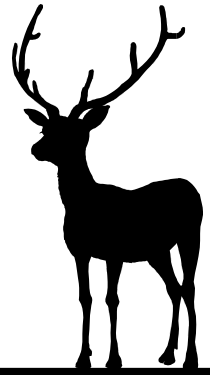




# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
October/November 2012  
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## November

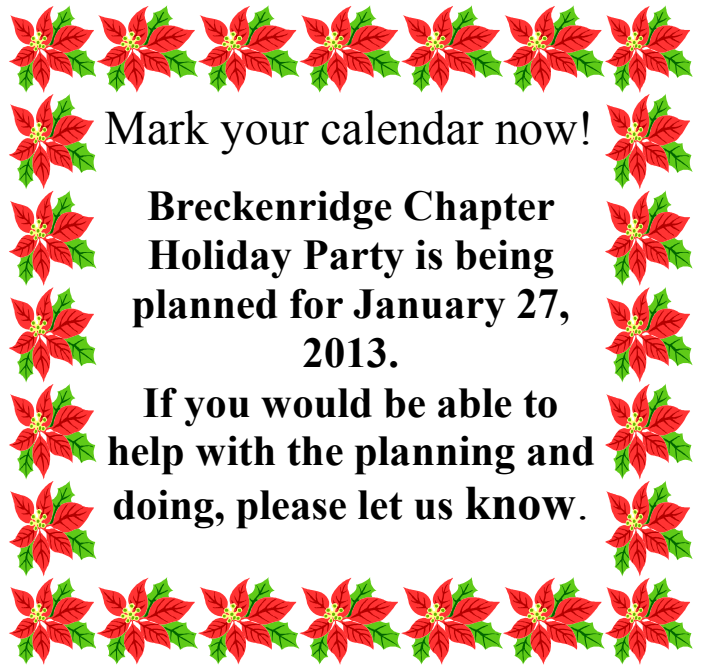
- 03 Buckthorn removal party 9-5 or whenever you can work.
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 27 Social/Ed meeting  
Stan Tequila, Author– Uncommon Facts about Common Birds

## December

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 25 Merry Christmas

## January

- 15 Board of Directors Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 27 Holiday Party



Mark your calendar now!

Breckenridge Chapter  
Holiday Party is being  
planned for January 27,  
2013.

If you would be able to  
help with the planning and  
doing, please let us know.

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

November 27—Mona Geeting  
December— no meeting  
January— Holiday Party  
February 26— You?

Thank you



**Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America**

**9-11 & 10-9-12 Meeting Notes**

**Board Members Attending:** 9-11 Steve Shaust, Bruce Hansen, Michelle Schroeder, Barbara Franklin, Jim Arnold, Mark Gustafson, Bill Barton, John Fraley, Dick Brown, Wes Hendrickson, Marlys Carls-Steiskal 10-9 Steve Shaust, Michelle Schroeder, Jim Arnold, Mark Gustafson, Bill Barton, Roger, Dick Brown, Wes Hendrickson, Marlys Carls-Steiskal

**IWLA MEMBER PLEDGE was recited by all present.**

**OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – SOCIAL MEETING - Clayton Daughenbaugh – UTAH RED ROCKS**

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - SOCIAL MEETING - STAN TEQUILA, AUTHOR – UNCOMMON FACTS ABOUT COMMON BIRDS**

**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - HOLIDAY PARTY ISSUES**

**HR 4089 SF 2066** – Opens National Parks etc to hunting and limits President's power to designate wilderness areas, allow import of polar bear parts. Discussion of legal hunting trophies in limbo. Write & call legislators – Dick will email.

**Arctic Oil Drilling** – Initial approval of Shell drilling, oil spill vessel not yet certified – Dick will email.

**HR 5544 LAND EXCHANGE BILL** alert from Kevin Prescholt

**AIS** issues will be important this MN legislative session.

**Metro Council** working on their **10 year comp plan** – listening sessions to be held and on line comments accepted.

**Excel Energy** decided to **eliminate solar incentives** in three years. Still needs approval.

**Frac Sand Mining** permitting comments

being reviewed (13 page report).

**Brooklyn Park Master Plan** comments have been accepted and will be presented to the City Council Monday.

**WETLANDS NO NET LOSS**

**STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS** – Dates have been set except for conservation environmental groups? We need help around the state, Mankato; Bemidji; Iron Range; and Twin Cities, to participate in no net loss "supporting and strengthening state wetlands policy" meetings & comments. Final comments due to DNR / BWSR October 19<sup>th</sup> but may be considered if sent to governor also.

**Discussion of advocacy participation & ideas to promote and being picked as a chapter growth program participant by national.**

**Discussion on 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner** – results to come.

**REPLACEMENT TREASURER**

**VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED!** Checking 7,342.59, Market account \$18,068.49 Budget watch spent 247.67 more than income in August, year average negative \$207.04, need to transfer some scholarship funds out of checking.

**TIMBERLINES NEWSLETTER** – Need articles

**CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR** – Contact John if you would like to help. Barb volunteered to make some road signs for the event. Channel 16 will be there. Check last month's issue for tasks and volunteers.

**GROUNDS** – Fall tasks to need to be done. Faucet washers are done. Deer hunt has begun and will continue for two months.

**RENTALS** – Champlin Park is doing firearms training classes here again. We have 7 rentals in December.

**MEMBERSHIP** Up to 128 members!  
Bill Barton

# Saving the Greater Canyonlands

By Jim Arnold

Our October 23 program featured Clayton Daughenbaugh of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA). The SUWA works to protect the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states. This unique area contains a diverse landscape of rivers, cliffs, sand dunes, grasslands and forest. At least two dozen endangered or threatened species are found here. This area also contains some of the greatest concentrations of ancient cliff dwelling, granaries and rock art. Much of this area is located near Canyonlands National Park and is threatened by off-road vehicle use and leases for oil and gas which is of little value.

Clayton explained the many ways the SUWA has approached protecting these unique natural areas. A major attempt is currently under way to provide wilderness protection to some of the most important of these areas. The Red Rock Wilderness Act (S. 799/H.R. 1925) is supported by over 200 national and local conservation groups.

More information on Greater Canyonlands and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance is available at the Breckenridge Chapter House. Clayton Daughenbaugh ([clayton@suwa.org](mailto:clayton@suwa.org)) also suggested the following:

You can learn more about support across the country for a Greater Canyonlands National Monument at [www.suwa.org/issues/greatercanyonlands/support/](http://www.suwa.org/issues/greatercanyonlands/support/)

Some other ways to support this issue are:  
Ask Senator Al Franken to become a cosponsor of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (S.979) at [www.franken.senate.gov/?p=contact](http://www.franken.senate.gov/?p=contact) and Senator Amy Klobuchar at [www.klobuchar.senate.gov/emailamy.cfm](http://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/emailamy.cfm)

Ask Rep Erik Paulsen to cosponsor America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (HR 1916)  
<https://paulsenforms.house.gov/contact-me>

Include a reason or two as to why it's important to you in your email. A helpful Fact Sheet can be found at [www.suwa.org/wp-content/uploads/ARWAFactSheet\\_Nov2011update.pdf](http://www.suwa.org/wp-content/uploads/ARWAFactSheet_Nov2011update.pdf)

## In memory of... Gunnar Bjornson



A long time member of the Breckenridge Chapter, Gunnar Bjornson passed away Sunday, October 22, 2012. Gunnar loved the neighborhood and living on the river.

After service in the Air National Guard (ANG) as a Sergeant and then a Second Lieutenant (At one point he was an MP at the ANG gate), Gunnar flew cargo planes to Vietnam and had a career as a commercial airline pilot, checked out other pilots, was briefly in astronaut jet training during his military career, and worked as a FAA certified flight dispatcher.

He drove an amazing 1973 Chevrolet 3 cylinder automobile which has been totaled twice but still runs after 209,000 miles and gets 47 mpg. It deserves to be in the Smithsonian for its durability..

A celebration of Gunnar's life will be Saturday, Nov. 10, 2:00P M at West River Road Baptist Church, 8801 West River Rd.

The chapter will miss Gunnar.

## Fall Brings Buckthorn & Leaf Projects

Last Saturday, October 27, was a busy day at the Chapter House. Thirteen Chapter members and friends were there to clear buckthorn and numerous scouts and parents from troop 332 were there to rake leaves.

Many of you are aware that Boy Scout Troop 332 is sponsored by our Chapter. They use the Chapter House for meetings on Monday nights. You may not be aware that they also volunteer for a number of maintenance projects in and around the Chapter House. It is a major project each fall to clear leaves from the yard, parking lot and driveway. This hard working group did a great job. Thanks to all who helped!

Clearing buckthorn from the Chapter grounds is a major long term project that began last fall. We have made significant progress and now have most of the larger shrub/trees eradicated. Thanks to the following folks who worked on the project last Saturday:

<i>John Fraley</i>	<i>Dean Halonen</i>
<i>Tom Ward</i>	<i>Mark Gustafson</i>
<i>Dick Brown</i>	<i>Terry Stellick</i>
<i>Tom Reid</i>	<i>Barb Franklin</i>
<i>Denny Leslie</i>	<i>Brad &amp; Kathy Larson</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Judy Arnold</i>	

Special thanks to Dick Brown and Brad Larson\* who used their large trailers to haul away the buckthorn; to Tom Reid\* for bringing his loader to carry and lift the large piles of buckthorn; and to the city of Brooklyn Park for loaning us their weed wrenches.

The Buckthorn work will continue Saturday, November 3. Please contact Jim Arnold (763 560 8972 or [jjarnold@Q.com](mailto:jjarnold@Q.com)) for more information.

\*Tom Reid (Reid's Lawn and Tree Service) and Brad Larson (B J Larson Remodeling) are local

small business owners who have been very helpful to the Breckenridge Chapter. Please consider them if you are in need of Tree & Lawn care or Remodeling Services.



**Jim Arnold and Barb Franklin loaded the trailer .**



**Dean Hallanon really knew how to use the Buckthorn puller! Me MAN!**





**Left to right: Brad Larson, Jim Arnold, Tom Ward, Tom Reid, Mark Gustafson, Dick Brown, John Fraley, Denny Leslie. Thank you guys for all your work.**



**What a beautiful area. We are so lucky to have this property and all the help to maintain it.**



**Kathy Larsen and Judy Arnold pitcher in and pulled Buckthorn.**





## **Holiday Gift Idea:**

Got a ‘favorite’ brother in-law, uncle, sister in-law, or aunt that expresses their very knowledgeable opinion at all the family gatherings? Does he or she act like they know everything and makes sure everyone hears their opinions on Climate Change? How all the experts are wrong on the issue and they personally know better than the scientists and researchers. Don’t know what gift to get them for the holiday season this year?

***Here is the perfect and most thoughtful gift suggestion!!!!***

A DVD that talks about Global Warming and Climate Change!

If you would like to order a DVD copy of the event send \$15.00 check payable to ‘Breckenridge Chapter’ to this address:

Breckenridge Chapter

8816 West River Road

Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

I found the climate change finger print stuff the presenters talked about pretty interesting.

We were fortunate to have prominent people with exceptional expertise and qualifications on the panel including Meteorologist Paul Douglas, Dr. Lee Frelich, and Dr. John Abraham. See below for Bios:

### **Bio for Meteorologist Paul Douglas:**

Meteorologist Paul Douglas has been covering climate change in the Star Tribune and on Twin Cities television since the mid-90s, writing about the topic for Huffington

Post and Bloomberg Businessweek. Author of “Restless Skies”, Douglas is an entrepreneur; having started 3 weather-related companies in Minnesota. As co-founder of The Media Logic Group, Douglas helped to launch “WeatherNation TV”, a new, national weather channel, and “Smart Energy”, a start-up focused on energy efficiencies in the HVAC and irrigation markets.

### **Bio for Dr. John Abraham:**

Dr. Abraham is an Associate Professor of Thermal Sciences at the University of St. Thomas. He works in the field of renewable energy generation and climate monitoring. He has published approximately 75 journal articles and given 80 conference presentations. His most recent work is on monitoring of ocean heating. In November, 2010, Dr. Abraham along with two colleagues launched the Climate Science Rapid Response Team which provides rapid, high-quality scientific information to the media and government decision makers. Dr. Abraham has gained widespread international acclaim and attention for his work debunking the deniers of climate change.

### **Bio for Dr. Lee Frelich:**

Dr. Frelich is Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. Frelich has authored more than 100 publications with 80 coauthors from 12 countries and has been listed among the top 1% of all scientists in the world in the Science Citation Index, Ecology and Environment Category. His major research interest is the response of forests to climate change, including how climate interacts with invasive species, large-scale forest fires and windstorms that transform the forest. Frelich has appeared in the news media 350 times, including *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and *National Geographic*.

## Stan Tekiela to speak at November meeting

Naturalist, wildlife photographer and writer Stan Tekiela is the originator of a number of popular field guides to birds, wildflowers and trees of Minnesota, among other states. Over the past two decades Stan has authored more than 100 field guides, nature appreciation books and wildlife audio CDs for nearly every state in the nation, presenting many species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, trees, wildflowers and cacti.

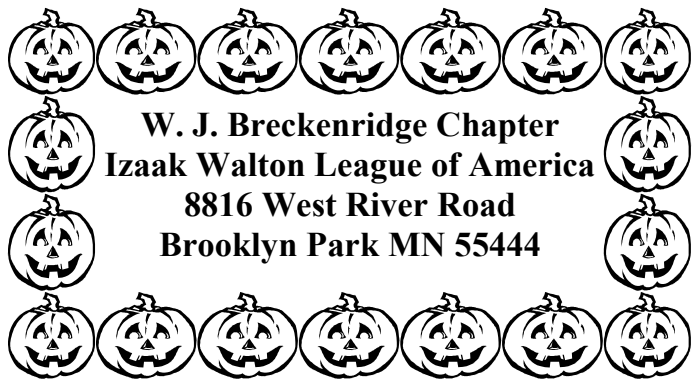


Holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural History from the University of Minnesota and as an active professional naturalist for more than 20 years, Stan studies and photographs wildlife throughout the United States and has received various national and regional awards for his books and photographs.

Also a well-known columnist and radio personality, his syndicated column appears in over 20 newspapers and his wildlife programs are broadcast on a number of Midwest radio stations. He is a member of the North American Nature Photography Association and Canon Professional Services along with many other professional organizations.

Stan resides in Victoria, Minnesota, with his wife, Katherine, and daughter, Abigail. He can be contacted via his web page at [www.naturesmart.com](http://www.naturesmart.com).

Stan will present a fun and entertaining talk Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapter House on “Uncommon Facts about Common Birds.” Learn some fascinating facts and tidbits about some of the birds that people love to hate. Stan will challenge your preconceived ideas about some common birds such as the European Starling, the American Crow and much, much more. You will never look at these birds the same way ever again.



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If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: [EditorBreckIWL@msn.com](mailto: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.”



**Many people from the Boy Scout troop came to help with the leaves and the clean up. We appreciate their help SO MUCH!**