



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
November/December 2012
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December

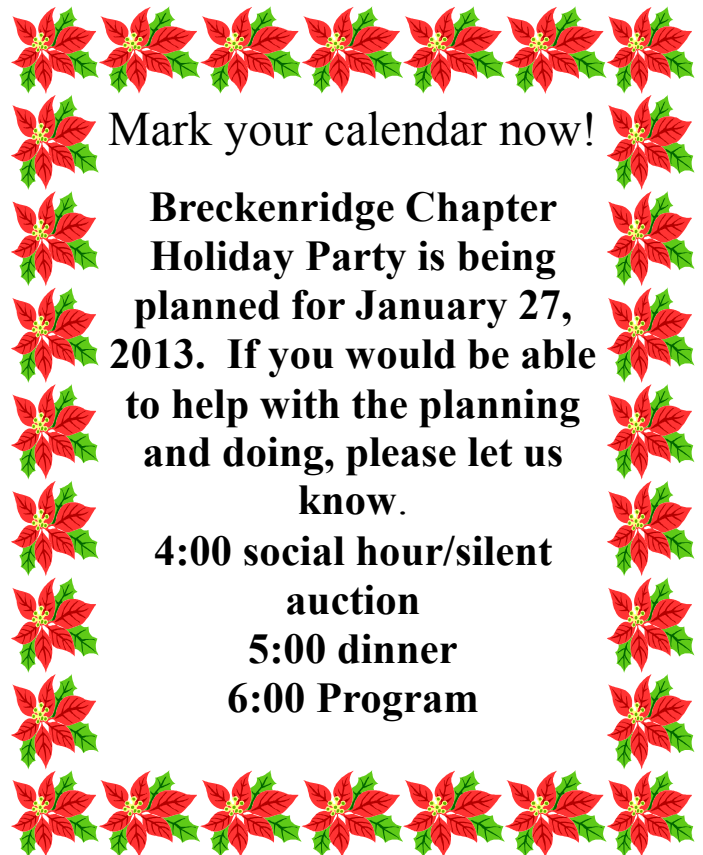
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 pm
- 25 Merry Christmas

January

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 pm
- 27 Holiday Party 4:00

February

- 9 City of Brooklyn Park Tater Days
Benefit Valentine Dinner
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 pm
- 26 Social Meeting Lark Weller, NSP &
Trevor Russel, FMR Metro
Mississippi River Report



Mark your calendar now!

Breckenridge Chapter
Holiday Party is being
planned for January 27,
2013. If you would be able
to help with the planning
and doing, please let us
know.

4:00 social hour/silent
auction
5:00 dinner
6:00 Program

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

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Thank you

**Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
11-13-12 Meeting Notes**

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

IWLA MEMBER PLEDGE was recited by all present.

NOVEMBER 27TH- SOCIAL MEETING - STAN TEQUILA, AUTHOR – UNCOMMON FACTS ABOUT COMMON BIRDS

NOVEMBER 29TH – 9 AM DECORATING CHAPTER HOUSE FOR HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 11TH – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 8TH – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 27TH - HOLIDAY PARTY

FEBRUARY 9TH – City Of Brooklyn Park

Tater Days Benefit Valentine Dinner

FEBRUARY 26TH – SOCIAL MEETING – LARK WELLER, NPS & TREVOR RUSSEL, FMR METRO MISSISSIPPI RIVER REPORT

JANUARY 27TH HOLIDAY PARTY May have Dale Sannes presentation on Area History of Mississippi River

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS – we now have three open board positions to fill along with filling the secretary position now and treasurer in January.

TIMBERLINES NEWSLETTER – Marlys will not be able to do Jan/Feb & Feb/Mar newsletters so we need a fill in volunteer editor. Steve will check with Barb.

POSTER FROM USFWS crediting sporting goods funds for clean water (Pitman Robinson) Steve will have framed for chapter house.

GETTING YOUTH OUTDOORS PROGRAM MATERIALS have been received if someone wants to work on it. Jim Arnold has them for review. Maybe some partnership with Boy Scouts, Champlin Park Outdoor Ed Jones class, Jackson Elementary environmental program?

BRISTOL BAY FISHERY PEBBLE MINE was discussed briefly.

REDROCK WILDERNESS CANYONLANDS – Jim Arnold has and is collecting Greater Canyon lands National Monument cards to the President.

FUNDING FOR EXISTING NATIONAL PARKS & LANDS discussion, national monuments do not need much support.

LOCAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER ISSUES are surfacing for us to study, laws, rules, .

DNR - BWSR NO NET LOSS

(STREAMLINING) OF WETLANDS

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING was attended by Larry Kennebeck and was well attended by watershed districts and environmental organizations. Report to the governor is online at http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/executive_order_12-04 for comments.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

CHIMNEY LETTERS can be picked up.

SHRUB PLANTING – To compete with buckthorn coming back. We would need to plan for April/May delivery & planting of bare root stock. Dick, Larry, Roger & Jim volunteered to be on the committee and work out details.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Non-member Tom Reed has been a great help with grounds work. Dick motioned, Larry seconded giving him a membership. Passed unanimously. Invite him and acknowledge at Christmas party.

HOLIDAY PARTY - Start brainstorming & planning .

Jim Arnold motioned to do silent auction for scholarship fund, Dick Brown seconded. Passed unanimously.

November 29 decorating chapter house for holidays.

RENTALS – December rentals are typical.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Checking \$6,734.48, Savings \$18,069.98. Jim Arnold is working on obtaining our tax exempt number.

MEMBERSHIP Please send in your dues to keep our numbers up!

Bill Barton

Social Ed meeting Feb. 26, 2013:

The State of the Mississippi River:

Presenters will be Lark Weller, National Park Service (MNRRA) & Trevor Russell, Friends of the Mississippi River

Mouse (Crash) Pad

Since Brooklyn Park's Tater Daze 2009 we have maintained a couple of geocaches (registered at geocaching.com) – one at the Chapter House, one at Oxbow Park (that someone removed), and one at River Park. Geocachers have loved the



containers (made by Steve Schaub) and it has been fun to see people's comments. I got this one the other day, so figured it needed some maintenance:

"Quick find with 6-year-old daughter Sarah while killing time before her school science fair. Cute container! A nice mouse house.

We did not want to disturb them so did not sign the log. TFTC!" (Thanks for the cache)

OK, I'm a softie. I tried to evict the half dozen little mice but they were so cozy there all snuggled up in their milkweed down bed. Maybe in the spring... Or we might just establish a new cache.



(Hans Nielsen is working on one.)

Barb Franklin

Breckenridge Chapter

Winter Party

January 27, 2013

**4:00 Social Hour and
Silent Auction
5:00 Dinner
6:00 Program**

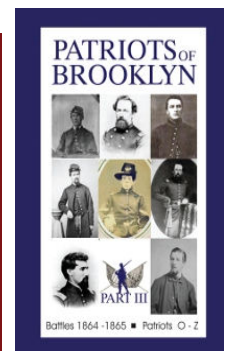
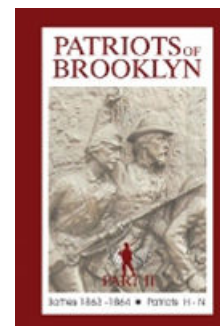
Program will be:

The 19th Century:

A History of Brooklyn Township and the area near the IWLA Chapter House

Save the date: Sunday, January 27 for our Annual Holiday Party when local historian and chapter member, Darryl Sannes, will present stories of the early history of Brooklyn Township, focusing on families that settled and lived near the Chapter House.

Darryl has co-authored the three-book set, *Patriots of Brooklyn*, the stories of over 250 men from Brooklyn Township who served in the Civil War and is currently serving on the Minnesota Civil War Commemoration Task Force.



**Many more details to
come in the next issue of
the Timberlines.
Mark the date on your**



HOPE AFTER BUCKTHORN

At the Nov. 3 Buckthorn removal project it was lightly discussed that before a new Buckthorn insurgence occurs, we should plant other native species primarily for birds and other wildlife.

At the Nov. 13 Board of Directors meeting this idea was primarily approved. Several Board members agreed to form a committee to decide what to plant where, when and how. If selections are made through County Water and Soil Conservation Districts, plants are normally available on the last week of April or first of May. Anoka SWCD has announced this year's pickup to be Saturday, April 27. Immediate planting is best. At Anoka SWCD bundles of 10 bare root cost \$17.00 and bundles of 25 bare root cost \$30.00 and vary from 8" to 24" depending on species. Root treatment and fertilizer will be slightly more. Sometimes for certain species not available at Anoka SWCD I have gone to Chisago and Isanti SWCD (North Branch & Cambridge) for certain species. Other sources may be considered.

We have several members who are somewhat knowledgeable with the subject and a couple are actually professionals. We have a well-rounded committee. We hope several members, knowledgeable or not, will help in planting. Chances are planting will be much more fun than fighting Buckthorn! Several follow-ups with watering will be necessary at least the first year. Protection from Deer may be needed for some species.

Looking forward to Spring already!!!

Dick Brown

We're winning the Buckthorn War

Last month's Timberlines had several pictures of energetic folks pulling and cutting buckthorn. Another equally energetic group showed up on November 3 to attack this invasive and destructive plant:

Jim & Judy Arnold

Dick Brown

John Fraley

Dean Halonen

Larry Kennebeck

Brad Larson

Gretchen Sabel

Jean & Dennis Beales

Dell & Linda Erickson

Barb Franklin

Wes Hendrickson

Larry LaFontaine

Tom Reid

Tom Ward

The change in the Breckenridge Chapter woodlot is dramatic. Many small buckthorn plants remain, but the increased light and space will provide native shrubs and flowers growing space. The Chapter may reintroduce some native plants next spring (see Dick Brown's article in this Timberlines). We'll need to continue working a day or two each fall to remove the smaller buckthorn plants, but the largest and thickest stands have been eradicated. Many thanks to all that have been involved with this two year project.



A Convergence of Reasons towards decreasing usage of Fossil Fuels: Opinion

Although renewable energy has its own set of problems and costs, I wondered about the major impacts that the usage of fossil fuels have on people, ecosystems, and the earth. Consequently came up with the following list of items to be concerned about with extracting and using fossil fuels. Of course we can not wean ourselves off fossil fuels completely, but considering the exorbitant side affects and cost of using fossil fuels, seems like we should probably be attempting to transition to renewable energy sources. Already Germany has invested heavily in solar photovoltaic for their electricity generation and has made great strides in this direction. Maybe we should as well. – John Rust

1) Climate Change and CO2 Emissions

- a. Rising sea levels and costal flooding affecting millions of people
- b. Acidification of the ocean and impacts on sea life
- c. Stronger storms and weather events causing destruction of human infrastructure
- d. Billions of dollars in costs for clean up and reconstruction caused by storms strengthened by global warming
- e. Vegetation and habitat changes causing negative impacts on agriculture, ecosystems, and species
- f. Disintegration of the Arctic Ocean ice pack causing ecosystem changes

2) Extreme Oil

- a. Deepwater Horizon platform Disaster – Summer 2010
 - i. 200 million gallons of oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico
- b. Exxon Valdez Oil Tanker Disaster – March 1989
 - i. 11 million gallons of oil spilled off the coast of Alaska
 - ii. 1,300 miles of coastline covered in oil
- c. Hurricane Katrina caused oil spills in

Gulf of Mexico – August 2005

- i. 7 million gallons of oil spilled
- d. Alberta oil shale and tar sands
 - i. Vast areas of Alberta excavated (100's square miles)
 - ii. Requires large amounts of water
- e. Oil platforms in the Arctic Ocean – Chukchi Sea and Beaufort sea
 - i. Cleaning up oil spills in the Arctic is extremely difficult
- f. Oil refineries and pipeline infrastructure causes water, soil and air pollution
- g. Over time, requires increasingly more extreme efforts to reach ever more difficult reserves

3) Extreme Coal

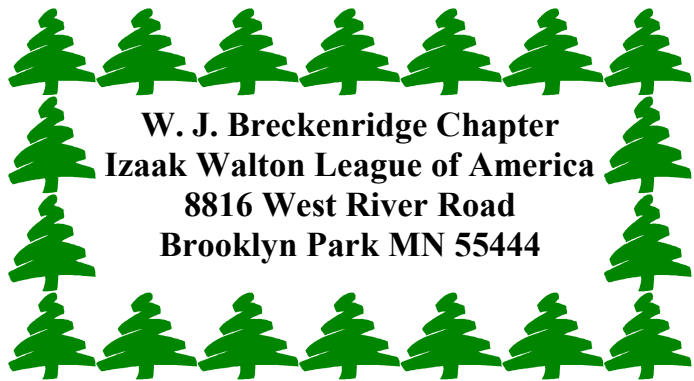
- a. Mountain top coal mining – entire mountains in Appalachia altered
- b. Strip mining coal fields – vast areas of the high plains and the great plains effected
- c. Acid mine drainage may occur affecting water supplies and aquatic habitat
- d. Mercury and sulfur dioxide released into atmosphere affecting lakes, wildlife, and human health
- e. Coal particulates released into the atmosphere affect human health and cause an estimated one million premature deaths annually across the world
- f. Over time, requires more intensive and disruptive effects on the landscape.

4) Fracking for Oil and Gas

- a. Water intensive and potential for ground water contamination
- b. Industrial silica sand mining alters landscape
- c. Toxic and carcinogenic compounds pumped into the ground

5) Renewable Energy: Solar Wind, Geothermal, Hydroelectric, Other

- a. Has little or none of the negative impacts mentioned in 1, 2, 3, and 4 above
- b. Consumption does not lower amount available – they are renewable!
- c. More compatible with agriculture and



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Deadline is the last day of each month.
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