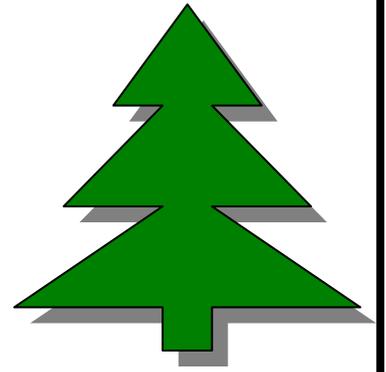




# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
November /December 2011  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## Coming Events

### *December*

13 *Board Meeting 7:30 pm*

### *January*

10 *Board Meeting 7:30 pm*

21-22 *Minnesota Division IWLCA State Meeting at Breckenridge Chapter*

29 *Holiday Party*

### *February*

14 *Board Meeting 7:30 pm*

23 *Social/Educational Meeting 7:30*

## The Man Who Plants a Tree

The man who plants a tree

Must first prepare

The fruitful earth

By moving duff or sod,

And cherish in his heart

A silent prayer

For he is working hand in hand with God.

It is a sacred task,

To plant a tree,

That always should be done

On bended knee.

The artisans may strive

For years to raise

A structure reaching

To the vaulted sky,

That well deserves

The everlasting praise

And words of wonderment

From passersby,

But he, the humble man

Who plants a tree,

Is fashioning

His nation's destiny.

The following local, small businesses have been very helpful with projects at the Breckenridge Chapter House during the last few months. If you have projects at your residence, please consider giving them a call.

**B. J. Larson Remodeling**  
(Brad Larson) 763 503 1221  
**Home Run Electric (Justin Bidler)** – 763 567 9657  
**Reid's Lawn & Tree Service**  
(Tom Reid) – 763 561 9013

## **Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 11-8-11 Meeting Notes**

**Attending:** Steve Shaust, Bruce Hansen, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Jim Arnold, Bill Barton, Wes Hendrickson, John Fraley, Roger Williams, Barb Franklin, Lorraine Spears, Dick Brown,

**NOTE – TWO (2) BOARD POSITIONS ARE OPEN**

### **CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)**

NOV. 22 SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING  
Darby Nelson – Talk on his new book “For Love of Lakes”

Dec. 13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
**Minnesota Division IWLA State Meeting at Breckenridge January 21-22, 2012**

JANUARY 29<sup>ND</sup> BRECKENRIDGE HOLIDAY PARTY

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Discussion of preparations for State Board Meeting  
- Darby has agreed to give a presentation at the meeting. Wes will open building Saturday morning and provide key for Sunday. Help is needed for set up, coffee, lunches, dinner?, programming & of course cleanup.

Holiday party silent auction for scholarship fund, restored with sound track Breckenridge Island Movie “Island Treasure” is done for special premier showing. Need help for decorations, set up, food, etc.

U of M Neuman Center is renting the lodge on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>; Wes will arrange logistics of setup on Friday evening or early Saturday morning or Saturday evening as if possible around the rental.

Chapter house electrical system was evaluated by Justin, adding lights outside, adding outlet in the shed/outside, adding circuits would be \$125 each, troubleshooting outlets \$10 each, other repairs time and materials, permit ~\$50, floor or ceiling plug for projector. Roger Williams motioned, Mark Gustafson seconded to hire Justin for electrical improvements on a not to exceed \$1000 – passed unanimously.

Steve really wants to fill the two empty board positions. – Please let him know if you are interested. We will be asking members to step up.

The passing of Ruth Sari was noted. Ruth was a long time Ike, volunteer, MN division board member, past State division secretary, past president of Minnehaha chapter. We will dearly miss her Ike’s history memory and knowledge of rules.

Discussion of land purchased with dedicated funds and hunting and fishing access.

Discussion of 7 billion population, Center for Biological Diversity position, and immigration policy strategy for Breckenridge Ikes including past resolutions, programs, possible Breckenridge symposium, attendance at other local events, a committee to work on the issue.

Lead ammunition article in Star Tribune Nov. 5, 2011.

Lutsen water use from Poplar River – Bruce made a comment to DNR about not enforcing regulations.

Lorraine gave a membership report – we have ~130 members, distributed a list of members with dues status. Second notice will come out from National in January.

Waste Management wants to revise our agreement; Jim will see what we can do to best fit our needs.

We will vote on using silent auction funds for scholarship next month.

Rentals – we early December Christmas parties so we need to have decorations up in November. Planning on Decorating Tuesday evening November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – join the fun, bring extra decorations if you want. Wes will have the lodge cleaned before December. October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Champlin Park High School seniors gun training and safety program. A discussion was held regarding a desire to promote more use for youth training programs. November is still not much activity. December has nine reservations. January has four reservations. We donate an evening to City of Brooklyn Park for Tader Days fund raising dinner in February.

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Thanks to all who helped with buckthorn removal – the grounds look great. Some brush to pick up yet – Larry LaFontain will pick up. Anyone with trailer needed to haul chips – Brad will load them up when Dick & Jim set up the date.

Scouts did a great job of leaf clean up again this year - many thanks.

Chimney letters ready for pickup.

Electrician has restored and added boxes in fireplace room. New service panel to be put in Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and maybe the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dues are due.

Treasurers report - Based on a twelve month average we are in up by \$117.99, this should hold for the year.

Scholarship committee – \$2,500 projected need for 2012 with \$1,900 available from donations and silent auctions plus \$800 projected earnings for ~\$2,700 available. Roger Williams motioned, Barb & Dick seconded to approve projected scholarship finances for 2012 with 6 recipients in January, 4 in September including use of \$1900 now in checking (see above) – passed unanimously.

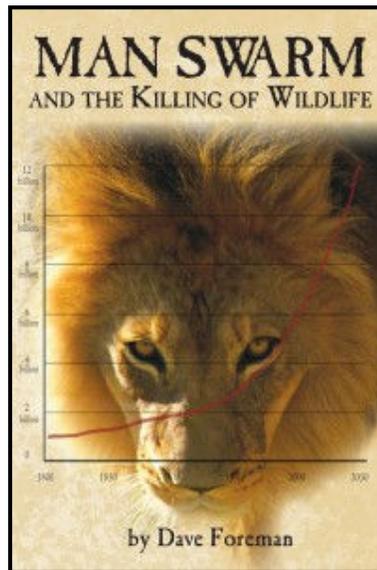
Newsletter – mailed 81 this month.

Rentals good in December, November slow, close to last year this year but down from historical levels. Fewer outside member rentals were noted.

Bill Barton 11-08-11

## **Essential reading for all who care about wildlife...and humanity**

In 1848 the venerated 19th century English philosopher and economist John Stuart Mill wrote: "Nor is there much satisfaction in contemplating the world with nothing left to the spontaneous activity of nature; with every rood of land brought into cultivation, which is capable of growing food for human beings; every flowery waste or natural pasture plowed up, all quadrupeds or birds which are not domesticated for man's use exterminated as his rivals for food..."



From the foreword of *Man Swarm*

***Man Swarm and the Killing of Wildlife*** is the most comprehensive, candid and alarming book documenting our global and national overpopulation crisis. Dave Foreman courageously addresses *all* major aspects of overpopulation. He is not at all shy about criticizing both the left and the right for their failure to clearly acknowledge and admit that we are *already* overpopulated and in a crisis of resource depletion, species extinction, rising poverty, and many other major problems. While we may not agree with all of Foreman's recommendations, that does not diminish the ominous reality of the overpopulation crisis humanity is facing.

Barbara Franklin, Breckenridge Chapter board member and member of the World Population Balance board, highly recommends this for all Ikes and has copies available for \$10 for those who would like them.

## Global Warming and Climate Change

Quotes and charts below gathered by John Rust  
"The evidence for the existence of the greenhouse effect, the warming of the Earth over the past century, and the role of human activity - particularly fossil fuel emissions - in that warming, has been affirmed by an overwhelming array of evidence coupled with an understanding of the basic physics and chemistry involved." - Michael Mann, Director of the Earth System Science Center - Penn State

"The science of climate change is settled to the extent that we know that the climate is changing and humans are the main cause, with potential disastrous outcomes in the future... But the science is far from settled in all of the important details about just how much, and where and when (all the regional manifestations, etc.)." - Kevin Trenberth, head of the Climate Analysis Section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research - Boulder, CO.

"Climate science is a century or more old, and many of the most important points have been tested and tested and have stood up to scrutiny." - Andrew Dessler, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University.

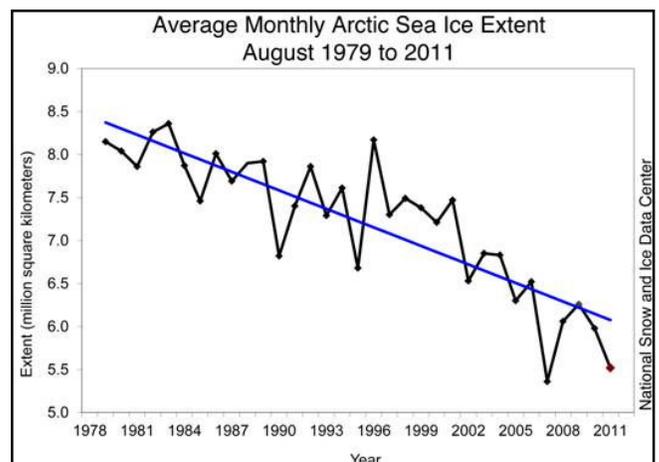
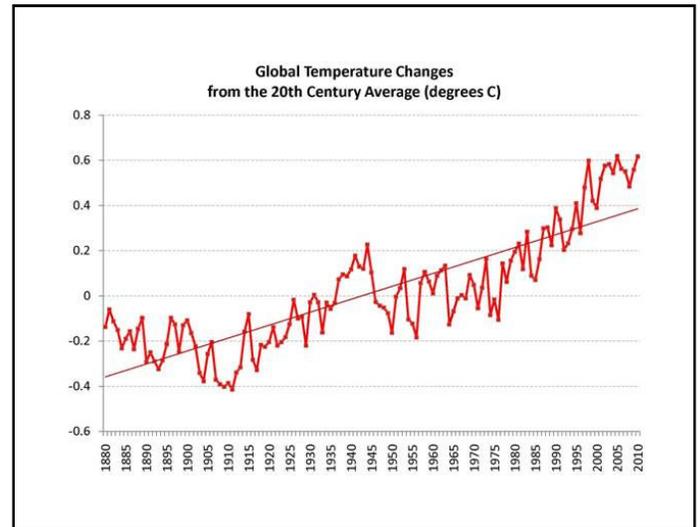
"We're causing an extraordinarily rapid rate of climate change, maybe at a rate faster than that at which the forest can respond... And so maybe we'll see large areas of forests just simply die because they won't be able to move north that fast." - Dr. Lee Frelich, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology  
"Significant challenges to the water systems in Southeast Florida due to climate change are expected to begin within the next two decades. Water managers will have to contend with increasing salt-water intrusion and more intense drought. Furthermore, risk of flooding will increase as a result of more intense rain storms coupled with sea level rise that will cause reduced capacity of flood control systems. Sea level is creeping up on us, and in a few decades it could overwhelm our storm drainage system." - Barry Heimlich, researcher - Florida Atlantic University

"The sea ice is not only declining, the pace of the decline is becoming more drastic. The older, thicker ice is declining faster than the rest, making for a more vulnerable perennial ice cover." Joey Comiso, senior scientist at NASA's Goddard Space

Flight Center - Referring to Arctic Sea Ice Pack.

"The decline over the last 30 or 40 years of Arctic sea ice is particularly apparent in minimum sea ice extent in September." - Professor Thomas W.N. Haine, Earth and Planetary Science - John Hopkins University

### Global Temperature Changes from the 20th Century Average (degrees C)



## OPINION

Our chapter members are recently privileged to accessibility of two great books of interest to environmental conservationists. I suggest members read them “cover to cover”.

#1. *For Love of Lakes* by Darby Nelson (chapter member) is an excellent book showing problems of our lakes since European settlement. In plain and interesting language he tells of the basic biologic background of what makes the natural balance work. His observations and research takes us locally and in other parts of the country and tells of some adventurous journeys he and his wife, Geri were involved in while determining his theories and facts.

#2. *The Population Fix, Breaking America's Addiction to Population Growth* (Edward C Hartman) tells of how our expanding population is the basic problem causing environmental degradation worldwide, but relates mostly to our own country. He talks how population increase and “economic growth” is the basic cause of loss of wildlife, many of human miseries and the cause of many of our political and economic problems. He connects the dots between business, population growth, religions, ethnic groups, immigration vs. emigration and environmental degradation. He gives explanations of why many conservation environmental groups have dropped the subject even while the problems deepen. The language is plain, easy to understand and reminds me of the convictions of most scientists and many demographers.

Dell Erickson has made a few copies of this book available at no cost to those interested in preserving environmental integrity into the far distant future.

I encourage chapter members to take advantage of the knowledge in the two books.

Dick Brown

## Is the Izaak Walton League Recommended?

Over 170 experts were asked to recommend 127 Minnesota nonprofit organizations that work on the environment. Factors and issues that were considered were: habitat preservation, water, land, air, energy, providing access to the outdoors, sustainable development, and climate change. Guess what organization was ranked in the TOP 5? See partial list below to find out.

### Rank Top Nonprofit

- 1 Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- 2 Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- 3 The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota
- 4 Fresh Energy
- 5 Izaak Walton League of America**
- 6 Friends of the Mississippi River
- 7 Environmental Initiative
- 8 Land Stewardship Project
- 9 Minnesota Land Trust
- 10 Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- 11 The Trust for Public Land (Minnesota Office)
- 12 Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

## **Lutsen Ski Resort and Poplar River in Northern Minnesota**

The following letter was recently sent by George Spangler, *Professor Emeritus* to Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr.

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Commissioner Landwehr,

Your internet article at [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/issues/poplar\\_river/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/issues/poplar_river/index.html) states in its third paragraph that "In this case, the DNR believes there is just cause to issue LMC a permit based on the potential economic impacts to the local community, the low numbers of trout present in the affected reach of river, and the likelihood that some trout mortality will occur, whether LMC temporarily appropriates water or not." This is a complete fabrication, entirely transparent to even casual observers of government agency decision-making. There is no report by a credible DNR economist that compares the potential economic benefits (to the local community) of a ski resort in relation to the proven economic benefits of a North Shore trout fishery. There is no report by a credible DNR hydrologist, biologist, fishery manager or limnologist, that calibrates the importance of any specific level of trout mortality against the DNR mandate to protect and manage designated trout waters. There is no report by a credible population ecologist that considers the effects of additive or compensatory mortality in the trout population of the Poplar River (or any other North Shore stream) in order to judge the likely impacts of further de-watering the Poplar River. The result of all this is that the "DNR belief" alluded to in your website article clearly has no basis in the science of fishery management, or in "best management

practices" that are said to be the foundation for management of natural resources in the State of Minnesota. In fact, it is not a belief widely held by practicing resource managers at all, rather it is a fantasy arising to justify caving in to a legislature hostile to the principles of rational management of public resources while placing the economic interests of private parties and campaign contributors above the interests of the general public. Such claims can only result in further deterioration of public confidence in DNR decision-making, while simultaneously demoralizing a dedicated corps of professional resource managers.

In contrast to justifications for issuing the permit posed on your website, there are ample indicators that LMC has violated the conditions of its earlier water withdrawal permits. Who has the greater credibility in this issue? Your Department of Natural Resources, or, a private interest that has knowingly exceeded the water withdrawals permitted by the DNR in the past? Your advisors may have counseled you to take a permissive posture on this particular permit, arguing that "a few trout in the Poplar River are not worth falling on your sword for". The issue is not a few trout, it is whether or not the DNR will manage Minnesota's resources on behalf of all the people of our state, and, in accordance with the best knowledge available for that management. I urge you to deny the LMC Water Appropriation Permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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***Biology***  
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If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact  
Barbara Franklin 763-657-1907  
Or [bbfrankli@gmail.com](mailto:bbfrankli@gmail.com)  
December - No meeting  
January 29 - Holiday Party  
February 21 -  
March 20 -

Thank You

