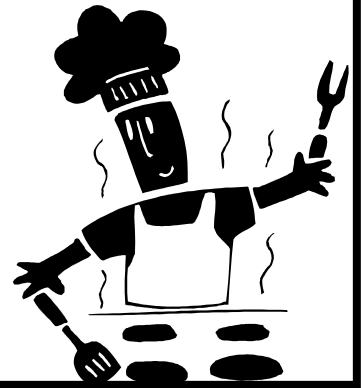




Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
March/April 2013
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April

- 09 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 pm
- 23 Social Meeting A DVD titled
"Growth Busters."
- 27 Shrub planting

May

- 05 Pancake Breakfast 8:00-1:00
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 pm
- 26 Social Meeting 7:30

June

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
- 25 Social Meeting 7:30



April 23 Social/ Educational program

GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth

Since human population has already exceeded the carrying capacity of the Earth, then it is imperative we work to reduce our individual impact while seeking a sustainable

population. GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth asks the most critical question of our time. How do we become a sustainable civilization? It asks why population conversations are so difficult to have, and why a roaring economy is more important to us than a survivable planet. It looks into the psychology of denial and crowd behavior. It explores our obsession with community growth and economic growth. GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth holds up a mirror, encouraging us to examine the beliefs and behaviors we must leave behind, and the values we need to embrace, in order that our children can survive and thrive.

Join us Tuesday, April 23 to view and discuss this important film at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapter House 8816 West River Road, Brooklyn Park.
For more information call 763-421-6781.

**Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2013**

President, Steve Schaust brought the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Members recited the IWLA Pledge.

March 26, Soc/ED meeting speaker will be Steve Chatlin, from Nature Conservancy to speak on "grazing in Wildlife Management Areas. How to publicize was also discussed.

ISSUES:

1. Resolution and position paper on Frac-sand mining by Larry Kennebek was discussed. Passed unanimously.

2. An email from Brooklyn Park riverside neighbors on dissatisfaction of possible shoreline rules by DNR. B.P. Board felt we should keep involved as major river owners and as Environmental Conservationists.

3. Placement of rock on riverbank to stop erosion in the worst area discussed. Spent \$2,000.00 for about 30 ft. of river bank. Heated discussion "after the fact". Permit from DNR was passed around . We also had oral Permit from DNR Hennepin Co. SWCD. Project was inspected and approved by both.

4. Spending Legacy money on more "studies" that have already been done was discussed. This was brought up by Bill Barton. Bill may write a chapter position paper or as resolution.

5. Spring planting (April 27 -28) of "shrubs for wildlife" was discussed. 85 plants selected from 8 species. Help & tools will be organized by the Shrub Committee. Native Wild Flowers may be added. Permission to buy marking flags was granted.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

STATE CONVENTION: Delegates discussed. We are allowed 6 voting delegates. We need volunteers to go to Spirit Mountain, Duluth where the convention will be held April 26-28. The important part is the business meeting Sunday morning on the 28th.

PROGRAMS: April 23 Soc/Ed meeting will be a DVD titled "Growth Busters." The topic will be problems with economic consumption and population growth. Are they necessary for prosperity?

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, May 5th, 8AM to 1:00 PM, Preparations discussed. Need for volunteers to set up, work during the event and cleanup after 1:00 PM.

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN: There are two open seats on the Chapters BD, one being secretary. Membership growth program discussed. If you can help with any of these positions it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Steve Schaust.

Treasurers report was made by Vera Brown. (new treasurer)

Newsletter & web site report was made by Barb Franklin.

Rental report was made by Wes Hendrickson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

SHRUB PLANTING ALERT

APRIL 27TH

THE FOLLOWING IS A PLAN TO ESTABLISH OUR WILDLIFE PLOT AFTER LASTYEARS BUCKTHORN REMOVAL.

On Saturday, April 27th, our 50 bare root shrubs must be picked up from Anoka Soil and Water Conservation District (ASWCD), at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. The pickup time is 8:00 AM-9.30 AM. Planting time starting about 9:30 AM.

Another 15 shrubs Jim Arnold has ordered from the Brooklyn Park Parks Department may need to be scheduled at a separate time for planting.

Anoka SWCD shrubs will be: June Berry, Hazelnut, Arrow Wood, High Bush Cranberry and Black Chokeberry.

Brooklyn Park Shrubs will be: Grey Dogwood, Nanny Berry and Witch Hazel. We also ordered root moisture retention jell and time release fertilizer. The jell needs to be mixed in a 5 gallon pail for dipping the roots into immediately before planting.

Sometime before planting day some members should choose appropriate sites for the plants and place red marker flags so the planting crew does not have to spend time searching for proper sites.

We will need volunteers for: digging holes, dipping roots, placing fertilizer, watering shrubs, planting shrubs, possibly watering again and spraying deer repellent.

Sometime soon after planting wood chips should be placed around each shrub.

Watering every week or two may be needed

depending on weather. In Sept/Oct we may decide to place cages around each shrub as spraying repellent in winter may not be practical.

Dick Brown

**OPINION - RipRap - Does It Matter?
Bill Barton March 2013**

I learned at an early age what riprap can do to the fishing. When I was young my family would spend a few summer evenings every year fishing the hot spot on the shore of Diamond Lake in Champlin. My tasks for those days included digging the worms from the damp ephemeral Oxbow Creek stream bed down the street from our house. This was before the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission so it usually didn't take too long!

When Dad finally got home from work we would pack up and head off the 5 miles or so to the South East corner of Diamond Lake where the county road was close to the shore. In those days there was room to park between the road and the shore. There wasn't much of a shore between the water and the bank that was a couple of feet high – I guess that is where we would say the OHWL is. This is where I learned the finer points of casting with an open face reel and then getting the tangles out if you didn't get the thumb braking quite right. Eventually you would get your line & bobber out far enough and take a seat in the grass on the bank – waiting for a bullhead to swallow that hooked worm and pull your bobber down.

There was plenty to keep you occupied while you waited: dragonflies, bees, ducks, birds, turtles, salamanders, frogs, assorted bugs, and of course mosquitoes to keep track of. Before you knew it your bobber was missing and everyone was telling you YOU'VE GOT A FISH! That was some real excitement – getting back to your rod and reeling it in. I learned the lesson of how to hold a bullhead so you didn't get stung – not so easy with the decent sized bullheads and a small hand. The

hook extractor in those days was the pliers in Dad's box – always needed because the hook was always swallowed. When the sun set and mosquitoes started to take over every instant it was time to head home and skin the bullheads.

One summer the county decided to widen and improve the road. There was no access to the hot spot that summer and I don't really remember a substitute lake. The county eliminated the room to park between the road and the lake – the new road was right up to where we used to sit. To stabilize the bank they hauled in tons of pretty big boulders, probably still there today.

When the time was right that next summer I dug some worms and we headed off to the hot spot on Diamond Lake. There usually were one or two other families there when we arrived, sometimes it was one of our neighbors. This time no one else was there. We soon found out why. There were no more bullheads to be caught. Not a one. The hot spot was ruined. Something that seemed routine in my life was done – never to be repeated again.

So does it matter when a few feet of shoreline are riprapped with rock that doesn't really belong there? My experience at a young age tells me it does. I believe the Izaak Walton League conservation policies say it does. I believe the MN DNR literature says it does even if their special permits say it is allowed. We need to think past what is allowed to what our principles and conscience dictates. It really does matter.

See Chapter V (D) at <http://www.iwla.org/index.php?ht=action/GetDocumentAction/i/46871>

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

MAY 5, 2013

8 AM - 1 PM



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Deadline is the last day of each month.

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If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact

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Thank you

