



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
October/November 2009
www.breckenridgeikes.org

Coming Events

November

- 10 Board Meeting
24 Social/Educational Meeting
Presenter: Scott Hed The Alaskan
Pebble Mine and Impacts to the worlds
Greatest Salmon fishery in Bristol Bay.

December

- 08 Board Meeting

January

- 12 Board Meeting
17 Breckenridge Chapter Holiday Party

February

- 09 Board Meeting
23 Social/Educational Meeting
Great Lakes Piping Plover - Presenter
Brigid Murphy



The Piping
Plover
The Great
Lakes
population
of the
piping
plover was
at a

perilously low level. But intensive conservation efforts have seen the number of breeding pairs steadily climb from a low of 12 in 1983. Also, the breeding range has expanded from Michigan into Wisconsin and Canada. Photo by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Samuel Ullman

YOUTH (first part of the poem)

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity of the appetite, for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of sixty more than a body of twenty. Nobody grows old merely by a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals.

*Volunteers for
refreshments needed.
Please call
Melissa Sonnenberg
if you can help.
763-549-8873*

**Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton
League of America
10-13-09 Meeting Notes**

Attending: Steve Schaust, John Rust, Bruce Hansen, Dick Brown, Wes Hendrickson, Melissa Sonnenberg, Bill Barton, Jim Arnold, Barbara Franklin, Roger Williams, John Fraley, Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Presentation by Christian Dube Boy Scout Troop #3542 on Eagle Scout Project "Adding Bat Habitat to Oak Grove Park"
Motion Bill Barton, Second Dick Brown: Grant \$243 to Christian Dube for balance of \$450 bat habitat project. Failed with 5 yea votes.

Motion Jim Arnold, Second John Rust: Grant \$125 to Christian Dube for balance of \$450 bat habitat project. Passed unanimously

Hans delivered new chair racks.
Motion Dick Brown, Second by? Grant cost of chair racks to Hans. Passed unanimously

Bill Barton volunteered to be Breckenridge Secretary.

Reviewed Calendar:

Oct. 24-26 Minnesota Division Fall Retreat at Austin, MN,

Oct 24 Carpentry Crew for Art Show,
Oct 25 1st Art Show with speaker Paul Danicic, FBWCA,

Nov 10 Board Mtg,

Nov 24 Social Educational Mtg with Scott Hed on Pebble Mine Bristol Bay Alaska,

Jan. 17th Holiday Party,
Pancake Breakfast 5-2 or 23 depending on rental info.

~12 registered for painting workshop, ~25 registered for art show, some well known artists

Card signed for Betty Stein who is spending

some time in the hospital.

Issues:

CRP budget about to be cut by US Congress - please call or write your legislator and senators.

Possible mandatory wetland exemption use reporting this year.

FBWCA Sulfide Mining Video to be reviewed for possible donation support.

Lots of activity in Washington as environmental issues to be one major topic coming up soon.

Chapter promotional poster template available from National - Steve to check on cost.

Rentals slow - Dick Brown presented extensive semi-annual lodge maintenance list which has not been getting done: Cleaning windows, cobwebs, screens, baseboards, ovens, wax kitchen & bathroom floors, clean/replace heat registers, kitchen faucets, repair table caddies/tables, paint exterior doors, refinish siding, need blinds on new windows, clean basement, exterior stair hand rails, toilet tank valve leaks, trash enclosure, etc.

East window outside trim & screens will be done by Dick & Steve in the next couple of weeks before Art Show.

Steve will designate a semi-annual maintenance committee.

John & Bruce to close out old checking account that has ~\$1000. ~\$5700 checking, ~\$4500 savings balances.

Student Scholarship checks have been cashed.

Geocaching.com is still producing hits for our website.

3 new rentals since last meeting, hoping for more activity around Christmas but calls are down.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Barton 10-19-09

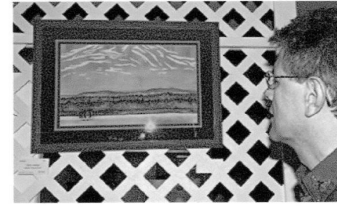


Peoples Choice

“Rough-legged in Winter”,
watercolor by Jim Rataczak

BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA ART EXHIBITION

Sunday October 25



On Sunday, October 25, 2009, the Chapter held its first annual art exhibition. Forty-four works of art included paintings, photography, pencil, charcoal, earthenware clay, and mixed media.



Setting up.



The images in this note cannot reflect the beauty and skill of the art works. As the many visitors would attest to, they were outstanding!



A very special Chapter ‘*thank you*’ to all those who entered artworks and the many visitors who viewed them. We look forward to the 2nd Annual Art Exhibition!



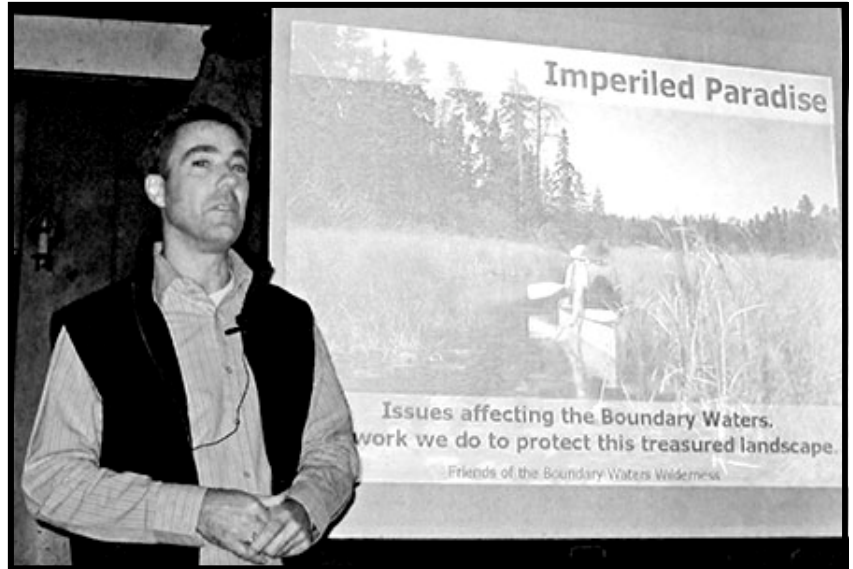
Text and photos by Dell Eriksson



Thank you Melissa for the great food!

Precious Waters

Paul Danicic, Executive Director of the Friends of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness spoke at the Breckenridge Chapter October Social/Educational meeting. Prior to his role as the executive director at the Friends of the Boundary Waters, Paul was the director of YMCA Camp Menogyn (which lies ½ mile from the BWCAW) for 10 years. Paul's presentation was entitled



'**Precious Waters**' which refers to the waters of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, and northeastern Minnesota. The main issues that the Friends of the BWCAW are currently focusing on are:

- 1) Sulfide Mining adjacent to the Wilderness
- 2) Global Climate Change and its impacts to the BWCAW
- 3) Non-Native Invasive Plant Species in the Superior National Forest
- 4) Off Highway Vehicles and All Terrain Vehicles next to the BWCAW
- 5) Forest Management activities adjacent to the Boundary Waters
- 6) Roadless Areas next to the BWCAW

The most immediate and pertinent issue in Paul's list, is issue #1: **Sulfide Mining near or adjacent to the BWCAW**. These new types of mines have the potential to leach sulfuric acid into the watershed, impair stream and lake ecology, and degrade recreational opportunities for canoeist, hunters, and anglers. Paul noted that Minnesota has had decades of experience with iron ore mining, but these newly proposed nickel and copper sulfide mines are a different kind of animal. We need to understand the potential environmental impacts that can occur, such as Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) from the tailings piles generated by sulfide mines. There are several of these new mines being proposed. The first of these proposed mines is called PolyMet whose Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DIES) was recently released. The PolyMet Mine includes a proposal to create waste rock piles several football fields in size, and several stories high. In order to protect the watershed, these tailings piles will have to be protected continually and perpetually protected from rain water, ground water and oxygen so as to mitigate acid water run-off. The draft environmental study estimates that the mine would remove an average 91,200 tons per day of rock, and generate nearly 400 million tons of waste rock over its life, resulting in a waste rock pile the size of about 500 football fields, and approximately 20 stories high. – John Rust

“Where have all the fish gone? “We’ve eaten them.”

Movie Excerpts & Review

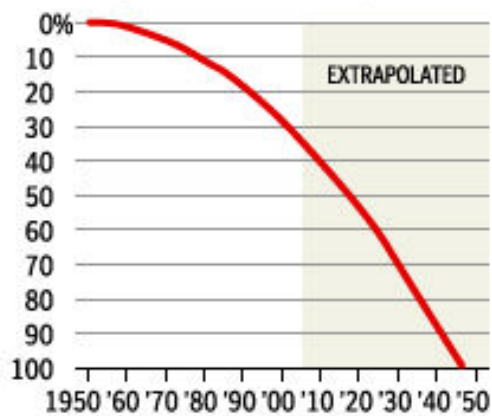
Dell Erickson

Movie: **End of the Line: Imagine a world without fish.**

Fisheries' Downfall

If current fishing trends continue, all of the commercial fisheries will have collapsed by 2050, according to a peer-reviewed study.

Percentage of fisheries collapsed



SOURCE: Science | The Washington Post

Released August 22nd was Rupert Murray's 90 minute documentary, *The End of the Line*. Reviewer Jennifer Merin says, the movie is "a beautifully shot film that alerts audiences to the devastating impact overfishing has on our oceans." See movie trailer at < <http://endoftheline.com/> >. Coastal, inland and ocean fisheries – the largest harvest of a wild food source on the planet – remain in serious trouble. Most stocks remain fully exploited or over-exploited. As of 2006, FAO reports that 52 percent of the world's commercial fish stocks are fully exploited, 19 per cent are over-exploited, with 8 per cent 'significantly depleted' and one percent slowly recovering.

Landings of the most valuable species of fish, including cod, tuna, and haddock, have dropped by one-quarter since 1970. In the four hardest hit regions - the northwest, the west-central and the southeast Atlantic, and the east-central Pacific - catches have plummeted by more than 30 per cent since 1989.

The alarming state of capture fisheries prompted FAO to warn: "the maximum wild capture fishery potential from the world's oceans has probably been reached and reinforces the calls for more cautious and effective fisheries management to rebuild depleted stocks and prevent the decline of those being exploited at or close to their maximum potential." *The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture*, U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, 2008. See < <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/i0250e/i0250e.pdf> >.

In addition, the world has lost half its coastal wetlands –and their fish–, including mangrove swamps and salt marshes. Coral reefs, the rainforests of the sea, are also being destroyed. Of the world's 600,000 square kilometres of reefs found in tropical and semi-tropical seas, 70 per cent of them could be gone within 40 years. Although the film mentions the implications for the world's populations, sadly addressing overpopulation is not a consideration in their remedies.

Their public relations-based narrow minded remedies are the same one's heard for decades –'remedies' that got the world into the mess it is in today. Better monitoring of fish taken, reducing the number of fishing boats, increasing the areas of protected marine regions, and hanging a guilt trip on consumers for eating fish from unsustainable practices and regions.

All beneficial but merely continues the status quo with its grave consequences.

See longer review by Don Hinrichsen at < <http://www.peopleandplanet.net/doc.php?id=429§ion=6> >.

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Deadline is the last day of each month.

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of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”**

Mike Anderson Photographs

By Jim Arnold

Mike Anderson is a native Minnesotan now living in Arkansas. If you attended the recent art exhibit you may have noticed three of his large framed photos featuring Boundary Waters scenes. Mike has allowed us to keep these at the Chapter House for an undetermined time. They are for sale. Prices range from \$185 to \$220. Half the proceeds from the sale of these photos will go to the Breckenridge Chapter.

Mike also donates to Friends of the Boundary Waters through his photography. Visit his website, www.MikeAndersonPhotos.com, to see the variety of framed photos and miniatures he has available. You can support the “Friends” by signing in as follows:

Username: Friends

Password: bwcaw2009