



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

April 2014
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April

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
- 22 Social/Education Meeting
Ellen Squires and Karin Sather (two of our scholarship recipients) will present a program on their research from last summer's trip to Alaska, China and Siberia
- 25 Brooklyn Center Earth Fest Brooklyn Center Community Center 1-4 pm
- 25-26 MN Division State Convention

May

- 3 Set up for Pancake Breakfast
- 4 Pancake Breakfast
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30 pm

June

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

Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale Sunday, May 4

A reminder that our Chapters biggest and most important fund raiser of the year is scheduled for Sunday, May 4. Please help spread the word.

We need workers for the following tasks:

Saturday 9:00 am to noon – Set up & decorate

Sunday first shift (8:00 to 10:30) – Pancakes, Kitchen, beverages/tables, cashier

Sunday second shift (10:30 to 1:00) – Pancakes, Kitchen, beverages/tables, cashier

Sunday clean up (1:00 to 3:00)

Sunday plant sale (8:00 to 1:00)

Please call or email Jim Arnold (763 560 8972 or jjarnold@Q.com) if you can help. Getting a large crew of Chapter members is more important than ever this year because our Scout troop has disbanded. For many years the scouts and their parents have provided half of our work force. Please consider working two shifts.

You can also help by donating plants for the plant sale. Plants should be brought to the Chapter House on Saturday, May 3rd.

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League**
March 11, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Members repeated IWLA Pledge

Calendar:

March 11..... Board of Directors Meeting
March 25..... Social/Educational Meeting
April 8Board of Directors Meeting
April 22 Social/Educational Meeting
April 25..... Brooklyn Center Earth Fest
April 25-26.....MN Division State Convention
May 3.....Set up for Pancake Breakfast
May 4Pancake Breakfast

Attendees: Steven Schaust, Vera Brown, Jim Arnold,
Dick Brown, John Fraley, Barbara Franklin, Wes
Hendrickson, Mark Gustafson **Guest:** Marlys Carls-
Steiskal

Issues Dick/Bill

Brooklyn Park Women of Today – Possible
involvement in May event

Michele Schroeder – emailed information to support
legislation she presented at our last board
meeting. Unfortunately only one board member
received the information. Barb will email the
information to other members.

Social/Education Meeting Speakers:

Speakers for March – John Anfinson (NPS)
& Irene Jones (FMS) on new River
Rules

Speakers for April - Ellen Squires and Karin
Sather (two of our scholarship
recipients) will be presenters at the April
22nd program on their research from last
summer's trip to Alaska, China and
Siberia.

Program needed for May meeting

We will again combine our Soc/Ed meetings with
Audubon Society this summer.

Pancake Breakfast – Is scheduled for Sunday May
4th. Saturday May 3rd will be used for set up.

Barb will create flyer. Details will be discussed
next month.

Dick attended a recent meeting that included
handouts, power point presentation, and sample
letters on the PolyMet project. He provided

highlights of the concerns. We have only until
March 13th to submit comments.

The State convention will be held in Rochester
April 25 & 26. Steve and Dick will attend.

Larry and Bill are thought to be interested. It
would be good to have five Breckenridge Ikes
attend.

Chapter House & Grounds Steve

2014 Project List – Steve presented information
from the Building and Grounds Committee
meeting held on Feb 17th. Much will depend on
the budget. The south wall of the kitchen will
be gutted and new appliances, cabinets, counter
tops and sink will replace the existing materials
there. The need for a double oven was
discussed. Brad Larson has a “new” apartment
size double oven we can have. Committee
members will consider it. The need for
screening for the kitchen was discussed. Cost
would be a factor. Wes presented sketches of
the “new” kitchen. There was some discussion
of when this work would take place – possibly
this summer if funding and volunteers can be
found. The garden near the entrance remains
top priority.

Newsletter

Marlys has returned and appears to be thawed
out.

Treasurer's Report Vera

Treasurer reported on the status of the checking
account.

Scholarship Committee Jim

No updates at this time.

www.breckenridgeikes.org Barb

No updates at this time.

Rentals Wes

Wes passed out information on monthly rental
income for January – March.

Membership Lorraine

Membership as of 3-11-14..... 89 new and
renewed, 15 not renewed

April Program -- Carbon in a Global Perspective

The Breckenridge Chapter April program will be a presentation of research projects undertaken last summer by two of our scholarship recipients, Karin Sather and Ellen Squires. Both are students at St. Olaf College. Karin, a junior, is a Champlin Park graduate. Ellen, a senior, is an Andover graduate. They describe their experience below:

This summer we had the privilege of traveling to Alaska, China, and Siberia to study the dynamics of carbon in global ecosystems. We will be speaking about greenhouse gas production from both aquatic and terrestrial landscapes. Throughout the summer Ellen's research was primarily focused on the terrestrial aspect of watersheds, while Karin's research was stream based. While in Alaska and Siberia we focused on "arctic systems science" which involves approaching carbon on a watershed scale acknowledging that both terrestrial and aquatic components are integrally connected. Our experience in China was a preliminary exploration of methane production from an agricultural watershed focused on making connections for more in depth research in the future. In addition to deepening our scientific understanding of the Arctic and rural China, we encountered people and places many will never have the chance to see. We hope to provide a glimpse of these places in our discussion of our specific research projects and experiences from each place we visited.

OPINION-A SERIES OF IRONICS

DOES IT SEEM IRONIC

- That as oil and gas will become eventually scarce, harder and more destructive to extract, that we ship much abroad for the benefit of some to profit?
- That some scientists are trying to discover other planets with similar conditions as Earth so we can evacuate people from our overpopulated planet to keep from overcrowding and starvation, instead of using such effort and resources to improve our own planet? ;
- As we fight copper-nickel mining in NE Minnesota , that we advocate wind generators that use tons of copper and other metals in their manufacture and installation? ;
- That we spend millions to increase the abundance of certain species of wildlife, and then kill them for sport? ;
- That we spend millions for native specie's habitat, yet many persons don't actually care about wildlife or its surroundings? ;
- That by artificially fertilizing the soil for crop raising, we disturb vast areas by mining for potash and phosphorus and the resulting runoff pollutes waterways? ;
- That as persons are able to travel to the best and worst parts of the Earth, return and report such conditions there to others, but no one is able or allowed to go to Heaven or Hell and come back to report on conditions there; yet believe what no one has seen? ;
- That as scientists have said "our nation's overabundant population makes us no longer sustainable for the far distant future" yet we continue to allow immigration? ;
- That as we have benevolently and righteously created the Endangered Species Act, yet there are those who connive to weaken or destroy it? ;
- That most religions maintain mankind are "stewards of the Earth", yet many fight against population control, knowing full well overpopulation is the prime enemy of sound stewardship of the total "creation"? ;
- That our government spends millions to create and maintain National Parks, National Refuges, Wilderness Areas, National Monuments, etc., yet some encourage more expansion of mineral exploration and general development in and around these National treasures?;
- That as water becomes scarcer in many areas, watering of lawns and golf courses extravagantly is not sufficiently controlled and that people are allowed to continue populating water scarce areas? ;
- That as many move to lakes, rivers, mountain retreats and ocean shores to observe and live amongst beauty and wildlife, that what they do and their very presence is counterproductive to the health and wellbeing of the natural order? ;
- That the will of the people is most often at odds with scientifically acclaimed "Best Practices" and are adamant about remaining so? ;
- That a Pessimist could be an Optimist, if things didn't appear so pessimistic? ;
- That the situation is more than ironic?

Respectfully opinioned,
Dick Brown



Saturday, April 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Maintaining Minnesota's Water Quality

2:30 to 4 p.m. - Upstairs in the Cohen Room



Professor David Mulla

W.E. Larson Chair for Soil & Water Resources
University of Minnesota

"A Lake and River Issues Primer for Brooklyn Center"



Senator John Hoffman

"Recent and Upcoming Water Quality Legislation"

A Question and Answer Session will follow.

70 Exhibits, Kids Activities, Food

Learn how to take small steps
to make big changes.

We will be exhibiting and promoting the Pancake
Breakfast the next weekend



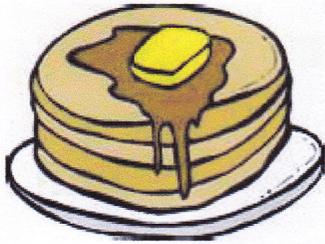
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

MAY 4, 2014

8 AM - 1 PM



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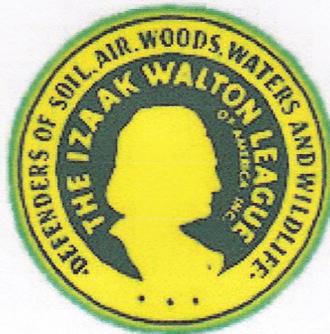
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Deadline is the last day of each month.
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Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale

May 4, 2014

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electronically, please contact
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If you can provide light
refreshments for one of our
Tuesday meetings, please
contact
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April 22 Judy Arnold
May 27 Mona Geeting

