



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League September 2016

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Coming Events

September

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
John Moriarty Wildlife and Natural Resources Projects in Three Rivers Park District

October

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

November

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

December

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00

September 27 Social/ Educational Meeting

Wildlife and Natural Resources Projects in Three Rivers Park District

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More details on page 4.

Congratulations, Hans!

Andrew Renneker of Willmar, MN won the 2016 Adult Division of the Minnesota State Fair Fiddle Contest for the third time with a fiddle made by our own resident wood carver and fiddle maker Hans Nielsen! Hans has been making fiddles for about 30 years since he retired from his career in carpentry.



**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
of the Izaak Walton League
August 9, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting Notes**

IWLA Member Pledge: We strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space, to the preservation of this heritage, and to our sharing in it.

August 9th Board of Directors Meeting
August 23rd Social/Education Meeting
September 13th Board of Directors Meeting
September 27th Social/Education Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, John Fraley, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Joe Klohs, Tim Johnson, Bruce Miller, Dennis Leslie

Events/Issues.....Dick/Larry/Jim

Social/Education Meeting Speakers
August – Carolyn Laine - Green Burials
September – John Moriarty
October – To be Determined

There was a common theme at this year's IWLA National Convention last month. That theme was: engaging citizens to improve and protect water quality. The national organization took the groups suggestion and set up the "Clean Water Challenge". The goal is for citizen volunteers to monitor 100,000 more streams by the league's 100th birthday in 2002. Look for information on the "Clean Water Challenge" in the next issue of Outdoor America magazine.

Our Chapter hosted the Summer Minnesota Division State Board of Directors meeting last month. One concern that was discussed was the national dues increase that was approved at the National convention. A tour of our property and a discussion of our rain garden project was present by Joe Klohs and Jim Arnold.

The Copper Ammunition Round Table meeting that was held in Big Lake was attended by Dick Brown and Larry Kennebeck from our Chapter along with 50 other individuals. Absent from the meeting was a representative from Federal Cartridge. One

problem is not that not all calibers come in copper nor is there enough supply to meet the current demand. Lead is toxic not only to the animals but the land and especially water because the lead dissolves overtime. Statistics show that two million fowl die from lead poisoning nationwide every year.

Chapter House & GroundJoe/Jim/Steve

A motion was made by Jim Arnold to have Tom Reid remove the non-native maple tree from the Chapter grounds. The motion passed.

Jim Arnold and Joe Klohs met with a city representative to map out the clear view triangle by the front entrance. No boulevard trees fell within the triangle and the height of the plantings within the triangle needs to be kept at 30 inches. Further discussion on the boulevard garden plan will be held over until our next meeting.

Our master key list is in the process of being updated. Past Board members that still have chapter keys, should turn them in to Steve Schaust, Jim Arnold, Joe Klohs, or Tim Johnson as soon as possible.

Newsletter Marlys

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report John

John provided the Board with a summary of the Chapters accounts for review.

Scholarships Jim

The first installment of scholarships checks will be mailed out at the end of the month.

Webmaster Barb

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

Rentals Tim

There are four rentals scheduled for the month of August.

MembershipLorraine

The current membership for our Chapter stands at 96. We want to welcome our new Membership Director, Mary Ellen Vetter.

Over the next couple of months Lorraine will be transitioning the responsibilities over to Mary Ellen.



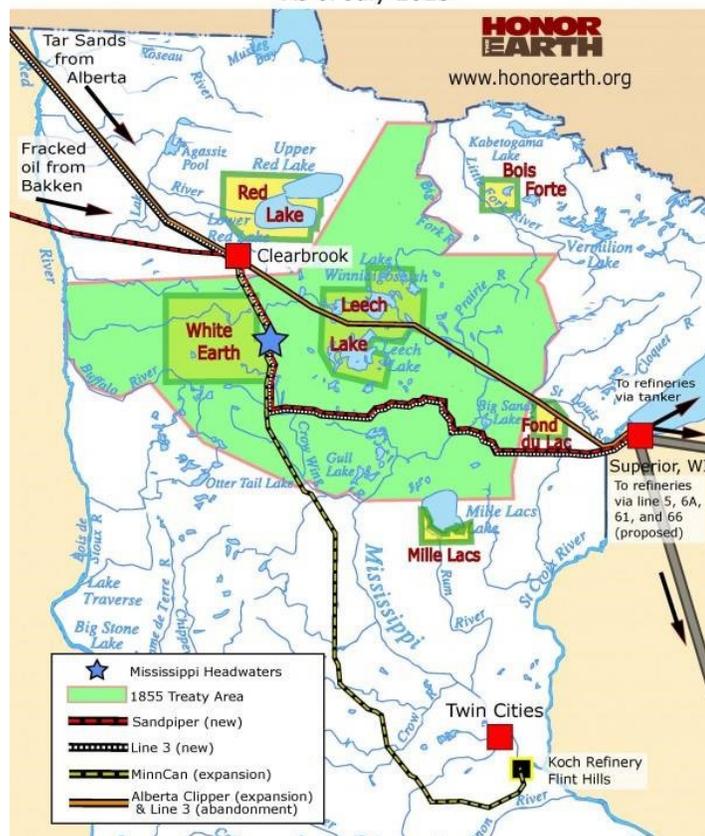
Enbridge Pipeline Challenge

Lee Lewis (a volunteer with the St. Croix River Association where he chairs their pipeline safety task force) spoke July 26 at our Chapter House monthly social/education meeting on The Enbridge Pipeline Challenge.

You may have read of various oil pipelines which have been in the news in recent years. Now that the Keystone XL pipeline has been scuttled, a route through Minnesota to deliver the same Alberta high carbon tar sands oil was proposed. Some of it is already coming through our state but the pipelines are not large enough to move the amount the companies desire. Most of the pipelines are owned by Canada's largest pipeline company, Enbridge.

MINNESOTA OIL PIPELINE PROPOSALS

As of July 2015



Enbridge's preferred route would go smack dab through the headwaters of the Mississippi River on a new right of way called the Sandpiper (how could a pipeline with such an innocent name ever pollute our precious lakes and rivers?). Other pipes would need to be expanded to handle the large flow. Interestingly, Lee pointed out that the flow actually

goes two ways. That is because the very viscous tar sands oil needs to be diluted with chemicals to make it flow better and that diluent, toxic in itself, is separated from the oil at the terminals and returned to Canada through pipelines.

Since Lee's presentation, Enbridge announced a change in their plans for now and have decided to shelve the Sandpiper line whose timeline for completion looks to be no earlier than 2019 if it is permitted. They have acquired the Dakota Access Pipeline to move the Bakken shale oil to Pakota, Illinois through a South Dakota route. But Enbridge still wants to continue to transport tar sands oil from Alberta to Superior, WI through other pipelines crossing Minnesota. They are pushing a plan to re-route and expand "Line 3" for this purpose. The re-route would follow the proposed Sandpiper route and the total volume would exceed that of the dead Keystone XL.

Risks to waterways, wetlands, wild rice beds and other habitats, as well as potential ways to minimize them were the thrust of Lee's talk.

The St. Croix watershed is also exposed to the threat of oil spills. Where the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway has jurisdiction over the shorelines, pipeline permits are problematic for Enbridge. But on the Namekagon River headwaters, easements of longstanding exist on private lands where the pipeline may cross.

Mr. Lewis, Native American bands in northern Minnesota and Friends of the Headwaters (a local citizens group) have advocated for alternate routes, including one which would avoid the sensitive headwaters region and pass west and south through the farm lands. If you would like to stay apprised of the pipeline situation, a good place to get further information is [Friends of the Headwaters](#).

Reported by Tim Johnson

September 27 Social/Educational Meeting

Wildlife and Natural Resources Projects in Three Rivers Park District

John Moriarty, Senior Manager of Wildlife at Three Rivers Park District and a member of the Breckenridge Chapter, will speak on past and current wildlife and natural resource projects and programs at Three Rivers Park District. The Park District is a system of 7 park reserves, 16 regional parks and hundreds of miles of regional trails in Hennepin, Carver, Scott, and Ramsey Counties totally 27,000 acres, most of which is managed in a natural state.

The projects include their long-term and successful programs to restore trumpeter swans, ospreys, bullsnakes and the habitats they use, especially prairies and wetlands. The District has restored thousands of acres of prairies, wetlands, and forests throughout the district. He will also talk about recent and ongoing projects which include purple martins, bluebirds, grassland birds, hognose snakes, and butterflies.

The Natural Resources Section is also very active in invasive species management, pollinator management, and urban wildlife (deer, geese, turkeys, and beaver) management. John will highlight some new changes in the deer management program.

John has also worked for Ramsey County Parks, MN Dept of Natural Resources, and taught at Metro State and Hamline University. He has been involved in Urban Wildlife Management for over 25 years. His main interests are prairie restorations and management, reptile conservation, and the history of Minnesota natural history. John has published numerous articles on a variety of natural resource topics, including the recent book, *Amphibians and Reptiles in Minnesota*.

BLUEBIRD TRAIL NOTES 2016

by John Fraley

The Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA maintains and monitors a bluebird trail consisting of 12 nesting boxes in Oxbow Creek Park which is just east of Jackson Middle School in Champlin, MN. There are two small prairie areas in the Oxbow Creek Park separated by a low wooded area. The nesting boxes are in the northern of the two prairie areas.

The 2016 bluebird nesting season had a fairly normal start. The first bluebirds of 2016 were observed in mid to late March. Nesting activity was not observed until mid-April and was in full swing in May and June. For the 2016 season three of the 12 boxes had bluebird eggs ranging from 2 to 5 eggs. Fledgling counts for the 2016 nesting season for this trail was 10 bluebirds, 33 tree swallows, and 7 house wrens.

Rainfall in the summer of 2016 was quite plentiful. The bluestem and other grasses grew tall and quite dense. Again Orange Butterfly-weed and lavender Wild Bergamot were the most common wild flowers observed.



August 26, 2016

The Honorable Eric Paulsen:

Dear Sir:

Members of the Izaak Walton league of America, W J Breckenridge Chapter are concerned about HR3650 and HR2316. We understand HR3650-State National Forest Management Act of 2015 would direct the Dept. of Agriculture to turn as much as 2 million acres of our National Forests to the ownership of certain states for primarily the use of timber production and probably extraction of minerals.

Hr2316 –the Self-Community Lands Act would direct the Dept. of Agriculture to establish community forest demonstration areas of 200,000 acres or more in states by taking National Forest System Lands to be managed for timber production.

We have become aware there are many other moves by anti-environmental groups to take the “Public” from public lands belonging to all Americans and give them to jurisdiction of states and possibly, ultimately to private ownership.

At stake could be our National Parks and Monuments, National Forests and Grasslands, National Wildlife Refuges and our precious Wilderness Areas. These lands preserve our remaining areas of wildlife; both Flora and Fauna; and supply much of the people’s outdoor experiences including historical and cultural understanding.

W J Breckenridge Chapter members agree:

All Federal Lands belong to all the people across America and should be kept in the hands of our general public. We ask our U S House members and Senate members to vote against HR3650 and HR2316 and any other similar measures that may come up in the future.

We thank you for your consideration.

We would appreciate your response.

For the Board of Directors, IWLA, W J Breckenridge Chapter

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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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Sept. Mona Getting
Oct. Tim Johnson
Nov. _____

Thank you

