



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League January 2015

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Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League Calendar

January

- 10 Setting up for Holiday Party 3:00
- 11 Holiday Party 3-4 Social hour
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00

February

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

March

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Paul Danicic, Executive Director – Friends
of the Boundary Waters

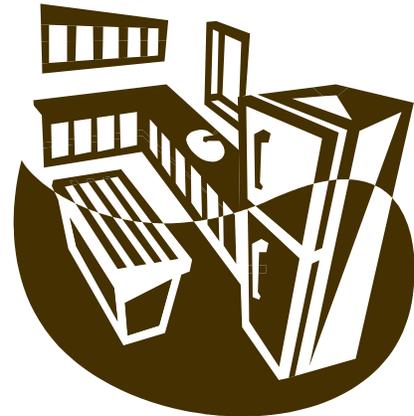
April

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 28 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

Kitchen Remodel update

The newly formed task force will be meeting in January (date to be determined) to review the 3 sets of plans that have been submitted by kitchen designers, chapter member survey and discuss whether there is a present or future need for the kitchen to be a NSF certified - commercial standards for appliances and food areas.

Jim Klohs



2015 -16 Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2015-16 Breckenridge Chapter scholarship can be currently found on our chapter's web site and will soon be sent to area high schools. Next month's Timberlines will include more scholarship information.



**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
of the Izaak Walton League
December 9, 2014
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.

December 9thBoard of Directors Meeting
December 23rdNo Meeting
January 11thHoliday Party
January 13thBoard of Directors Meeting
January 27thSocial/Educational Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Larry Kennebeck, Patrice Lindgren, John Fraley, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Tim Johnson, Barb Franklin, Mark Gustafson, Wes Hendrickson, Joe Klohs, Roger Williams

Issues Dick/Larry
Social/Education Meeting Speakers
February - Don Arnosti
March – *Paul Danicic*, Executive Director –
Friends of the Boundary Waters
Prior to the Minnesota Division Environmental Issues Committee meeting in December, the individual Minnesota Chapters meet to vote on what they felt were the top 3 to 4 environmental issues that should be focused on in 2015. The Breckenridge EIC selected the following as our top issues,
Pipeline to Superior
Sulfide Mining
Neonicitoides (pollinators)
SNA's

The final outcome after the EIC meeting vote was:
Pipeline to Superior
Sulfide Mining
Wetlands
An added resolution was presented for consideration – Resolution “Restoring Habitat for Native Pollinators”, Submitted by Jacques & W J Breckenridge Chapters. This resolution would bring attention to how chemicals are destroying the pollinators and their habitat. This resolution will be brought back to the state EIC meeting on January 9th for their review and possible admission to the top issues list for 2015.
A motion was made by Jim Arnold and it was seconded to the passage of the resolution “Restoring Habitat for Native Pollinators”.
Motion was carried.

Events

Holiday Party will be held on January 11th. The set up for the party will be held on the January 10th at 3 pm. 4 pm Social Hour, 5 pm Dinner, 6 pm Program.
Jim and Judy Arnold are this year's Silent Auction chairs.
Jim Arnold will write a short article for Timberlines detailing time, auction and program.
Barb Franklin will be in charge of organizing the menu and making a flyer for the December newsletter.
We'll need volunteers to bake ham, turkey, side dishes, and deserts.
Members from the Champlin Park Choral Group and Tom Ward will provide the entertainment.

Chapter House & GroundsJim/Steve

Fireplace repair – Joe Klohs presented to the Board a high-level overview of the costs and requirements for repairing the fireplace that was built in 1936. Several companies have been brought in and provided recommendations for consideration.

Kitchen remodel – Joe Klohs provided the Board with a preliminary overview of possible plan design for the kitchen remodel. The Kitchen Remodel Task Force is still being formed and will hold its first meeting after the holidays.

Newsletter Marlys

No updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report John

Update was given.

Scholarship CommitteeJim

- Quarterly report was given.
A motion was made by Roger Williams and it was seconded, that the Breckenridge Chapter will sponsor four college students in 2015. Motion was carried.

Webmaster Barb

No updates at this time.

RentalsTim

There are a total of 10 rentals for the month of December and 7 for the month of January.

Membership.....Lorraine

- Membership numbers were not available at the time of the meeting.

Buckthorn Removal by Champlin Park Students

By Jim Arnold

On November 4th Champlin Park teachers Kim Kovich and Ed Jones brought students from their outdoor adventure classes to the Breckenridge Chapter House grounds to help in our efforts to remove Buckthorn from the area. Over 100 students from four classes came in busses staggered throughout the day. Many Chapter members were there to help students locate and identify the buckthorn (Larry LaFontaine, John Fraley, Tim Johnson, Dell and Linda Erickson, Dick Brown, Judy Arnold, Joe Klohs, Larry Kennebeck). Two large trailers (provided by Brad Larson and Larry LaFontaine) were filled with the mostly small, pulling size invasive plants. This is the second year teachers Kovich and Olson have brought their students to help with this project. Students help improve the habitat of our woodlot while learning about how an invasive species can harm a natural area. Special thanks to Charlie Taflin who took the photos accompanying this article. Charlie also made a wonderful poster that was presented to the high school.

Outdoor Adventures has long been one of the most popular elective classes for seniors attending District 11 high schools. Students who have previously taken biology may apply for the class. Fishing (both ice and open water), wildlife management, shooting sports (which includes gun safety classes), camping, edible plants, biking, astronomy, orienteering, canoeing, snowshoeing, skiing and winter survival are class topics. Field trips include winter camping in the BWCA and a Rum River canoe trip. We are fortunate that Anoka School District provides a class that values engaging youth in outdoor activities. We're also fortunate to have teachers like Ed Jones and Kim Kovich who are willing to go the extra mile in order to make these classes successful.



RESTORING HABITAT FOR NATIVE POLLINATORS

The prelude pages explain in detail the reasons for this Resolution.

Farming practices and other human developments have created hazardous conditions for most of our native pollinators. Prominent among of these are Monarch Butterflies and Bumble Bees. Other less noticeable, but just as important pollinators are equally affected. The pollination of our native flowers, shrubs and fruits, as well as many cultivated fruits and vegetables are dependent on these native pollinators. Some of the worst exterminators of these valuable pollinators are Glyphosates, Neonicotinoids and others.

Therefore be it resolved: At _____ MN, April _____, 2015, the IWLA, Minnesota Division calls for strict control OR elimination of indiscriminate wide spread use of Glyphosates, Neonicotinoids, the new Enlist Duo and other chemicals that destroy pollinators and their habitat.

Be it further resolved: That if allowed to be used, chemicals must be applied to targeted crops only, with no drift or overlay onto non-crop areas, private or public.

Be it further resolved: That in addition to reducing the use of pesticides harmful to pollinator insects we support efforts to establish areas of habitat that provide food and nectar for pollinator species. This would include land management activities that create diverse, native plant communities that are left un-mowed in areas like marginal and odd parcels of farmland, buffer strips along drainage ways, utility rights-of-way, roadsides, the landscapes around homes and commercial properties. These pollinator habitats are critically needed in both rural and urban areas.

Submitted by Jaques, W J Breckenridge and McCabe Chapters

Authors:
Howard Markus, Jaques Chapter
Dick Brown & Tim Johnson, W J Breckenridge Chapter
Richard Staffon, McCabe Chapter

PROGRESS OF MN DIV ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Approximately 20 Ikes have joined the EIC committee in person or by speaker phone. Breckenridge Chapter has been represented by Larry Kennebeck, Tim Johnson and Dick Brown. Most meetings have been at the office of MN Environmental Partnership or at conference room of the Ike's Midwest Office, both in St Paul.

The purpose of the meetings is to review all the conservation/environmental issues that are important to each chapter and boil them down to three very important issues by consensus, and that the MN Division should concentrate on as most important. Each issue is to pass the following test:

- A. Relationship to the Ikes Mission,
 - B. Interest of one or more chapters with leadership in topic,
 - C. Ability of Ikes to lead or make a decisive difference,
 - D. Availability to have or get necessary resources (people, knowledge or funds) necessary to make a difference on the issue,
- Ability of an issue to elicit member's interest and encourage new members.

The issues will be sorted out as to: A. Three lead issues, B. Assist issues and C. support issues. These issues will then be submitted to the MN DIV, Board of Directors for approval. Following the Board's possible revisions and approval the EIC (Environmental Issues Committee) will formulate and implement conservation plans for action on priority issues.

The Breckenridge Chapter has so far entered into the recommendation the following:

Oil Pipeline – Bakken Oil from ND to Superior WI.- finding a more environmentally sensitive route.

Sulfide Mining – tied to wetlands, lake and river pollution, forest and wildlife degradation.

Pollinators – Neonicotinoids, etc. affecting certain crops and native plant production.

Scientific and Natural Areas – keeping incompatible uses from being introduced on SNA's.

Through consultation the Breckenridge Chapter, Jaques Chapter and McCabe Chapter, so far, have collaborated to form a Resolution on the pollinator issue. We will be asking other chapters to sign on to this Resolution.

When several chapters support an issue there is greater possibility of effectiveness, whether or not it is rated as one of the top 3 by the MN DIV.

Dick Brown

Minnesota's Scientific & Natural Areas by Tim Johnson



A stunning winter snapshot of Butterwort Cliffs Scientific and Natural Area on the North Shore of Lake Superior. Learn more about this natural area here: www.mndnr.gov/snas/sna01045

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Did you know that the Minnesota DNR manages at least 160 Scientific and Natural Areas, almost all of which are open to the public? According to the DNR, "Scientific & Natural Areas (SNA's) preserve natural features and rare resources of exceptional scientific and educational value." But did you also know that there has been an attempt by the DNR Commissioner to relax protections for many of these areas without considering input from all stake holders? Motivations for this move include an attempt to influence additional funding recommendations to support SNA management from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (which has heavy representation from our hunting and trapping community).

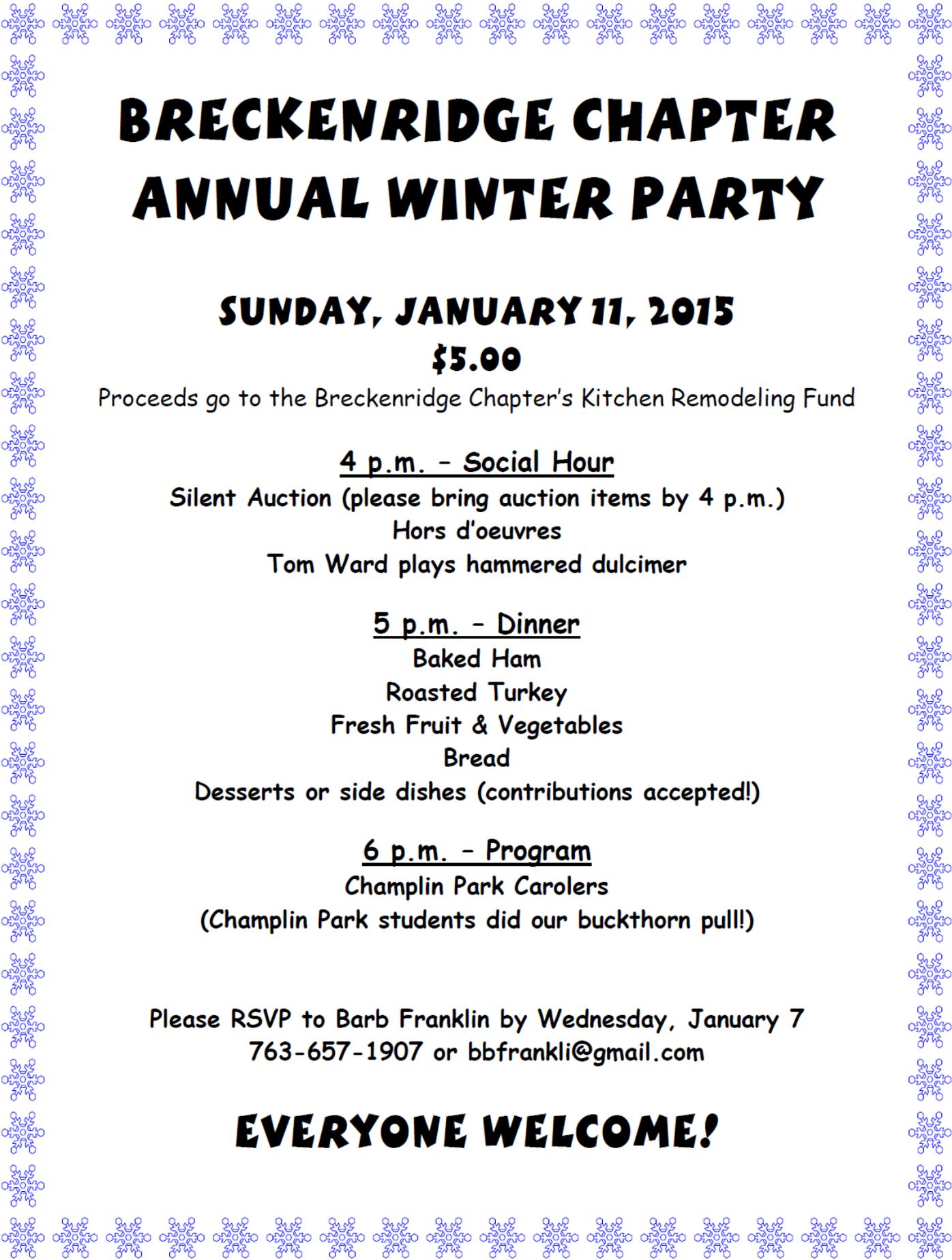
Our Breckenridge Chapter has been supporting a group of citizens pushing back to make sure any changes in management are carefully considered lest they undermine the original purpose in preserving the special areas. 90% of the SNA land is already open to hunting but the other 10% has been closed due to potential conflicts between hunting practices and conservation of particular threatened species. For the time being, probably through 2015, our pressure has moved elected officials to [halt these proposed changes](#). But we expect there to

be a resumption of attempts after that to open more SNA's to activities that could threaten the protections the current rules provide.

Members of the Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League (Dick Brown, Larry Kennebeck, & Tim Johnson) are working with other citizens filing with the State of Minnesota to incorporate a group known as Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas. The purposes of this 501(c)(3) charitable organization are:

- A. Advocate for the protection, management, and perpetuation of Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Areas in an undisturbed natural state, including but not limited to the native plant and animal species and communities, fossils, and natural formations that illustrate geological processes;
- B. Promote the establishment of additional Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas, to be administered specifically for scientific and educational purposes;
- C. Promote the scientific study and educational use of plant and animal communities and other aspects of ecology, natural history, and conservation within Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Areas; and
- D. Educate Minnesotans, including policy-makers, about all aspects of Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Areas.

Hopefully, our efforts will ensure that a hard look will be taken at any future proposals for SNA management changes to ensure that the original reasons for their protection are adhered to. The DNR has a [good website](#) dedicated to helping citizens understand and find the SNA's. They also have a nice [Facebook page](#) dedicated to the SNA's. The DNR says: "You're invited to visit Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) throughout the year. Enjoy the undisturbed natural quality of these sites. Hiking, bird-watching, nature photography, snowshoeing or other activities that do not disturb natural conditions are allowed. Most SNA's do not have trails or other facilities and none have restrooms, so come prepared. Some sites have interpretive kiosks to introduce you to key features."



BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ANNUAL WINTER PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

\$5.00

Proceeds go to the Breckenridge Chapter's Kitchen Remodeling Fund

4 p.m. - Social Hour

Silent Auction (please bring auction items by 4 p.m.)

Hors d'oeuvres

Tom Ward plays hammered dulcimer

5 p.m. - Dinner

Baked Ham

Roasted Turkey

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Bread

Desserts or side dishes (contributions accepted!)

6 p.m. - Program

Champlin Park Carolers

(Champlin Park students did our buckthorn pull!)

Please RSVP to Barb Franklin by Wednesday, January 7

763-657-1907 or bbfrankli@gmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Marlys' GOOF for this month! Get creative and draw a picture of your favorite place in nature. Your picture may be put up in the new kitchen on the refrigerator door!

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

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Deadline is the last day of each month.

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Tuesday meetings, please
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February 24 _____
March 24 _____

Thank you



Holiday Party Reminders

The Winter Party will be Sunday, January 11th. Dinner will be ready at 5:00, the silent auction will begin at 4:00 and continue until 6:00, the Champlin Park H. S. choral group will provide our program starting about 6:15. You can help make the party a big success in one or more of the following ways:

Help set up at 3:00 on Saturday, January 10th.

Provide a silent auction item. The proceeds from this year's holiday party silent auction will be used for the kitchen remodeling project (see Joe Klohs article elsewhere in this issue of Timberlines). Bring items to the Chapter House between 3:00 and 5:00 on Saturday January 10th or by 4:15 on January 11th. Contact Jim or Judy Arnold (763 560 8972 or jjarnold@q.com) if you have questions.

Provide a side dish or dessert to go with our ham and turkey entrees. Contact Barb Franklin (763 503 4710 or bbfrankli@gmail.com) if you plan to bring food.