter house. If one wishes to take up hunting for the first time, they must satisfy a DNR certification class. This class is open to the public and is taught to students ranging in ages from 6 to 65 years old. Our instructors are seasoned hunters and enjoy sharing their passion with new potential hunters, while preparing them for the state examination. The class will meet the 16-hour requirement by the state of Maryland and therefore will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each day. Materials for students to bring to the class is a lunch and a positive respectful attitude. We will supply the rest. All participants must be pre-registered with Allan Smith at huntersafety13@gmail.com. I will also be looking for the assistance of a few members wishing to work off some of their chapter work hours. If you wish to assist, please contact John Lamb at jpatricklamb@aol.com.