



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter

Izaak Walton League

September 2015



Coming Events

September

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
 22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
 John Anderson, from the
 Conservation Minnesota

October

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
 27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

November

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
 24 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

Social Educational Meeting September 22, 2016 7:30 pm

John Anderson from *Conservation Minnesota* will speak on a variety of water issues such as Aquatic Invasive Species, agricultural runoff and how energy policy impacts our water. John is their Community Coordinator in the West metro area. John is formerly from Berkley, CA. where he was a census worker which allowed him to learn a great deal about how people choose to react with the Government. Water issues are also a prominent Ike issue. Come hear *Conservation Minnesota's* perspective and how to protect "Minnesota's Great Outdoors" throughout the region.

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August 11, 2015

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.

August 11thBoard of Directors Meeting
August 14th and 15th .Summer Board of Directors Meeting

August 25thSocial/Educational Meeting
September 8th ...Board of Directors Meeting
September 22nd ...Social/Educational Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, John Fraley, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Roger Williams, Wes Hendrickson, Barb Franklin

Guest: Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Events/Issues.....Dick/Larry/Jim

Social/Education Meeting Speakers

August – Malcolm Mitchell, from
Springbrook Nature Center's
“S.P.R.I.N.G Project”

September – John Anderson, from the
Conservation Minnesota

October -

Summer BOD meeting, August 14th and 15th, is
being held at the Eagle Bluff Environmental
Learning Center in

Lanesboro, MN. Dick, Larry, and Patrice will be
attending from our chapter.

The National Park Service has been in the process
of doing an environmental study of trees and
saplings along the Mississippi river and wanted
to include our island. Their focus was on
cottonwood trees because their numbers have
been on a decline. A nine square meter area was
marked off and the number of saplings were
counted and the type of trees were documented.

The Audubon Society has invited our Board
Members to join their next meeting that will be
held before our

Social/Education meeting on August 25th. They are
interested in talking with us on working on
some projects together.

There is a copper ammunition roundtable at Big
Lake, MN, on August 26th. The roundtable is
intended to provide an update on copper
ammunition for deer hunting in advance of the
fall hunting season.

Elections for the 2015/2016 board members will be
held at our August 25th Social Education
meeting.

Dave Zenter has requested to use the Chapter House
on September 24th and 25th for a meeting of the
Dedicated Funding Working Group (DFWG).

Details will be worked out over the next couple
of weeks.

Chapter House & GroundsJoe/Jim/Steve

Fireplace repair update – Per our most current
information this project has been pushed out 60
days due to
other job commitments.

Kitchen remodel update – Work continues on the
kitchen remodel project, the electrician has been
in and once the inspection has been completed
the sheetrock will be put up. The cabinets and
appliances have been delivered.

Driveway re-leveling – on hold

Newsletter Marlys

We've been short on articles for our newsletter. A
request was made to provide an update and
pictures
of the kitchen remodel project.

Treasurer's ReportJohn
Update was given.

ScholarshipsJim

The first scholarships checks will be issued and sent
out within the next couple of weeks.

Webmaster Barb
Update was given.

RentalsTim

We have two rentals scheduled for the end of
August.

Membership.....Lorraine

The current membership is holding at 98.

OPINION

THE DNR AND MILLE LACS WALLEYE

Although they are not always without fault on environmental issues, it seems difficult for me to blame the DNR for all the problems with wildlife conditions. For instance, Lake Mille Lacs Walleye fishing. The proliferation of expansive resorts in the last 60 years, the modernization of fishing equipment including specialized boats, fish locators and the ease of transporting private boats, Lake Bottom maps and hyper advertising the lake to bring more fisherpersons are all detrimental to fish populations. The catch and release fad also takes a toll. These problems coupled with invasive species, water shed pollution and global warming the lake may never be what it was at one time. The best solution may be to declare a moratorium on Walleye fishing for several years. After all, the tribes plan to forego for at least one year. Over fishing is being done in the Atlantic and Pacific also. The over proliferation of humans and our accompanying over consumption are also at fault. Both restraint and reduction are needed!

Dick Brown

Electricity

Did you know that we have not really updated the electricity since the Chapter house was built in 1936! Well, we know are up to code and have the pass all inspections. More details to come.



Fireplace and Chimney

As with the electricity, our fireplace and chimney has needed work. Well, this big project is also completed. Both inside and out has been tuck-pointed! The Chapter house is much safer in many ways now.

Thank you to all the people that have worked on these projects. Many many hours of work has been donated to accomplish all this.

Thank you to the kitchen committee that has spearheaded this major project.



BLUEBIRD TRAIL NOTES 2015 by John Fraley

The Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA maintains and monitors a bluebird trail consisting of 12 nesting boxes in Oxbow Creek Park which is just east of Jackson Middle School in Champlin, MN. There are two small prairie areas in the Oxbow Creek Park separated by a low wooded area. The nesting boxes are in the northern of the two prairie areas.

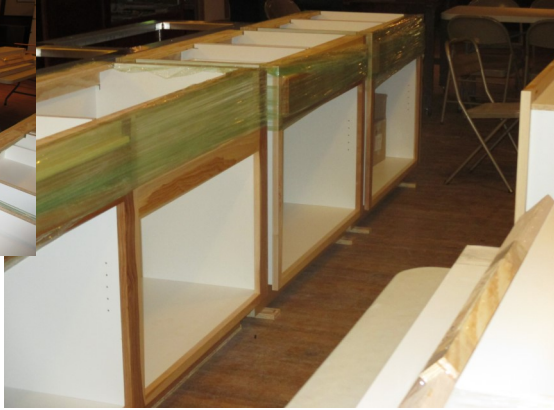
The 2015 bluebird nesting season had a more normal start than the previous two years which had late starts due to below normal temperatures in May and June of 2013 and 2014. The first bluebirds of 2015 were observed in late March. However nesting activity was not observed until mid-April. For the 2015 season three of the 12 boxes had a bluebird nest of four eggs each. Fledgling counts for this trail was 12 bluebirds, 21 tree swallows, 6 chickadees, and 5 house wrens.

My wife, Jean, accompanied me on one of my first trips to monitor the trail in early April. While I was attending the boxes she decided to check out some crows that were very raucous and obviously mobbing something on the south side of the prairie area. Sure enough, the crows were harassing a great horned owl that was seeking refuge in a large pine tree. We never know what we will encounter in this small prairie area. Other years we have seen fox, coyote, deer, and red tail hawks.

Rainfall in the summer of 2015 was timely and evenly spaced. As a result the bluestem and other grasses grew taller than I had observed in other years. Again Orange Butterfly-weed and lavender Wild Bergamot were the most common wild flowers observed.

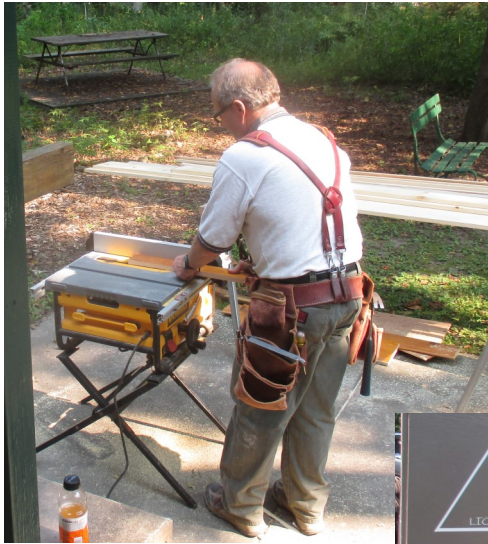
John Fraley

We are ready for all this to happen!

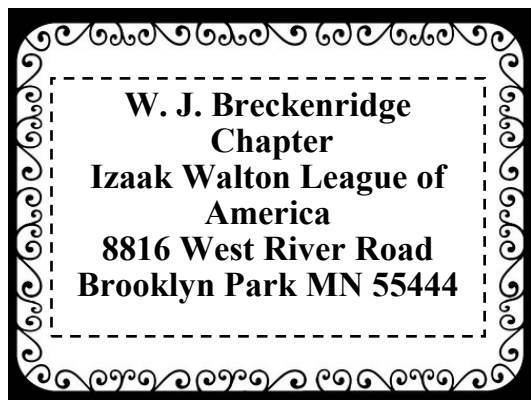


The work begins!!!





99% Finished



If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to

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."

Be the first to use the new kitchen and volunteer to bring treats to the September 22 meeting.

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Thank you



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