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Menus and Programs

February 7, 2017: Pork Rib Eye

Ticket Sellers: Mike Simpson and Bryan Glider

February 14, 2017: Bring your Spouse for Couples Night featuring 12 oz. Sirloin Steak and a free glass of wine for the ladies!

Ticket Sellers: Bryan Glider and Bill Gay

February 21, 2017: BBQ Baby Back Ribs

Ticket Sellers: Mike Sheridan and Ron Smith

Officers 2016/2017

President: Craig Rogers

1st VP: Mark Shore

2nd VP: Mike O'Deay

Secretary: Joe Gavin

Treasurer: Richard "Bo"
Galloway

February 22, 2017: Expo Meetings resume at 6 p.m.

February 27, 2017: Board Meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

February 28, 2017: Fried Chicken

Ticket Sellers: Mel Hrubetz and Joe Gavin

There are alternatives to the main entrée available such as Chef Salad, a fish entrée, and usually one other entrée. Dinner is served from 6 to 7:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

Spring Trips in the Planning Stages!

We're working on pulling together the details on our spring trips to Lake Taneycomo and Lake Icaria for this year.

- The Lake Taneycomo trip looks like April 19-23.
- Lake Icaria should be May 17-20, with the Steak Fry on the 20th.

Both lakes provide excellent angling and opportunities for fellowship. Stay tuned, more details to come!

Should We Bring Back the Hillbilly Auction?

In years past we've held a Hillbilly Auction with "bidding" for all kinds of out of the ordinary items. A good time AND a good fundraiser for the club, so we're considering a comeback. If you're interested please contact any board member.

95th Anniversary of the IWLA

2017 marks the 95th Anniversary of the IWLA. Watch for upcoming programs in celebration, including screening of a video on the history of the Ikes!

2017 Des Moines Park and Rec Bald Eagle Day with SOAR

Join our friends from [SOAR](#) Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1503 SE 6th ST, Altoona, IA. Free admission!

Past President: Fred Baumann

Honorary Pres: Tom "Bear" Robinson

Directors 2016/2017

Tom Dudley

Bryan Glider

Bud Hartley

E.M. (Mel) Hrubetz

Robert Jackson Sr.

Earl Kaminski

Mike Simpson

Editor: [Bud Hartley](#)



Tour the Des Moines Izaak Walton Education Center Now!

We've been talking about building a center for some time, but now you can see a special preview! Not only will it be Des Moines' premier gun range, open to all, but it will be so much more!

START THE TOUR

Special thanks to Bryce Jarrett and Mike O'Deay for video production!

The Izaak Walton Education Center and will be a unique facility with many rooms for many purposes. A Conference Center, Classroom and Testing Facility, a Retail Shop and Snack Bar, and of course **a state of the art Gun Range and Qualifying Area!**

YOU can help make it a reality and yes, corporate sponsorships are available!

Renovate the Archery Range

The Range is a great asset to the Chapter, but over the years the targets have aged and the range has fallen into disuse because the targets are no longer usable.

All of the Archery Range targets need to be replaced. Replacement cost for 14 targets is about \$3,500. You can even become an individual or corporate or individual sponsor and put your name or your Business Name on the top of individual targets!

Make your Tax Deductible Donation Today!

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Couples Night at the Ikes!

We'll be featuring delicious 12 oz. Sirloin Steak dinners with all the trimmings, plus a free glass of wine for the ladies! Please RSVP by signing up at the ticket takers booth by the door. See you there!

2017 Fishermen's Swap Meet and Boat Show



4-H Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds

Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, February 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$5, Children 12- FREE (with paid adult), FREE Parking

Informative seminars both days, Antique Lures and Fishing Tackle for sale or trade.

Remember, nearly every major conservation victory in America bears our fingerprint and YOU can make a difference!

Please advise if you need an additional tax receipt.

Thank you!

The Des Moines Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America

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2017 Awards Nominations Due

State:

- Conservation
- Conservation Youth
- Fish/Game Officer
- Hall of Fame
- Legislator
- Rookie of the Year
- Conservationist of the Year
- Teacher of the Year

National: Due by March 15th

- Tobin Chapter Award
- Defenders Chapter Award

For nominations please contact Mike Roland at the club or 515-266-0261.

Thanks to Molly Hanson at Iowa Rivers Revival!

Special thanks to Molly Hanson of [Iowa Rivers Revival](#) for an outstanding program at the Des Moines Ikes Tuesday, January 31st! She was a dynamic and engaging speaker and genuinely committed to preserving and enhancing the environment here in Iowa.

Volunteers Needed!

The Des Moines Izaak Walton League in conjunction with the Warren County Izaak Walton League will be participating at the 39th Annual Fisherman's Swap Meet sponsored by the [Mid-Iowa Bass Masters](#).

We need volunteers to share our conservation message with the public and grow chapter membership.

There is no charge for volunteer admission and time slots needed are listed below. We need at least two volunteers per shift between the chapters.

Saturday Feb 27: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Feb 28: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sign up no later than Tuesday, Feb 21, 2017, at the Chapter House, or by contacting Lisa McIntyre at 515-360-4352, or email Lmcintyreiaikes@yahoo.com.

**Warren Co. Ikes Sweetheart Dinner
Saturday Feb. 11 at the Chapter House**

Social beginning at 5:30 with dinner at 6. Featuring Homemade Lasagna, Side Salad, Garlic Bread, and Homemade Desserts. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact Lisa McIntyre at 515-360-4352.

This Month's Quote

"I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees." Henry David Thoreau

DNR Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring Program

The Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring Program is looking for enthusiastic and committed adults interested in get-ting involved in on-the-ground conservation work. Volunteers study wildlife by collecting data in DNR-led surveys of vulnerable species.

Bird Nest Monitoring Workshops

Anyone interested in being a Bald Eagle or Osprey Nest Monitor must attend a training session.

- **March 4, 2017** – Kossuth County
Location: Water's Edge Nature Center, 1010 250th St., Algona, IA 50511
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **March 11, 2017** – Buchanan County
Note: This is not a full workshop and will not qualify participants to become monitors. It will consist of a 50 minute informational program, followed by a field trip to an eagle nest. If participants are interested in becoming monitors after the program they will need to go through the online training process (see below). There is no fee for this program.
LOCATION: Buchanan County Conservation, Fontana Nature Center, 1883 125th St.; Hazelton, IA
TIME: 10:00am to 12:30pm

Online Training

Interested volunteers can also go through an online training to become a Bald Eagle Nest Monitor. The process consists of watching a 20 minute online video, downloading and studying an online packet of information and then taking and passing a quiz provided by the survey coordinator. Information about this process can be found at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/vwmp>.

Frog and Toad Call Survey Workshops

Anyone interested in participating in the Frog and Toad Call Survey must attend a training session.

- **April 4, 2017** – Marion County *LIMIT 10 PEOPLE
Location: Office at Cordova Park 1378 Hwy G28, Otley, IA 50214 on the north side of Lake Red Rock
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- **April 6th, 2017** – Johnson County
Location: Conservation Education Center at Kent Park, 2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford, IA 52322
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- **April 11th, 2017** – Dickinson County
LOCATION: Dickinson County Nature Center, 2279 170th St., Okoboji, IA 51355

Workshops are limited to 15 people with the exception of the Marion County workshop which is limited to 10. Pre-registration and a \$5.00 fee are required to attend all full workshops (i.e., not the program in Buchanan). The fee covers all the materials provided at the workshop (a frog and toad call cd, workbooks, identification guides, safety equipment). You can download a registration form at: www.iowadnr.gov/vwmp. Any questions? Please contact Stephanie.Shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov.

Saving and Preserving Iowa's Waters and Wildlife

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A hundred years ago our waters and wildlife were amazing in Iowa, but industrial and urban pollution was becoming a problem. Rivers below packing plants ran red and raw sewage was pouring out of city sewers. Fishermen formed the Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton league in 1923 to do something about this pollution and reverse the decline in game fishing.

Aldo Leopold and Ding Darling helped the league prepare the 25-year Iowa Conservation Plan in 1933. The Iowa legislature agreed to improve Iowa's outdoor recreation. The Ikes were responsible for helping to save Iowa wildlife and deeply engaged in protecting migratory bird habitat in the upper Mississippi, saving the Boundary Waters from mining, roads and "development."

The Ikes fought the damming of our rivers and the plowing up and tiling of our shallow lakes and wetlands. We lost those battles. The result is high levels of nitrate and phosphorus in our waters. Now, some of our major rivers have huge sediment traps on them, our lakes are covered with algae in the summer, beaches are closed due to bacteria and our streams flow with heavy loads of agricultural chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Few people expected the Des Moines Water Works lawsuit to result in a small group of farmers on the North Raccoon River paying millions of dollars to take nitrates out of central Iowa drinking water. However, there are many Iowans who want to see improvement in Iowa's rivers, lakes and drinking water. The Iowa legislature and the governor have plans to do something.

The IWLA supports providing incentives to help farmers construct: buffer strips along waterways, cover crops on fields between crops, grassed waterways and terraces in fields to reduce soil and nutrient loss, restoration of old wetlands and construction of new ones to intercept tile water. Wetlands have many ecological benefits including: reducing flooding and bank erosion, reduction of nitrates and phosphorus in our waterways, ponds and lakes, habitat for ducks, pheasants, quail, other birds and wildlife including pollinators and Monarch butterflies.

The IWLA supports funding the Iowa Natural Resources Outdoor Trust Fund to help pay for these incentives and it supports an increase in hunting and fishing license fees so that DNR services can be maintained. Our sportsmen have paid dearly over the years to protect our natural resources. We will continue to do so. However, we think that that protecting our natural heritage is the responsibility of all Iowans.

A sales tax increase is one way to spread the responsibility among all Iowans. If you agree contact your legislators. Our governor is committed to cleaning up our waters. Our legislators need to listen to the public on this one. Speak up bathers, cyclists, paddlers, anglers and hunters. Surely there are enough of us who "cannot live without wild things." (Aldo Leopold, Iowan)

IWLA History - Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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The [Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge](#), established for fish, wildlife and plants and a breeding place for migratory birds, owes its existence to the avid fisherman, founder and leader of the [Izaak Walton League](#), Will Dilg. By 1922, Dilg had spent nearly two decades fishing and enjoying the Upper Mississippi River. In the summer of 1923, he learned of a plan to drain a large portion of the river backwaters and came up with an ambitious solution to the drainage scheme: turn the entire stretch of river into a federal refuge.



Remarkably, one year later, due to Dilg's determination, Congress passed the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge Act on June 7, 1924. The act authorized the acquisition of land for a refuge between Rock Island, Illinois and Wabasha, Minnesota. The Refuge name was changed administratively to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in 1983. The 261-mile refuge is the longest, contiguous river refuge in the continental U.S. The refuge begins at the confluence of the Chippewa River near Wabasha, Minnesota, and ends near Princeton, Iowa. The refuge lies within four states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois.

The river was free-flowing until a series of locks and dams were constructed in the 1930's by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Over half of the lands managed by the refuge are owned by the Corps. Today, nearly 240,000 acres of wooded islands, marshes, and backwaters comprise the Upper Miss Refuge. The refuge provides migratory habitat for a large percentage of the migratory birds in the Mississippi Flyway. Tundra swans and canvasback ducks use the refuge as a resting and feeding area in the spring and fall. From the beginning, the refuge has been a place for visitors to renew themselves. A quiet trip to the backwaters, camping on an island, fishing a favorite spot, and waterfowl hunting are traditional uses that have continued for over eighty years.

Easy Venison Summer Sausage Recipe

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Ingredients:

- 3 pounds ground venison with no fat (deer, elk, antelope)
- 1 pound lean ground beef (or ground pork)
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 teaspoons cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons mustard seeds
- 2 teaspoons liquid smoke
- 3 tablespoons Tender Quick

Directions:

- Mix dry ingredients together in a small bowl. Add to the ground venison and ground beef and mix thoroughly. Form into 2½-inch logs approximately 8-inches long and pack tightly. Wrap in aluminum foil and chill for 24 hours.
- Take out of the refrigerator and pierce several times through the foil. Bake on a broiler rack over a broiler pan at 325 degrees for 1½ hours. Take the foil off and place back on rack to finish dripping. Rewrap and refrigerator or freeze.

Note: You may also use an empty, clean soup can. Just spray (or rub) well with oil and pack with the meat mixture. Bake and the meat will slide right out.

News from the IWLA - Clean Water Rule Updates

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The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review a challenge to the Clean Water Rule. The request to review was filed by more than 30 states as well as agriculture and other industry groups. The Supreme Court will decide the jurisdictional question of whether a federal appellate court or federal district courts should hear challenges to the Clean Water Rule. The Clean Water Rule was introduced by the Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It was finalized in May 2015. The rule clarifies which waters are protected under the Clean Water Act.

The request for a review by the Supreme Court was a result of a ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. That ruling said the 6th Circuit Court, not U.S. District Courts, should hear the case. With a decision to review the ruling pending from the Supreme Court, the 6th Circuit Court has put a hold on their case. EPA and the Corps defended the rule in a legal and science-based brief filed with the 6th Circuit Court. The League also signed on to a "friend of the court" brief with the 6th Circuit Court in support of the rule.

The future of the Clean Water Rule is in serious doubt as President Trump, on numerous occasions during the campaign, promised to get rid of the rule.

Legislatively, Senate Resolution 12 has been introduced by Senators Deb Fischer (R-NE) and Joni Ernst (R-IA). The resolution would withdraw the Clean Water Rule based on the claim that it expands Clean Water Act protections. However, the Clean Water Rule does not expand Clean Water Act jurisdiction beyond where it was before Supreme Court rulings in 2001 and 2006 muddled the interpretations of the Clean Water Act.

The Clean Water Rule restores protections for many streams and wetlands that serve as the sources of drinking water for more than 117 million Americans. These waters also provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife and a place for many people to recreate. Currently, the Clean Water Rule is on hold nationwide until the litigation is settled.

Please let all of your elected officials know you support the Clean Water Rule and you want to see it implemented. You can learn more about the rule [on the League's website](#).