



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter

Izaak Walton League

October 2014

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October

- 9 Board of Directors Meeting— 7 pm
- 28 Social/Educational Meeting—7:30 pm
Julia Ponder, Galapagos: Fighting for the Future

November

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting—7 pm
- 25 Social/Educational Meeting—7:30 pm

December

- 9 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 23 NO MEETING

If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact Barbara Franklin
763-657-1907
Or bbfrankli@gmail.com

October 28 — ???

November 25— Patrice Lindgren

Thank you!



Social/Educational Meeting—October 28, 2014
7:30 pm

Galapagos: Fighting for the Future

The Galapagos Islands are famed for their large number of unique endemic species. Islands like the Galapagos have long been recognized as focal points for speciation and extinction, but they are struggling in the face of ever-increasing ecological pressures. Since the 1980s, invasive mammal eradication has become a powerful tool to prevent extinctions among endemic island species. Join the conversation about these high-risk/high-reward efforts that demand value judgments and ethical considerations.

Julia Ponder is a 1984 graduate of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently the Executive Director of The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota's College



of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Ponder has 17 years of private practice experience prior to joining The Raptor Center in 2000. In addition to her clinical work, she is currently focused on the wildlife health component of One Health, raptors as sentinels for infections disease and environmental contaminants, and identifying emerging issues related to raptor health and populations. She has worked with endangered and threatened raptor populations and consulted globally on raptor health issues.

Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

September 9, 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.

Calendar:

September 9	Board of Directors Meeting
September 23	Social/Education Meeting
October 14	Board of Directors Meeting
October 28	Social/Education Meeting
November 11	Board of Directors Meeting
November 25	Social/Education Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Larry Kennebeck, Patrice Lindgren, John Fraley, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Tim Johnson, Barbara Franklin, Wes Hendrickson **Guest:** Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Issues Dick/Larry

Social/Education Meeting Speakers
September – Rich Baker, White-nose syndrome in bats
October – Checking on Dr. Julia Ponder’s availability for October.
November – Open
Other possible presentation/speakers Bell Museum move update, Don Arnosti

Board of Directors election – Follow up

There are 2 open Board positions

SNA Update – On August 28th an SNA Issue Steering Group met in St. Paul. One of the two topics discussed was the reversal of the 2012 DNR decision to allow dog walking in Minnesota Pine Point Forest SNA; the second was to reverse the DNR’s decision to allow hunting at Lake Alexander SNA. There was discussion around bringing in other organizations into the fold and possibly renaming the group “The Friends of the

Minnesota SNA’s”. Another SNA concern is that there has been approval for hunting on three SNA’s that were approved without doing a biological survey and how the group address that.

The first meeting of the renewed Izaak Walton League “EIC” meeting (Environmental Issue Committee) on Friday September 12.

Chapter House & Grounds.....Jim/Steve
Saturday, September 13 is “junk pick up day” in our area of Brooklyn Park. We would like to have a small group of volunteers to help go through the basement, closet, and wood pile to see what we could throw. Meet at 5 on Friday September 12

Kitchen remodel – Construction of our new kitchen cabinets could begin this winter. Board members were asked to think of ways that we could raise the necessary funds for this project. One suggestion was to send donation letters out to our current membership.

Boulevard entrance garden beds, next step. On hold until next spring.

Newsletter**Marlys**
In Marlys’s absence, Barb will take responsibility for the Oct Newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report.....**John**
Update was given

Scholarship Committee.....**Jim**
Quarterly financial report was presented to the Board.

Webmaster**Barb**
Update was given

Rentals.....**Tim**
22 rentals through the end of 2014

Membership**Lorraine**
Our membership is holding at 98.

Buckthorn Removal Planned

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). We have removed many large trailer loads over the last four years. This year we will attack the large shrubs on the river bank as well as the smaller plants that are returning in some of the areas previously eradicated. We have made wonderful progress, but because buckthorn seeds can remain dormant for five years or more we need to make this an annual project. Please join us for a few hours or more on Saturday, October 25 when we will pull and cut many of these destructive plants. Consider recruiting a friend to join us.

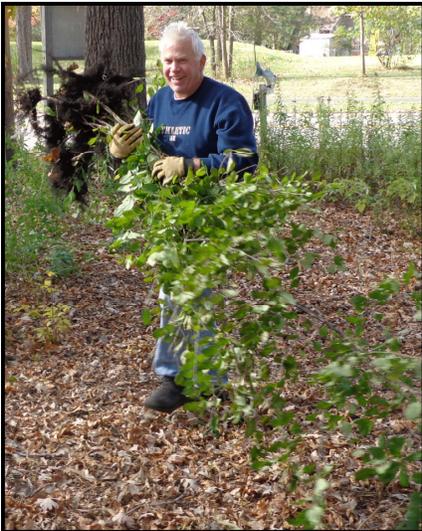
Here's the Plan

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

WHEN: Saturday, October 25 9 am - 5 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.



Kitchen Remodeling Fund Growing!



As you may know plans to remodel the Chapter House kitchen have been in the works for several years. We're quite excited now, as construction of our new kitchen cabinets could begin this winter.

A committee led by Steve Schaust has met and drawn up plans for the layout and our custodian Duane Holmstrom, who is also an accomplished cabinetmaker, has agreed to construct the cabinets at cost.

A Kitchen Fund of \$1700 has already been established, but we'll need more to complete the project. We're aiming for a goal of \$5000-6000. As of today Board members have contributed additional funds of \$1525 making a total of \$3225, so we're well on our way.

However, we would welcome any contributions, and, as we are a non-profit organization, now is a good time to get a year-end write-off on your taxes. Make checks payable to Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA, designated for Kitchen Fund and send or bring it to the Chapter House, 8816 West River Rd, Minneapolis, MN 55444.

Thank you for your support!

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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.”
Barbara Franklin, Guest Editor, October Issue



2014 Candidate Forums

Mon. Oct 6 6:30 PM	Andover Mayor & At-Large City Council State House 35B	Andover City Council Chambers
Thurs. Oct 9 6:30 PM	Anoka Mayor & 2 At-Large City Council Seats State House 35A	Anoka City Council Chambers
Mon. Oct 13 6:30 PM	Ramsey City Council & At-Large, Wards 1 & 3	Ramsey City Council Chambers
Tues. Nov 4	GENERAL ELECTION	VOTE!

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