

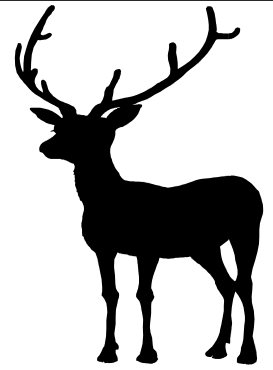


Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

October 2013

www.breckenridgeikes.org



October

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
22 Soc/Ed Meeting 7:30 Collette Adkins
Giese will do a presentation on
Amphibians

November

- 12 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
19 Soc/Ed Meeting 7:30 Melissa Hortman
and John Hoffman

December

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30

January

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
19 Holiday Party

Soc/Ed meeting, Tues. Oct 22, 7:30 PM
will be "Fighting the Amphibian and
Reptile Extinction Crisis" presented by
Collette Adkins Giese. She is a Minneapolis
attorney and biologist at the Center for
Biological Diversity where she is focused
on protecting rare amphibians and reptiles
across the country. She also represented the
Center and a local partner in a recent
Minnesota case aimed at stopping the

hunting of wolves. She received her law
degree from the University of Minnesota,
where she also earned a Master's Degree in
wildlife conservation. Before joining the
Center, Collette was in private practice,
where her pro bono work focused on
preservation of endangered species and
their habitats. She also served as a law clerk
to the Honorable John R Tunheim in the U
S District Court of the District of
Minnesota.

Note Date Change

Our Soc/Ed meeting for November will be
one week earlier, November 19th due to the
holidays of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah.
Our guests will be Sen. John Hoffman and
Rep. Melissa Hortman of the MN
Legislature representing Dist. 36 and 36B.
They will apprise us of issues expected to
come up in the coming Legislative session.

Membership Update:

We have 2 new members to
welcome to the chapter.

Peter Galvan
Dave Moen

The membership is now 100.
The 2014 membership renewals will be in
the mail mid Oct.
Lorraine Spears Membership Director

Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the

Izaak Walton League

September 10, 2013

Board of Directors Meeting - Notes
IWLA Member Pledge: We strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space, to the preservation of this heritage, and to our sharing in it.

September 10th.....Board of Directors Meeting

September 24th.....Soc/Ed Meeting - Tim Marion will do a presentation on Urban Wildlife

October 8th.....Board of Directors Meeting

October 22ndSoc/Ed Meeting - Collette Adkins Giese will do a presentation on Amphibians

November 12th.....Board of Directors Meeting

November 19th.....Soc/Ed Meeting - Melissa Hortman and John Hoffman

IssuesDick/Bill

* Dick - Social Meeting Speakers – Waiting to hear back from John Hoffman until we decide to move the November 26th meeting up a week.

* Bill – There is plan for a 2,000+ acre wetland bank proposal in St Louis County. There have been many articles praising this project. But, the technical evaluation panel has slammed this project because they didn't evaluate the land properly and they made claims that couldn't be substantiated.

* Bill – There is oppositions for sequestering carbon credits for CO2 and President Obama is going to do a regulation. The Clean Air Act has language about regulations and it's an important thing to understand for the future.

* A question was asked what the Chapter was doing on the Tongass Forest. There was a letter in the newsletters from the Alaskan Wilderness League that Steve responded to. A chapter letter was sent but members are encouraged to send their own individual letters.

* Bill -The appeals court just ruled on a case that challenged the right of the DNR to sell exploration leases without doing the environmental assessment worksheets and they loss the case. The DNR is promoting mining and they are selling exploration leases without doing any environmental evaluations and before any drilling can be done the EAW needs to be done. We should think about promoting a law that the EAW is required to sell the lease. It would require a legislative intervention to change the law.

* Steve – The IWLA Strategic Plan for 2014 through 2019 has six goals. They are as follows: 1-Connect more young people to conservation and outdoor recreation, 2-Conserve and restore habitat to support healthy sustainable fish and wildlife populations, 3-Insure America's streams, river, lakes and other waters are safe for fishing, swimming and other uses, 4-Engage more people in sustainable outdoor recreation,5-Raise the profile of the league as a leading voice in common sense conservation and outdoor recreation,6- To strength the partnerships among all leagues to advance the mission.

* Dick – What do we think about an outing to Spring Lake Park? The group is interested and once a date is set we would like to include it in the Timberlines.

Chapter House & Grounds Jim/Steve

* Fallen Tree – The plan is to take it out once the summer growth season is over and things brown up.

* Entrance Garden Project – We are hoping that we will still get a plan from Mary Jo. We would still like to get things started this fall. We would still like to strive to get it in before the pancake breakfast.

* Shrub Watering and Protective Cages – Update, after looking at the bushes some of them will require 4 foot cages, doing that would increase the proposed cost to \$22.00 and a request to purchase a replacement spray bottle for \$18.00. An additional \$40.00 was approved by the board. Volunteers where requested for shrub watering on Thursday October 12th.

* Volunteers needed for October 26th for pulling

Board Members

Name Board Position Phone E-Mail Address Attend

Steven Schaust President 763-493-7921
schaust@aol.com Y

Bill Barton Vice President 651-699-5478
bartonwf@yahoo.com Y

Patrice Lindgren Secretary 612-298-6152
pl201341@yahoo.com Y

Vera Brown Treasurer 763-421-6781
browns@visi.com Y

Jim Arnold (2014) Scholarship 763-560-8972
jjarnold@q.com Y

Dick Brown (2014) Issues/Programs 763-421-6781
browns@visi.com Y

Marlys Carls-Steiskal Newsletter 763-566-1370
EditorBreckIWL@msn.com Y

John Fraley (2012) 763-421-0826
jfraley@usfamily.net Y

Barbara Franklin (2012) Web Master 763-657-1907
bbfrankli@gmail.com Y

Mark Gustafson (2013) 763-427-7588 Y

Wes Hendrickson (2014) Rentals 763-566-7687
Hwesjudy@aol.com Y

Larry Kennebeck 763-525-1143
groovdr7@comcast.net

Lorraine Spears Membership 763-424-0552
Ispears7@hotmail.com

Roger Williams (2012) 651-633-2168
Rwil3450@comcast.net

* River Island Garbage Pickup Thursday 12th – Looking for help with picking up the cans. Looking for suggestions on what type of kind of signs we would want to put up to discourage people from leaving garbage.

* Picnic Bench Seat Repair - WIP Thursday 12th.

* Chimney work continues with applying letters, caulking around the chimney and a small amount of cement work needs to be completed.

Newsletter Marlys

Marlys is back but will not be available for the February newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report Vera

Update was given

Scholarship Committee ...Jim

No updates other than the checks need to be sent out.

www.breckenridgeikes.org Barb

Website continues. Barb has been posting on Facebook.

Rentals Wes

2 additional rentals added since our last meeting. After completing some research it was discovered that some of the renters are no longer members and would need to re-up if they still wanted to get the membership level rates.

Membership Lorraine



Tom Reid is playing with his new front loader spreading mulch at the Clubhouse woods. To quote a country western song, "She thinks my tractor is sexy." Thanks Tom for all your work for the chapter.



Buckthorn Removal Planned

By Jim Arnold

Last fall we had two large groups of 15 to 20 folks that pulled and poisoned much of the buckthorn population on the Chapter House grounds. However, much remains to be eradicated. We're planning to meet Saturday, October 26th to continue the removal.

Buckthorn is one of the most harmful invasive species in Minnesota. It crowds out native plant species and can be harmful to birds (acting as a laxative). It can be found at almost any location on the Chapter House grounds but is thickest in the first 100 feet near the River Road. We need a large group to attack this serious problem. Please join us for a few hours or more on Saturday, October 26th when we will pull and cut many of these destructive plants. Consider recruiting a friend to join us.

Here's the Plan

WHERE: Breckenridge Chapter House (8816 West River Rd in Brooklyn Park)

WHEN: Saturday, **October 26th** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (join us for a few hours or the full day)

WHAT: Pulling, cutting, hauling, applying herbicide and having fun improving the Chapter.

Tools, herbicide and instruction for use will be available. If you bring your own digging or cutting tools please label them. Gloves are a must.

Coffee, pop and treats will be available.

Please contact Jim Arnold at 763 560 8972 or jjarnold@Q.com if you plan to attend or if you have questions

BLUEBIRD TRAIL NOTES

The Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA 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. The 2013 bluebird nesting season started late due to the below normal temperatures in May and June. Does anyone remember the snow in May this year? The fledgling count for this trail was only 8 bluebirds for the 2013 season. Tree swallows did not seem to be as affected by the late spring and their fledgling count was 27.

Beautiful orange Butterflyweed wild flowers were scattered throughout this prairie area in early and midsummer. Later in the summer lavender Wild Bergamot could be found.

Wildlife observed was mostly urban deer that did not seem to have much fear of me as I monitored the boxes. Red tail hawks must be nesting in the area as I observed both adult and juveniles soaring over the area.

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
8816 West River Road
Brooklyn Park MN 55444



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.”

If you would like to
receive this newsletter
electronically, please contact
Barb Franklin at
763-657-1907

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

Barbara Franklin
763-657-1907

Or

bbfrankli@gmail.com

Oct. 22 - Vera Brown

Nov. 26 - Linda Ericksson



Tim Marion did a presentation on Urban Wildlife at our
September 24 meeting. Thank you Very much Tim.