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DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER
• OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA •

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2011

Hey Ikes!

Whether we still have snow or not, spring is right around the next corner. Those birds are calling, setting up their dates for the season. The chickadees' singsong, the croon of the Red-Bellies, a little drumming from the Downies. Almost time again to evict the mice and prepare the nesting boxes for bluebirds and swallows.

There will be lots of inspiring nature-related items at our banquet. If you get this before the 4th, please do yourself the favor of attending! It's a great time, and the good deals you can get really help keep us afloat for the next year. Our group depends on the funds generated from this event, and so many people and businesses have graciously donated their goods and services because it's a good cause. And **Howard Tanner's** program on Salmon in Lake Michigan is sure to be interesting.

Please see if you can sell tickets

to the sport or lakefront shows. They are good for either one of those events, and our chapter gets the money!

This spring we hope to further our programs, and also activate our partnership with **Cannon Township** in its mission to protect the **Bear Creek** and its watershed. We'll need some good, outdoorsy volunteers for



that. I'd like very much to have a few students participate, maybe of high school or college age that are inclined toward nature studies. Since it is through the township and we are non-profit, it is the kind of thing that looks great on a resume, as well as being helpful. Establishing the basis for healthy streams is the first step in protecting what we have in the future.

Along that line, we commend **Stu and Nancy Cok** for preserving their family's property along the **Rogue River** by putting a **Conservation Easement** on it.

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They have loved their stretch of the river for many years and want to preserve it for others and wild-life. We are happy to be giving them our **Conservation Award** for 2010!

Also coming this spring, keep in mind that we have our gates open in May for free **Kids' Fishing** every Saturday morning, 9-noon. On the morning of May 7th there is also the **Waterfest** at **Townsend Park**, an event that we participate in every year, which is truly pleasant.

A few new people have asked about camping. I'd just like to remind our members that's available to them. We have some nice spots to pitch a tent and give the family a little camping experience. It's close and convenient, but a private, natural setting. A good place for exploring or relaxing around a campfire. Keep it in mind this spring and summer!

Georgia Donovan

**Deadline for the
April issue is
March 21
at 8:00 AM**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bob Stegmier
Barry Gilbertson

The Ultimate Sport Show occurs March 17th-20th and the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show happens March 25th-27th. Both are at Devos Place.

The **Ultimate Sport Show** is of great importance to our chapter and our Conservation Mission!

Membership wide participation is needed as this in this our 2nd most important fundraiser each year. This effort has been in effect for 65 years.

These admission tickets are as much of a Show ticket as they are an **Ike's Raffle Ticket**. We understand that many of our members today do not hunt or fish but we all in our own way want to be "Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife."

These raffle/admission tickets are good at either of two shows, which further enhances their marketing value and purchasing appeal.

As a reminder our Ike's chapter retains the **full price** of each ticket sold. The purchaser of this ticket need not be present to win either the Grand Prize of a **Lake Michigan Charter Fishing** outing for (4) persons + Casino Package (Wow, all that for \$8.00!) or the \$100 cash second prize (12 times the ticket price, not too bad either). No other admission tickets being sold has a raffle associated with it.

The \$8 ticket price is \$2 less than the at the door price.

If you did not receive the recent mailing with tickets and information inside or would like additional tickets, please contact either **Barry Gilbertson** at Gilby40@MSN.com or **Bob Stegmier** at rstegmier@ameritech.net using Sport Show or Cottage Show as the subject line. Be sure to include your mailing address. We will be more than pleased to arrange for you to be part of our effort in this year.

Thank you in advance. Barry Gilbertson 791.4789 and Bob Stegmier 866476, Co-Chairs 2011.



2011 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW/OUTFITTERS EXPO

Thursday March 17 through Sunday March 20

WORK SHIFTS SIGN-UP-SHEET

Name _____ Phone Number _____

	Day	Date	Shift Number	Time
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Shifts:

Email your shift choices to: Gilby40@msn.com

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| #1: Thursday 17th 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm | #6: Saturday 19th 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm |
| #2: Friday 18th 11:00 am to 4:30 pm | #7: Sunday 20th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm |
| #3: Friday 18th 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm | #8: Sunday 20th 1:00 pm to close approx. |
| #4: Saturday 19th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm | 4:30 pm |
| #5: Saturday 19th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm | |

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

CORE EVENT SCHEDULE 2011 (2-15-2011)

Chairperson

March 4, Friday	Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet.....	Houseman, Stegmier
March 17-20	Ultimate Sport Fishing & RV Show.....	Barry Gilbertson
March 25-27	Cottage & Lakefront Living Show Grand Rapids.....	Barry Gilbertson
April 28 Thursday	Fish & Game Dinner, North Country Trail program @ CC	Tom Watson
May	<u>Kids Fishing every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon @ CC</u>	Bill Kirk
May 17, Tuesday	Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting - Wildflower Program.....	McGuirl, prog., Watson, food
June 15, 22, 29 & July 6	<u>Kids FREE Fishing at Versluis Lake, Plainfield Twsp. 6:30-8 pm</u>	Jim Biener
June 18, Saturday	Summerfest Community Family Day @ CC.....	Houseman
July 12-15	2011 Ike's Convention, Des Moines, Iowa	Open to all Members
August 18, Thursday	Chicken & Ribs Dinner/Program @ CC	Houseman, prog., Watson, food
September 14 , Wednesday	Oktoberfest @ CC.....	Bob. Stegmier
September ??, Saturday	Michigan Division Meeting DLC-CC	Div. Pres. John Sturgis
October 12, Wednesday	Potluck with Program @ CC.....	Board
November 10, Thursday	Game Dinner @ CC.....	Tom Watson
December TBD	Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant	Jay Huston



2011 COTTAGE & LAKEFRONT LIVING SHOW

Friday, March 25 through Sunday March 27

WORK SHIFTS SIGN-UP-SHEET

Name _____ Phone Number _____

	Day	Date	Shift Number	Time
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Shifts:

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| #1: Friday 25th 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm | #3: Saturday 26th 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm |
| #2: Saturday 26th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm | #4: Sunday 27th 11:00 pm to 4:00 pm |



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**ANNUAL CONSERVATION
& AWARDS BANQUET**

Raffle! **Friday, March 4th** *Great Food!*
at the
Centennial Country Club

**DON'T MISS
THE**

**ULTIMATE
SPORT AND
RV SHOW**
Thursday thru Sunday,
March 17 - 20

AND THE

**COTTAGE
AND
LAKEFRONT
LIVING SHOW**
March 25 - 27

DEVOS PLACE

IWLA Conservation Awards Banquet—Reservation Form

Name: _____ Please list attendee names for name tags:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of tickets purchased _____ @ \$27.00 each = \$ _____ total due

Check payable to Dwight Lydell Chapter-IWLA, send to:
Fred Eyer, 2488 Rockhill Dr. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525.