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Menus and Programs

July 4, 2017: Closed for the holiday, no meeting.

July 11, 2017: Beef Tenderloin Medallions

Ticket Sellers: Bruce Skidmore and Denny Reynolds

July 18, 2017: Annual Sweet Corn Feed

Ticket Sellers: Bryan Glider and Bill Gay

July 24, 2017: Board Meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

July 25, 2017: Pork Flat Irons

Ticket Sellers: Kerry Petersen and Earl Kaminski

Annual Sweet Corn Feed!

Officers 2016/2017

President: Craig Rogers

1st VP: Mark Shore

2nd VP: Mike O'Deay

Secretary: Joe Gavin

Treasurer: Richard "Bo" Galloway

Past President: Fred Baumann

Honorary Pres: Keith Kirkpatrick

Directors 2016/2017

Tom Dudley

Bryan Glider

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Serving from 5 to 8 p.m.

All the delicious Williamson sweet corn you can eat!

Plus 1/4 lb. polish sausage, potato salad, watermelon, iced tea, lemonade or coffee.

Admission \$9 for Adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under.



Open to all in our air conditioned chapter house!
Volunteers Needed – Sign Up Today

**Reminder - You're Invited to A Bash for Bob!
In Memory of Robert (Bob) Vandell**

Sunday, July 30, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Plaza Lanes, 2701 Douglas Ave., Des Moines IA

Bob was a long-time member of the Des Moines Izaak Walton League, and will be missed at the club house!

Memorial contributions may be made to the Des Moines Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, 4343 George Flagg Pkwy., Des Moines, IA 50321.

Bud Hartley
E.M. (Mel) Hrubetz
Robert Jackson Sr.
Earl Kaminski
Mike Simpson

Editor: [Bud Hartley](#)



In Memorial – O.D. Hawkins



O.D. Hawkins, 93, passed away peacefully Friday, June 9, 2017, with his family at his bedside.

He was an active member of the Engineers Club of Des Moines since 1960 and a member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association where he sponsored a scholarship program. O.D. was a long time member of Plymouth Congregational Church and enjoyed

Tuesday night dinners at the Izaak Walton League where he was a member.

Prairie Discovery Walk

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, Prairie City. IA
Saturday, July 22 at 1:00 pm

Join a naturalist for a guided nature walk along the half-mile Overlook Trail and learn about wildlife, wildflowers and management of the refuge. See the prairie in bloom, watch for birds and butterflies, and learn about the bison and elk herds. To register, please call 515/994-3400 or email

Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov.

Bird Day

Sunday, July 23 at 9 AM - 5 PM
[Blank Park Zoo](#)
7401 SW 9th St, Des Moines, Iowa



Hosted by [The RARE Group](#). Come see The RARE Group at our booth during Blank Park Zoo's bird day. More details about Bird Day here:

<https://www.blankparkzoo.com/events/calendar/animal-days---bird-day/>

RARE seeks to enrich lives by engaging in and promoting responsible stewardship of the environment and through pro-active efforts to preserve wildlife.

Sportsmen's Night Out with the Iowa Cubs

Moon Float

Sunday, July 9
8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Gray's Lake Park, Des Moines

Hosted by Des Moines Parks and Recreation and Gray's Lake Park.



Take a relaxing float under the stars! All non-gas powered boats are welcome to join us. If you don't have a boat, the Gray's Lake concession stand offers rentals of canoes, hydro bikes and paddleboats on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$6 per half hour. No reservations are allowed. Lights are provided free of charge with rental boats. Participating boats must have a flashlight.

Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival



Hosted by [Beaverdale Business Coalition](#) and [Beaverdale Neighborhood Association](#)

Saturday, July 22 at 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Tower Park
4900 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50310

The best concert in Northwest Des Moines. Period.

Musical acts:

[Jenni Lyn](#) (8:45)

[The Candymakers](#) (7:30)

[Cedar County Cobras](#) (6:15)

[Abbie & The Sawyers](#) (5:00)

Food trucks:

[Black Cat Ice Cream](#)

[GoodSons Pizzeria](#)

[Vietnam Cafe \(located in Merle Hay Mall Food Court\)](#)

[Willie's BBQ Southern smoke](#)

Hosted by the National Wild Turkey Federation – Iowa

Saturday, August 5, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Principal Park, Des Moines



Looking for a night out with family and friends? The [NWTF](#) has teamed up with the Iowa Cubs for just that. August 5th is our

Sportsmen's Night Out, come watch the game, and wear your camo. We will be auctioning off Custom I Cubs jerseys at the event. This will be your chance to get a one of a kind jersey that has been worn by your favorite player. Any questions or tickets contact Dan Martin 309-645-5078.

Star Party: Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21. 11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Iowa State Capitol Building

Hosted by Science Center of Iowa & Blank IMAX Dome Theater



Take your lunch to the West Terrace of the Iowa State Capitol Building to view a not-to-be-missed partial solar eclipse.

We'll experience near-darkness in the afternoon and get great solar views as the Moon passes between our Earth and the sun. This event is free and open to the public.

Special Persons Day a Great Success!

Our annual event for the developmentally disabled at Big Creek State Park with a day of fishing and a lunch served by the Ikes was great success again this year!



Thanks to our volunteers Larry Brownfield, Rick Cerwick, John Dautremont, Mike Delaney, Joe Gavin, Bo Galloway, Joe Galloway, Kasey Kazebeer, Mike O'Deay, Craig Rogers, Mike Roland, Cliff Rooney, John Rummer, Larry Simpson, Mike (The Grillmeister) Simpson, plus Big Creek Marina and the Iowa DNR for making it possible!



2017 IWLA National Convention – Speakers Announced

July 25-28, 2017

The Kalahari Resort

7000 Kalahari Drive

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

(877) 525-2427 or (419) 433-7200

The convention program will focus on the League's central issue: water. As part of that focus, we will celebrate the national launch of the League's Clean Water Challenge with speakers and workshops geared to energize, inform, and involve every League member in achieving our shared mission.

Eric Eckl, Water Words That Work

In his keynote address, Eric Eckl will highlight the positive impact citizens have on conservation at the local level and share proven ways to broaden the base of volunteers who can work with us to achieve the goals of the [Clean Water Challenge](#).

Dr. Jeffrey Reutter, Ohio State University/Ohio Sea Grant

As harmful algal blooms threaten water quality, public health, and outdoor recreation in waterways across the country, Dr. Jeffrey Reutter will highlight the main causes of algal blooms and the role citizens can play in reducing the threat. (Be sure to sign up for the Conservation Luncheon to attend this!)

Matt Dunfee, Wildlife Management Institute

The future of hunting and recreational shooting sports depends on recruiting new participants. Matt Dunfee will highlight a national strategy to [recruit more hunters and recreational shooters](#) and identify opportunities for the League to help implement that strategy.

Stanley Temple, Aldo Leopold Foundation

Many people today are unaware that the Izaak Walton League was a source of information, inspiration, and political influence when Aldo Leopold was developing his ideas about our relationship with nature. Professor Temple will retrace that relationship and explain why Leopold's "land ethic" should be an important component of the League's water quality initiatives today.

[Visit the convention web page for more details.](#)

Oil, Gas Leasing Threatens 7 Western National Parks

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Sunrise at Mesa Arch in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. Photo © Kojiferano/Dreamstime.

National park visitation hit another record high in 2016, when more than 330 million people visited national parks, generating nearly \$35 billion in economic activity and supporting over 318,000 jobs. However, improperly sited oil and gas leases, including on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands close to these national parks, puts that economic security at risk.

A new report from National Parks Conservation Association highlights seven national parks endangered by potential encroaching energy development. "Out of Balance: National Parks and the Threat of Oil and Gas Development" details the extent of possible energy

development next to Dinosaur National Monument, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, and Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Carlsbad Caverns, Mesa Verde and Zion national parks.

Nearby oil and gas development can cause sound and light pollution, damage to wilderness landscapes, marred views, and disruptions to park wildlife. In addition to harming the natural resources in the area, such impacts can negatively impact the visitor experience. The BLM decides which parcels of public land to lease, and while some BLM field offices have established requirements for protecting park resources when leasing these lands, the practice has not been adopted throughout the agency. The report explains that the BLM has had success with a careful, thoughtful and locally driven approach over the last several years. Future recommendations outlined in the report support the continuation of this approach with planning and leasing processes that include:

- Engaging with the Park Service to identify at-risk resources near potential leasing areas;
- Considering economic impact of leasing on recreation economy in area;
- Engaging with local stakeholders; and
- Conducting a collaborative planning process like a Master Leasing Plan that balances energy development with protecting park resources.

Collaborative, comprehensive leasing processes are a locally driven, time-tested way to balance responsible energy development on public lands with the protection of our national parks and the economies they support.

Project AWARE: Cedar River Begins July 10

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Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Volunteers will have an opportunity this summer to spend their vacations cleaning up, learning about and exploring 60 miles of the upper Cedar River from the Iowa-Minnesota border to Nashua.

Project AWARE, which stands for A Watershed Awareness River Expedition, is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' annual volunteer river cleanup event.



In addition to removing trash from the river, participants learn about watersheds, water quality, recycling, and other natural resource topics. This year's expedition marks Project AWARE's 15th year.

Volunteers participate by paddling down the river in canoes and cleaning up river trash along the way. Opportunities for land-based volunteers are also available. While the expedition lasts five days, volunteers may stay and help for as little or as long as they like. Project AWARE is family-friendly and provides the opportunity to experience a different river each year.

In addition to river cleanup, Project AWARE also offers a unique blend of educational programs and demonstrations, volunteer camaraderie, camping and other outdoor recreation opportunities that enrich the experience.

In the past 14 years, more than 4,000 AWARE volunteers from across the state have cleaned up 1,083 river miles, removing 377 tons of trash (76 percent of which has been recycled) from rivers all across Iowa.

For more information on this event and to download the registration materials, please visit www.iowadnr.gov/aware.

Thanks for the Carp! – SOAR (Saving Our Avian Resources)



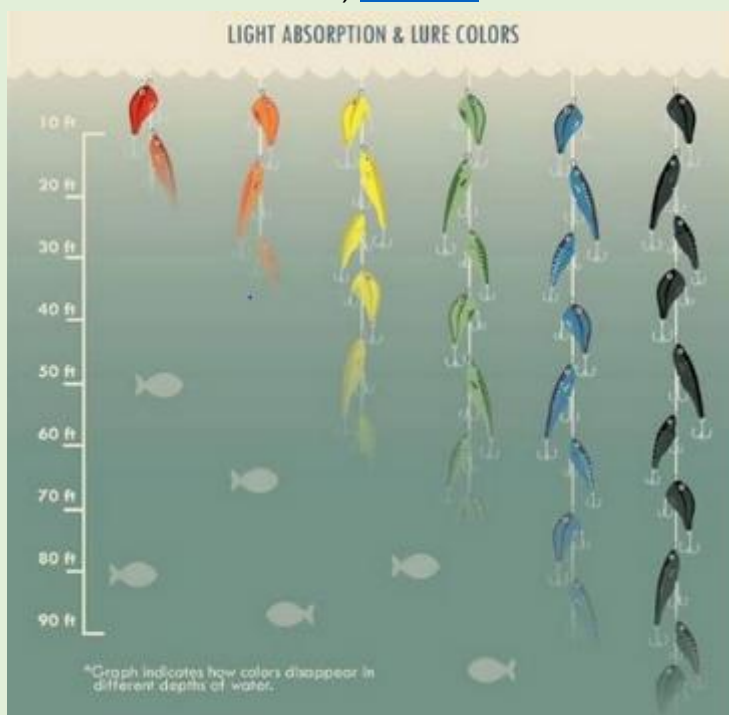
Carp Fest 2017 is over and [SOAR](#) thanks all that visited Gray's Lake in Des Moines for this event sponsored by the Des Moines Izaak Walton League (and supported by many!).

About 200 pounds of carp were donated to SOAR!

Also a big shout-out to the Des Moines Ikes Chapter for supporting our efforts to get the lead out of hunting and fishing! We appreciate their support!

Light Absorption and Lure Colors

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Thanks to Danielle Polzin of [Alternative Outdoors](#) for the tip!

Iowa's Low Head Dams

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Iowa has 177 low-head dams in 57 of the state's 99 counties. "Low-head" dams span the river and are less than 20 feet high (many just 2-5 feet high). The dams often are deceptively dangerous "drowning machines." Since 1900, at least 163 people have been killed in the deadly recirculating currents that form below these dams — 31 since 1998. The drop below the dam can be nearly invisible from upstream, and the treacherous "boil" below the dam can appear harmless

Dams also block the movement of fish and other aquatic life up and down rivers, harm the health and biodiversity of Iowa's rivers, require costly repairs, and pose major liability concerns.

Iowa Rivers Revival has created the "[Iowa Low-head Dam Modification Success Stories](#)". The booklet includes stories and details of 13 low-head dam modifications in towns across Iowa — 12 since 2010. Stories include local partners and decision-making, cost of modification, funding sources, design features and photos. The booklet also discusses the history of low-head dams in Iowa, benefits of dam modification, sources of planning assistance, and a guide for community action. Dam modification success stories included in the booklet are dams at Boone, Charles City, Elkader, Goldfield, Klondike Mill (Lyon Co.), Manchester, North Washington (Chickasaw Co.), Quaker Mill (Delaware Co.), Quasqueton, Rockford, Story City, Vernon Springs (Howard Co.), and Warner's Ford (Allamakee Co.).

For more information on the history of Iowa dams, please visit Iowa Whitewater Coalition at www.iowawhitewater.org. The [Rivers Index](#) page provides a list of Iowa rivers and the dams along each river. Each dam description page provides photographs

(as available), site specific hazard listing and portage options. Each dam page also has links to the next dams upstream or downstream from the current dam.

16th Annual River Run Garbage Grab (Des Moines / Raccoon River Cleanup)

From Saylorville to Yellow Banks Park
Friday, August 11, 2017
Starting at 8 a.m.
"Down By The Riverside"

Reconnecting people with the Des Moines River. The [River Run Garbage Grab](#) allows volunteers the opportunity to remove trash from the river or along its adjacent trails--paddlers, rowers, power boaters, walkers, hikers, bicyclers, mountain bikers, birders, etc. are all welcome!



Want to participate but don't have a canoe? Sign up for any of our land based clean ups! Bring your own water bottles: In an effort to reduce unnecessary waste we are not providing bottled water this year so volunteers will need to bring their own water bottles to their event.

Click to [REGISTER NOW](#), and find out more about sites for the cleanup near you!

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The Best Tool in My Tacklebox – A Cautionary Tale

Bud Hartley, Ace Fisherman (NOT!)

So, last week I was up north with my friends Sam and Dave Cardwell and fooling around with a large jumbo sized rattletrap. The pike weren't biting so I thought I'd give it a few throws. Hey, it's worked before, right?

After having 0 success, probably a stick of dynamite might have been a better choice, I decided to remove the aforementioned lure and spin again. However, in the process of fumbling around I managed to catch the little devil in the top of my shoe. No problem! I'll just grab it with my hook remover, pull it out of my shoe and move on. But no, because I'm naturally graceful I got a firm hold on it, gave a brisk pull and proceeded to yank it loose. Moving directly to embedding it in the sole of my shoe AND deeply into the meat of my left hand. Past the barb. So there I was, attached to my shoe with the hook deeply stuck in my hand. I laughed and laughed.

When I'd exhausted the vocabulary words I learned from my Dad (a former Army D.I.), I realized I ought to do something. Something constructive, ideally, like remove the hook. The last time I managed to get "hooked up", so to speak, I grabbed the hook and yanked it out barb and all. That was sufficiently entertaining that I can testify that is a VERY bad idea.

I removed my shoe and sat looking at my bleeding hand now attached to my shoe. Suddenly it dawned on me that I had a little pair of bolt cutters I'd bought to cut hooks firmly embedded in a fish. Hey, what about a hook firmly embedded in a Bud?

I reached into my tackle box, grabbed the cutters, fumbled around, and cut the hook loose from my shoe. Then I cut the shaft of the hook and was left with the part of the hook stuck in my paw. I pushed it through, and my buddy Dave grabbed it and pulled it on through. Phew! Much peroxide and antibacterial soap later, all good!

The short story? If you're like me (and let's hope you're not), and you don't have one of these in your tackle box you should! They sell them at Fleet Farm, just saying.

Thank you, shows at 6 and 10, try the chicken because the fish has blood on it!

