



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League July/August 2012 www.breckenridgeikes.org



Coming Events

August

- 14 **Board Meeting** 7:30 pm
- 25 IWLA 90th Anniversary Celebration
Holiday Inn, Maplewood 4-9 pm
- 28 Joint Social/Educational Meeting with
Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis 7:30 pm
**The 2012 Farm Bill - Its Effect on
You & the Environment**
Adam Warthesen - Land Stewardship
Project
Board of Directors election

September

- 11 **Board Meeting** 7:30 pm
- 25 No Social/Educational Meeting
- 27 **"Conversation on Climate Change"**
Thursday, 7:30 pm
Champlin Park High School

October

- 9 **Board Meeting** 7:30 pm
- 23 Social/Educational Meeting
Utah Red Rocks,
Clayton Daughenbaugh, Sierra Club's
National Utah Wilderness 7:30 pm

November

- 13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm
**Uncommon Facts About Common
Birds** - Stan Tekiela

The 2012 Farm Bill - Its Effect On You & the Environment

Social/Educational meeting with Audubon
Tuesday, August 28, 2012
Chapter House 7:30 pm

Adam Warthesen serves as lead organizer for the Land Stewardship Project's work on federal farm policy. Warthesen started working with LSP in 2001, while completing his degree in Environmental Studies and Public Policy at Bemidji State University. He serves on MN NRCS State Technical Committee and the CSP Subcommittee. Other duties include member organizing activities, congressional and administrative outreach, public relations and policy analysis. Warthesen assumed the role of lead federal policy organizer, working directly with and staffing LSP's Federal Farm Policy Committee, in 2006.

If you can provide light
refreshments for one of our
Tuesday meetings, please contact
Barbara Franklin 763-657-1907
Or bbfrankli@gmail.com

August 28 - Vera Brown
October 23 -
November 27 -

Thank you!



Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 7-10-12 Meeting Notes

Board Members Attending: Steve Shaust, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Jim Arnold, Bill Barton, John Fraley, Barb Franklin, Dick Brown, Larry Kennebeck, Larry Gustafson, Bruce Hanson, John Rust

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

July 16th-20th IWLA National Convention
Lincoln, Nebraska- John is going for
Minnehaha Chapter.

JULY 24TH- SOCIAL MEETING - Tim
Schlagenhaft DNR – MISSISSIPPI RIVER
PLANNING

*****AUGUST 25th** – 90TH IWLA ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION***

AUGUST 28TH – SOCIAL MEETING - Adam
Warthesen-LAND STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 11TH - Board of Directors Meeting

*****SEPTEMBER 27TH** - THURSDAY at
CHAMPLIN PARK HS) “CONVERSATION
ON CLIMATE CHANGE”

OCTOBER 23RD – SOCIAL MEETING - Clayton
Daughenbaugh – UTAH RED ROCKS

NOVEMBER 27TH- STAN TEQUILA –
Uncommon Facts About Common Birds

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – Vice
President John Rust will chair
Election at August 28th at the SOCIAL
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

Three (3) board members terms are up for re-
election – Barb Franklin, Roger Williams, &
John Fraley

Bruce is leaving the board so we now have
TWO (2) openings on the board and need a
Treasurer—SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

New board members and officers will be
instated at the September 1st for a three year
term, board meeting at the chapter house
September 11th (second Tuesday).

**IWLA 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
August 25th by MN Division Holiday Inn
Maplewood,**

REGISTER UP FOR A FUN NIGHT! Invitations

have been mailed.

Limited to 250 tickets so don't miss out!!!

\$50 tickets

\$89 rooms at the Holiday Inn - Free shuttle to
the State Fair from Holiday Inn

Canoes and other great items large and small
available for auction.

Breckenridge chapter will receive a portion of
any profit.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Plan on raising the
price next year. Will emphasize promotion
and work organization in the future.

TIMBERLINES NEWSLETTER – Smaller this
month so lower costs (\$50.98). Need some
changes / new articles. Barb will be doing
July/August.

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR – Program will
be Dr. John Abraham Mechanical
Engineering professor from St. Thomas, Dr.
Lee Frelich Forestry professor from U of M,
& Paul Douglas Meteorologist.
Champlin Park High School
6:30-7:00 PM Social gathering
7:00-9:00 PM Presentations and Q&A.
Will invite all area officials & candidates.

ISLAND DEER POPULATION - Steve has
signed a one year agreement with
METROPOLITAN BOW HUNTERS
ASSOCIATION for a island deer hunt thru
Brooklyn Park in October and November (7
weeks max ~21 deer). The City of Brooklyn
Park's insurance will cover the hunt.

GROUNDS – Chimney letters are ready.
Looking for a replacement kitchen faucet
(still leaking.) We are leaving the tree at front
may fall down into road for now.
Rain garden clean up – looks great.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Balances
\$7,583.98 checking, \$18,066.93 savings.
TCF has been charging us \$8.00 per month
service charges because of requirements
changes. Bruce made changes to get back
to free checking (had to use check card
every so often). Do we want to switch to
another free account somewhere? New

treasurer may have opinion. Balance down for June by \$130.39, 12 month average down down \$325.31.

RENTALS – Jim has been doing rentals for Wes as needed. Graduations have been good.

ISSUES – Dick noted Star Tribune Crowded Planet article, Star Tribune Fox Population / Deer Tick / Coyote article, letter to MN senators on farm bill – crop insurance should require sound environmental actions.

WEBSITE – Discussion of online payments for donations, dues, rentals, etc. John will look into it.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - Dayna Burtness – former scholarship recipient, worked on St. Olaf Organic gardens, has started an organic farm written up in the Star Tribune and had a link on the WCCO web site. Barb suggested, Dick motioned, John seconded for ongoing support donation of \$100.

Endowment balance is at ~\$44,000 equal to January balance.

Bill Barton

Does Brooklyn Park's Proposed Plan Impact the Breckenridge Chapter? by Jim Arnold

The city of Brooklyn Park has drafted a new Recreation and Parks Master Plan that has troubled a number of Breckenridge Chapter members and neighbors who live along the Mississippi River. In the plan are references to redevelopment and open space along the river, as well as program possibilities for Banfill (Breckenridge) Island, that have many residents concerned. The city has invited concerned residents to rewrite or delete language that they consider a problem. The Chapter has joined a neighborhood group that will make suggestions for changes. For further information contact Jim Arnold or another board member.

Dear IWLA Members and Friends,

If you believe in what the Izaak Walton League of America has done and stood for these past 90 years, please come and help us **Celebrate 90 Years of Conservation Leadership.**

IWLA Accomplishments and Focus in Minnesota:

- Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
- Voyagers National Park
- Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge
- Clean Water, Save Our Streams, and Protecting Wetlands
- Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest
- Clean Energy and Renewable Energy
- Farm Bill and clean sustainable agricultural practices
- Passing the Minnesota Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment

* This list is not comprehensive – just a few items to remind you!

** We are not claiming sole reasonability for getting all these things accomplished, but we have all worked hard, working together with our conservation partners to accomplish good things for Minnesota's environment.

We are active at the local, state and national level.

What other organizations have members working on local issues, statewide, and national issues? Very few if any that I can think of.

So if you believe in what the IWLA is doing, come and help us celebrate our past accomplishments and re-energize the league for 90 more years of Conservation Success!

Thank You for your support!!!!

- John Rust

Izaak Walton League National Convention – Lincoln, Nebraska

I think the most important thing I learned at the IWLA National Convention last week in Lincoln, Nebraska was the fact that there is an exemption or loophole that allows companies that perform fracking to not reveal what is in the fracking solutions pumped into the ground, and to not have them regulated by the EPA.

For a person who is a member of the Izaak Walton League of America, our origins as a conservation organization focused on water quality protection, I am very concerned about this issue. Many of the chemicals being pumped into the ground to perform shale fracturing are toxic and are known carcinogens. In Pennsylvania, doctors sign a confidentiality agreement with the gas drilling industry so as to not reveal the chemicals that may be affecting patients.



We saw video of flammable gas bubbling from the ground (it was lit on fire with a long nosed fire starter) near fracking well heads. We also saw video that showed that flammable gases were emitted and lit on fire when a house hold water faucet was turned on. There are many states, including Pennsylvania and North Dakota that allow companies to do fracking, and because of the revenue and jobs, are ignoring or downplaying the potential environmental consequences. I will be emailing Senators Franken and Klobuchar expressing concerns about this issue.

-John Rust

Welcome
new member Michelle Schroeder!

The Breckenridge Chapter now has
127 members.

ASH TREE TAGGING

...is a pretty grassroots campaign to raise ash tree awareness in the urban environment. Most people have no idea how many ash trees are in their urban forest. Tagging is a way to show which trees will be killed by EAB if no efforts are made to save them. Tree tagging is a fun and easy way to raise awareness of the location and quantity of our urban ash tree population, which is in jeopardy of being destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Erika Commers, Plant Health Specialist from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, attended our July 24 meeting and is looking for volunteers for a project in Blaine. If you are interested in helping out for a couple of hours, probably on a Saturday or Sunday please contact Erika at: comm0018@umn.edu or [763-588-0102](tel:763-588-0102). If you would like to tag trees in an area other than the one she is organizing, Erika can give you more information on that as well.



Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents, meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamt would have come his way. I learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:

“Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!”

William Hutchison Murray
March 18, 1913–March 19, 1996



Izaak Walton League of America

A Conversation on Climate Change

Thursday, September 27
Champlin Park High School
6025 109th Ave North
Champlin, MN 55316

6:30 – 7:00pm

Social in Cafeteria – Area Legislators and Candidates are Invited

7:00 – 9:00pm

Presentations, Dialogue, and Conversation in Auditorium

Meteorologist Paul Douglas – Host and Moderator
Dr. Lee Frelich – University of Minnesota – Presentation
Dr. John Abraham – University of St Thomas – Presentation
Q&A with Audience

What do we really know about Global Warming and Climate Change?
Come hear the experts talk about global warming, climate change, and consequences.
Bring your tough questions and enter into a dialogue with experts.
For more info contact: imgahn2u@yahoo.com 763-202-3346 – John



Meteorologist Paul Douglas

St. Thomas

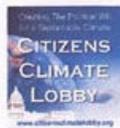
John Abraham
Takes a Stand



Dr. John Abraham



Dr. Lee Frelich



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF DEFENDING OUTDOOR MINNESOTA



Gala Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, August 25, 2012
4:00-9:00pm

Holiday Inn-St. Paul-I-94-East
2201 Burns Avenue, Saint Paul, MN
(I-94 and McKnight Road)

Keynote Speaker: Don Shelby, TV anchor for WCCO television (CBS). Currently Don is an environmental reporter, actor, and dynamic speaker.

Host: Dave Zentner, IWLA McCabe Chapter and past national president. Outdoor Life Conservationist of the Year. Leader in passing Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

Join fellow Minnesota Ikes for dinner and a silent auction to benefit conservation efforts in Minnesota and across the country. Auction items will include hunting, fishing, and camping gear; adventure tours; and other valuable treasures. One lucky winner will take home a limited-edition IWLA 90th anniversary Henry Golden Boy rifle!

Tickets: \$50 adults, \$20 children under 16

Purchase tickets at www.minnesotaiques.org or call (651) 221-0215.

Come for the League celebration – stay for the Minnesota State Fair! (Discounted hotel rooms for Ikes. Discounted tickets and free shuttle to the State Fair for hotel guests.)



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Time to Call a Halt

Written in 1922 by Emerson Hough

Excerpts from the article "Time to Call a Halt" are below:

...Scrambling for the last remnants of our great heritage, we have been so busy as to be blind. Now the truth comes home. Now for the first time a sudden consternation comes to the soul of every thinking man who ever has loved this America of ours.

It is time to call a halt. There is not left one honest, disinterested, unselfish agency devoted to the preservation of outdoor America. Of the great bureaus of our National government, the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Biological Survey, there is not one which has not proved itself an agency of destruction and not of preservation of outdoor America. With them, always the record shows the bureau first, America last. It is time to call a halt.

Of these journals ostensibly devoted to the preservation of outdoor America, there is not one that does not show itself devoted to commercial gain; not one which, for that reason, is not rather an agency of destruction than of preservation of outdoor America. It is time to call a halt.

Of the alleged protective leagues there is not one which does not have commercial or personal gain or aggrandizement under it as its real basis, which is not rather an agency of destruction than of preservation. It is time to call a halt.

Of the alleged true sportsman of this country, those who use rod and gun, not 10 percent have practiced the creed which hypocritically they profess. Claiming self denial, we practice self indulgence. Which shall first cast a stone? And yet, my brothers, it is time to call a halt.

Never has transportation been so cheap, so rapid. There is no longer any wilderness. Betrayed by its guardians, forgotten by its friends, the old America is gone and gone forever. Never again shall we have more than fragments. If even these be dear, THAN SURELY IT IS TIME TO CALL A HALT.

These are not harsh words, or thoughtless words, or bitter. They are only unwelcome words. They are unwelcome because they are true. But no man ever gained anything by deceiving himself. We have been doing that. It is time to call a halt.

Can any human agency work the great miracle of giving the ages a part of the America that was ours? I do not know. I dare not predict.

Can this weak, new, little journal, openly established as a pulpit of heresy to the orthodox selfishness and commercialism in sport, work that vast miracle? I do not know, I dare not predict. But may we not all at least join in that clean hope? Surely, if it also shall fail, then all hope of outdoor America also has failed and failed forever.

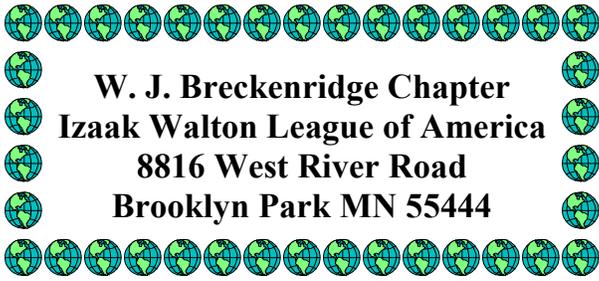
By the fruits, judge. The result of these other agencies has been ruin and despair. IT IS TIME TO CALL A HALT.

We have been on the wrong path. The farther we go, the more we leave truth behind. Let us halt, retrace, go back and get into some new path, hoping it may at last be the right road, with success and not failure, happiness and not despair, at its end. THEN WE SHALL NOT NEED TO HALT.

Spirit of the great angler; all spirits of patriots and gentle men, look down upon us and have pity upon us! We are weak. Give us your calm and serene strength, your eternal youth, your cleanliness of soul, your lofty aristocracy of thought. Help us set aside material motives. Help us work out the great miracle, in a land now almost beyond the aid even of miracle.

When one unclean hand touches the management of this experiment, then it fails. When one commercialized motive comes into its thought, then it fails. When it becomes the organ of any man's vanity, the tool of any man's selfishness, then it fails.

At the suspicion of any one of those things, at least one name will never again appear on any of its pages. I willingly lend it here after fifty years of love and labor in and for outdoor America – fruitless labor, myself no better than the next – nonetheless with an undiminished love for this America of ours, and a hope not yet wholly faltering that the needed miracle EVEN YET MAY COME.



If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: EditorBreckIWL@msn.com
Deadline is the last day of each month.
"All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Breckenridge Chapter Board of Directors."

August 25th Izaak Walton League Canoe/Kayak event on the Mississippi River

Adventuresome people wanted for canoeing or kayaking on the Mississippi River with Izaak Walton League members and friends on Saturday, August 25!

We will be putting into the Mississippi at the City of Dayton. We will take out at River Park in Brooklyn Park. We will be paddling past several islands, and will probably see eagles and great blue herons. There is one portage around the Coon Rapids dam. We may stop at the Breckenridge Chapter House for a short break and tour. We will be bringing food and drinks and will have a fun relaxing time paddling the Mississippi. Approximate time for this event will be 9 am – 1 pm. Activity level: Light to Moderate.



We need your RSVP in order to have the correct number of canoes, kayaks, and life vest on hand. Please indicate if you prefer canoeing or kayaking. Of course you may bring your own boat. This is a free event if you like to smile and laugh. Otherwise it costs \$5.00. Method of payment is your choice. RSVP to John Rust: Email: John.Rust@psvcs.com or Phone: [763-202-3346](tel:763-202-3346). Canoeing and kayaking are potentially dangerous activities. John Rust, the Breckenridge Chapter and the Izaak Walton League of America assume no risks or liability for you and your safety.