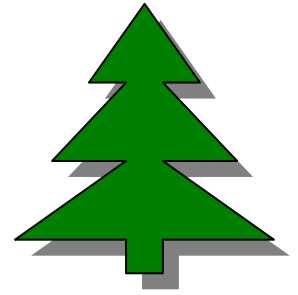




# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
November December 2009  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## Coming Events

### December

- 01 Decorate for Holidays 7 pm
- 08 Board Meeting 7:30 pm

### January

- 12 Board Meeting
- 17 Breckenridge Chapter Holiday Party
- 20 No Social Educational meeting
- 23-24 Winter IWLA State Board of Directors Strategic Guide Workshop

### February

- 09 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Social/Educational Meeting  
Great Lakes Piping Plover - Presenter  
Brigid Murphy

### March

- 09 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Social/Educational Meeting

### April

- 10-12 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting @ Owatonna
- 13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm

### May

- 02 Pancake Breakfast

### POLLUTION CLEANUP FAIRNESS

Mpls. Tribune Oct 28, describes Rep. Oberstar, MN and Rep. Obey, Wisc. as being against proposed EPA rules demanding Great Lakes Shippers to improve air pollution emissions from large ships. They do not oppose the restrictions on other areas of the U S. If it is necessary to improve air pollution coming from these large ships, why should our area or any other area be exempt? I believe much of the nation will feel and understand the effects and the need for universal improvements to pollution emissions.

Dick Brown



**Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton  
League of America  
11-10-9 Meeting Notes**

**Attending:** Steve Shaust, John Rust, Bruce Hansen, Dick Brown, Wes Hendrickson, Bill Barton, Jim Arnold, Barbara Franklin, Roger Williams, John Farley, Marlys Carls-Steiskal

**Motion** John Rust, Second Barbara Franklin: To reimburse Scott Hed speaker travel expenses up to \$75.00 for the Nov. 24 meeting. Motion failed due to not understanding of precedent and actual need. Dick has offered up to \$100 for expenses or donation to the organization when deemed appropriate.

**Motion** Jim Arnold Second Dick Brown: Those negotiating with speakers are allowed to commit up to \$100 for expenses, honorarium, or donation if necessary without board approval, amounts over \$100 require board approval. Passed Unanimously

**Motion** Bruce Hanson, Second Roger Williams: A board member can spend up to \$75 for miscellaneous chapter expenses without board approval. Passed Unanimously

**Motion** John Rust, Second Dick Brown: To round up reimbursement for chair racks & other good works to \$350 (from \$295.97.) A Big Thanks to Hans!! Passed Unanimously

**Reviewed Calendar:**

Nov 24 Social Educational Mtg with Scott Hed on Pebble Mine Bristol Bay Alaska, Planning on travel expenses for Scott Hed for social educational meeting 11-24. (\$75-\$100)

Dec. 1 Decorate for Holidays 7 pm

Dec. 8 BOD meeting,

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party, John to ask Sannes's if they would like to organize.

Jan 20 NO Social Educational MEETING

Jan 23-24 Winter IWLA State Board of Directors

Strategic Guide Workshop, Steve will firm up plans with Noreen at MN division office, Scouts planning overnight on the 23<sup>rd</sup> may need to be changed.

Feb. 9 BOD meeting,

Late Feb. ? MN Division IWLA & ? (Freshwater Society?) Wetlands / Agriculture / Water Summit @ Normandale Community College

Feb. 23 Social Educational Meeting Bridgid Murphy – Great Lakes Piping Plover,

April 10-12 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting @ Owatonna

May 2 Pancake Breakfast 5-2.

**ISSUES:** Dick Brown – Passed around Bill Barton's letter to editor of Star Tribune regarding hydropower & rivers.

Farm Stewardship Bill – amendment did not pass to reapply inclusion of wetlands, buffers, and wood lots in Green Acres Program due to a compromise. Dick will

look into this.

-October 28<sup>th</sup> Article great lakes shipping air pollution. David Obe and Jim Oberstar for a great lakes exemption that would allow pollution.

-Friends of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Sulfide Mining Video - Breckenridge Donation of \$300 approved by email voting of board. (By using a \$200 donation to Breckenridge from Save Our Creeks the sponsorship level of Breckenridge Chapter was raised to the \$500 level giving larger & longer credit on the video.)

**CHAPTER HOUSE AND GROUNDS:** Dick Brown presented new version of the extensive semi-annual chapter house maintenance list. Steve will designate a semi-annual maintenance committee, planning on a January meeting.

East window outside trim & screens done by Jim, Jim, John, Dick & Steve (in primer.)

Outside timed lights were not coming on – working now. Solar sign light not coming on now, may be able to change alignment to catch more sun.

Buckthorn needs to be controlled!

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** no report, to start meetings in January. Funding will be sufficient from endowment in coming year but expect a reduction in income due to rates next year.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** John completed closing out old checking account.

Building Insurance (Twin City Group, Sharon Rosendale \$145,000 building, \$13,000 contents, \$2,000,000 aggregate) bill paid - \$1,351. The insurance bill to be sent to Chapter House in the future. Jim will investigate competitive quotes.

Checking \$4,545.63, Savings \$5,746.51

Email voting justified payment of watercolor workshop instructor for time in addition to registration \$325.00. Discussion regarding approvals required for payments.

**NEWSLETTER:** We need more articles! Need flyer for Holiday Party!

**WEBSITE:** Geocaching.com is still producing hits for our website. Got a nice comment & gets exposure for Chapter House and the caches include a brochure.

**RENTALS:** Losing the Scandinavian Dance group (Monthly rentals in winter) Picked up a couple for December, January, and 2010.

Chapter promotional poster templates are available from National – Lorraine was to receive, Steve will follow up. Poster stock with graphics and blank areas for announcements to be available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Barton 11-10-09

## Scholarship Program Receives Large Donation

By Jim Arnold

Last month the Breckenridge Chapter's scholarship program received a donation of \$1,500 from Larry Swanson. Larry, a member of our Chapter who resides in Salt Lake City, has made many large donations to our program which yearly funds four \$500 scholarships for local undergraduate students in conservation and environmental studies. It was Larry's mother, Irene, whose estate funded the beginning of our scholarship endowment. Subsequently, other large donations to the endowment were received from Walter and Dorothy Breckenridge, Cynthia Haugland, and Tom Breckenridge. Many smaller donations have also been received from Chapter members and friends so that the endowment now totals just over \$40,000. The endowment allows us to fund much, and in some years all, of the Chapter's annual \$2,000 commitment to local scholars. Our endowment guidelines state that we fund scholarships only from its earnings. The principal is never touched. In years when endowment earnings fall short of \$2,000 the remaining amount comes from the Chapter's general fund (with board approval).

Including the 2009-10 recipients, the Breckenridge Chapter has now awarded forty-three \$500 scholarships over an eleven year period. Awarding these scholarships represents a major commitment to environmental education on the part of our chapter.

If you would like to contribute to the Breckenridge Chapter Scholarship Endowment Fund please use the form below. Next months Timberlines will provide detailed information about the scholarship application process. Please contact a member of the scholarship committee (Jim Arnold, Judy Arnold, or Melissa Sonnenberg) if you have any questions about the Chapter's scholarship program.

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*Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife Scholarship Fund  
Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League of America*

\_\_\_ I would like more information on the Breckenridge Chapter's Scholarship Endowment Fund.

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a contribution in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the scholarship endowment fund

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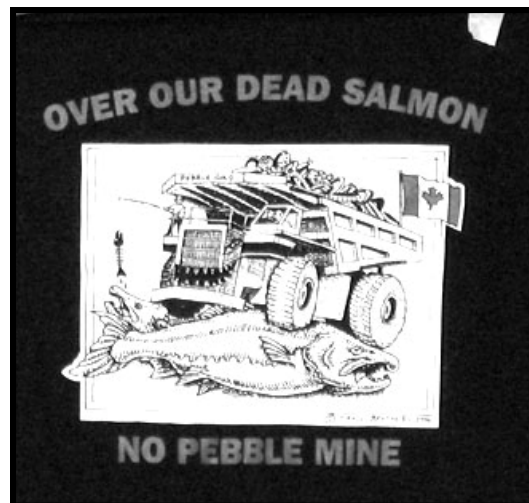
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## Proposed Mining Development Threatens Alaska's Bristol Bay By Jim Arnold

Scott Hed, director of Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska, brought with him an outstanding film and a wealth of information on Bristol Bay to the November meeting. North America's largest open-pit mine is proposed for an area near the headwaters of eight major river systems. The Pebble Mine proposal includes building the world's largest dam to contain the sulfide-laced waste created in the mining process. Leaching into surrounding wetlands, streams and groundwater is always a concern with sulfide waste. Compounding the problem is the seismic active area where this dam would be built.

The film, "Red Gold," highlighted the problems to native people, commercial fisherman, the tourist industry, and the variety of habitats that the proposed mine could cause. Scott answered questions for almost an hour on the variety of threats this project could produce.

For more information on the Threats to this pristine area visit [WWW.SAVEBRISTOLBAY.ORG](http://WWW.SAVEBRISTOLBAY.ORG)





# *Watercolor Painting Workshop*

*October 17, 2009*







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