



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
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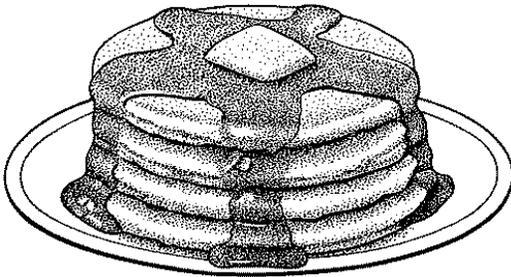
Coming Events

April

- 9-10-11 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting @ Owatonna
13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
27 Social/Education Meeting 7:30pm - Ted Olson presenter, "The Nature Conservancy"

May

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

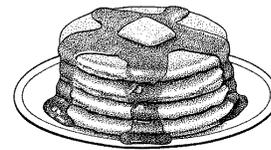


Volunteers for refreshments needed. Please call Melissa Sonnenberg if you can help. 763-549-8873

Welcome to our newest member:

Stephanie Shaffer

We have 111 members



A friend of Dr. Breckenridge, Conrad "Bud" Pyne, collected some of his art work in the mid 80's. To settle his estate the Pyne family will auction five original water colors, three etchings and two prints at an auction to be held at Luther Auctions in North St. Paul on April 12. Photos of the art will be available on the auction website, www.lutherauctions.com four days before the auction.

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

Attending: Steve Shaust, Bruce Hansen, Bill Barton, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Barb Franklin, Roger Williams, John Farley, Melissa Sonnenberg, Wes Hendrickson, Hans Nielsen (guest)

There is one Open Board Seat please contact Steve Schaust if interested.

CALENDAR:

- March 23 Social Educational Meeting Darby Nelson Heritage Council
- MARCH 27 MN Division IWLA & Freshwater Society Wetlands / Agriculture / Water Summit @ Normandale Community College
- April 9, 10, 11 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting @ Owatonna, John Rust, Dick Brown, Bill Barton, Steve Shaust Saturday, possibly Roger Williams, Wes Hendrickson for Sunday meeting.
- April 13 BOD Meeting
- April 27 Social Educational Meeting Ted Olson of Nature Conservancy
- May 2 Pancake Breakfast
- May 11 Board of Directors Meeting
- May 25 Social Educational Meeting?

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Announcement to be in the next *Timberlines* for the May 2nd date. Discussion of tickets for the pancake breakfast. Steve would like to try post cards. The committee will decide before the next *Timberlines*. Steve, Melissa, Jim will do sign-up sheets. Will do plant sale again. Meeting Saturday Afternoon 4 pm 3-13.

MOTION by Jim Arnold, Second by Barb Franklin: Breckenridge Chapter will donate \$165 to the Scout Troop to pay council fees for 11 adults on the Troup Committee. Passed

ISSUES:

Discussed resolutions going to the MN Division Annual Meeting:

LAND CONSERVATION ENABLED THROUGH TAX INCENTIVES MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting

SALE OR TRANSFER OF MINNESOTA NATIONAL FOREST LANDS FOR SULFIDE

STRIP MINING MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting.

INVASIVE SPECIES & THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER GORGE IN TWIN CITIES MOTION PASSED at the 2-9-2010 meeting.

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. Passed 9 for 1 against at this- 3-9-2010 meeting

Senator Chaudary has introduced a walk-in hunting bill SF that has been heard in committee. The State would pay landowners to allow hunting on their land. Stay tuned. It would be good if it would allow other than hunters.

Discussion of our little knowledge of the state Clearwater County Itasca County “pilot” tax forfeit lands program bill – we need someone to look into it. Bill Berg of the Grand Rapids Wes Libby chapter is also looking into it.

Discussion of Ikes involvement with the definitions in the Legacy Amendment outdoor heritage section. We will learn more at the Social Educational meeting March 23rd.

Coon Rapids Dam – John Farley reported that there is no money in the state bonding bill for the dam. U of 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 comment at <http://wrc.umn.edu/watersustainabilityframework/MinnesotansandTheirWater/index.htm> The Water Resources Center phone number is 612-624-9282.

Minutes continued:



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CHAPTER HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Discussion of street front garden and improvement of rain garden when weather / ground is ready. Fireplace glass door panel replacement is installed. We have a free can of glass cleaner too! We need a set of fireplace instructions written up. A new wire for damper has been installed. A new rain cap for the fireplace flue is still in the basement for someone to install (hint hint). Riverview United Methodist Church is closing and there may be some fixtures available, possibly light weight tables, Melissa will check on it. Barb is looking into some better trash and recycling cans.

SCHOLARSHIPS: One application received so far. Deadline is April 15th.

TREASURERS REPORT: Year-end report is in progress due to some issues with account access. Income and expenditures are close to in balance for the year (~\$23,000.) System is difficult to follow as deposits are made by many people. With an email and deposit slips noting who and purpose it will be easier. Bruce would like to send email and deposit slips. Need to note amounts for general donations vs. endowment donations. The time lag between email and deposit record makes it difficult. Discussion of costs: Water running problems, high heat, watered rain garden this last year, we got behind on some bills at beginning of the year due to treasurer change over.

NEWSLETTER: Write stuff up & take photos for *Timberlines / Waltonian*

The recipe for bars served at the March 23 Social/Educational meeting appears below:

COCONUT TOFFEE CREAM CHEESE BARS

Barbara Franklin

Grease a 10"x15" jellyroll pan. Preheat oven to 300°. Mix together: **1 c butter, ½ c sugar, ½ c cornstarch**
Add and mix in: **2 c flour**
Pat into greased pan. Bake 15 minutes @ 300°. Remove from oven.
Meanwhile mix: **4 eggs, 2 c brown sugar (packed), 2 t vanilla, ¼ c flour, ½ t baking powder**
Add **1½ c chopped nuts, 1 1/3 c flaked coconut**
Spread on first mixture. Bake 15 minutes @ 300°. Turn up oven and bake 10 more minutes @ 350°. Cool.
Frosting:
½ c soft butter
3+ c powdered sugar
1 8-oz. package softened cream cheese
1 t vanilla
Beat together. Spread on cooled bars. Cut into bars. These freeze well.

Where to Emigrate and Why

written by Frederick B. Goddard,
1869, People's Publishing Co.

MINNESOTA derives its name from two Indian words signifying "sky-tinted water," referring to the numerous crystal streams and lakes which mirror the soft blue of its skies. These lakes are a peculiar feature, and form one of the characteristic charms of the State. They vary from one to thirty miles in diameter, the smaller class being most

numerous. They are generally distinguished, also, for their clear, white, sandy shores, set in gentle grassy slopes, or rimmed with walls of rock, their pebbly beaches sparkling with carnelians and agates, while the oak grove, or the denser wood which skirts the margin, completes the graceful and picturesque outline.

These lakes all abound in fish, superior in flavor and quality to those of the sluggish streams of the Western States. Many leaping brooks, fed by springs, are pure and cold as mountain streams, and abound in speckled trout. To the disciples of Izaak Walton, Minnesota is a perfect paradise. To one fond of the sport, nothing could be more delightful than to drive out to one of these lovely sheets of

water, spending the heat of the day on their shady shores, and the morning and evening in a small boat, with rod and tackle. In the spring and fall, these lakes are all covered with ducks and other water-fowl, affording rare amusement for the sportsman.

From the first of May until the first of August, fishing is the principal sport. Sometimes wild pigeons, which often breed in our woods, may be shot in great numbers in June. After the first of August, till frost, fowling commences, and the gun and dog take the place of hook and tackle. The first of August in Minnesota is what the first of September is in England, when the game law permits the shooting of prairie chickens, pheasants, grouse, &c., which abound everywhere. The larger game, such as deer, elk, and occasionally a bear or buffalo, come in with cold weather, and continue till spring. In the fall and spring, ducks and geese are found plentifully in every little lake.

Historic Map of Minnesota from 1869



Agriculture and Water Summit –
March 27, 2010
by Gretchen Shaina Sabel

Izaak Walton League members gathered with farmers, researchers and policy specialists at Normandale College to discuss the impacts of farming practices, particularly artificial drainage, and learn about options that can reduce the impacts. Co-sponsored by the Izaak Walton League MN and the Freshwater Society, the goal of this year's summit was to connect farmers, researchers, conservationists, students, and anyone interested in working together to protect our water resources while ensuring productive farms. The summit featured interactive presentations on emerging solutions, along with information about how citizens can get involved to help drive this forward-looking discussion. The talks were filmed and will be available on the internet – we will send a link when it becomes available.

What is artificial drainage? According to the University of Minnesota, “Agricultural drainage is the use of surface ditches, subsurface permeable pipes, or both, to remove standing or excess water from poorly drained lands. During the late 1800s, European settlers in the Upper Midwest began making drainage ditches and channelizing (straightening and reshaping) streams to carry water from the wet areas of their farms to nearby streams and rivers. Later, farmers increased drainage by installing subsurface drainage pipes generally at a depth of three to six feet. When installing a subsurface drainage system, pipes are either strategically placed in a field to remove water from isolated wet areas or installed in a pattern to drain an entire field. In some areas, surface inlets or intakes (risers extended from underground pipes to the surface) remove excess surface water from low spots in fields.” Artificial drainage is a concern to the environment because it moves the water off the land more quickly, resulting in quicker peak flows in receiving streams, and also carries nutrients and even sediment. For more information on the techniques of conservation drainage, visit the U of M's website at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/DrainageOutlet/>.

This event featured researchers from U of M, policy specialists from a variety of organizations and farmers who are trying innovative practices on their

farms. The day started off with Professors Bruce Wilson and Gary Sands talking about the history of agricultural drainage and new advancements in drainage techniques that are reduce the negative environmental impacts. This new technique, conservation drainage, involves reducing the amount of water drained from agricultural areas and improving the quality of the water that is discharged. Farmer Tony Thompson from Jackson County talked about his experience with conservation drainage and Farmer Marin Juhl shared his experiences at turning his family dairy into a certified organic operation.

The lunch speaker was Jon Foley, Director, University of Minnesota, and Institute on the Environment. His talk, titled “The Other Inconvenient Truth: A Global Challenge for Agriculture and the Environment”, debunked myths and pointed out that no single solution will enable us to feed the 9 billion people on earth and protect the environment – it will take a synergy between a variety of disciplines and philosophies to do it. The afternoon featured split sessions – we attended Scott Sparlin's talk on the restoration at High Island Lake in Sibley County and Dr. Barry Drazkowski's talk on the need for using advanced Geographic Information Systems techniques to map and protect wetlands. The wrap up was a panel discussion featuring many of the speakers from the day plus selected others.

One of the stated goals of this event was to “develop common-ground agreement and goals”, but this did not seem to happen. Farmers in the room used terms like “I guess everything I do is wrong”, showing a level of frustration. The lunch speaker's comments, while very on target for the summit, left many feeling daunted at the enormity of the task before us. There was a lot of learning and good dialog; we will see how this helps to move the discussion along.



How you can help...

SALES: You will find a sheet of tickets in the newsletter. You can sell them or give them away. You only need to pay for the ones that are used.

ADVERTISE: Post the flyer at your coffee shop, church, market, community center...Spread the word!

VOLUNTEER: There are still shifts open! Set up the day before, work at the Breakfast, and clean up that afternoon. Contact Jim Arnold to sign up.

PLANTS: If you have plants in your garden to share please bring them potted and ID'd. No need to price, we have price stickers and will do that for you. The plants can be brought the day before or that morning.

ATTEND: Come join the fun!

THANKS!

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In Memory of Jo Nunn, long-time member of the Breckenridge Chapter

Josephine Dishuck Nunn, Age 90, of Robbinsdale, died peacefully on March 13, 2010.

Preceded in death by husband William and brothers John and Frank. Survived by children Rosalie, Martha, Bill, and Sarah, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great- grandchildren.

Referred to often as one of the "grande dames of the Metro area," Jo was a passionate and outspoken advocate for community change. She was an active 4-H leader, a member of the Champlin City Council and then a 12-year mayor of the city, a six year member of the Metropolitan Council, and a member of metropolitan committees that developed plans for the Mall of America, the Minneapolis- St. Paul International Airport, and the metropolitan stadium. She served as the President of the Minnesota League of Cities and was an active member of the Friends of the Champlin Library and the Champlin Garden Club.

Even in her later years Jo continued to remain an activist, serving as the chair of the Residents Council at Copperfield Hill. The night she had the stroke that led to her death, she had attended the Robbinsdale City Council to advocate successfully for the establishment of a memory care unit at Copperfield Hill.

Jo's most important legacy, however, is the mentoring she provided for countless Minnesotans, particularly women, who are now in prominent leadership positions at the local, regional, and state levels. She was never afraid to ask the tough questions or voice her opinion but could also bridge partnerships among diverse groups of people, making her an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Jo's life will be held at Josephine Nunn Park in Champlin on May 1, 2010, at 2 p.m. Further details will be available on the caringbridge.com/visit/jonunn website. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of the Champlin Library or Planned Parenthood. www.methven-taylor.com Anoka Chapel 763-421-9393

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Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: EditorBreckIWL@msn.com
Deadline is the last day of each month.
“All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position
of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”

Rent the Izaak Walton League Chapter House

Enjoy the Northwood's without a 4 hour drive and entertain your family and friends at the IWLA Breckenridge Chapter House. What could be better than a rustic log cabin located on the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Park? It is a great place to celebrate holidays, birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, or any other special occasion

Funds raised through rentals help support the IWLA's conservation mission as well as the maintenance and operations of the chapter house. Thank you for your support.

To rent, call (763) 561-5363 or see
www.breckenridgeikes.org for more information.

Wes Hendrickson

Drawing by Westly Hendrickson

