



# TIMBERLINES

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League

July 2023

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## Coming Events

### July 2023

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 25 Social Educational Meeting 7:30 pm  
**John Arthur – The World of Dragonflies**

### August 2023

- 1 National Night Out – Chapter House  
5:30-8 pm
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 22 Social Educational Meeting 7:30 pm  
**Jeffrey Lunde, District 1 Commissioner,  
Hennepin County and former Brooklyn  
Park Mayor**

### September 2023

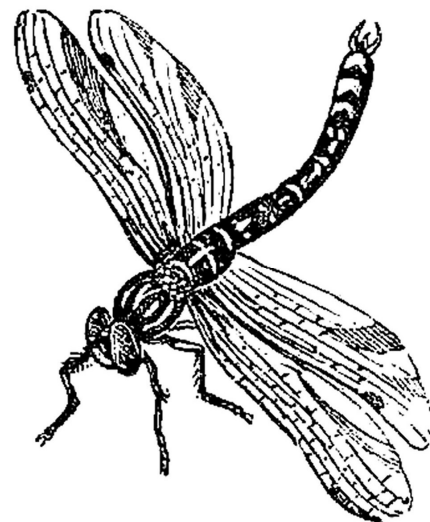
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 26 Social Educational Meeting 7:30 pm  
**Scott Sharkey – Tales of a Minnesota  
Marsh**

Social Educational Meeting:  
Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.

**John Arthur:**

**The World of Dragonflies**

John Arthur is a Minnesota Master Naturalist and a Minnesota Master Water Steward. He has studied dragonflies since 1998 when his friend Pamela brought home a copy of *Common Dragonflies of Wisconsin*. Up until then, he hadn't realized that there were so many different species. Since then, he has helped with the Minnesota Odonata Survey project, helped found the Minnesota Dragonfly Society and is currently on its board of directors. Please join us to learn about these beautiful creatures and stay afterward for light refreshments and socializing.



# Board of Directors Meeting Highlights: June 20, 2023

- **Upcoming events**

July 25 Speaker: John Arthur – Dragonflies

August 1 Host National Night Out – Laura Fuller has reached out and is willing to take the lead.

August 8 Board of Directors Meeting

August 12 Host MN IWL State Meeting:  
Plan for 40 attendees – invitation will request RSVP. Jerry will clean up the steps down to the river. Clean up grounds, parking lot – Wendy will call the Church across the street for overflow parking. Karen will be supplying breakfast materials. Sue will scope out a few places for boxed lunches. Name tags need to be available. John Rust will make agenda and materials available for printing for guests.

Sept 26 Social/Educational Meeting: Scott Sharkey

- **Internet:**

Plans for getting WiFi for Chapter House were approved. We hope to have it in place for the State Division Meeting on August 12

- **Laws and Constitution** revisions signed and will be submitted to the National office.

# Sax-Zim Bog

Our June Education meeting, held as always on the fourth Tuesday of the month, featured a presentation given by Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus, Naturalist of the Friends of Sax-Zim Bog. Many of us have heard of this place near the Iron Range avid birders like to visit in the winter to see some of the boreal species, most notably the Northern Hawk Owls and Great Gray Owls.

Clinton, after explaining the areas natural history, told the audience about his organization's mission and how since their founding in 2011 they have raised the money to acquire some parcels of the 500 sq miles of bog habitat in order to preserve it for future generations. A Welcome Center was opened in 2022 and several boardwalks have been built to observe nature.

The better part of the talk though was about the great bio-diversity of this former glacial lake. Roads crisscross the bog allowing observation of the habitat in all seasons. If you want to spend a couple days in nature just three hours north of Minneapolis checking out diverse habitat with everything from rare orchids to birds (over 3,000 documented species), then have a look at the Friends of Sax-Zim Bog website <https://saxzim.org/about-sax-zim-bog/#statemap> There are four Wildlife Management Areas in the bog as well as lots of other public land to explore.



# Volunteer Opportunity

The Breckenridge Chapter of the IWLA will be hosting the Minnesota Division IWLA Board of Director's meeting on Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

Two people to greet our guests as they arrive (parking lot)

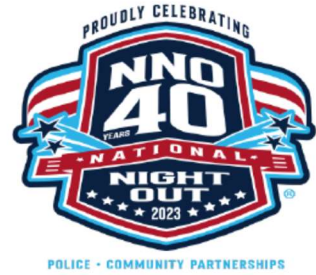
One person at entry desk (name tags, sign in and lunch payments)

Two people to help set up prepared meals (breakfast and lunch)

One person to help with general clean up, etc.

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jerry Steele:**

612-237-0662 or [jamaicasun@comcast.net](mailto:jamaicasun@comcast.net)



## **National Night Out Potluck River View Neighborhood**

**Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-8**

**Izaak Walton League  
8816 West River Rd.**

Hope you can make it!  
Please bring a dish to share.

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## **Confession to a Raptor**

By Dick Brown

The osprey looking down at me  
With piercing focused eye  
Said, "If you're the chosen Man of God  
How come you cannot fly?"

My humbled eyes looked back at him  
I said, "I do not know,  
And if I were a Man of God  
It would still be thusly so."

*Monitoring Ospreys at Carver Park  
August 1985*

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## Dot Tail Whiteface Dragonfly

Photo by Larry Kennebeck

