



# Timberlines

## W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

June 2014  
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### June

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
24 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm  
John Moriarty

### July

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm

### August

- 12 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
26 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm



Memorial Bench donated by the Louie Dinzi family. Thank you Dinzi family for sharing Louie with us and for the wonderful bench. Thank you to everyone involved in installing the bench. It looks wonderful. Louie would be proud.

### June 24 Meeting speaker Amphibians and Reptiles in Minnesota – What has changed in 20 years

John Moriarty, author, of the new *Amphibians and Reptiles in Minnesota* will present a powerpoint presentation on the amphibians and reptiles of Minnesota, which will highlight the changes to Minnesota's herps since the publication of the last edition (Oldfield and Moriarty 1994). This will include new species, conservation initiatives and new natural history information. Copies of the book will be for sale and signing.

John is the senior manager of wildlife for Three Rivers Park District where he oversees wildlife and habitat projects including Bullsnake monitoring, Blanding's Turtle and Spiny Softshell nesting programs and frog surveys. He previously worked as natural resources manager for Ramsey County Parks. He is coauthor with Barney Oldfield of *Amphibians and Reptiles Native to Minnesota* (Minnesota, 1994) and author of *Turtles and Turtle Watching in North Central States*. John has been involved in amphibian and reptile research, surveys, and legislation in Minnesota for over 30 years.

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the  
Izaak Walton League**

May 13, 2014

**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.

May 13<sup>th</sup>..... Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
May 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Social/Education Meeting 7:30 pm  
June 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
June 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Social/Education Meeting 7:30 pm  
July 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>..... Social/Education Meeting 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, Vera Brown, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, John Fraley, Mark Gustafson, Barb Franklin, Wes Hendrickson, Roger Williams **Guest:** Marlys Carls-Steiskal

**Issues** ..... Dick/Bill

Social/Education Meeting Speakers

May – DNR Scientific and Natural Areas – Bob Djupstrom

June – John Moriarity on Amphibians

July –

The Minnesota Division State Convention and Annual Meeting was held in Rochester. Both of our Chapter resolutions, 2014-01 Minnesota Sulfide Mining and 2014-06 Recreational Uses of Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA's) passed. A Queen Beehive, Garden and Wine Baskets were donated as Silent Auction items.

The pancake breakfast was a success, with a final profit of \$1,037.00. A special thank you to all of the volunteers for their help.

Earth Fest update, information on the Rain Garden Workshop for Congregations was provided.

The study of the eagle nest on our island will take place this year.

A request was made and approved by the Board to change the Board Meeting start time to 7 pm. The Social/Education meeting start time will remain at 7:30 pm.

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

Mark and Tim installed rain diverters over door entries on 5/3.

Several suggestions were made on how to improve the

look of the garden beds in front Chapter House. In checking cages that were put around the shrubs last fall, a few of the cages were found to be missing and a couple were tipped over.

Placing Lou Dinzl memorial bench, several options for placement were suggested. A meeting with family members was scheduled for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Boulevard entrance garden beds, next steps. It was suggested that we should consider outlining the flower beds with a ring of stone/boulders as a way to highlight the garden beds and provide some protection to the plants.

Best Buy employees will be providing the man power to help build a river walkway on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

A wood donation from Brad Larson, of BJ Larson Remodeling will be used to build the walkway.

**Newsletter** .....Marlys

We would like to include pictures from the pancake breakfast in the next newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** ..... Vera

Update was given.

**Scholarship Committee** .... Jim

Scholarship applications are currently being reviewed by the committee.

**Web Site** [www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org) .....Barb

Update was given and a request for the number of visitors to our web site was requested.

**Rentals** ..... Wes

Summary – 20 rentals for the year and 4 tentative.

The question was raised on a request from a prospective renter on using the property for a fund raiser. It was decided that these types of requests will need to be reviewed and approved by the board.

**Membership** .....Lorraine

As of 5-12-14 we have 107 new and renewed members

## **OPINION: MNRRA IN MINNESOTA and THE FUTURE FOR ALL WATERWAYS**

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Strib pointed out the difficulties of cleaning up river pollution in farmland. The article dealt mostly with problems on the Minnesota River and its tributaries.

It seems many local land owners and even some local county governments are unaware of the rules along waterways or choose to ignore them. The State rules are a 50 ft. buffer strip of natural vegetation, trees, shrubs, wild grasses or combination on each side of waterways. Many landowners follow the rules but a vast number do not.

**The Problem:** The rules are State rules but are left to the Counties and local zoning areas to enforce. Apparently funding for enforcement is dependent on the Counties, and their Boards are often comprised of farmers and landowners. It seems to me the DNR or a State Water Resource Board should be responsible for funding and enforcement.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Strib ran an article on DNR's proposed rules on the Mississippi in the MNRRA areas from Dayton to Hastings. Many cities and river residents object to the reasonable and practical regulations originally proposed. This apparently is leading to much weakening in their present proposals. Much of the argument is whether control should be state or local.

It would seem that basic control for environmental and scenic purposes must be uniform. Those who argue for local control would leave the matter to the whims of Cities, Townships and Counties who are pressured by local residents for personal reasons. And Cities themselves eager for expansion and tax base are often inclined to accept poor environmentally oriented development.

I believe that strong State enforcement of better environmental rules, adequately financed by the State is what all Minnesota waterways need. Local control can be made stronger in various ways but should not be allowed to weaken basic State rules. This responsibility for enforcement and its expenditures should be similar for all of our waterways in the future; in farmland as in municipal areas. The State needs to enforce the rules and pay for surveillance. The good quality of our

waterways is precious to the general public and so is the scenery and benefit to wildlife.

Enforceable rules should be written by environmentally oriented scientists and enforced by a State agency except where Federal Rules override.

Dick Brown

### **BEE HOUSE 4/25/14**



During the IWLA State Division Convention at Rochester, MN on 4/24/& 26. Our new Vice President, Mark Owens' wife, Barb Owens showed off her purchase at the silent auction, along with the builder, Dick Brown. The purchase was a Queen Bumble Bee Nest. The design of the nest is by the Xerces Society, a nationwide group "Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies." The information is in the book "Attracting Native Pollinators" and their pamphlet "Conserving Bumble Bees." Dr. Marla Spivak of the U of M wrote the forward to the book.

At our Breckenridge Chapter Silent Auction in January, Tim Johnson purchased an identical nest. I hope the two of them will meet some day and discuss the results of this interest. All Native Bees and other pollinators need our Help.

**If you can provide light refreshments for a Tuesday program**

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**Joint meetings with Audubon—let's be hospitable!**

**June 24 -**

**July 22 -**

**August -**



**Thank you**

# 2014-15 Scholarship Recipients Selected

By Jim Arnold

The scholarship committee met recently to select four talented students who will receive Breckenridge Chapter scholarships for the 2014-15 school year. Most of these students will be present at our June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Karin Sather**, A graduate of Champlin Park High School, will be a senior at ST. Olaf College next fall. Initially she was planning to pursue a career in field research. After recently taking an environmental modeling class, however, she is leaning toward a career in environmental modeling. If you were at our April 22 meeting you heard about Karin's travel last summer in Alaska, China, and Siberia where she was doing research on stream carbon cycling and greenhouse gas production. This summer she will be in Washington D.C. where she will be working for the National Center For Educational Statistics (the statistical arm of the department of education) through the American Institute for Research (AIR) as a Junior Fellow in the Joint Program for Survey Methodology. Back at St. Olaf Karin is a teacher's assistant for ecology and ecosystem science. She works at the rock climbing wall and enjoys leading camping trips with the Christian organization at St. Olaf.

**Kristen Peterson**, A graduate of Maple Grove High School, will begin her senior year at the University of Minnesota next fall where she is working on a degree in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management. After graduation Kristen plans to spend a few years working in the "real world" experimenting with different types of positions in order to find the area she is most passionate about. Working on best management practices with a watershed

district, working for a conservation organization or helping develop public transit options are examples of the type of positions she plans to consider before pursuing a graduate degree. Kristen remains heavily involved in environmental issues through her work with Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG). Away from school she stays active outdoors – skiing and snowshoeing in the winter, biking, rollerblading and camping in the spring and summer. Recently Kristen received another honor when she was awarded an IWLA National Scholarship.

**Jack Madsen**, who is graduating from Andover High School this June, is our newest scholarship recipient. Jack will be attending North Dakota State University and plans to major in Microbiological Sciences. His career plans are to investigate the curative power of certain plants as well as modify strains of plants that can function and grow abundantly without fertilizers. At Andover Jack has been a member of the Envirothon team – a group that participates in competition in the environmental sciences with other schools. Away from school activities he is an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl and Pheasants Forever.

**Kaelyn Williams**, a graduate of Cooper High School, is completing her sophomore year at the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota. Her educational plans include continuing her Outdoor Environmental-Recreation Education major with a double minor in Hispanic Studies and Natural History. Currently she is on a study abroad trip in Southern Belize, where she is studying mapping for conservation and cultural preservation. She is using GPS units to map out and study deforestation and urbanization, while also staying a few nights in a Mayan village, hiking, and snorkeling the beautiful reefs. When she returns home this summer

Kaelyn will again intern with the Three Rivers Park District Outdoor Education School leading various outdoor recreation activities through the Three Rivers Parks. Kaelyn has stayed involved in a variety of outdoor activities. She is co-president of the college outdoor club, Wuda-Wooch, is involved in many endurance sports such as running, cross country skiing (Birkiebeiner ski race) and this past winter completed her seventh year volunteering with the Courage Center's Adaptive Downhill Ski and Snowboard Program.

*The Breckenridge Chapter has now awarded 67 five hundred dollar scholarships in the sixteen years of the program. The main source of funding for these scholarships is an endowment fund established through the generosity of members. The endowment began with an initial donation from the estate of Irene Swanson in the summer of 1999, followed shortly thereafter by sizeable donations from Cynthia Haugland and Walter and Dorothy Breckenridge. The endowment continues to grow, thanks primarily to generous donations each year from Larry Swanson and Tom and Marilyn Breckenridge. When earnings from the endowment are not sufficient to cover the scholarships costs, fund raisers (like the annual silent auction) and special donations from other members have been used. Thanks to all those members who have made it possible to support local young people as they study for their environmental careers. If you have questions about the Breckenridge Chapter scholarship program please contact one of the committee members: Jim Arnold, Judy Arnold, Melissa Sonnenberg or Charlie Taflin.*

## **May Social Educational Meeting**

On May 27th our Soc/Ed speaker was Bob Djupstrom, former manager of DNR Scientific & Natural Areas. He gave us a history of the program and let us know that probable changes to the program are coming. Changes would be recreational uses that were heretofore not allowed. Those who realize the importance of these areas understand too much human traffic resulting in trampling and other disturbances are not compatible with scientific research of threatened or endangered species.



We were urged to let Governor Dayton, our State Legislators and the DNR commissioner know that the present rules are adequate and should be adhered to.



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**Deadline is the last day of each month.**

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## **RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS- PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Oil change (2) Glenda, George  
Gunderson

Walking Stick  
Mary Denler

House for Queen Bee  
Jacob Arnold

Knot Handy Box  
Dan Peschl

Toilet Paper Holder  
Vera Brown

Paper Airplane Book  
Brenda Reeves

Wood Duck House  
George Dapper

## 2014 Pancake Breakfast



John Fraley, Jim Arnold, and Patrice Lindgren managing the kitchen.