

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Message

We have made it through a busy October with much accomplished and celebrated. The fall cleanup day was a great success, and our Chapter looks beautiful. Thank you to all who participated. We celebrated our 80th birthday at the chapter with a cake, commemorative beer mugs, and a great speaker. There are a few commemorative beer mugs left and they will be available for purchase at our next dinner meeting. Our winter planting is completed with the help of good weather and the hard work of our Farm Committee.

The Chapter has more work being done in November. Our aging plumbing in the chapter house is being replaced with a more modern and energy efficient, instant on-demand hot water heater. We are also moving the pump house equipment into the chapter house so it does not freeze in the winter. A filter and water softener are also being added.

Our small pond has become overgrown with water lilies that have suffocated the pond and limited the diversity of wildlife. At the recommendation of our Ponds and Streams chair, the Board of Governors has decided to drain the small pond to freeze the lily roots and give us a chance to remove the sediment in the pond. Work is also underway to fix the sediment runoff into the pond. This restoration project gives our chapter the opportunity to showcase a healthy pond that has diverse wildlife. If you would like to get involved, email me at scott.w.harmon@verizon.net.

We have formed a new committee that is evaluating our ability to become a "Net Zero Energy" chapter. This committee will be looking at all aspects of creating energy and reducing energy consumption. If you can help and or have expertise with insulation, geothermal energy, solar power and/or grant writing, please contact Tom Shiner – tss@mandlf.com.

Our chapter is looking for a new Conservation Education leader. Frank Parker is looking to step down by the end of my term as president and will be serving in a limited capacity going forward. If you can help, please give me a call, 301 467-0645 Cell.

And lastly enjoy our property and take your kids hiking, camping, fishing or hunting. Be safe out there and enjoy our wildlife, woodlands and open spaces!

Best Regards,
Scott Harmon
B-CC IWLA – President
301 467-0645 Cell



Annual Christmas Party

The Chapter is hosting its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12 at 7:00p.m. Members, their families and/or guests are all invited to attend this casual event for an evening of great company, wonderful food and holiday cheer. All attendees are asked to bring an entrée to share with their fellow holiday revelers. A side dish and/or dessert are a welcome choice also. We will provide the beverages.

You may also bring your own beverage of choice.

Last year's party was festive and fun with the food being a feast for the holidays. This year's event should be just as wonderful. So kick your holiday spirit in gear and come on out!

Volunteers Needed!

Tucker Mostrom, Event Committee Chair
tucker.mostrom@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas Party (December – article in this newsletter), the Conservation Speakers Dinner (January), and the Wild Game Dinner (February). You'll earn hours and have a great time!

Chapter House Holiday Decorating

On Saturday, December 5, we will be decorating the Chapter House for the upcoming Holiday Season. We will start at 9:00am and end when it is completed. We are in need of people to decorate inside and outside.

Board of Governors

Fiscal Year: September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016

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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 email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

Tom Lamkin
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301 330-2922



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

Jack Mandel, Recording Secretary

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October 21, 2015 Dinner Meeting

- President Scott Harman called the 959th consecutive dinner meeting was to order at 7:30pm.
- After inducting 9 new individual members and 2 family members to the Chapter, Membership Secretary Lynn Adams, spoke briefly about her history with our chapter and the great changes she has witnessed as the chapter has grown in membership and acreage. Lynn spoke with reverence for the members who have stewarded the chapter's land acquisitions, and she asked us to consider the importance of our organization, the beauty of our property, and the significance a member's donation has.
- Our guest speaker, E. W. Grimes, President of the Maryland QDMA (Quality Deer Management Association), spoke about strategies for harvesting older does and passing on younger bucks to create a healthy and well balanced white tail population.
- Scott gave a brief history of the Chapter, as we celebrated its 80th birthday. Scott had commemorative glass mugs made for the occasion. Our Chestnut Grove is likely to be a part of a study to find disease resistant strains. The Cathedral Pines will need to be cleared of dead wood soon.
- Ron Marchessault gave his Treasurer's report.
- Larry Anderson stressed the importance of wearing orange while walking the grounds during muzzleloader season whether hunting or not.
- Butch Mezick reminded us that our property boundaries are available for download to your GPS device. We owe it to our neighbors to respect their property lines.
- Frank Parker says that the Big Pond now has a cleared pipe, the aerators have been decommissioned for the winter and volunteers did a wonderful job in rebuilding the kiosk. Frank mentioned that the time might be right to reinvigorate the Chapter Book Club.
- John Lamb reported that help is needed on trail maintenance; contact him if willing and able.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

October 28, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting

- President Scott Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Other chapter officers present were Carol Efdimis (1st VP), Jim Tate (2nd VP), Tom Lamkin (Corresponding Secretary), Lynn Adams (Membership Secretary), Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary), and Joe Snider (Past President).
- Other Board members present included Art Duffy, Warner Parks, Jeff Seaman, Aaron Smith, and Tom Shiner.
- Other members present included Larry Anderson, George Coakley, Bill Gordon, Tucker Mostrom, Frank Parker, Pat Tarquinio, and Lin Tate.
- Scott mentioned that after the successful removal of Autumn Olive from the farm, we would be reforesting with trees of our choosing. Our Chestnut Grove will be visited by a specialist to see what can be learned from our trees for the good of the species.
- Ron Marchessault's Treasurer's Report: Operating Account-\$8,957.35, Management Reserve Account – \$22,811.61, Land Fund Account – \$4,932.44, Capital Fund – \$29,022.67.
- Lynn Adams' Membership Report: 617 Individual, 366 Family, 16 Associate, 2 Youth, 29 Student, 81 Retired and 35 Life.

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SUMMARY

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- Aaron Smith says the Chapter House must be closed from the 9th through the 14th of November for plumbing work.
- Pat Tarquinio reports that all fields are planted and/or covered for the season; winter wheat is sown on 30+ acres and clover is seeded on much of the remaining fields.
- Larry Anderson asks that deer taken on the property be recorded in the logbook as soon as possible.
- Frank Parker thanked the volunteers for their great work in rebuilding the kiosk at the Big Pond. The Pond is showing signs of some sort of oily surface contaminate, and efforts will be made to determine what it is and where it originated.
- George Coakley says the spigot water tested around the property is extraordinary drinking water.
- Tucker mentioned that FAN (Family Activities in Nature) would likely spend time in the woods with Butch Mezick doing an interactive tour.
- Bill Gordon reports from the Maryland State meeting that IWLA national membership is down 4% over the past 2 years. Wildlife Management Programs are well funded at the Maryland DNR- this could afford members the opportunity to get funding for outdoor projects at the Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to accept 5 new membership applications passed.
- A motion to close the Chapter House November 9 – 13 for plumbing work passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Membership Report and 2016 Membership Renewals

Lynn Adams, Membership Secretary
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Membership renewal bills were sent out October 10. Membership renewals are coming in from the membership daily. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2015 or a late fee of one-quarter of your annual Chapter dues payment will be added to your annual dues (see Article VIII, section 4(a) of the Chapter By-Laws).

As you know by now, an information form is included for you to fill out with updated information and return with your payment. For those of you who haven't sent in your dues with your renewal already, I would appreciate it if you don't fill out any information that has stayed the same. **Please only include on the form information that has changed.** This saves me a great deal of time.

If you are a probationary member and have received a note on your renewal form indicating I need your hours, but you feel you have completed your 16 hours, please contact me right away. I then will check with whomever was the supervising member of whatever project you worked on to accrue your hours.

Any probationary member whose probationary period ends in 2015 who has not completed his/her/their work hours will be dropped from the membership. If you find yourself in this category, check the newsletter for volunteer opportunities in which you may participate right away. You also may check the website, <http://www.bcciwla.org>, and click on the "Volunteer" tab for immediate opportunities to complete your hours. If all this fails, please contact me, and I will try to hook you up with folks supervising projects to be done before the end of the year. Remember, you **must** do one Chapter House cleanup as part of your sixteen hours. So, if you haven't done this, please contact Aaron Smith at [\[demonsemg.com\]\(http://demonsemg.com\) or 304 638-4190. Please try to get your hours completed because, if you are dropped and have 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\).](mailto:asmith@disaster-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

If you are a regular, not probationary, member and your renewal included a handwritten change to cover a \$50 fee added to your dues amount, in lieu of your six hours of work, but feel you have completed your work hours, please send in your hours paperwork to me when you send in your dues. These hours also may be sent to me via email.

Wreath Making and Winter Nature Walk

Sunday, December 6

1:00pm – 3:00pm

On Sunday, December 6

(1:00pm to 3:00pm), the B-CC

Chapter will host a short

indoor/outdoor event for fam-

ilies with small children as

part of IWLA National's

Family Adventures in Nature

(FAN Club) program. Butch

Mezick, the chapter forestry

chairman, will guide a short

walk, beginning and ending at the

chapter house, to introduce the kids

and their families to the sights, smells, and

sounds of our conservation farm. The families will also have

the opportunity to pick up little bits of nature to include on

their winter season wreaths. A roaring fire in the fireplace,

s'mores, hot cocoa, and pre-made wreaths will be waiting at

the chapter house. Families will be able to add their found

items to their wreaths and enjoy some warm winter treats. Go

to the FAN CLUB page on the IWLA National website to read

more about the FAN Club program and to register for this and

other FAN Club events.

(<http://www.iwla.org/youth/family-adventures-in-nature>)



DINNER MEETING

The 960th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18**. The meeting will be held at the B-CC IWLA Chapter House. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. All members and guests are invited.

Appetizers will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Beer Batter Baked Cod or Breaded Flounder, Vegetables, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert.**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The November Board of Governors meeting will be held at the **B-CC IWLA Chapter House** on **Wednesday, November 18 immediately following the Dinner Meeting.**

2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
NOVEMBER		
Saturday, November 14	Adopt-A-Road Clean-up	8:00am
Saturday, November 14	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00am
Monday, November 16	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 18	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 18	Board of Governors Meeting	following Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 19	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00pm
Sunday, November 22	Sporting Clays Fall Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm (final sign up 1:00pm)
Monday, November 23	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, November 28	R&P Range Closed – Muzzleloader Season	ALL DAY
Sunday, November 29	R&P Range Closed – Muzzleloader Season	ALL DAY
Monday, November 30	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
DECEMBER		
Sunday, December 1	Shotgun Range – Range Officers Class	9:00am
Saturday, December 5	Chapter House Decorating	9:00am
Monday, December 7	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday, December 12	Chapter Christmas Party	7:00pm
Sunday, December 13	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00am
Monday, December 14	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday, December 16	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday, December 16	Board of Governors Meeting	following Dinner Meeting
Thursday, December 17	Cub Scout Troop 694 Meeting	7:00pm
Sunday, December 20	Sporting Clays Fall Fun League	9:00am – 1:00pm (final sign up 1:00pm)
Monday, December 21	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm
Monday, December 28	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:30pm

**The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.
Check the online www.bcciwl.org electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.**

Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

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

Dan Ashe 301 309-6733
Interests: Conservation Education, Legislative, Shooting Sports

Dan Deli 480 201-6897
Family: Alison, Carl, Owen
Interests: Ponds & Streams, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

Thomas Enquist 202 763-5152
Interests: Archery, Family Picnic, Hunter Safety, Photography, Recreational Activities, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

Joe Gibialante 301 365-0269
Interests: Archery, Chapter Activities, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management

Aaron Horton 717 830-6825
Interests: Photography, Recreational Activities, Star Gazing

Marcus Melton 240 277-1144
Interests: Recreational Activities, Rifle & Pistol, Star Gazing

Brandt Pasco 301 365-3083
Family: Tien, Ray, Jasper, Oliver
Interests: Legislative, Recreational Activities, Rifle & Pistol

Christine Peterson 301 938-9773
Interests: Chapter Activities, Rifle & Pistol, Wildlife Management

Joel Seidman 202 316-8555
Interests: Conservation Education, Hunter Safety, Photography

Andrew Silverberg 301 755-7565
Interests: Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports, Wildlife Management

Andy Wight 301 349-2177
Interests: Family Picnic, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports

Ponds And Streams Update

Frank Parker
240 405-7395 vats3@verizon.net

The spring workday resulted in some important work getting done. Thanks to those that participated, namely: Jim Hubbard, Wayne Leadbetter, Mark Gochnour, Alan Mullis and Andrew Ma.

The work included the cutting of trees on the south side of Walton pond, the removal of the blockage in the overflow pipe, re-installation of the 5 ft. long cylinder cap on the overflow pipe, and the rebuilding of the kiosk that holds the log book and pond information.

Last Friday, Alan Mullis and John Novak reported a strange inflow of contamination to the large pond (see photos below). Alan described the substance as having a putrid smell, slightly oily, and a fluffy white substance on the surface. Alan is making an effort to have a sample analyzed. Per the Board of Governors authorization, the contamination was reported to the MD DNR. I haven't heard back from them yet but I expect a response soon. I will keep you all posted as I hear more.



If any of you are still in need of volunteer hours, there are more trees to be cut at Walton Pond. Please let me know if you're interested in meeting for a workday. The work shouldn't take more than 4 hours for 3 or 4 members.

As you will recall, it is a priority of the Ponds and Streams Committee & the Board of Governors to solve the erosion problem above the small pond and rehabilitate the pond itself. At the Wednesday Board of Governors meeting, there was a consensus that we are far enough along with the re-contouring of the drainage area that the pond should be drained. The plan is that Pat Tarquinio, the Farm Chairman, will continue clearing, grading and leveling the area to the extent possible and then plant durable grasses in the drainage basin. This will allow sheeting of the runoff water and dissipation of its energy so it will not cause erosion.

In the mean time, the Committee will commence with the draining of the pond. The idea is that after draining the pond, the cold of winter will kill all the plants in the pond. After a thorough dry-out period, the dead plants, accumulated silt, and other organic material will be scooped out. As can be seen currently, the water lilies have grown out of control and the organic material they generate as the tops die-off every year make it difficult if not impossible for fish to live there. After removal of the debris from the pond, the pond will be allowed to refill and be rehabilitated.

The introduction of fish in the rehabilitated pond will be a topic of discussion in future months. Fortunately, we have a fish biologist as a member of the committee to guide us in deciding the varieties that should be considered.

If you are new to the Chapter and have an interest in the Ponds and Streams Committee, send me your email address or call me at the address or phone number above to get your name on the mailing list.

To continue the good work of the Committee, Chapter President, Scott Harmon is looking for a Chair or co-Chairs to take on the leadership role of the committee. Please contact him if you have an interest in serving.

Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Shotgun Range Chair
301 540-1947 (Home) 240 620-6942 (Cell)
wparks29@gmail.com

ALL RANGE OFFICERS WHO USE THE RANGE DURING THE WEEK – PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF. Please re-fill all of the machines that you use. Do not leave empty target boxes in the skeet houses and empty shells on the fields. Leaving it for someone else will not be tolerated.

The next B-CC Winter League shoots are Sunday, November 22 and Sunday, December 20. Please remember that the range will open for normal operation around 1:00pm.

Now that the cold weather is upon us the #4 trap over the mower shed is not to be used at any time.

Please remember to stand 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 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 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 officer and 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.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1 Andy Latos/Mark Wildman
Sunday, November 8 **Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, November 15 **Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, November 22 Paul Shields/Fred Ryan/Jim Hubbard
Winter League

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 6 **Need a Range Officer**
Sunday, December 13 Mike Leahy
Sunday, December 20 Winter League
Sunday, December 27 **Need a Range Officer**

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00am to 5:00pm Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the
December 2015 newsletter
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
to Tom Lamkin at tomlamkin@comcast.net
and Janet Lamkin at j.lamkin@comcast.net.

Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Chair
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The American Woodcock (aka timberdoodle) is a visitor to our farm during their migration in both spring and fall. Their numbers have been in decline, generally thought to be due to loss of suitable habitat. We at B-CC IWLA have been active in trying to stabilize woodcock populations by supporting the **Ruffed Grouse Society's** habitat restoration projects as well as by our own habitat improvement projects. Woodcock require edge habitat as well as "young forest" habitat to forage for the insects that make most of their diet. While our efforts are geared towards a multiple specie habitat, the woodcock do benefit from these efforts. MD-DNR has been monitoring woodcock populations, usually by citizen reports, and this is where we as a chapter can help. If, while out on the farm, members see or take a woodcock, please contact the wildlife committee. Generally, we need to know how many birds are seen and the date. If a woodcock is harvested, please consider getting a wing to us for further analysis (gender, age, etc.). Woodcock are crepuscular, like deer, so the best time to see them is around sunrise and sunset, and usually can be found in areas with damp soft ground. For more information on these birds, please see our website or these websites:

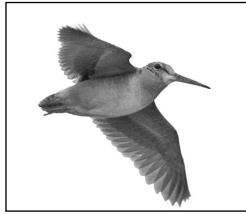


Photo Courtesy of Sam Galick

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American_Woodcock/id
<http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org/>
<http://abcbirds.org/video-american-woodcock>

(Woodcock seasons:

October 30 – November 27, January 15 – January 30)

Deer firearms seasons will start on November 28 going through December 12 (and January 8 - January 9). During this time, and we suggest that all members out on the farm, consider wearing some "orange" for safety's sake. These seasons are some of our busiest times with many members getting out in the woods. As with all hunting seasons, we ask that all hunters be safe and courteous, read and follow our rules and respect the all property lines. B-CC IWLA chapter website has our updated rules and a variety of methods to distinguish our property lines. The Chapter's Trail Guide on the website is a good way to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm. All members intending to hunt on our farm must acknowledge that they have read our rules and understand where our property lines are by registering on our website.

We do not have permission to hunt or go on any of our neighbor's properties. In the event that you wound an animal and it expires on the property owned by Joe Morin, located to the north and west of our farm on several different boundaries, or the property owned by Vikki Van Winkle, located north of the NE Woods, you may enter their property only after calling them and asking permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind – Joe Morin (301 674-5397); Vikki Van Winkle (301 379-3560).

Our farm is considered private property (MD-DNR land code 430 for harvest check in), so your current valid membership card is used as the written permission to hunt as required by MD DNR and must be carried along with your valid hunting license. Also, a current B-CC IWLA chapter vehicle decal must be visible in all vehicles on the farm. We ask that deer and turkeys taken on our farm be recorded either in our game logbook, located outside the chapter house's main door; or by sending an email to andupton9@hotmail.com. We do this recording as part of our management program; last year 22 deer were reported taken on our farm. When report-

ing your deer or turkeys, we ask for the following information; your name, doe or buck (antler count), date and weapon used and the total number of ticks found on the ears of your deer. Other details may also be included such as estimated weight or unusual features.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Joe Morin (301 674-5397)
Vikki Van Winkle (301 379-3560)

To report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife
(Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm)
Call Toll-free in Maryland: 1-877-463-6497

Catch a Poacher 24 Hour Hotline
1-800-635-6124

Citizens who supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poaching violator are eligible to receive cash rewards – give names, addresses, vehicle descriptions, and as much information as possible. The anonymity of the caller is guaranteed.

Rifle & Pistol Range Report

Thoran Menser, Chair
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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer
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RANGE CLOSURES

The Range will be closed on the following days:

Saturday, November 28 Firearm Season
Sunday, November 29 Firearm Season

NOVEMBER RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 7	Glass-Royal, M., Pare, M., Moffat, A., Gautereaux, J.
Sunday, Nov. 8	Benson, R., Pare, M., Glass-Royal, M., Hodgson, E.
Saturday, Nov. 14	Pederson, P., Pickrel, T., Pumphrey, W., Solis, J.
Sunday, Nov. 15	Carey, L., Pumphrey, W., Kipfer, J., Bryan, K.
Saturday, Nov. 21	TBD
Sunday, Nov. 22	TBD
Saturday, Nov. 28	RANGE CLOSED – FIREARM SEASON Winter, H., Johns, P.
Sunday, Nov. 29	RANGE CLOSED – FIREARM SEASON Johns, P.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are available to chapter members. Trees are \$30 each, payable to either members of the BOG or to the treasurer at dinner meetings. Trees are "cut your own" and are located in the field on the left along the drive towards the shotgun range. There are many small trees planted in rows by our members and may not be easily visible. Please be careful of our future crop. Please leave stumps tall and visible or cut them flush to make mowing less challenging. Trimmed branches should be placed in the woods at the bottom of the hill. Any questions, contact Larry Anderson at 240 246-5302 or andupton9@hotmail.com.



B-CC IWLA Property Lines On Your Smart Phone

FOR ANDROID PHONES AND ANDROID-BASED TABLETS:

Purchase and install a GPS application for your Android phone, or Android – based Tablet (Google Play store suggests a number of choices. Back Country Navigator works very well with android phones and tablets). Within a browser, use **Google Chrome as your browser**, of an Android phone, or Android – based Tablet, enter the following link, "BCCIWLA.ORG" and select "FACILITIES & GROUNDS" and then "PROPERTY BOUNDARIES" and then "READ MORE". Under the heading "GPS EXCHANGE" select the "-BCC IWLA

Boundaries (GPS Exchange Format)" by holding your finger over it. Select the option to "Save Link" and save the .gpx file to your Android phone or Android – based Tablet.

Open your GPS application (exp. "Back Country Navigator") and import the file you just downloaded by tapping the folder icon in the menu bar at the top of the page and selecting "**Import Tracks or Waypoints" from the GPX or KML file**. The chapter boundaries will appear superimposed on a map of the chapter property. Once you and your android phone or Android – Based Tablet are located on the chapter conservation farm property, you should see your position relative to the boundaries.

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The Very Heart of Our Chapter

What this chapter does through our Land Fund represents the very essence of what we are all about. Our Land Fund purchases are the execution of what we talk about when we pledge "to strive . . . for the wise stewardship of the land and its resources."

Over the past 21 years, the chapter has worked to purchase an additional 257 acres, bordering the farm's original 366. Conservation easements have been placed on the land to protect it from all development, creating an important haven in a county that is becoming more and more suburban, urban, and commercialized.

Our chapter was a wonderful place before we got involved in acquiring this conservation land. When I joined the chapter, I was just thrilled with all the opportunities it offered to me. But, recently, I have been observing what goes on at the chapter now and thinking about how much our involvement in our Land Fund purchases has improved our chapter. The interesting thing is that many of the changes are not directly related to the Land Fund. There has been an indirect enhancement to the culture of our chapter. This is reflected in a variety of newer, additional activities like the bird counts, archeology classes, photography classes, conservation dinners with speakers, and so much more. When we just take stock and think about everything we can do at our chapter, it really is stunning. And what an incredible resource our chapter is for raising future generations in a true conservation ethic! Where else can young and old, alike, be exposed to so many opportunities to enjoy and commune with the out-of-doors?

When we give to our Land Fund, our contributions are 100% tax deductible. On top of that, 100% of our Land Fund contributions go directly to the cause. Being the volunteer organization that we are, not one dime is bled off for administrative expenses. Can you think of any other noble cause to which you donate where this is the case? But the best part of donating to the Land Fund is that we find that it changes us for the better. I'm not really sure how or why this happens, but it does. I have seen it over and over again.

So, please, consider contributing to our future, your children's future, and our chapter's future by contributing to the Land Fund. I promise you that you will be glad you did.

Lynn Adams
Membership Secretary
Past President (1999-2000)

2015 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.

Name _____

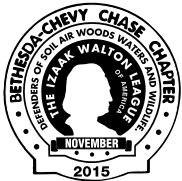
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FOR MAC COMPUTERS OR IPHONES:

Purchase and install a GPS application for your iPhone (an Apple App Store search will reveal a number of choices. Motion X-GPS works very well with the iPhone). **Within the browser of an apple computer** enter the following link, "BCCIWLA.ORG" and select "FACILITIES & GROUNDS" and then "PROPERTY BOUNDARIES" and then "READ MORE".

Hold down the "control" key while moving the cursor over the link "-BCC IWLA Boundaries (GPS Exchange Format)" & click once to view the submenu. Click to select the option "Save Link As" which saves the .gpx file to your computer where you will be able to find it again later. Open your GPS application on your iPhone (for example, "Motion X-GPS") and do the following to import the file you just saved.

- Tap "menu", then "setup" and scroll down and tap "MotionX Help & FAQ"
- The result is a screen called "user guide"
- Scroll down on that page and tap FAQ
- Scroll down on that page to question "Q6. How do I import waypoints and tracks?"
- Tap the link "imports" for instructions.
- At this point you will see a set of instructions that begin with "Send email..."
- Follow them to import the boundary (the app calls the import a "track")

To find the imported boundary (track) on your phone, use the sequence of taps ", menu/tracks/import. Open the track 5-29-2014. The chapter boundaries will appear superimposed on a map of the area that includes the chapter conservation farm property. When you and your iPhone are located on the chapter conservation farm property, you will see your position relative to the boundaries.

