



# Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter  
Izaak Walton League  
August/September 2012  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## Coming Events

### *September*

- 11 Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
27 Social/Ed meeting at  
Champlin Park High School  
“Conversation Climate Change”

### *October*

- 09 Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
23 Social/Ed meeting:  
Clayton Daughenbaugh –  
Utah Red Rocks

### *November*

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting  
7:30 pm  
27 Social/Ed meeting:  
Stan Tequila, Author –  
Uncommon Facts about  
Common Birds

Welcome to our newest  
Member (and Board Member)  
Michelle Schroeder

#### Breckenridge Chapter Officers:

Pres: Steve Schaust - 2013  
Vice-Pres: Bill Barton - 2013  
Secretary: John Rust - 2013  
Treasurer: Open

#### Breckenridge Chapter Board Members:

Larry Kennebeck - 2013  
Mark Gustafson - 2013  
Michelle Schroeder - 2013

Dick Brown - 2014  
Wes Hendrickson - 2014  
Jim Arnold - 2014

Barb Franklin -2015  
John Fraley - 2015  
Roger Williams - 2015

Thank you to all the board for the work  
the work they do to keep the chapter as  
vibrant and active as it is.

## **Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 8-14-12 Meeting Notes**

**Board Members Attending:** Steve Shaust, Bill Barton, Roger Williams, Barb Franklin, Dick Brown, Larry Kennebeck, Wes Hendrickson, John Rust .

### **IWLA MEMBER PLEDGE**

### **CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)**

\*\*\***AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>** – 90<sup>TH</sup> IWLA

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION\*\*\***

**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>** – SOCIAL MEETING - Adam Warthesen-LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

\*\*\***SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** – SOCIAL MEETING - THURSDAY at CHAMPLIN PARK HS) “CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE”

**OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** – SOCIAL MEETING - Clayton Daughenbaugh – UTAH RED ROCKS

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**- SOCIAL MEETING - STAN TEQUILA, AUTHOR – UNCOMMON FACTS ABOUT COMMON BIRDS

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

**Election held July 28<sup>th</sup> at the SOCIAL  
EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

Three (3) board members re-elected – Barb Franklin, Roger Williams, & John Fraley  
Michele Schroder elected to the Board  
Still need a volunteer for Treasurer  
Vice President – Bill Barton  
Secretary – John Rust

### **IWLA 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> by MN Division** Holiday Inn Maplewood,

**REGISTER UP FOR A FUN NIGHT!**

Invitations have been mailed. Tickets still available.

Don Shelby speaker, Dennis Anderson will attend.

\$50 tickets

\$89 rooms at the Holiday Inn - Free shuttle to the State Fair from Holiday Inn

Canoes, kayak, and other great items large and small available for auction.

Breckenridge chapter will receive a portion of any profit.

### **ISSUES**

#### **NATIONAL CONSERVATION POLICY –**

Discussion of “League opposes registration of firearms” etc. - **WETLANDS NO NET LOSS**

#### **STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS -**

We need help around the state, Mankato; Bemidji; Iron Range; and Twin Cities, to participate in "supporting and strengthening state wetlands policy" meetings & comments.

**TIMBERLINES NEWSLETTER** – Smaller this month so lower costs (\$50.98). Need some changes / new articles. Barb will be doing July & August.

**CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR** – Champlin Park High School gather 6:30-7:00 PM, 7:00-9:00 PM Presentations and Q&A. Discussion was held about adding J. Drake Hamilton to speakers. The consensus was that the program is set, we could have a follow up session focused on solutions to Climate Change, and sponsors are welcome to have a presence at this session.

Discussion was held about mailing flyer, bio, & letter to local metro legislative candidates, press release, community cable? MEP is supplying address list, Barb will print out the labels.

Program will be Dr. John Abraham Mechanical Engineering professor from St. Thomas, Dr. Lee Frelich Forestry professor from U of M, & Paul Douglas Meteorologist.

Need for task volunteers:

Handing out a surveys & collecting, Larry volunteered to organize, lead, and handle, Roger & Dick will help

Registration cards (name, city, & affiliation) / questions cards, Roger volunteered to organize lead and handle, Barb & ? will help, Question cards will be at the registration desk and handed out if requested, given to the moderator and chosen to answer by the moderator. Questions will be asked from a central mike or a couple of portable mikes if available.

John will make a sign “Please ask a question”,

Wes will hold up the sign if necessary.

Technology – three slide presentations combined into one, John will check with the school for someone to run the equipment at the school.

John to organize a planning / dry run meeting before the event.

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**RIVER CANOE TRIP** – Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> From Dayton to River Park Brooklyn Park. John has two canoes, Dick has two canoes, Bill has a canoe. Loading canoes Friday evening.

**GROUND**S – Chimney letters are ready. Looking for a replacement kitchen faucet (still leaking.) We are leaving the tree at front may fall down into road for now. Rain garden clean up – looks great.

**RENTALS** – Wes is back for rentals! Discussion of members renting chapter house for sales, Wes will discuss with them further. **Bill Barton**

\*\*\* **Thank You Hans** \*\*\*

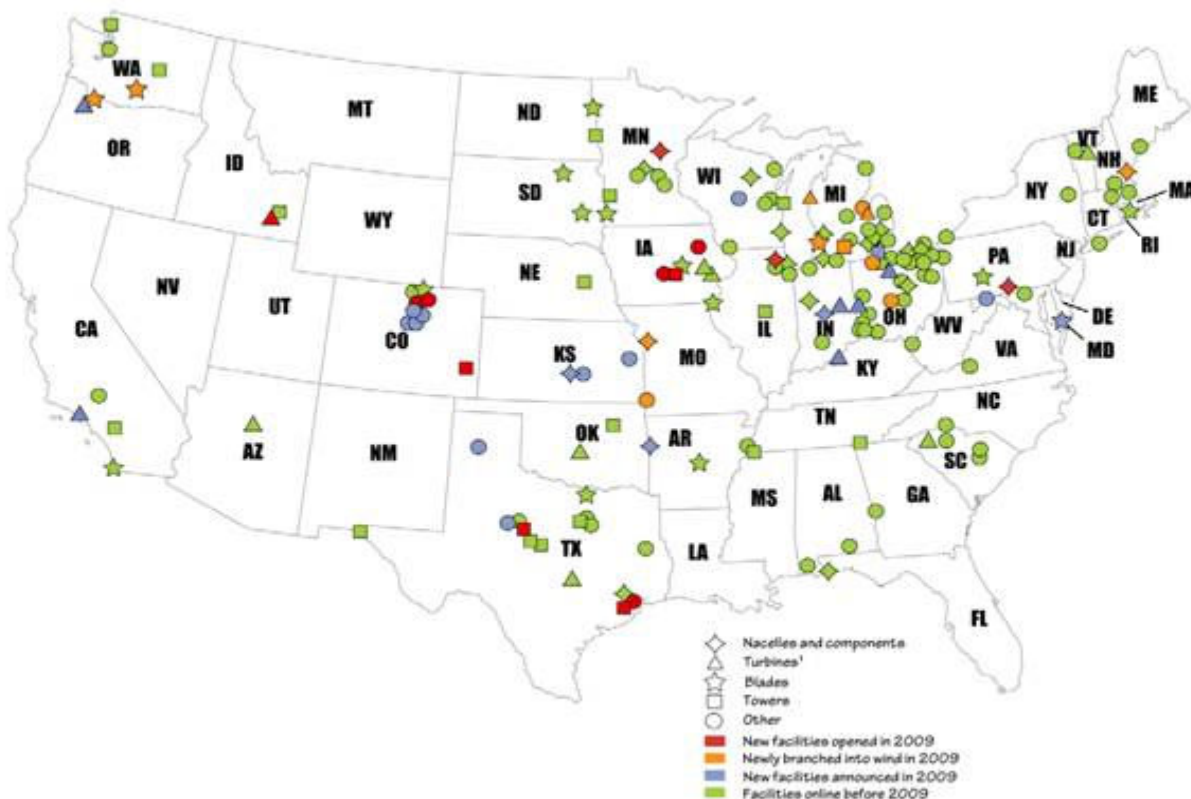
Next time you're at the Chapter House take a moment to admire the repairs made to the picnic table that sits in the front yard. Hans Nielsen recently took the time to give the table a good sanding, trim the edges that had begun to rot and apply some water protection. This table was donated by the Swanson family 14 years ago. It had sat in the Swanson's back yard 40 years or more (just two doors from the Chapter House). With Hans' good work it should spend another 50 years or more in the neighborhood.

Did you know that wind turbine generator blades are being built in Minnesota and North Dakota? Yes that's right! They are shipped through Duluth to places like Chile, Spain, and Brazil. As an alternative to coal and importing oil, we are exporting products designed and manufactured in the US. See this link:

[http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2009/06/09/wind\\_power\\_duluth\\_shipping/](http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2009/06/09/wind_power_duluth_shipping/)

There are wind energy jobs in almost every state in the country. Much wind turbine manufacturing is located in traditional manufacturing areas in the Great Lakes and Midwest, as well as in the southeastern United States (map 2 below). See this link: [http://www.bls.gov/green/wind\\_energy/map\\_2.htm](http://www.bls.gov/green/wind_energy/map_2.htm)

**Map 2. Facilities currently producing components of turbines, as of year-end 2009**



SOURCE: National Renewable Energy Lab, Department of Energy

1. Facilities designed as "turbines" typically include turbine assembly or turbine component manufacturing, such as the manufacturing of towers, nacelles, and blades.

**The University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education** is offering a wide variety of courses this fall across many topics. **Darby Nelson** has been invited to teach a four evening course entitled: People and Paradox: Exploring the Love, Abuse, and Ecology of Minnesota's Lakes.

The course will explore the paradox that we love our lakes but we not only allow but participate in their deterioration. What explains that puzzle? To begin, you will learn about life forms that live beneath the waves and how they interact with each other and with us. The final session will look to the future. What will our lakes be like in 50 years? What can be done to halt and reverse their deterioration?

Henry David Thoreau's ghost will peer over our shoulders throughout the course.

The course is offered in cooperation with the Bell Museum of Natural History. To register call 612.624.4000 or go to <http://www.cce.umn.edu/courses/CS-0598.html>.

**Bio: Darby Nelson**, Ph.D. in aquatic biology is a writer, speaker, and environmental activist who served three terms in the Minnesota State House of Representatives where he authored many environmental bills.

He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Willard Munger Award for distinguished environmental activism; the Sigurd Olson Conservation Award from the Izaak Walton League; the Post-Secondary Science Teacher of the Year Award from the Minnesota Academy of Science and the Minnesota Science Teachers Association; and the Golden Chalk Award from his students.

His recent book, *For Love of Lakes*, was a finalist for the Minnesota Book Awards and is in its second printing. Darby taught biology and environmental science for 35 years at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.



Adam Warthesen spoke to us about the dynamics of the federal farm policy and the 2012 farm bill.

**If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact**

**Barbara Franklin**

**763-657-1907**

Or [bbfrankli@gmail.com](mailto:bbfrankli@gmail.com)

**October 23 -**

**November 27 -**



**Thank you!**



Breckenridge Chapter members Mona Geeting, Jeanne Peterson, and Chris Geeting canoeing on the Mississippi River from Mississippi Point in Champlin to River Park in Brooklyn Park.



Barbara Franklin and John Rust canoeing on the Mississippi River.

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Izaak Walton League of America

# A Conversation on Climate Change

**Thursday, September 27**

**Champlin Park High School**

6025 109th Ave North  
Champlin, MN 55316

**6:30 – 7:00pm**

Social in Cafeteria – Area Legislators and Candidates are Invited

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

Presentations, Dialogue, and Conversation in Auditorium

Meteorologist Paul Douglas – Host and Moderator

Dr. Lee Frelich – University of Minnesota – Presentation

Dr. John Abraham – University of St Thomas – Presentation

Q&A with Audience

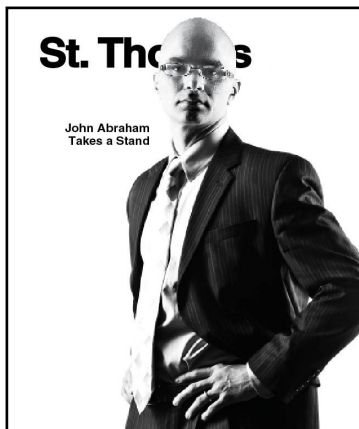
What do we really know about Global Warming and Climate Change?  
Come hear the experts talk about global warming, climate change, and consequences.

Bring your tough questions and enter into a dialogue with experts.

For more info contact: [imgahn2u@yahoo.com](mailto:imgahn2u@yahoo.com) 763-202-3346 – John



Meteorologist Paul Douglas



Dr. John Abraham



Dr. Lee Frelich Meteorologist





As Minnesotans, we have already suffered ballast water bringing us zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, the round goby, and 160 other non-native species that have been introduced into the Great Lakes. These invaders now cost taxpayers throughout the Great Lakes region more than 500 million dollars each year. These costs will increase, accumulate, and last forever.

We are just starting to see the widespread impacts of zebra mussels to the ecology of our waters, our local tax base, our recreation-based economy, state agency budgets, and our quality of life. The Minnesota DNR recently estimated the annual cost of attempting to control the spread of zebra mussels alone to be between \$22 million and \$600 million annually. The cost to inspect all boats leaving the 50+ lakes currently infested with zebra mussels is estimated to be \$65 to \$71 million annually. These costs are the direct result of ballast water being dumped into the waters of the Great Lakes. This is not a purpose we voted for our legacy dollars support.

Despite the ecological and economic harm being done by aquatic invasive species, today - more than 20 years after zebra mussels were brought here - there are still no state or federal requirements to even monitor or treat a single drop of the 7,000,000,000 gallons of ballast water which will be dumped into the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior each year.

You are considering a proposal to certify the vessel general permit (VGP) proposed by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This permit would finally begin to enact standards to regulate the discharge of the ballast water, but covers only on a small fraction (5%) of the water brought and discharged into Minnesota's portion of Lake Superior. While the proposed VGP is a long overdue step toward protection of the ecological and economic health of Minnesota, it is clear to me that the EPA's proposed discharge standards are too low, the implementation timeline is too slow, and the exemption for existing intra-Great Lakes vessels ("Lakers") will perpetuate unacceptably

high risks for invasive species to enter our waters.

As a regular user of our lakes and rivers I urge you to deny the certification unless conditions are added to ensure compliance with existing state, as well as federal, water quality laws so that Minnesota's waters are adequately protected. These conditions include higher numeric standards, an accelerated timeline, no exemptions for intra-lake vessels, and more robust monitoring.

Minnesota's waters are at significant risk because of aquatic invasive species (AIS) known to be present in today's ballast water. The EPA estimates that approximately 58 other non-indigenous species currently "pose high or medium risk for becoming established in the Great Lakes and for causing ecological harm." Additionally, several AIS are already in the lower Great Lakes and could be introduced into Minnesota waters via the ballast of Laker vessels

The current EPA proposal is too weak and does not cover 95% of the ballast water discharged into our Minnesota waters. Certification of the EPA permit without additional conditions will perpetuate the mistakes of the past and fail to protect our water resources and quality of life.

Sincerely,  
William Barton  
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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.”**

## \*\*\* Wanted \*\*\*

Vacuum cleaner in working order. The Chapter House has two that are not working.

Call Jim Arnold (763 560 8972) or Wes Hendrickson (763 566 7687) if you'd like to donate a vacuum in working order.

