



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
December 2011/January 2012
www.breckenridgeikes.org



Coming Events

January

- 10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
21-22 Minnesota Division IWL State Meeting
at Breckenridge Chapter House
29 Holiday Party

February

- 14 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
28 Social/Educational Meeting: 7:30 pm
Lee Frelich, Boundary Waters Update

March

- 13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm

Upcoming

August 25 - IWL 90th Anniversary
Celebration Holiday Inn Maplewood

Breckenridge Chapter IWLA

12-13-11 Meeting Notes

Attending: Steve Shaust, Bruce Hansen, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Jim Arnold, Bill Barton, Wes Hendrickson, John Fraley, Roger Williams, Barb Franklin, Lorraine Spears, Dick Brown, Mark Gustafson
Non board member attending - Larry Kennebeck

NOTE – TWO (2) BOARD POSITIONS ARE OPEN – Larry Kennebeck attending and Gretchen Sable considering serving!

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

January 21-22 Minnesota Division IWLA State Meeting at Breckenridge Chapter

JANUARY 29 BRECKENRIDGE HOLIDAY PARTY

FEBRUARY 14th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 28th SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING – FILM “GROWTH BUSTERS”

MARCH 13TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 27TH SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING

August 25th IWLA 90th Anniversary Celebration Holiday Inn Maplewood

Discussion of preparations for State Board Meeting – Saturday - 9:30 AM Coffee & Rolls, Lunch, 5 PM Dinner bake lasagna, Social Meeting, Sunday AM Coffee & Rolls, meeting done at Noon Lunch on your own. Darby Nelson will be presenting on his book “Love of Lakes” at 9:45 AM Saturday. The film “Island Treasure” at 6 PM Saturday. Wes will open building Saturday morning and provide key for Sunday. Help is needed for set up, coffee, lunches, dinner, program, & cleanup. Attendees will be asked for meal donations.

Holiday party 4 PM start, Dinner 5 PM, Program 6 PM Bring items for silent auction for scholarship fund before 4 PM – Jim & Judy will handle, Program is the restored Breckenridge Island Movie “Island Treasure” Contributions for snacks & desserts appreciated. Need help for

decorations, set up, food, etc. Wes will arrange logistics of setup on Sunday morning at 9 AM. John will ask the Park Center string quartet to play. Barb will compose the flyer and publish it in Timberlines. \$5.00 per person to cover expenses.

Discussion of the poem “Ghost Tree Speaks” by Richard Doerr that was illustrated by Dr. Breckenridge.

Discussion of past population resolutions. The board consensus was to form a separate committee to address strategy for future action. Dick & Roger volunteered to organize the committee.

2009 IWLA National policy: Chapter 1 SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES

A. Sustainability

1) a) Promote productive equilibrium between people and the environment by bringing population and consumption into balance with the resource base.

C. Population

1) Because of the environmental impacts of population growth and movement on finite natural resources, the League urges governments and private agencies to conduct scientific research and encourage policies, attitudes, social standards, and programs that will—through voluntary actions consistent with human rights and individual conscience—bring about the stabilization of human population. Government and private efforts should include but not be limited to:

a) Developing a national policy on population and natural resources that integrates population, natural resources, and technology.

b) Incorporating sustainable development principles in U.S. policies, both foreign and domestic.

c) Developing goals for stabilizing populations that incorporate the principles of sustainable economic development, social equity, education, basic and reproductive health care and environmental conservation.

d) Providing age appropriate education for people of all ages, especially students, on human development and the relationship between human populations and the environment.

e) Supporting efforts to stabilize population through family planning and by promoting equality between men and women.

2) The League supports the right of all persons to freely decide the number and spacing of their children consistent with the dictates of individual conscience and accepted medical practice.

August 25th IWLA 90th Anniversary

Celebration Holiday Inn Maplewood (John Crampton has made arrangements, Steve Shaust is Chairman) There will be great donated auction items. 30% of proceeds go to MN chapters, 30% to National, 30% to MN division. Programs, policy makers will be invited. Dinner, major speaker, probably ~\$25.00. Nathan Pruitt of National is working with duplicating this in other states.

Bruce Hansen motioned to have Board Meetings end at 9 PM unless a vote is taken to extend the meeting. Roger Williams seconded. Steve noted that he checks his email for suggested agenda items before the meetings. Vote 5 for, 6 against. Steve will tighten up Board Meetings.

Steve suggested that we come up with a list of projects for the coming year.

John brought it up and Jim Arnold motioned that we not give funds for Will Steger speaking at Brooklyn Center Earth day event but we take part. Roger Williams seconded.

Treasurers report – we have spent ~\$237.00 more than income for the year December to December.

John Rust moved that we publish an end of year status report treasurers report with monthly income, expenditures, balances. Steve Schaust seconded. Passed unanimously.

Scholarship Committee - Donations continue to come in. Jim Arnold motioned that we use the income from the silent auction for Scholarship. Roger Williams seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rentals – Rentals for 2011 down from 42 to 36 decreasing income by ~\$1200 from last year. We do have 14 reservations for 2012 already so it could be a good year.

Bill Barton 12-13-11

Get Ready For the Silent Auction

The silent auction has become an important fundraiser for our Chapter's scholarship fund. In each of the last three years we have raised nine hundred dollars or more. At this year's holiday party, January 29, we will again have many unique items donated by our members as well as a number of services and gift certificates donated by local merchants. Be sure to arrive early to get a good look at all the items. Bidding will start at 4 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m.

If you would like to donate an item, or if you know a nearby business that would be willing to make a donation, contact Jim or Judy Arnold (763 560 8972, jjarnold@q.com) or bring the item to the Chapter House by 4 p.m. on January 29.



Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge two recent, large, generous gifts to the Chapter's Scholarship endowment fund: 1) \$1,000 received from members Tom and Marilyn Breckenridge and 2) \$1,500 from member Larry Swanson. The Breckenridge and Swanson families were instrumental in establishing the scholarship endowment fund for our chapter and their continuing contributions help the endowment grow. Many thanks!

Breckenridge Chapter Membership

As of Dec 31, 2011, Lorraine Spears reports that we have sent out 85 membership cards (76 renewals and 9 new members) for 2012. 35 members will receive a Second Notice renewal mailing.

New Members:

RG-Regular, FM-Family, ST-Student

Joshua Nichols RG

Jill Coutant RG

Margaret Richter RG

Dana Dickson RG

Leslie Kimes RG

David & Bethany Curtis FM

Karin Sather ST

Kristen Peterson ST



BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ANNUAL WINTER PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

\$5.00

Proceeds go to the Breckenridge Chapter's Scholarship Fund

4 p.m. - Social Hour

Silent Auction (please bring auction items by 4 p.m.)

Hors d'oeuvres

5 p.m. - Dinner

Baked Ham

Roasted Turkey

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Bread

Desserts (contributions accepted!)

6 p.m. - Program

"Island Treasure"

A film by W.J. Breckenridge about Banfill (Breck's) Island,
recently restored by the Bell Museum

Please RSVP to Steve Schaust by January 25

763-493-4921 or schaust@aol.com

(This is important so we know how much food to prepare.)

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Holiday Party 2012

Featured program: *Island Treasure*

Produced in the 1950s, *Island Treasure* outlines the history of Banfill Island (aka Casey's Island aka Breck's Island) from prehistory through the logging days and up to more recent times when Dr. Breckenridge built his home opposite the Island in 1940. As a pioneer in filming nature subjects he necessarily spent many hours up close and personal, studying the wildlife there over the next 56 years.

Breck used this film for several years on his lecture tours, but he always narrated it live, so it had no soundtrack until a recording of his voice was found at the Bell Museum. Thanks to modern technology, Kyle Grindberg at the Museum, aided by Barbara Franklin as a consultant, synchronized the narration with the film, and Dell Eriksson and Barb recreated some of the animated portions that Breck had cut because he felt the film was too long, and the animation too amateurish!

The Breckenridge Chapter is proud and pleased to have not only the legacy of owning the Island, purchased from the University of Minnesota for \$100 in 1980, but also the legacy of this visual record. We are glad that the Island remains in its natural state so that others may see it as Breck did. Come and enjoy a visit to "Breck's Island."

DVDs of the film will be available at the Holiday Party or from the Bell Museum for a suggested donation of \$25 to cover costs of production.

The Mighty Oak Tree

Every Mighty Oak was once a little nut that stood its ground. A mature Oak Tree is tall and proud. It has weathered many challenges yet still clings to life. It has survived harsh winters, wars, famines, droughts, wildfires, storms, and lightning strikes. But will it survive the bulldozer?

The largest certified oak tree on record is the more than 1,500-year-old "Seven Sisters Oak" in Mandeville, Louisiana with a circumference of 38-feet and a 150-foot crown spread. The Seven Sisters survived a near direct hit from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



Much of the area around the Breckenridge Chapter and the northwest suburbs was once oak savannah. Concerned chapter members have explored and examined several remnant portions of oak savannah within the city limits of Champlin and Brooklyn Park. Both cities are aware of these remnant oak savannahs. Some of the beautiful oak trees along highway 169 were saved from development by chapter member Dick Brown.

Article written by John Rust

Please note:

This issue and the following two issues (**Jan/Feb** and **Feb/Mar**) of **Timberlines** will be edited by Barbara Franklin while our regular editor, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, is on vacation. Please send contributions to: bbfrankli@gmail.com. Deadline is the last day of the month.

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**If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact
Barbara Franklin 763-657-1907
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**February 21 -
March 20 -**

Thank you!



SAVE A TREE!

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