



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

December 2010/January 2011
www.breckenridgeikes.org

Coming Events

January

- 11 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
16 **Annual Holiday Party**
The program will feature Chris Niskanen, Outdoors Editor/St Paul Pioneer Press. He will present a power point program on his new book, "Prairie, Lake, Forest: Minnesota's State Parks"

February

- 08 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
22 **Social/Ed meeting**
Dr. Peter Sorensen of the University of Minnesota

March

- 08 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
22 **Social/Ed meeting**

April

- 12 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
26 **Social/Ed meeting**

May

- 01 Pancake Breakfast
10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
24 **Social/Ed meeting**

Prairie Lake Forest: Minnesota State Parks

The highlight of our January 16th winter party will be power point presentation by Chris Niskanen featuring photographs and information from the Minnesota State Parks book he coauthored with photographer Greg Ohman. This is not a guidebook, but is as Sam Cook called it, "Rich, readable stories about regular folks who use the parks." In addition to the more popular parks, we will learn about those historic, quirky and fascinating places Chris found during his years of research. Chris will have copies of the book available for sale before and after his presentation.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please contact Barb Franklin at 763-657-1907

**Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America
12-14-10 Meeting Notes**

Attending: Steve Shaust, Jim Arnold, Bruce Hansen, Roger Williams, Melissa Sonnenberg, Bill Barton, Barb Franklin, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Mark Gustafson

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

January 5th - Dedicated Funding Working Group ½ day Seminar at Earl Brown Center - For the second year, the Dedicated Fund Working Group – chaired by Dave Zentner, and assisted with many conservation groups – is hosting an Outdoor Heritage Fund Stakeholder's Forum in advance of the DNR's annual Roundtable. This year, the Forum will be on the afternoon of January 5, 2011 (roughly 1pm to 5pm) at the Earle Brown Center in Brooklyn Park. This year's agenda will include information and discussion on:

1. Where has dedicated fund money gone to the last 2 years?
2. Public lands acquisition as a conservation practice.
3. How to prevent supplanting of traditional sources of funds – the constitutional requirement.

January 6th & 7th – DNR Roundtable at Earl Brown Center

JANUARY 11th – Board of Directors Meeting

JANUARY 16th – Holiday Party at Chapter House
Social Hour 4pm, Dinner 5pm, Program 6pm

- -Judy & Jim will do article & organize the Silent Auction from 4 to 6 pm.
- -Please Bring Items for the Silent Auction – proceeds go to scholarship endowment!
- -Setup – Melissa (another party on the 15th), Steve & others?
- -Program will be Chris Niskenen on State Parks & His new book will be available.

January 22-23, 2011, MN Division Winter Board of Directors, Bush Lake Chapter, @ Bloomington (REI)
Saturday program TBA, typically ~10 AM – 9PM with lunch & dinner

Sunday Board Meeting 9 AM to Noon

FEBRUARY 8th Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 22nd – Social Educational Meeting – Dr. Peter Sorenson of U of M, Common Carp

March 5th Energy Expo in Elk River 10 am - 2 pm – Help staff the MN Division Display – New chapter forming in area! Contact Noreen at MN Division

office 651.221.0215 ikes@minnesotaites.org
<http://www.minnesotaites.org>

MARCH 8th Board Meeting

March 13, 2011, MN Division Executive Committee, (teleconference) Call Noreen at MN office.

MARCH 22th - Social Educational Meeting – Paul Danicic FBWCA possibly on public lands

April 15-17, 2011, MN Division Annual Meeting, W. J. McCabe Chapter, Duluth

APRIL 19th – Social Educational - Meeting No Kid Left Inside - Camp Menogyn (by staff)

MAY 1st – Pancake Breakfast

MAY 24th – John Moriarity Co Editor of Breckenridge book on Breck

JUNE 17th, 18th, 19th, & 21st – Art Show

June 12, 2011, MN Division Executive Committee

July 11-15, 2011, National IWLA Convention, Des Moines, IA

ISSUES:

OPEN BOARD POSITION WELCOME MARK GUSTAFSON has filled the open seat.

DNR would like input on Lake Vermillion State Park plans by 12/22&

DNR is partnering with Citizens League seeking citizen input for Parks & Trails Legacy 25 year Plan – review plan at www.citizing.org/projects/parkslegacy

KEVIN PROESCHOLDT THANKED US for the \$200 Donation to Midwest Division - Boundary Waters South Foul Lake Snowmobile Trail Project i.e. snowmobile trail at edge of BWCA, on cliff above Royal Lake in a unique habitat area. Midwest Division has hired an acoustic technician but needs funding.

CONCERNS ABOUT FUNDING for Midwest Division Programs was discussed. If necessary should Breckenridge chapter do some kind of challenge with other chapters to continue Midwest Programs?

VALENTINE DINNER IN FEBRUARY - John ART SHOW AND ART WORKSHOP - ART SHOW – separate from Tater Daze - John

CHAPTER HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Recycling & trash – we need signs so things go in the proper containers. We need to call for recycling pick up when needed.

Winter Snowplowing – We are happy with plowing by Bob of Arbor Tree service – was done for Saturday Rental!

Battery replacement for front sign – Steve
REFINISH ON FLOOR – done – inspected mottling
most likely poor renter mop job.

**NEWSLETTER –TIMBERLINES ARTICLE
DEADLINE TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH DUE
TO HOLIDAY.** We received feedback on the number
of articles in Timberlines. Thanks to contributors who
responded to the request for more articles & many
thanks to Marlys.

Treasurers Report – Some large winter bills coming
up. Rental income has been good.

Scholarship Committee – Discussion of silent auction
proceeds precedent and other income and endowment
fund transfers. Proceeds of silent auction at the holiday
party will go to scholarship endowment again this year,
need to market that fact.

Website www.breckenridgeikes.org

Membership – We estimate ~6 new members for a
total of ~128

-The board members & guests signed get well card for
Jean Fraley.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Barton 12-15-10

REMEMBERING JOHN RUSSEFF

As a member of the Izaak Walton League,
Walter J Breckenridge Chapter, a national
conservation organization, John Russeff was a
staunch contributing member. He passed
away at the age of 92 on December 26, 2010.
He joined the Breckenridge Chapter in 1990
and participated in most all maintenance and
construction projects until the last few years.
The projects he worked on were many, from
our river stairway to our first entry signs,
installing new windows and doors, siding and
soffits and the entry overhangs. He was often
known to be the first to pay yearly dues.
Those of us who remember John as a
dedicated co-worker and member will miss
his presence.

**Dec. 21 DRAFT - Stakeholder's Forum Agenda
Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center,
MN**

Thursday, January 6, 2011; 1pm to 5pm

**(Website for location: [http://
www.earlebrown.com](http://www.earlebrown.com))**

Purpose: to inform conservation leaders about pro-
gress and developments with the Outdoor Heritage
Fund (OHF) and Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
Council (LSOHC), to allow discussion on shared
issues of concern, and provide feedback to deci-
sion-makers on constituent opinions.

1:00 p.m. Welcome and explanation of Dedicated
Funding Working Group, recap of Amendment lan-
guage and funds, outline of today's issues (use of
funds to date and public land acquisition).

1:15 p.m. Where have Outdoor Heritage Fund dol-
lars been spent to date? A description of how funds
have been allocated by types of projects and re-
gions of the state. A look at the issue of
"supplanting vs. supplementing". Audience input on
where additional funds need to be spent.

2:00 p.m. Public land acquisition as a conservation
tool. Why is public land acquisition an issue? What
values does public land acquisition provide for Min-
nesotans, and what information is available to pro-
vide to decision-makers. This session will help con-

servationists understand and explain the value of
public lands for conservation and recreation. An
information packet will be provided to all attendees.
3:30 p.m. What is status of the Clean Water Fund
work? The appropriation process for these funds is
different than for Outdoor Heritage Funds. Where
have dollars been spent? What progress is being
made? Who is recommending where these dollars
should be spent? What are the agencies priorities?
How does the money get out "on the landscape"?
Hear from experts on the clean water work.

4:00 p.m. Legislative perspectives. Legislative lead-
ers from Environment or Legacy committees in both
houses will share their perspectives on issues for
this session, with time for questions.

4:40 p.m. Closing comments. What to watch for in
the upcoming session regarding Outdoor Heritage
Funds and how to be engaged in the debates. Final
public input on issues and priorities.

*The 2011 Outdoor Heritage Fund Stakeholder's Fo-
rum is sponsored by: Izaak Walton League, Con-
servation Minnesota, Trust for Public Land, Fish
and Wildlife Legislative Alliance, Anglers for Habi-
tat, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, Minne-
sota Parks and Trails Council, Minnesota Center for
Environmental Advocacy, Sportsmen for Change,
The Nature Conservancy and others.*

The following opinion piece was recently published in the New York Times.

It is being reprinted here with permission from the author.

Get the Lead Out of Hunting

By ANTHONY PRIETO

Published: December 15, 2010 New York Times

I'VE hunted elk, deer and wild pigs in the American West for 25 years. Like many hunters, I follow several rules: Respect other forms of life, take only what my family can eat and the ecosystem can sustain, and leave as little impact on the environment as possible.

That's why I hunt with copper bullets instead of lead. We've long known about the collateral damage caused by lead ammunition. When bald and golden eagles, vultures, bears, endangered California condors and other scavengers eat the innards, called gutpiles, that hunters leave in the field after cleaning their catch or the game that hunters wound but don't capture, they can ingest poisonous lead fragments. Most sicken, and many die.

When I began hunting, I buried the lead-laden gutpiles. It would help if more hunters did this, but it's not enough. Scavengers often dig gutpiles up anyway. And the meat that hunters take home to their families could be tainted. I've seen X-rays of shot game showing dust-sized lead particles spread throughout the meat, far away from the bullet hole. The best solution is to stop using lead ammunition altogether.

So last summer conservationists — along with the organization I run — formally petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to ban lead bullets and shot nationwide (there are limited bans for some hunting areas and game). The

And although copper bullets can be more expensive than lead ones, the cost of ammunition is a small fraction of what I spend on hunting, which includes gear, optics, food, gas and licenses. No one will quit hunting over spending a few more quarters per bullet. Besides, the more hunters switch to copper, the faster prices will come down. Back in the '90s, before pre-loaded copper cartridges could be bought over the counter, I had to hand-load my copper bullets. But already it's easy to find them in many calibers, including those for my Browning .270 and my Winchester .300.

The dozen friends I hunt with love shooting non-lead bullets, and it's not just because they're doing something good for the environment. The ballistics are better. I've killed more than 80 pigs and 40 deer shooting copper. These bullets travel up to 3,200 feet per second and have about a 98 percent weight retention — meaning they don't fragment as easily as lead. Copper kills cleanly. It can help keep our hunting grounds clean as well.

Anthony Prieto is the founder of Project Gutpile, a hunting group that advocates lead-free ammunition.





BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ANNUAL WINTER PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

\$5.00

Proceeds go to the Breckenridge Chapter's Scholarship Fund

4:00 p.m. - Social Hour

Silent Auction (you may bring an auction item)

Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

Baked Ham

Roasted Turkey

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Bread

Desserts (contributions accepted!)

6:00 p.m. - Program

Prairie, Lake, Forest: Minnesota's State Parks

Author Chris Niskanen

Please RSVP to Melissa by Thursday, January 13

763-549-8873 or missmliss@comcast.net

(This is important so we know how much food to prepare.)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Coral Reef Health, Forest Health, and Human Health

After having kayaked with Kyle in the North Pacific off the coast of Alaska in August, I got to thinking about some of the sea and rainforest life we encountered. It was all very nice and interesting, but we were never certain about the specific identity of some of the species we saw until we returned to Minnesota. We saw some weird looking kelp, barnacles, jelly fish, crabs, and various rain forest tree species that are not native to Minnesota.

So the question comes up... should we think very much or spend much time worrying about global warming, rising sea levels, and how they may affect sea life and coral reefs? Should we worry about clear cutting our national forests such as the Tongass National Forest? Why should I care about the extinction of unheard of species that only a few scientists may know anything about? Should it bother me? Maybe no, maybe so? Why should we worry about these esoteric things? For a person that has been diagnosed with cancer, coral reefs and biologically diverse forests maybe more relevant than we initially realize. Consider the following.

In November of this year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the compound Halaven to treat patients with metastatic breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer related death among women, according to the National Cancer Institute. This year, an estimated 207,090 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, while 39,840 women will die from the disease. Halaven is a synthetic form of a therapeutically active compound derived from the sea sponge **Halichondria okadai**. Halaven is believed to work by inhibiting cancer cell growth. Note however....

Before receiving Halaven, patients should receive chemotherapy based on Taxane. So what is Taxane? Taxanes are chemicals produced by the plants of the genus *Taxus* (yew plants). Taxanes include paclitaxel (Taxol). Paclitaxel was originally derived from the **Pacific Yew tree**. The **Pacific Yew** is a conifer native to the Pacific Northwest of North America. It ranges from southernmost Alaska (including the Tongass Rainforest) south to central California, mostly in the Pacific Coast Ranges.

Taxol has been used to treat ovarian and breast cancer.

Compounds isolated from sponges off the coast of Florida led to the development of the antiviral drug Acyclovir (Zovirax). Acyclovir is used to decrease pain and speed the healing of sores or blisters in people who have chickenpox, shingles, and herpes.

Discodermolide, is isolated from the Bahamian deep-sea sponge *Discodermia dissoluta*, is a marine-derived compound for treating lung and pancreatic cancer. It was discovered by scientists in 1987. **Discodermolide** has been found to be an inhibitor of tumor growth. The pharmaceutical company Novartis licensed discodermolide for commercial development in 1998. The drug is currently in clinical trials and continues to show promise in combating lung and pancreatic cancer. Recently published reports offer up the finding that drug treatments using Discodermolide and Taxol in lung cancer patients exhibits several times the tumor fighting capability of either drug administered on its own



Minnesota Division Winter Board of Directors' Meeting and Strategic Planning Session January 22-23, 2011

Proposed Schedule

**All events will be held at the
Bloomington REI Store Community Room**

750 American Boulevard

Bloomington, MN 55420

<http://www.rei.com/map/store/15>

Saturday, January 22

Strategic Planning Retreat

9 AM – Strategic Planning: Focus Groups

12-1 PM – Lunch

1-5 PM – Strategic Planning: Focus Groups

5-7 PM – Dinner

7 PM – Evening Program:

**Kevin Proescholdt's presentation: "Sigurd Olson,
the Boundary Waters, and the National Wilderness
Movement"** This presentation tells the
story

of Sigurd Olson, the conservation of the BWCAW,
and how both intertwined with the national wilderness
movement. The program is open to the public.

Sunday, January 23

Minnesota Division Board of Directors' Meeting

9 AM-Noon

Registration for all events - \$35.00 per person

Please make check payable to the Bush Lake Chapter and mail to:

Gregg Thompson, 9124 Kell Avenue, Bloomington, MN 55437 by January 8.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

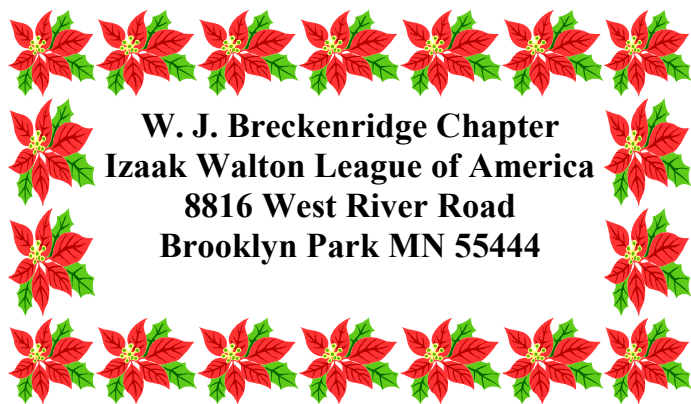
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To register for Kevin Proescholdt's presentation only go to <http://www.rei.com/stores/15>.





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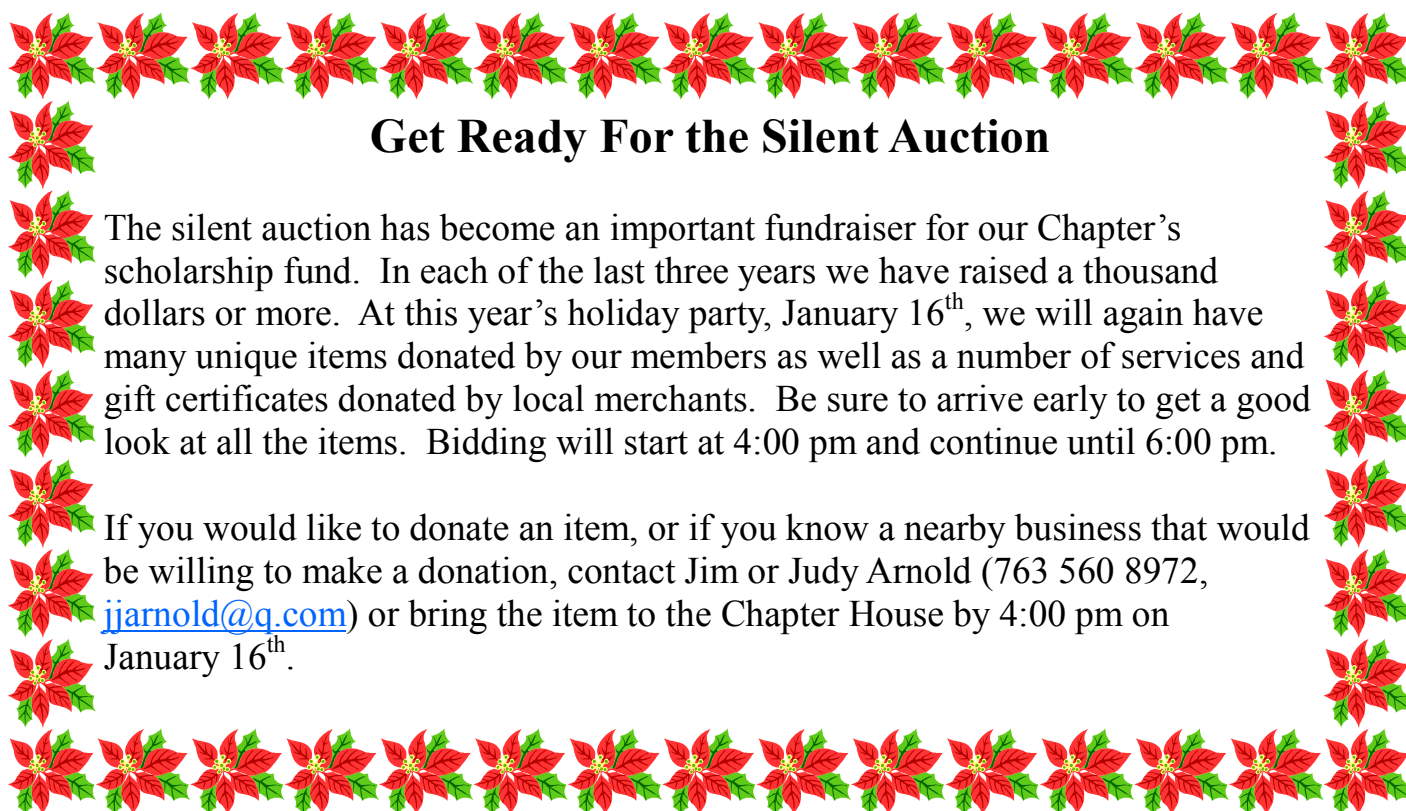


If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to

Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: **EditorBreckIWL@msn.com**

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.”**



Get Ready For the Silent Auction

The silent auction has become an important fundraiser for our Chapter's scholarship fund. In each of the last three years we have raised a thousand dollars or more. At this year's holiday party, January 16th, we will again have many unique items donated by our members as well as a number of services and gift certificates donated by local merchants. Be sure to arrive early to get a good look at all the items. Bidding will start at 4:00 pm and continue until 6:00 pm.

If you would like to donate an item, or if you know a nearby business that would be willing to make a donation, contact Jim or Judy Arnold (763 560 8972, jjarnold@q.com) or bring the item to the Chapter House by 4:00 pm on January 16th.