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Menus and Programs

August 8, 2017: Shrimp Baskets

Ticket Sellers: Ron Smith and Bud Hartley

August 15, 2017: Pork Rib Eyes

Ticket Sellers: Bruce Hubbard and Jerry

August 22, 2017: BBQ Ribs

Ticket Sellers: Bryan Glider and Ron Smith

August 28, 2017: Board Meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

August 29, 2017: Prime Rib

Ticket Sellers: Mike Sheridan and Bill Gay

September 5, 2017: Cod Fish

Ticket Sellers: Bruce Skidmore and Denny Reynolds

Reminder - 16th Annual River Run Garbage Grab

Friday, August 11, 2017 - Starting at 8 a.m.

(Des Moines / Raccoon River Cleanup)

From Saylorville to Yellow Banks Park

"Down By The Riverside"

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,

Officers 2016/2017

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Mike Simpson

bicyclers, mountain bikers, birders, etc. are all welcome! To volunteer go to:
<http://riverstewards.org/register.php>

Want to participate but don't have a canoe? Sign up for any of the 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.

Like Us on Facebook!

Check out the [Des Moines Ikes' Facebook page](#) for the latest on the club and events around the Central Iowa area! Sharing events is a great way to spread the word and build awareness of the Ikes!

Editor: [Bud Hartley](#)



2017 Sweet Corn Feed a Hit!

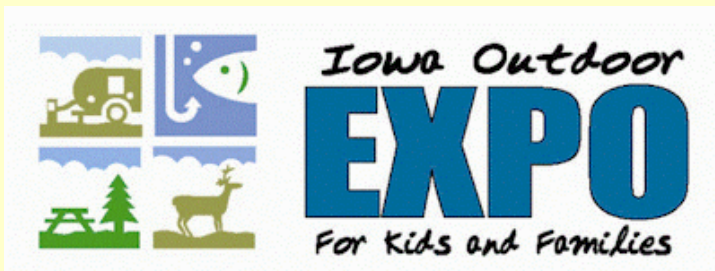


A big thank you to everyone that attended the Des Moines Izaak Walton League Sweet Corn Feed on Tuesday the 18th! Nearly 600 hungry tummies left happy and full! Check out InfoWind's YouTube vid [here!](#)

More thanks are due for making it happen: To Jim Caliguiri for chairing the committee and working the corn cooker all day; To Bob Jackson for coming in at 6:30 to setup the canopies, and re-trim the yard. And of course to the all of the Ike's volunteers, shuckers, cooks, servers, ticket sellers, and Carolyn's super kitchen staff for all their hard work!



2017 Iowa Outdoor Expo



Saturday September 23 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday September 24 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Waterworks Park, Des Moines, Iowa.

Volunteers are needed for both days, set-up and clean up. Sign up today!

- Friday, September 22 - Expo Set-up
- Monday, September 26 - Expo Clean-up

BOOM Shoot - Trap Shoot

Iowa Division and Red Cedar Chapter of the Izaak Walton League
Saturday August 26, 2017

Pre-registration by August 16, 2017 is required

Contact: Lisa McIntyre lmcintyreiaikes@yahoo.com

- Practice Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. \$5.00 per person per round of 25 targets
- Program Time: 9:40 a.m. (First 2 squads will shoot.)
- Program: 50 Total Targets Adults and Youth
- 16 Yard Targets: 25 birds - total broken birds will figure handicap on the squad.
- Handicap Targets: 25 birds -based on squad's average at 16 yards, min. of 19 yards.
- Entry Fee per Squad: \$75.00 / 5 person squad
- Youth are age 18 and under. A current paid Youth or family memberships – Iowa Division will pay the entry fee once for a youth to shoot, Membership card # will be required. However a non-member youth can still shoot and pay full entry fee of \$15. Any youth may shoot on more than 1 squad, and can also shoot on an adult squad.
- Adults are age 19 and older. All adult shooters must be a current paid IWLA member. Membership card # will be required. Any adult member may shoot on more than 1 squad.
- Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both adults & youth. Individual "High Gun" score in each category: men, women, youth male and youth female.
- Food will be available 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. or until they run out.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

Toxic Blue-Green Algae in Iowa's Rivers

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You may have noticed that our rivers have turned green in Iowa. Phosphorus levels determine how much algae we have in our rivers and lakes. Hog manure contains a lot of phosphorus. The river water is so bad my bees won't drink it.

I was standing on a rock bar in the Raccoon River on my farm with my Lab when she stirred a cluster of my honey bees. They were drinking water from a little spring on the river bank rather than drink directly from the river. Smart bees! The Raccoon is not healthy. The new threat is neonicotinoid pesticides.

Contrary to Bayer's claims it continues to kill insect life for a long time when it gets into our waters. Good luck Mayflies, Dragonflies, Damselflies and all the other water born insects.



Learn More about Blue-Green Algae from the Iowa Environmental Council



Did you know that blue-green algae blooms are showing up more frequently in Iowa Waters? Find out how these blooms affect the health and safety of your family and your summer.

- Blue-green algae can produce dangerous toxins.
- Harmful algae blooms form in slow-moving water when fed by an over-abundance of nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Appearance is a visible surface scum resembling spilled paint, pea soup or streaking of green lines on the surface.
- Toxic algae can range in color from bright, iridescent blue to green, red or brown.

Blue-green algae secrete harmful toxins, including microcystin, which can cause a variety of health problems for people and pets.

[Click here to read the full article from the IEC](#)

Urge EPA to Protect Clean Water!

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The Izaak Walton League has always been a staunch defender of clean water in America. Repealing the Clean Water Rule protecting streams and wetlands could be disastrous for our drinking water, hunting and angling heritage, and \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy.

[Read the background information on this important issue.](#)

Urge the EPA to protect the Clean Water Rule now! To start, go to regulations.gov and click on the "Comment Now" button located in the upper right hand side of the page.

[Click here for a draft letter to insert](#), or type in your own comments in support of the Clean Water Rule. Click Continue and you can preview your comments, then click "Submit Comment."

Thank you for supporting clean water!

2017 National Convention

During the 2017 95th Annual IWLA National Convention, held last month in Sandusky, Ohio, the following awards were presented:

Des Moines Ikes Win National Defenders Chapter Achievement Award

During the 2017 95th Annual IWLA National Convention, held last month in Sandusky, Ohio, the Des Moines Chapter of the Izaak Walton League was honored to be presented with National Defenders Chapter Achievement Award.

To receive the award our chapter met criteria in five of the following six categories: membership, financial contributions, education, conservation, youth involvement, and communications.

This award showcases the depth of the conservation commitment across the Izaak Walton League. Congratulations to all!

Rick Cerwick Wins Hall of Fame Award



Long time Des Moines' Ike Rick Cerwick was honored with the Hall of Fame award. Rick is an all-round outdoorsman involved in organizing The Iowa Outdoor Expo, teaching Hunter Safety classes and much more!

Congratulations Rick and thank you for your service!

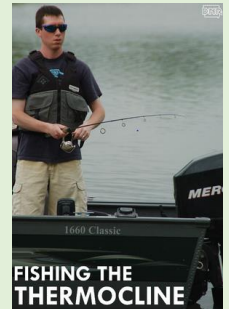
Fishing the Thermocline for Better Summer Success

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Back in early May, the air was warm and the water was churning in Iowa lakes. Crappies were in tight to shore, ready to drop their life-giving bundle of eggs, and bluegills were just a cast away waiting for their turn. It was spring, the spawn was on and panfish were taking just about anything hook, line and sinker. Anyone could catch fish.

But in the summer, water temperatures and oxygen levels change. Use these tips to learn to read the water, and keep your live wells and stringers full.

Beginning in late May through mid-June, a layer begins to form in lakes that influences how people fish during the summer. The layer, called the **thermocline**, is a natural barrier between warm water in the top of the water column and cold water in the bottom. These warm and cold layers do not mix.



Cool water is heavy and sinks to the bottom of the water column. The lack of mixing with surface waters prevents new oxygen from entering this cool water and over time, organisms use up most of the oxygen. By mid-summer, the oxygen levels below the thermocline fall to the point where fish cannot stay for long. Fish concentrate in the warmer, oxygenated water, but will typically stay as close to the thermocline as possible, since it has the cooler temperature and sufficient oxygen.

Typically, **a thermocline forms in lakes deeper than 10 feet**, including farm ponds. Other factors can also influence where the thermocline is established. For example, a turbid lake may have a thermocline at 5 feet while a clear lake thermocline could be at 16-plus feet.

"Some of today's high quality, high resolution depth finders will show a fuzzy line which will be the organisms and other materials that will identify where the thermocline is and show you at what depth to fish," says Chris Larson, supervisor for fisheries in southwest Iowa. "At times you can catch fish all day as long as you are looking for suspended fish," Larson says. "But fish tend to be more active early and late in the day during the summer."

In the fall, when the surface water temperature cools to the point where it is colder than the water below it, it sinks to the bottom and the lake turns over. Fish then use the entire water column. This usually happens over the course of a few days from late September to mid-October.

This article originally appeared in the July/August 2009 issue of [Iowa Outdoors](#) magazine.

River Romp – Story County Conservation

Saturday, August 19, 2017

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Peterson Park Water Trail Access
17952 Templeton Road
Ames, IA 5001

Discover your river by searching sandbars for fossils, artifacts, and other treasures, and scoop the river for benthic macro invertebrates (cool water bugs). Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy (no flip flops please). Nets and other "romping" tools will be provided.

This program is appropriate for ages 8 and up (all children must be accompanied by an adult). This program is free, but registration is required by 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. [Register Here](#)

The romp will be canceled if river levels are too high or if there is inclement weather. For any outdoor program, SCC recommends bringing a water bottle, wearing a hat and/or sunblock, using bug spray, and dressing for the weather. Long pants and close-toed shoes are recommended for hiking. Our outdoor programs are weather dependent and may be cancelled if conditions are not favorable. In the event that SCC has to cancel a program, registered participants will be notified.