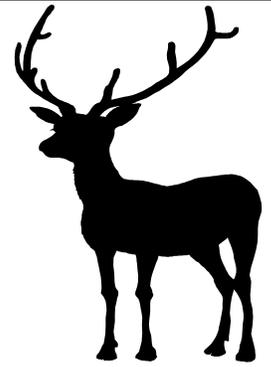




# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
September 2013  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## *September*

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm  
24 Soc/Ed Meeting Tim Marion will do a presentation on Urban Wildlife.

## *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  
22 Soc/Ed Meeting 7:30

## *December*

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30

## *January*

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

### September 24

#### Urban Wildlife Management

On Tuesday, September 24 Tim Marion, DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor for Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties will speak on working with municipalities on Urban Wildlife Management; especially coyotes, geese, turkeys, deer and others. Tim has been with DNR for 24 years, stationed in Hinkley, St. Paul and Cambridge and is now at Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge in Anoka County. The public is welcome to this social/educational meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Breckenridge Chapter House of the Izaak Walton League of America, 8816 West River Road, Brooklyn Park. For more information call 763-421-6781.

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League August 13, 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.

August 13th.....Board of Directors Meeting

August 27th.....Soc/Ed Meeting

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

September 24th.....Soc/Ed Meeting

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

October 22nd .....Soc/Ed Meeting

President, Steve Schaust brought the Meeting to order at 7:40 and introduced to the board Patrice Lindgren, the new chapter secretary.

- **Issues** Dick/Bill
- **Elections:** Will be held at the next social meeting on August 27th.

- **Social Meeting Speakers**

*August* - Siah St. Clair

*September* - Tim Marion will do a presentation on Urban Wildlife.

*October* - Collette Adkins Giese will do a presentation on Amphibians.

*November* – It was suggested that we check into a local legislator to speak. Dick will check to see if Melissa Hortman and/or John Hoffman would be available to talk about the successes and failures of the last session.

*January 19th* Holiday party – Larry will check into getting Stan Tekiela and request a topic on bears. An optional date will be the 26th.

**State Meeting in Winona August 9th & 10th**

Members who attended the state meeting in Winona were impressed with the new Division Pres. Barry Draskowski. On Friday night there was a tour of barge storage deck area, on Saturday morning there was a meeting at St Mary College Campus. During the meeting it was mentioned that the treasury is about \$650 dollars short. There was also a discussion on the effectiveness of the Minnesota division chapter's; the discussion was around chapters taking on more of an activist role. Several suggestions were made, one being that when chapters decide on important issues that a position statement should be sent to other chapters to get their input and build a consensus that could then be sent to the state board or executive committee.

There was a presentation on frac sand mining and a field tour of the frac operations.

**Member Dues** Dues were approved for the standard membership dues, Student \$38, Individual \$61.50, Family \$84.

Membership drive across America over the next year. There is going to be a lot of extra effort and money and focus on building membership levels. Expect to see more coming out in print over the coming months.

**Deer Hunt** Per the board's previous approval, there is a planned deer hunt for the island similar to what they did last year and it will also include Jewell Park.

**Chapter House & Grounds** : Jim/Steve

\* Chimney repair project is half done.

\* Fallen tree – Tom Reid will come in the fall to cut and remove the tree.

\* Entrance Garden Project – Still waiting on design plan from Mary Jo.

\* Dick Brown provided the board with a shrub fencing proposal to help protect the new plantings. Approximately 17 bushes were lost over the summer months due to various reasons. The board approved \$200 to buy the necessary fencing and stakes.

\* Picnic beach seat is broken and needs to be replaced.

**Newsletter:** Marlys

\* Barb gave the update and Marlys will be doing next month's newsletter. As always, if anyone has any items for the newsletter be sure to pass it along.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vera

\* Treasurer report was given.

**Scholarship Committee:** Jim No real updates since last month. Scholarship checks will be issued within the next couple of weeks.

**www.breckenridgeikes.org** Barb

Barb would like help with the chapter's Face Book page. It was suggested that Barb call Gretchen to see if she could provide some support.

**Rentals** :Wes

There have been 6 new rentals dates since last update. December calendar is booking up nicely. There are still a lot of days available for September, October, and November.

**Membership:** Lorraine\* Current Membership is 98

Board Members

The [Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board](#), and the [Nokomis East Neighborhood Association](#), are proud to announce the 2013 Minneapolis Monarch Festival at the Nokomis Naturescape on September 7.

We have an exciting [stage line up](#) for 2013. We'll open with **Silva Sol** at 10am, followed by **Machinery Hill** at 11am. At noon, the hugely popular **Ketzal Coatilcue Aztec Dance** group will perform. The afternoon lineup starts with **RAMM**, and its distinctive repertoire of R&B, Rock, Funk, Motown, and Blues. The sound will become more Caribbean when **Charanga Tropical** takes the stage with its flute, violins, and Latin rhythm section. The day ends with **Salsa del Soul's** high energy Bachata, Plena and Salsa music. .

**Art Activities** include printmaking by steamroller (really!) with **ArtOrg** and **Grupo Sopa del Corazon**; **printing with plants**; **Art in the Park** with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and a variety of hands-on activities with **Project Art for Nature**.

There are **monarch butterflies** of course. Besides those raised by the [U of Minnesota's Monarch Lab](#), we have citizens raising butterflies at home for release to begin their amazing 2,300 mile migration from Minnesota to the mountains of Michoacán Mexico where they will spend the winter. **Monarchs will be released singly throughout the day** (no mass releases) by groups of guests that have gone through a brief education and tagging exercise in the Monarch Lab's education tent.

Everything from food, to music and art highlights the Minnesota - Mexico connection that the Monarch butterfly creates.

The [Kids Butterfly Fun Runs](#), are back, with a new format for bracketing, a new course, and starts with groups of no more than 30 at a time. The races are age-bracketed for children up to 12 years old (no strollers this year, please.). For the younger kids, there will be prizes awarded for the best monarch costumes. Older kids compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish in their age bracket. Winners are announced and invited onto the stage after the races. The Run is sponsored by Univision MN and U Care.

Food is available from vendors and at least one food truck. The roasted corn returns!.

The Festival takes place alongside the **Nokomis Naturescape**, comprised of a variety of native grass and wildflower gardens which have been certified as a **Monarch Waystation**. The gardens contain annual and perennial plants that provide habitat and food sources that are essential to the survival of monarch butterflies.

## LETTER SENT TO SENATORS AMY KLOBUCHAR, AL FRANKEN AND REP. ERIC PAULSEN

By Dick Brown, Issues Chair, Breckenridge Chapter

We have visited the Tongass National Forest (and the Chugach) in Alaska and enjoyed the special wild diversity that temperate rainforests provide. Nowhere else is there this type of diversity on a large scale. We have heard there is a "Big Thorne" old growth timbers sale proposed in the Tongass. Because large intact areas of old growth forests are becoming scarce in the U S, we believe such areas should be saved, not only for the benefit of tourists but for the survival of native flora, fauna and future interest of science.

It took many centuries for these areas to evolve as they are and we need to spare as much of it as possible. Please do what you can to cancel the "Big Thorne" forest timber sale in the Tongass.

## OPINION

On August 14th a Roundtable discussion was called by Carroll Henderson, Non Game Specialist, MN DNR on pros and cons of copper ammunition over use of lead. I was fortunate enough to be invited, thanks to John Rust and Carroll Henderson. The other Ike present was Dave Zentner. He wrote a more comprehensive observance of the meeting.

There were about 30 attending, varying from MN Deer Hunter Assn., New York State DNR, Wisconsin Deer Hunter Workshop, MN Raptor Center and others mostly representing big game hunting interests. All around environmental groups (except Ikes) were not invited.

The main thrust from DNR and Raptor Center was that fragmented lead particles left in waste from dressed down game is highly toxic, especially to Eagles and to some lesser extent to other scavengers. It is also toxic to people eating the meat of game shot with lead, ingesting hard to detect fragments, mostly by young folks. There were several speakers on the subject but I did not notice anyone objecting to switching to copper ammunition. There was much testimony by sharpshooters and others who testified that copper ammunition actually performed, in most cases, better than lead.

I reminded the group the IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter passed a resolution in 2011 against the use of all lead type ammunition and that the MN DIV, IWLA did adopt it.

The general consensus seemed to be that in order to not upset reactionaries with an anti-government attitude, voluntary persuasion for the next few years through conservation groups is the way to go. Personally, I think without mandatory rules very little in conservation is accomplished.

Dick Brown

## Minnehaha Chapter

**Izaak Walton League of America**

**Consequences of Fracking**

**Tuesday September 17 – 7:00 pm**

**Linden Hills Community Center**

**Matt Norton Presenter - Environmental**

“Fracking” is a method for extracting oil and natural gas held in rock formations deep underground which has extreme implications for the purity of surface and ground water, air quality, and global warming. This talk will address the process of fracking and some of the impacts it has on the environment.

Linden Hills Community Center 3100 43rd St. W.

Minneapolis, MN 55410

Matt Norton:

Campaign Director at the Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP). Matt has over a decade of experience including, eight years as the Forestry & Wildlife Advocate and Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in forest science from Yale, and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

# IWLA Youth in the Outdoors Workshops

October 5 – Ames, Iowa -

October 6 – Atkinson, Illinois

All Chapters are encouraged to send a representative!

League chapters and members across the country have been leaders in connecting young people with hunting, fishing, conservation, and the great outdoors. To help further this effort, we have developed assorted support materials, a comprehensive how-to youth manual, and related training workshops.

The next "Youth in the Outdoors" workshops are on **Saturday, October 5, at the Ames Chapter, Ames, Iowa**, and also on **Sunday, October 6, at the Giant Goose Conservation Center, Atkinson, Illinois**. These all-day, hands-on workshops are based on the *Engaging Youth in the Outdoors – A How-To Chapter Manual*.

**Every chapter can and should consider developing a formal youth program and offer a variety of activities that introduce and connect young people to the outdoors. In the workshops, you will learn about the keys to running a successful youth program and will have the opportunity to try some activities you can do at your chapter. The workshops will help you develop a program that allows youth to have positive, enjoyable, and educational experiences with nature using a wide variety of games, activities, and projects.**

We invite each chapter to send at least one representative, if not more, to participate and learn more about how to better enhance and expand or start a youth program at its chapter.

Registration fees are only \$20 per person. Meals and all workshop materials will be provided. Seating is limited, so please register

early! Pre-registration required. Additional details can be found on the training session registration form available on-line at: [www.iwla.org/youthprograms](http://www.iwla.org/youthprograms).

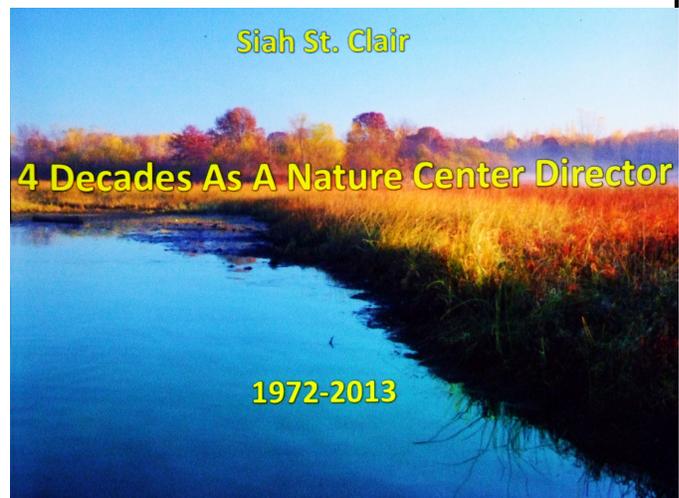
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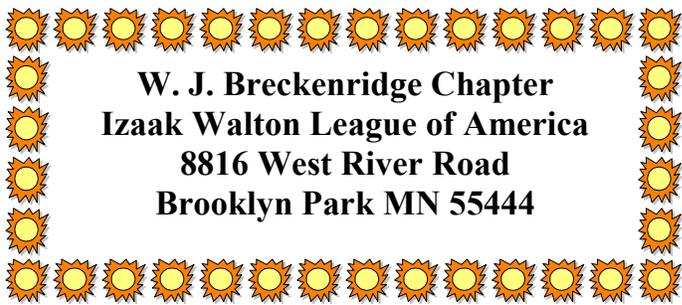


On Tuesday, August 27 about 28 people (Ikes and Audubon) met Siah St. Clair, former director of Springbrook Nature Center and gained some insights into the history and challenges of his 41 year tenure. Springbrook almost didn't happen, and twice it nearly became a golf course. But the community rallied and defeated the proposal. With his vision, perseverance and community support Springbrook grew from 5000 visitors a year when he first came in 1978 to 200,000 today.

Along with the actual physical management of the center he factors in 3 major influences that have affected the center over the years:

- 1) technological advances from Brownie Instamatics to today's computers and electronics,
- 2) changes in the duties and expectations of environmental professionals, and
- 3) competition resulting from the public's perception of their leisure time and how they choose to use it. It was eye-opening and always a pleasure to welcome Siah's enthusiastic presentation into the Chapter.





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**Sept. 24** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Oct. 22** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHRUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

On August 22 volunteers from the Shrub Planting Committee rallied for our third watering session. It was noticed that whereas most shrubs did fairly well, others were having trouble. We lost perhaps a dozen or so. Out of 65 planted, that is not so bad. Reasons for loss could vary: some stock not so sturdy, planted incorrectly, fertilized too heavily, not watered frequently enough, too much shade, etc.

It was also noticed that deer had lightly browsed many, probably not enough to kill the plant. Shrubs should be sprayed with deterrent periodically. Before the freeze up and after the green stuff is gone, we plan to erect 3 ft. high, 20 “diameter cages to protect from deer browsing.

Watering crews so far: Jim Arnold, John Fraley, Barb Franklin, Dell Erickson, Mark Gustafson, Larry Kennebeck, Roger Williams and Dick Brown.

Thanks guys!  
Dick Brown