



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League

September/October 2011

www.breckenridgeikes.org

Coming Events

October

- 11 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Heather Coop, Lessard-Sams
Heritage Council

November

- 8 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Darby Nelson – *For Love of Lakes*

December

- 13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

January

- 10 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Holiday Party

February

- 9 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Social Educational Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Brigid Murphy – Great Lakes
Piping Plover

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

Melissa Sonnenberg:

763-549-8873 or

missmliss@comcast.net

October 25 - Judy Hendrickson

November 22 -

December - No meeting

January 29 - Holiday Party

February 21 -

March 20 -

Thank you!



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Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

9-13-11 Meeting Notes – Bill Barton

Attending: Steve Shaust, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Jim Arnold, Bill Barton, Wes Hendrickson, John Farley, Roger Williams, John Rust, Dick Brown, Mark Gustafson, Lorraine Spears

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

September 16 at Bell Museum film Green Fire: “Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time” \$8

SEPTEMBER 27TH SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS DAVID PAXTON POPULATION ISSUES

OCT. 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCT. 25 SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING

OCT. 29 & NOV. 6 BUCKTHORN REMOVAL?

NOV.8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOV. 22 SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING Legislative Session results & impacts

Minnesota Division IWLA State Meeting at Breckenridge January 21-22, 2012

JANUARY 29 BRECKENRIDGE HOLIDAY PARTY

Ideas for future speakers: White Earth Indian Reservation Speaker, Caroll Henderson DNR nongame program China trip talk, Edible Foods – Seven Saupe Natural History of Edible Plants, Someone from Minnehaha watershed district Invasive Species Rule, Shingle Creek Watershed District, Tom Landwher

Breckenridge Birdhouse Project - 12 Bluebird Houses - 3 batches Bluebirds one batch Chickadees this year, have been up for 15 -20

years, need replacement and new houses.

Many issues coming up – circulated a list of current issues, discussed letter from Kevin Prescholdt - Homeland Security Bill that would exempt homeland security in 100 mile strip along US borders from all 30 federal laws dealing with permits & environmental regulations –HR1505 – National Security and Lands Protection Act –Dick has more info.

Discussed efforts by Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board* to move wetlands out of the north to the south (*joint powers organization funded for environmental purposes morphed into a property rights development promotion group with tax and Blandin foundation funding)

\$4.00 Dues increase letter to come out from the board. With National increase dues will be \$84 per family, \$61.50 Individual, \$38 students. There was discussion of a State Banquet/Event being planned.

Calling committee – Discussion of reorganizing. Current chair (Mary Lou Decker) wants to step down. Many thanks for her work for the Chapter - discussion email list for MN division, Breckenridge Chapter, combining with calling list, defining who wants to be called. 78 households to call. Barb will write an article for Timberlines. Consensus was to put a notice in the dues notice.

Bruce is working on insurance certificate.

Nominations and Election of Officers & Board members to be held September 27th at the Social Educational Meeting. Three board seat expirations, two vacant board seats, and four officers to be elected.

Melissa Sonnenberg is resigning from the

Board as she has a conflict with meetings—thanks for years of service! Discussion of bylaws regarding elections.

Marlys – **Need volunteers!** Someone else needs to put together the Sept/Oct, Jan/Feb, Feb/Mar. Barb can do Sep/Oct. We mail 94 and email 42.

Chimney Letters – Lou Chowen has mockup and is putting together Brass Letters. Background masonry 2” thick cement on metal lath for holes for pegs. Letters will be done soon! We will have a template for the holes.

Art Show – ~\$120 in the food basket, some may have been meant for note cards that were not accounted for. Roger Williams moved to reimburse one of the artists \$29.00 for missing note cards from the food basket funds. Seconded by Dick Brown. Passed unanimously.

Rentals – 2 new rentals for end of September - November still a weak month with only 2 so far

Website www.breckenridgeikes.org updating - Barb visited Noreen to get a copy of Dreamweaver software for the website.

Anecdotes - Steve was in his bear stand and at end of the day there were two timber wolves 8 – 10 feet away, one of them growled at his tree stand. Wolves are down to Carlos Avery & south of Milaca.

Chapter Officers and Board Members Approved

Breckenridge Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Voted upon and approved during the September 2011 social/educational meeting.

Term Expires

Officers:

President: Steve Schaust	2012
Vice-President: John Rust	2012
Treasurer: Bruce Hansen	2012
Secretary: Bill Barton (Issues/Streams)	2012

Board Members:

Barbara Franklin (Web Master)	2012
Roger Williams	2012
John Fraley	2012
Mark Gustafson	2013
Dick Brown (Issues/Programs)	2014
Wes Hendrickson (Rentals)	2014
Jim Arnold	2014
(Scholarships/Building/Grounds)	

Open Positions

Your name here – yes you can volunteer for this!

Your friend’s name here – yes, nominate your friend!

David Paxson Speaks at Breckenridge Chapter Social/Educational Meeting

by: John Rust

David Paxson of 'World Population Balance' spoke at the Breckenridge Chapter's September meeting. David's vision is that by reducing humanity's rate of growth, it is hoped that fewer people will live in poverty and suffer early death. Earth's population has been increasing by about 70 – 80 million people each year (for the last several years). This year (2011) we will reach 7 Billion people. However, out of 7 Billion people, about 1 billion people currently live in squalor and poverty.

David delivered two main messages – which I summarized below:

- 1) Earth's human population is currently greater than its ability to sustain that population.
- 2) The current rate of human population growth can not be sustained with out severe and dire consequences to people and ecosystems.

Note: Listed below are past and present members of the organization "World Population Balance" (Board of Advisors):

Dr. Walter J. Breckenridge – Professor and former Director at Bell Museum of Natural History – Univ. of MN

Dr. Norman Borlaug - Nobel Peace laureate and "father" of The Green Revolution

Sister Mary Zirbes - Office of Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul

Dr. Tom Hale Medical missionary in Nepal since 1970

William Milliken - Former Governor of Michigan

Barbara Breckenridge Franklin – Also board member of the Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
Jim Klobuchar - Writer, author and adventurer
Father Tim Power - Pastor, Pax Christie Catholic Community

Gretchen Quie - Former First Lady, State of Minnesota

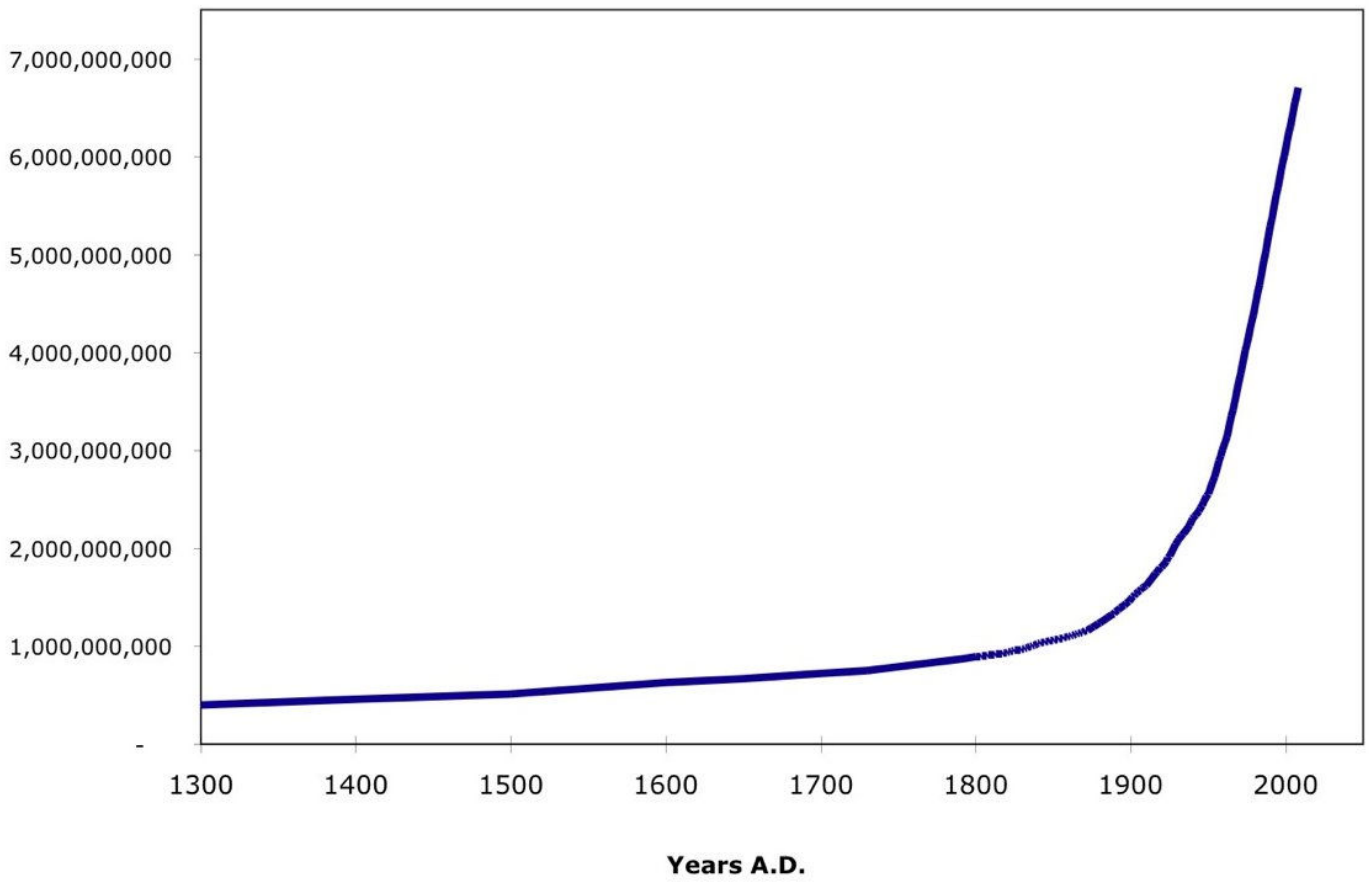
See website below for the current population level on Earth:

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>

Current World Population: **6,965,449,385**
(September 30, 2011)



World Population



Population Censorship & the Ikes

by Dell Erickson

Part 1 of 2

David Paxson just spoke before our Chapter; he has spoken several times previously. However, it is crucial to remember the Paxson group in its presentations unless questioned, avoids our overpopulated U.S. and Minnesota! Mr. Paxson is very competent and my estimate is that he could have been requested to spend the hour discussing Minnesota and the U.S.'s overpopulation. Evidently he wasn't asked.

Unfortunately, the Ikes frame the matter as if overpopulation and population growth were offshore; it misdirects the fundamental domestic issues. Indeed, a foreign focus steals energy and money from our own pressing population dilemmas.

In 1989 Garrett Hardin might have derided this approach saying, "there is no global population problem ..." (but) "about 180 separate national population problems." As only he could, getting straight but humorously to the point he might add, "would the pothole in your street be filled sooner if we globalized the problem?" Coyly referring to fertility, he might caution us that, "populations, like potholes, are produced locally..."

Is it Chapter censorship? In answering that question, think back in time. Has the Chapter invited any person to make a presentation on the burgeoning Minnesota and U.S. population and its environmental and other factors? State convention? National? Articles in *Outdoor America*?

What about the Chapter Website? Or the National Website. Don't bother to look; it's gone missing, U.S. population censorship is widespread.

For most of their history, the Ikes and other environmentalists were at the forefront of population and sustainability. For example, trying

to re-instate its former excellent population policy after an administration top-down reversal, a 2001 Ike resolution to stabilize the U.S. population was seen.

2001 - 07 A NATIONAL POLICY TO STABILIZE U.S. POPULATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League, in convention April 29, 2001, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, petitions the Izaak Walton League of America at its national convention in July, 2001, to take as one of the League's top legislative priorities for the year 2002, the enactment of federal legislation designed to develop, promote, and implement, at the earliest possible time and by voluntary means consistent with human rights and individual conscience, the policies necessary to stabilize the population of the United States, and thereby promote the future well-being of the citizens of this nation.

Red Wing Chapter, IWLA.

Another item in this issue of the Timberlines is the resolution passed by the Breckenridge Chapter and passed at the 2004 State Convention in Duluth. This resolution and its Appendix of graphs was also on the Breckenridge Chapter Website. Our Chapter should reaffirm the resolution today and vigorously work to make it national Ike policy.

It was on the Website. Somehow, all U.S. population items have been removed from the Breckenridge Chapter Website.

To what level do the censors probe? The same resolution was on the Minnesotans For Sustainability (MFS) Website after it was passed. It was an example of well considered environmental positions.

It was until recently. I understand the National contacted the MFS Website and requested it be removed. They said it didn't meet national population policy. Of course, the "request" comes

with big threat of taking action against MFS. Sadly, although having every right to display the resolution, MFS promptly removed it. An excellent example of a population matter censored out of existence.

I believe it was in 1992 ZPG, Zero Population Growth, lost its way, stopped promoting U.S. population stabilization, remember “stop at two”? Soon it changed its name to Population Connection and its focus from the U.S. to foreign issues. It actually began to promote U.S. immigration, the primary source of U.S. population growth.

One wonders what drove the change? We know the driver at the Sierra Club and somewhat the IWLA. Big Money.

First reported by the Los Angeles Times, in 1994 the Sierra Club received a funding proposal from a wealthy donor. Selling out the environment and their moral soul, the Sierra Club received \$104 million and an annuity of \$3-\$5 million conditioned they don't mention immigration, the U.S. population driver.

Accordingly, in 1995, the Club issued its “gag order” and removed all U.S. population matters from the Club. Shades of the national Ikes, isn't it? The Sierra Club removed its U.S. population committee, and any and all connections with U.S. population and environmental issues in all its media and affairs and practices. Shades of David Paxson, unless asked? Unlike Paxson, and much to his credit, however, ignoring sustainability they began to promote mass illegal and legal immigration. They began to support illegal aliens and viciously attack anyone who dared disagree.

At about the same time, something similar must have occurred at Audubon because they unexpectedly flip-flopped as well. Thus, ZPG joined with Audubon, Sierra Club, the Ikes, et al. in a foreign focus. The Ikes held on to at least some population integrity –for a time.

If I recall correctly, the IWLA's big new sustainability department was funded by money from the PEW foundation. At the time, I managed to read some of its materials. One item (from the foundation?) said it was conditioned that the sustainability department (and all Ikes) not include immigration as a population or environmental issue. I once tried to get some elaboration and further information of the sustainability department's funding but was denied.

Soon essentially all of these environmental organizations mirrored the identical foreign population focus. Now often working together, they generally used the same population materials –as seen on tables in our Chapter House.

Like a cancer spreading, it seemed everything having anything to do with Minnesota's environment fell silent on domestic population, for example, 1000 Friends and the Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP). David Paxson mentioned John Foley at the University of Minnesota and his weak-kneed population position. Yet, this is merely the tip of the iceberg. Think of it as one illustration under University President Bob Bruininks's administration of widespread Minnesota and U.S. population avoidance or censorship within the University system and of organizations linked with the University of Minnesota.

To be continued in Part 2

BLUEBIRD TRAIL NOTES



The Breckenridge IWL 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. IWL member Lorraine Spears has monitored the trail for several years and expressed a desire to retire from this task so I volunteered to give it a try. We are grateful to Lorraine for her past service.

Oxbow Creek Park has two open prairie areas separated by a wooded area of mostly oaks and aspens. The bluebird trail is in the northern prairie area. Easiest access to the northern prairie area is to go south on Oxbow Trail from the West River Road until Oxbow Trail ends, which is about two blocks. There is a short paved trail that goes from the street between two houses into the open prairie area. It is necessary to park on the street.

In early April Lorraine gave me a tour of the nesting boxes and we found that almost every box needed some type of repair. So I loaded all twelve boxes in the back of my truck and brought them to my garage for the needed repairs. Many boxes got a new roof board and

almost all boxes got a piece of wood with a new entrance hole since the old entrance holes were too large from years of chewing presumably by predators. The boxes were returned to the field in mid-April and in a short time some of the boxes were being occupied by bluebirds, tree swallows, and chickadees. Fledgling counts for the season were 4 chickadees, 13 bluebirds, and 22 tree swallows.

The prairie grasses were taller than usual and the wildflowers were quite beautiful this year probably due to the plentiful and timely rains that we had in June and July. Other sightings were many deer plus a coyote. I encourage people to visit these interesting few acres of prairie.

John Fraley

Upcoming Breckenridge Chapter Meetings

Heather Coop—Lessard-Sams Heritage Council

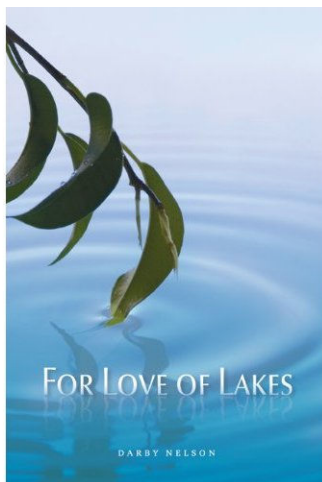
Oct. 25-Tues., 7:30 PM

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council was established by the legislature with the responsibility of providing annual funding recommendations to the legislature from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Heather Coop, Project Analyst Manager with the Council will report on their recent accomplishments and give us an idea of some future requests to the Legislature. There will be a chance for questions and answers.



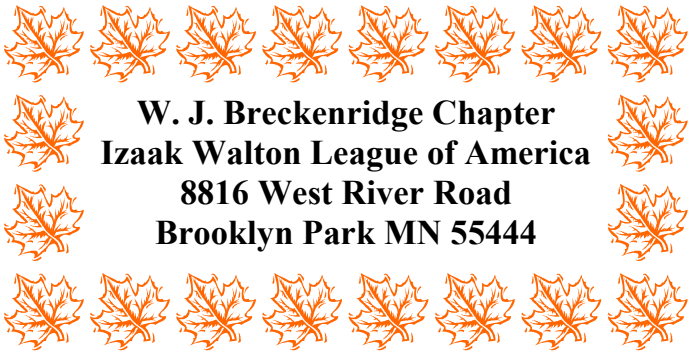
Darby Nelson—*For Love of Lakes*

Nov 22- Tues. 7:30 PM



Minnesota – the land of 10,000 Lakes! But there is much more to a lake than meets the eye. With Thoreau’s ghost over his shoulder, our own Darby Nelson, author of his recently published book, *For Love of Lakes*, explores the natural history of lakes and our relationship with these alluring bodies of water that are so much a part of our lives.

Darby is an aquatic ecologist and Professor Emeritus at Anoka Ramsey Community College. He served 3 terms in the MN Legislature, was former Board President of Conservation Minnesota, served 2 terms on the Lessard-Sams Heritage Council and is a member of the Walter J Breckenridge Chapter.



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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**
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.”

Thank you, Mary Lou!

After many years of managing our calling list to notify people of upcoming meetings, Mary Lou Decker would like to step down as chair. We currently call 78 households each month. With information so readily available through email and our website, we wonder if the time and effort that goes into calling each member is really worth it.



Please let us know at 763-561-5364 if you feel strongly that you still need a telephone reminder. Or if you would like to volunteer to make the calls.

Thanks, The Calling Committee