



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
March April 2012
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Coming Events

April

- 10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 14 Brooklyn Center Earth Fest 2012
Brooklyn Center HS 1-4 pm
Will Steger, keynote speaker at noon
- 24 Social/Educational Meeting
Alex Gehrig from Minnesota Waters

May

- 06 Pancake Breakfast
- 08 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Social/Educational Meeting

June

- 12 Board Meeting
- 26 Social/Educational Meeting

President Kennedy is supposed to have said: "Our problems are made by man and therefore can be solved by man".
I don't know if President Kennedy was aware the United States was overpopulated even in his time; but there is no doubt that mankind is 100% responsible. Problem is -do we have the will to correct this problem even in our own country?
Dick Brown

Annual Pancake Breakfast! Sunday, May 6

Your help is needed to set up on Saturday, cook on Sunday and clean up. PLEASE contact Steve if you can come for any part of the time.



If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact Barbara Franklin 763-657-1907

Or bbfrankli@gmail.com

- April 24 - Linda Eriksson
- May 22 -
- June 26 -



Welcome to our newest member:

Pam Baker

Walter Breckenridge Chapter
membership is now 122

Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

3-10-12 Meeting Notes

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

NOTE – ONE (1) BOARD POSITION OPEN – Gretchen Sable considering Serving!

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

March 24th Springbrook Spree Fundraiser 5:30

PM Rudi Hargesheimer speaker \$30

MARCH 27TH SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING – Carrol Henderson-Non game species

APRIL 10TH BOARD MEETING

April 16th Bell Museum Patron Luncheon call Connie at 612-625-2930 by April 9th

April 21st & 22nd Minnesota Division State Convention, Wabasha

April 28st – World Population Balance Spring Benefit Gala-George Archibald International Crane Foundation speaking, Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club, 1600 Lilydale Road, St. Paul, MN 6 PM \$50 – Contact Barb Franklin for information

APRIL 24TH SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING – Alex Gehrig from Minnesota Waters

May 6th – PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MAY 8TH BOARD MEETING

MAY 22ND SOCIAL MEETING – Steve is arranging – possibly on Utah

July 16th – 20th IWLA National Convention Lincoln, Nebraska

August 25th IWLA 90th Anniversary

Celebration Holiday Inn Maplewood, Chapters to be featured in a video shown at the dinner.

National is working on donation items – any other ideas for auction donations appreciated. \$50 tickets - \$89 rooms – Free shuttle to the State Fair.

Coffee Pots – one fixed, Barb & Steve looking at

new and repairing the old commercial model. Gretchen Sable is also considering representing Ikes on the State Water Plan group – anyone else interested contact Jim Arnold.

Minnesota Wolf Hunting Resolution – Dick Brown motion, Jim Arnold Seconded - “The Walter J Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America takes the position that the initial wolf season be at a separate time from the deer or bear season. “ 8 for, 2 opposed

Fair Boat Licensing – “The IWLA Breckenridge Chapter, Board of Directors on March 13th, 2012 supports the following position: A license at a lesser rate be devised for such watercraft that is never transported from lake to lake or stream.

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Draft 2 - The IWLA Breckenridge Chapter, Board of Directors on March 13th, 2012 supports the following position: A license at a lesser rate be devised for such watercraft that is never transported from a contiguous water body such as a lake, river or stream. When such watercraft are eventually demolished, proof of demolition would cancel the lesser license fee. Obvious colored plates with the name of the water body would designate the lesser license class. When transferred to someone who might transport the craft from lake to lake or stream, then new plates and greater fees would apply.” Dick Brown motioned, Barb Franklin Seconded, 9 for 1 abstained

California Kitchen Fundraiser had ~ 14 participants and produced ~\$57 for the chapter! Thanks to Judy Arnold. The board agreed to plan to hold another event soon after the pancake breakfast, probably during the week of May 20th, possibly Thursday May 24th.

Minutes continued

Yellowstone Cattle Buffer – The Walter J Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America supports a 3 mile buffer zone on national public lands adjacent to Yellowstone National Park that protects seasonal forage and migration routes for elk, bison, and allows natural ecological processes such as wolf denning and predation on elk and bison to occur without hindrance on these lands.

Consequently domesticated cattle should be excluded from public lands within three (3) miles of Yellowstone Park so as to remove the conflict between wildlife and cattle. John Rust motioned, Larry Kennebeck seconded – passed unanimously

Timberlines Newsletter – It's time that someone nominate the Timberlines for a national awards (John?)

Other Award nominations (Tobin etc.) are due the 17th. Breckenridge Chapter Award?

Lorraine reported 122 members now – This gives us 6 delegates to the Minnesota Division Convention in Wabasha April 22nd.

Discussion of a Public Climate Wierding Panel event / Oxford style debate maybe late fall. John will pursue.

Dick, Mark, & John installed the new dual flush toilets! Many thanks!! Hope to get the Tuck pointing and installation of the letters done. Front entrance garden? Spring cleanup. Firewood cutting & splitting.

Scholarship Committee – Application deadline in a month.

Rentals – Now at 24 for 2012 so far leading to optimism for the year. The income over the years has come down. This may be due to more member repeat rentals.

Bill Barton 3-13-12

Alex Gehrig—Minnesota Waters Social/Educational Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota's surface water resources – its lakes, rivers and streams – are vital part of its economy and cultural

heritage. From fishing and boating to swimming and enjoying lakeside resorts, we depend on our waters to supply entertainment, to bring us the enjoyment of their natural beauty and in many cases to provide for our livelihoods. While estimates of the contribution that our waters make to the state economy can differ significantly, they always range somewhere into the several billions of dollars a year.

Minnesota Waters is a statewide non-profit that is dedicated to working with and through citizens, local government and state agencies to find real solutions to the threats that our water resources face. Alex Gehrig, the metro area program coordinator for the organization will be discussing some of their more important concerns and what citizens can do to help. Of great interest to many in recent days is the advance of aquatic invasive species, like zebra mussels and Asian carp, into our lakes and rivers. Other topics that have been less visible include increasing development pressure around our waters and the need for updated shoreland rules to protect them.



**Resolution of the McCabe Chapter (Duluth) of the Izaak Walton League
On Management of the Gray (Timber) Wolf in Minnesota.
Dated March 7th, 2012**

Whereas the Gray Wolf is an iconic wildlife species of northern Minnesota, a symbol of wilderness and an indicator of a vibrant and healthy forest ecosystem.

Whereas Minnesota harbors the largest population of Wolves in the lower 48 states of around 3,000 animals, and this population has been stable or slightly increasing for the past 10 years.

Whereas after 35 years of Federal protection, the population of Wolves in Minnesota has fully recovered to the point that the Wolf has now been removed from the Federal Endangered Species act, and was placed under management by the Minnesota DNR on January 27, 2012.

Whereas Minnesota's Wolf population could now sustain a limited harvest of animals that would provide quality hunting and trapping recreation for a high value, trophy fur species.

Whereas hunting and trapping of Wolves in Minnesota would improve their acceptance by some hunters, landowners, farmers and pet owners who believe the population has become too large and uncontrolled.

Whereas hunting and trapping of Wolves in Minnesota should cause the animals to become more wary of man and less likely to be closely associated with human inhabited areas where conflicts are most likely to occur.

Whereas Wolves should be taken in an ethical and respectful manner by hunters and trappers who are targeting them for their trophy and fur value, and should be taken during a specific season designed for their careful harvest that provides a challenge for hunters and trappers.

Whereas a season to take Wolves should occur when the pelts are at their prime and of greatest value.

Whereas Wolves should not be taken incidentally

by deer hunters during the deer season, who would not be pursuing the animal directly but taking them by chance and who may be taking the animal in a vengeful, disrespectful way.

Whereas hunting of Wolves during the deer season would likely lead to party hunting of wolves, and could result in most of the take of wolves occurring during deer season and not during a season actually designed for the harvest of Wolves by hunters and trappers when the pelts are prime.

Whereas it is completely unknown what that harvest rate would be for Wolves taken by deer hunters.

Whereas it is also unknown at this time how many Wolves may be taken by landowners who are now allowed to shoot Wolves that threaten their domestic animals.

Whereas using a heavy handed approach of allowing Wolf hunting during the Firearms deer season could bring on a lawsuit that would result in re-listing of the Gray Wolf under the Endangered Species Act.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the McCabe Chapter of the Izaak Walton League supports the Minnesota DNR's proposal for a conservative, limited hunting and trapping season that treats the animal with dignity as a trophy animal, in which Wolves would be taken by hunters and trappers during a season specifically designed for the harvest of these animals when their pelts are prime and of the highest value. Such a season is not only the right way to manage these incredible animals, but would also demonstrate to others that Minnesota is managing our nationally important Wolf population in a respectful, careful way that will maintain their current population in Minnesota and would be consistent with the 2001 Minnesota Wolf Management Plan to insure the long-term survival of the species and address conflicts between Wolves and people.

This resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the McCabe Chapter of the Izaak Walton League on March 7, 2012. It has been sent to you to share our support for the proper management of Wolves in Minnesota and our concern about proposals in the state legislature that would allow hunting of Wolves during Minnesota's Firearms deer season.

Sincerely Yours,

Brent Gurtek, Chapter President

The following Position Statement was presented to the Board on March 13, 2012. We subsequently received a similar Resolution passed by the McCabe Chapter, also reproduced here.

**MINNESOTA WOLF HUNTING SEASON
POSITION STATEMENT OR RESOLUTION**

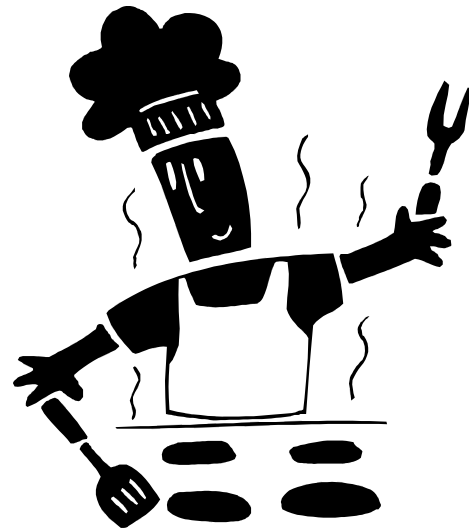
The State of Minnesota has decided to have a hunting season on the Grey (Timber) Wolf. The reasoning is somewhat questionable by some.

In order to lower the wolf population by a large amount initially, some advocate the wolf season correspond with deer hunting season. Others conclude that this may reduce the wolf population too drastically in the first year and advocate for a separate season on wolves, as is the bear season.

The Walter J Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America takes the position that the initial wolf season be at a separate time from the deer or bear season.

Please read and prepare to debate at BOD
meeting 3/13/12

Dick Brown



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Everyone LOVES Pancakes**

Tell your friends, come in and work,
always a job for everyone no matter
your physical ability.

May 6, 2012 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Support Minnesota Conservation
and the Breckenridge Chapter Col-
lege scholarship Program

Plant sale

Raffle

**Midwest Mountaineering
Spring 2012
Outdoor Adventure Expo
April 27th – 29th, 2012**

**One of the featured speakers, Kevin Proescholdt will present a
program on:**

“Sigurd Olson, the BWCAW and the National Wilderness Movement”

Sunday, April 29, 1:00PM

U of M, Hanson Hall, Room 102

Kevin guided wilderness canoe trips for 10 years in the BWCAW. During that time, he became deeply involved in the effort to save the BWCA as a wilderness and helped pass the 1978 BWCA Wilderness Act through Congress. He later co-authored the 1995 book, *Troubled Waters: The Fight for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness*, to document that struggle. Kevin served for 16 years as the executive director of the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, and eight years as the director of the national **Izaak Walton League's** Wilderness and Public Lands Program. He currently works as the Conservation Director of Wilderness Watch (website: wildernesswatch.org), a national wilderness conservation organization based in Missoula, Montana. While many people know of Sigurd F. Olson as the author of a series of evocative books about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the broader Quetico-Superior, much fewer know his role as a wilderness conservationist. This presentation traces Olson's life, his conservation work to save the BWCAW, and his role as one of the key leaders in the national wilderness movement.

www.outdooradventureexpo.com



Vote Imminent to Weaken Water Protections and Citizen Input!

Urgent action is needed to stop rollbacks to our water protections and citizen input on important policy decisions! The House omnibus environment

bill rolls back protections to our water and air and in addition, short-changes citizen voices in decisions that allow pollution in our communities.

Some key provisions of H. F. 2164 that weaken environmental protection and cater to the interests of polluters include the following:

Rollbacks on Water Quality Protections

. Prevents Minnesota from adopting any water quality standards that are more protective than federal standards. In the Land of 10,000 Lakes, it is in Minnesota's interest to protect our water and we should not be tied to weaker federal protections.

. Automatic approval of so-called "minor" permits within 60 days allowing pollution with absolutely no review or public comment. The term "minor" is a misleading - even the massive wastewater discharge allowed by U. S. Steel's Keetac mining permits are considered "minor".

Less Citizen Access to Policy Decisions

. Eliminates the Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board's authority to decide on pollution permits and the public will no longer be able to request from the Citizens' Board environmental review of a local project.

. Removes authority for Executive Council to oversee timber sales and mineral leasing. Current oversight by the Executive Council provides transparency and public input opportunities.

Weakens Wetland Protections

. Allows exceptions to the Wetland Conservation Act by authorizing development in shoreland

wetland protection zones and other sensitive areas in the 11-county metropolitan area. These are highly important wetlands that protect our water, reduce flooding, and provide habitat for wildlife. This is contrary to our work to support "No Net Loss" of wetlands in Minnesota.

This bill favors polluter interests over what we love about Minnesota. Minnesotans like you are good stewards of our lakes, rivers, streams and Great Outdoors. Your action will let your Legislators know where you stand and send a clear message to the Governor that Minnesotans value strong protections for our water, air, and health.

Please take action ASAP as this legislation could be heard any day on the House floor!

<<http://mnaction.org/r.asp?aacwc=27444895724672404611491301105>> Act Now

The following organizations are participating in this action alert:

Alliance for Sustainability
Audubon Minnesota
Clean Water Action Alliance of MN
Envision Minnesota
Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
Friends of the Cloquet Valley State Forest
Friends of the Mississippi River
Izaak Walton League of America--Minnesota Division
Land Stewardship Project
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Minnesota Conservation Federation
Minnesota Environmental Partnership
Minnesota Project
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness
WaterLegacy

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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 Board of directors.”**

**This Resolution was approved by the
Board on March 13, 2012.**

**FAIR BOAT LICENSING
RESOLUTION**

It seems probable that the cost for licensing boats on Minnesota waters will be raised considerably in the near future. This added fee will be for monitoring, cleaning, inspection, tagging and enforcing rules for boats that are moved to and from lakes and streams. This seems necessary to control spread of harmful exotic species.

However, there are boats owned by residents (home, cabin, or resort owners or residents) who may never move their boats from the waters on which they reside.

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Dick Brown

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Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

MAY 6, 2012

8 AM - 1 PM



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