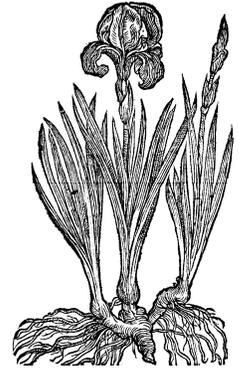




# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
April/May 2010  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## Coming Events

### May

- 2 Pancake Breakfast  
11 Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
25 Social/Education Meeting 7:30pm  
Heidi Wolf

### June

- 8 Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
22 Social/Education Meeting 7:30pm

### July

- 13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm

### Social Educational Meeting: May 25, 7:30 PM

Heidi Wolf, MN DNR Watercraft Inspection Program Coordinator, will speak on the problem of aquatic invasive species and freshwater pollution. She will mention things that can be done by government and citizens to control the problems in MN waters.

### Welcome to our new members in 2010:

12 New Members 2010

Jerry & Wendy Steele  
George & Lee Barthel  
Mark Lobeck

LeeAnn Mortenson  
Ron & Terri Bickford  
Stephanie Schaffer  
Wayne & Tina Sowers

Dave Moen  
Michael and Teresa Zwolski

**We have 112 members**

*Volunteers for  
refreshments needed.  
Please call  
Melissa Sonnenberg  
if you can help.  
763-549-8873*

## Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

### Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 3-09-10 Meeting Notes

**Attending:** Steve Shaust, Bill Barton, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Barb Franklin, Roger Williams, John Farley, Melissa Sonnenberg, there is still one Open Board Seat please contact Steve Schaust if interested.

#### **CALENDAR:**

April 13 BOD Meeting

April 17 Saturday Cleanup

April 24<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn Center Earth Fest Brooklyn Center High School (volunteers welcome during Noon setup to 4 pm takedown)

April 27 Social Educational Meeting Ted Olson of Nature Conservancy (John has this arranged)

May 2 Pancake Breakfast

May 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup> Fishing Opener

May 25<sup>th</sup> Social Educational Meeting

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Planning meeting was held Saturday Afternoon 4 pm 3-13. Announcement did make it into the Timberlines for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> date. Barb has flyers for distribution and will send notice to local papers. **Please post announcement on any web connections you may have!** Jim has work shift sign-up sheets if you want to help out with setup / cooking & serving / cleanup. We will do the plant sale again so bring any excess plants you may have. Steve got 3 grills this year to cover rush between 10:30 and Noon. Motion Dick Brown Second Roger Williams to buy another large coffee pot for ~\$70 passed unanimously. Barb has Breckenridge Autobiographies that can be sold.

#### **ISSUES:**

##### **MN Division meeting update by Dick Brown**

Friday - discussed resolutions.

Saturday - Facebook is a good tool for interesting new members.. Talk by Jim Matson National President – his background, his conservation ranch. Toured Rice Creek State Park, lots of wildflowers in bloom.

Sunday – Business meeting, discussion of Noreen's compensation, elected officers (same as last year), discussed and voted on

resolutions.

Dick Brown brought back a framed October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942 Star Tribune page of Breckenridge pictures and a gold trimmed IWLA place setting from the silent auction. ~\$1,480 was raised at the silent auction for the MN Division Scholarship Fund.

Discussed resolutions at the MN Division Annual Meeting:

There were 10 resolutions, 8 passed, 1 tabled "Revising Wetland Impact Mitigation", 1 failed The tabled resolution proposed support of establishing a public wetland mitigation fund for private projects and bypassing watershed considerations allowing 50% of mitigation to be outside of the affected wetlands banking service area with the purpose of making mitigation easier for project proposers. Three proposed by the Breckenridge Chapter, one failed.

1. LAND CONSERVATION ENABLED THROUGH TAX INCENTIVES MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting . Passed at MN Division Annual Meeting.
2. SALE OR TRANSFER OF MINNESOTA NATIONAL FOREST LANDS FOR SULFIDE STRIP MINING MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting. Passed at MN Division Annual Meeting.
3. INVASIVE SPECIES & THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER GORGE IN TWIN CITIES MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting. Passed at MN Division Annual Meeting.
4. The Breckenridge Chapter recommends that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America join the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Association. Participation in this Association of organizations will provide opportunities to better collaborate on issues we agree with. Failed at MN Division Annual Meeting.

The Dedicated Funding Working Group is working with the legislature to promote maintaining the recommendations of the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHCA) and the Legislative Citizen Committee on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). Hearings and floor votes are taking place in the legislature now.

Uof M is developing a 25 year framework for dedicated clean water funding and they have a website for a survey of individuals with room for your ideas. Please complete the survey and

Minutes continued from previous page comment at <http://wrc.umn.edu/watersustainabilityframework/MinnesotansandTheirWater/index.htm> The Water Resources Center phone number is 612-624-9282.

**CHAPTER HOUSE AND GROUNDS:**

Discussion of parking lot light still has a problem & gravel addition to parking lot. Motion to order 18 tons gravel at ~\$282 passed unanimously – probably Thursday evening 4-15. Front street garden and improvement of rain garden when weather / ground is ready. Jim talked with Linda at Brooklyn Park planning department - Waste enclosures under 120 square feet do not require a permit, as a non-profit we are not considered a business, they like waste enclosures to match surrounding buildings, she would be glad to come out and look at site for us. Jim will follow up.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Deadline for scholarships is this week. Four applications have been submitted so far. Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWSLETTER:** Barb & Melissa helping Marlys. Write stuff up & take photos for timberlines / Waltonian

**WEBSITE:** Barb is updating. Haven't been using Yahoo calendar – access questions.

**RENTALS:** Running ~average amount of rentals. Calendar in kitchen drawer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We received a thank you note from the Scout Troop for paying the council fees. We received a thank you letter from U of M Bell Museum for donation to the Breckenridge Autobiography. Troop 234 Brooklyn Park (not 232 that we sponsor) sent us a letter requesting a donation for a new equipment trailer. Motion Jim Arnold Second Roger Farley to send a regrets letter passed unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ask friends to renew or join to support conservation. We now have 113 members (117 in 2009).

Bill Barton



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Attn: Stephanie Brady, Project Coordinator  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
(FAX) 907-786-3965

Dear Stephanie Brady,

I am considering visiting the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area this summer or early fall. As a visitor to this area, I am looking for solitude and unspoiled areas where wildlife can be viewed in their natural habitat, possibly paddling from a kayak and photographed. Building a road through a National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area would bisect a narrow isthmus of wetlands and ponds which has the potential to be detrimental to habitat and wildlife. For visitors like me, I would prefer to

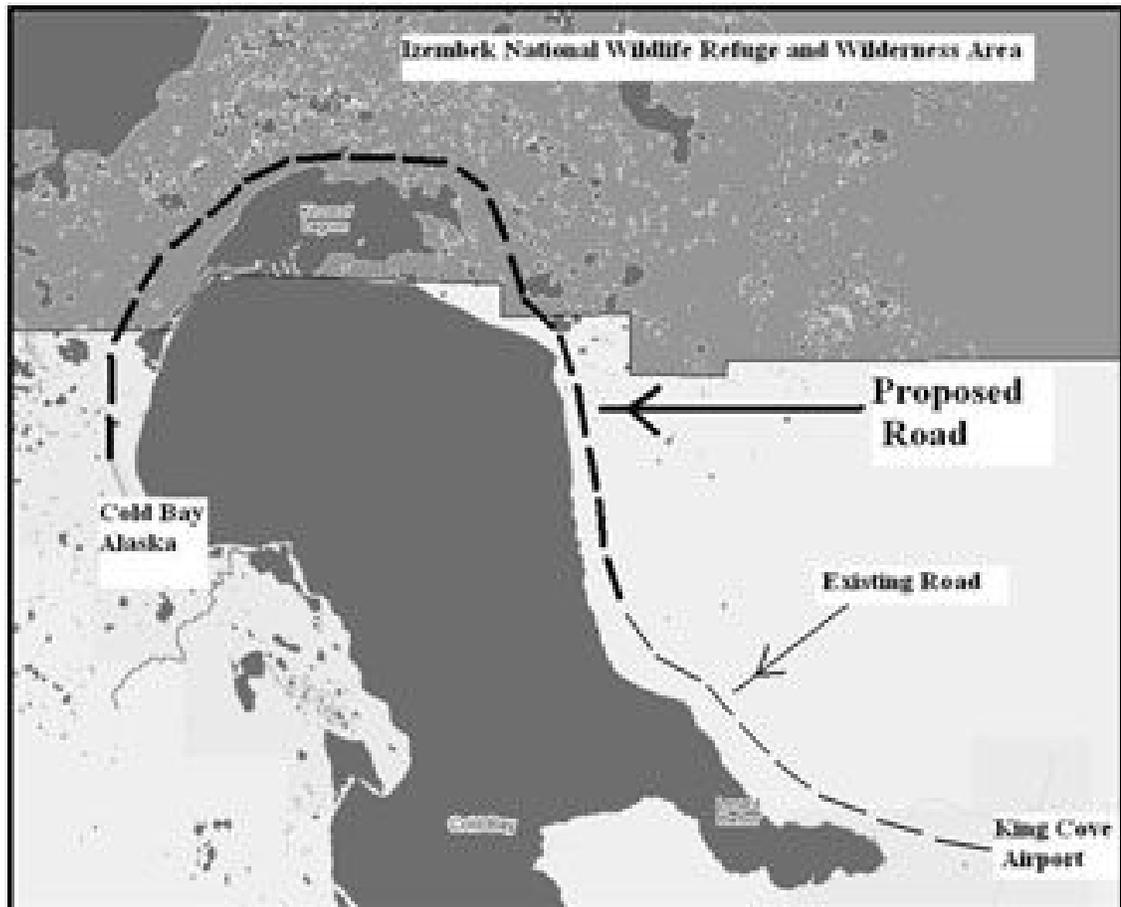
experience wildlife in its natural habitat without the affects of vehicular traffic nearby. Some of the affects may consist of dust, noise, air pollution from vehicles, run-off from the road, road-kill, disturbance of normal animal behavior and migration patterns due to

vehicular intrusion, and a bisecting and fragmenting of the natural environment. Although I do not live in Alaska, being that this is a 'national' wildlife refuge, I would hope that these comments have some level consideration. From past experiences, we know that wherever roads have been built, caribou herds (and other wildlife) tend to diminish for a variety of reasons. It should be noted that my home state, Minnesota, historically had the woodland caribou as an endemic species, but no longer does. Other states and some Canadian provinces are seeing declines in caribou populations for a variety of reasons. Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**John C. Rust**

Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter



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Reflections from the North Country

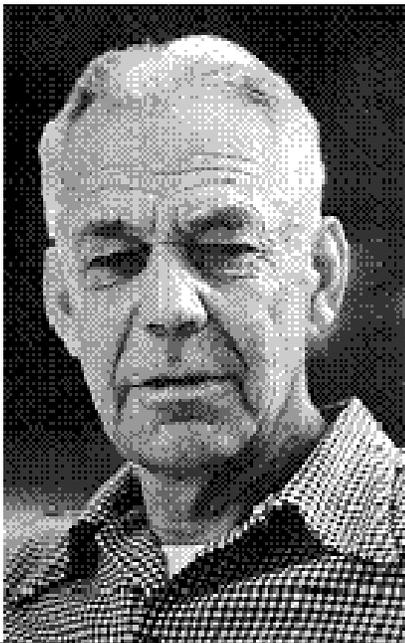
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“Reflections from the North Country” is one of nine books that Sigurd Olsen wrote in appreciation of wildness. An excerpt from Sig’s book follows below...

“Only when we look at the earth as civilized thinking men with enlightened insight will the full measure of human evolution be possible. We must know the values which once sustained us are still there in those parts of the world we have not ravished.

No one has a right to destroy anything in the wilderness; such things belong to all and must not be disturbed. Freedom gives no license to violate a heritage that belongs to the ages. Love of the land is the basis for the unending struggle of those who really care against those who see only material rewards. Intangible values are hard to define, explain, or measure. You can measure soil, water, and trees, but intangible values never.”

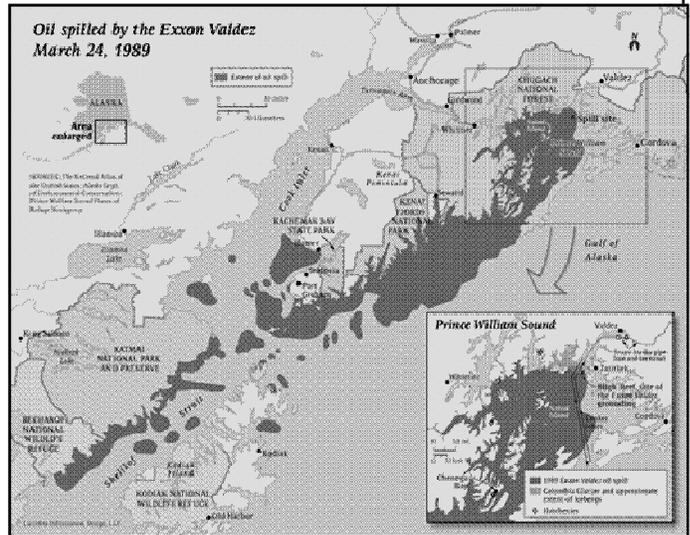
Sigurd F. Olson passed away in 1982 at the age of 83 while trying out a new pair of snowshoes near his home in Ely, Minnesota. The trail to continued protection of places like the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness will get rocky as the world’s population continues to grow. It will require Sig’s brand of perseverance, long-range vision, and tough hide to travel that trail, but future generations will benefit from our doing so.



## Super Tanker Amoco Cadiz split in two spilling oil near France - 1978



## Exxon Valdez Oil Spill - 1989



## Drilling unit near Mississippi River Delta in Gulf of Mexico - 2010



## Population and Climate Change

Join the Izaak Walton League, renowned environmental writer [Laurie Mazur](#) (*A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge*), and [Population Action International](#) to explore the connections among population growth and climate change. This skills-building workshop will help you expand your network and your experience with women's health and environmental issues.

Refreshments provided. The event is FREE and an [online RSVP](#) is requested.

**Thursday, May 20, 2010**

**4pm-8pm**

William Mitchell College of Law  
875 Summit Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105

**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

**11am-3pm**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth  
835 West College St.  
Duluth, MN 55811

### Background

The consequences of climate change - more intense hurricanes and typhoons, rising sea levels, drought, heat waves, disruptions to agriculture, increasing water stress - will be felt by communities around the world. Population trends will expose more people to climate change impacts, especially in the developing world. Adapting to climate change requires improved management of climate-related risks while easing pressures on resources. Both can be accomplished by promoting gender equality and expanding access to voluntary reproductive health services, which leads to smaller, healthier families.

Around the world, more than 200 million women want but lack access to family planning and reproductive health services - and this demand is projected to rise by 40 percent over the next 15 years. How can you help?

- Confront gender inequality by educating girls, ending child marriage, and supporting women's rights.
- Fight poverty and economic inequality by

working for debt relief, reforming international financial institutions, and promoting sustainable, equitable development.

We'll offer practical tips and resources you can use to take action.

**For more information, or if you are interested in partnering with us for this event, please contact:**

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Izaak Walton League of America  
Phone: (301)548-0150 x243  
E-mail: [rwadler@iwla.org](mailto:rwadler@iwla.org)

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# Brooklyn Center's Earth Fest

By Jim Arnold

So, how did you celebrate the recent 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day? Breckenridge Chapter member Diane Sannes, along with fellow Brooklyn Center resident Jill Dalton, organized an Earth Fest for their community. They filled the Brooklyn Center Gym with sixty local businesses, conservation organizations, churches and student and government groups to provide information on what all of us can do to help the earth. Three of us from the Breckenridge Chapter were there to explain how the Izaak Walton League has worked as a defender of soil, air, woods, water and wildlife; and how our recent rain garden project has reduced pollutants in the Mississippi River.

Walking through the gym you could learn about: Where to find locally grown organic foods, how to reduce toxins in household cleaners, the location of bike trails, how to recycle plastics that are not recyclable curbside, how to build a compost pile, the location of local parks and much more. Congratulations to Diane and the other Brooklyn Center residents who made this event possible.



**John Fraley at the Breckenridge booth.**



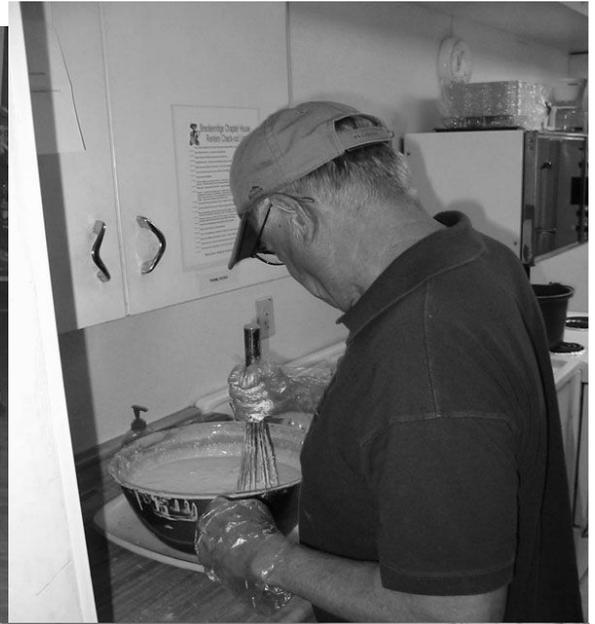
**Chapter members Diane Sannes and Bill Barton visit with an Earth Fest visitor.**



**Earth Day Fest at Brooklyn Center**

**Some Major Oil Spills. \* shaded indicates spill in US waters**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Oil Spilled</b>	<b>Incident / Ship</b>
1967 March 18	Near England	38 Million gallons	Torrey Canyon ran aground
1976 Dec. 15	Nantucket Island	7.7 million gallons	Argo Merchant broke apart
1977 April	North Sea	81 million gallons	Blowout of well in Ekofisk
1978 March 16	France	68 million gallons	Wrecked tanker Amoco Cadiz
1979 June 3	Gulf of Mexico	140 million gallons	Exploratory well Ixtoc blew out
1979 July 19	Tobago	87 million gallons	Atlantic Empress and the Aegean Captain collide
1983 Feb. 4	Persian Gulf, Iran	80 million gallons	Nowruz platform spill
1983 Aug. 6	Cape Town, South Africa	78 million gallons	Castillo de Bellver caught fire
1988 July 6	North Sea off Scotland	Unknown	166 workers killed in rig explosion
1988 Nov. 10	Newfoundland	43 million gallons	Odyssey
1989 March 24	Prince William Sound, Alaska	11 million gallons	Exxon Valdez hit an undersea reef
1989 Dec. 19	Canary Islands	19 million gallons	Explosion in supertanker Kharg-5
1990 June 8	Galveston, Texas	5.1 million gallons	Mega Borg - explosion and fire
1991 Jan. 23-27	Kuwait	240-460 million gallons	Iraq deliberately released oil during Persian Gulf war
1991 April 11	Genoa, Italy	42 million gallons	Tanker Haven
1991 May 28	Angola	15-78 million gallons	ABT Summer exploded
1992 March 2	Uzbekistan	88 million gallons	Oil spilled from an oil well
1993 Aug. 10	Tampa Bay, Florida	336,000 gallons	3 ships collided: Bouchard B155, Balsa 37, Ocean 255
1994 Sept. 8	Russia	2 million barrels	Dam built to contain oil burst
1996 Feb. 15	Wales	70,000 tons	Tanker Sea Empress ran aground
1999 Dec. 12	Cost of France	3 million gallons	Tanker Erika broke apart and sank
2000 Jan. 18	Rio de Janeiro	343,200 gallons	Ruptured pipeline
2000 Nov. 28	New Orleans	567,000 gallons	Tanker Westchester ran aground
2002 Nov. 13	Spain	Unknown	Prestige suffered damaged hull
2003 July 28	Pakistan	28,000 tons	Tanker Tasman Spirit ran aground
2004 Dec. 7	Aleutian Islands, Alaska	337,000 gallons	Storm pushed M/V Selendang Ayu onto a rocky shore
2005 Aug.-Sept	Louisiana	7 million gallons	Oil spilled during Hurricane Katrina
2006 June 19	Louisiana	71,000 barrels	Oil released from refinery
2006 July 15	Lebanon	3 - 10 million gallons	Israeli bombs Jieh coast power station
2006 August 11	Philippines	530,000 gallons	Tanker sinks
2007 Dec. 7	South Korea	2.8 million gallons	Hebei Spirit collides with steel wire connecting a tug boat and barge
2008 July 25	Louisiana	100,000+ gallons	Barge and tanker collide
2009 March 11	Australia	52,000 gallons	Ship MV Pacific Adventurer.
2010 Jan. 23	Texas	462,000 gallons	Tanker Eagle Otome/barge collide
2010 April 24	Gulf of Mexico	~200,000 gallons/day * continues to spill *	Semi-submersible drilling rig Deep Horizon sinks



**Pancake  
Breakfast  
May 2, 2010**



**Thank you to everyone that worked to make the breakfast the success that it was. We had 14 scouts and parents helping too. Thank you scouts and everyone..**



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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](mailto:EditorBreckIWL@msn.com)  
Deadline is the last day of each month.  
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**THANK YOU Steve for chairing the great Pancake Breakfast. It was SUPER.**