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April 2018

## The IKEs Update

Whew! Thanks to EVERYONE who participated in our annual banquet. Those funds keep us floating along. The presentation by



**Dar Baas** is motivating me to be an even better recycler and composter, to avoid these football-stadium sized landfills we keep filling up. It was surprising to see how much wood from building sites gets thrown away. Customers of the **Habitat Re-Store** could be putting that to good use, if it was donated instead.

Congratulations to **Barry Gilbertson**, our very deserving **IKE of the Year**. He helped us out again by lining things up at the **Sport**



**Show**. We appreciate everyone who helped with that, too!

I brought a few stream insects down, to capture attention and get kids interested. Mostly what I found were *caddisfly* larvae, from **Bear Creek**. They are so cool, with their little handmade shelters. I did a little research the night be-



fore, so it would seem like I knew something, and found out there are over 7,000 species of caddisflies! Some are net-spinners and create little lodges clinging to rocks to capture food. Some build with sticks lengthwise, some crosswise, and some build with tiny pebbles to, get this, weight themselves down and hold their place in the current. These are insects, then they grow wings and fly away. None of this is anything I can do, so I was rapidly developing respect for these critters in the plastic tub.

Well, there was one, with a half-log, half-stone house that I really admired. Let's call her "Caddishack." It was catch and release for her. After the sport show I took

her back to **Townsend Park**, and you should have seen her perk up when I added cool, familiar water to her tub. *Caddisfly* larvae are, after all, highly sensitive to water conditions, and an indicator of a healthy stream. I hope she's happy.

Two things coming up in **April!** On the 14th, **Drew Nelson** and **Rick Wylie** will be leading a **Fly-Fishing Workshop**, from 10:00 to 2:00. We have some equipment to use, or you can bring your own. Learn some casting techniques, and some ideas behind flies and strategies. Maybe you can learn how to match the *caddisfly* hatch. This is for beginners or those wanting to learn a little more. Space is somewhat limited, so please let us know if you are interested. These are good teachers and it will be fun. If there's further interest, a trip to the river may be planned.

And then, on the **19th**, our **Spring Fish & Game Dinner!** Bring your creativity, your appetites, and your friends. Always good food, from salads, to desserts, with wild game in between.

Meanwhile, come on over for a walk! It's a peaceful place between events.

**Georgia Donovan**

# New Donors This Year For Our Annual Conservation Awards Banquet And Silent Auction-2018

Bob Stegmier

These folks are now incorporated into the donor list in this newsletter edition:

Riverside Liquors, The Green Well-Gastro Pub-Rockford, Trader Joe's and Wealthy Street Theater.

Ability Weavers, B & B Farms, Blue Water Grill, Bruce Jackson DDS, Cedar Springs Brewery, Clothing Matters, Pyramid Framing EGR, Red Flannel Factory Cedar Springs,



The **Banquet Committee** asks you to patronize all "Donors" who were so generous in their support of the IKEs.



**Deadline for the April issue is Monday, April 23 at 8:00 AM.**

## Possum Program





# Stream Insect Monitoring

Bob Stegmier



The IWLA Save Our Streams (SOS) goal established at the 2016 National Convention in Stevens Point WI was to “Monitor 100,000 more streams by the League’s 100th birthday.” The League turns 100 years old in 2022. Since we were founded around the goal of clean water, this is a very appropriate way to take the League into our centennial.

Our **Dwight Lydell** chapter took its first step toward meeting this goal a year ago and established a new “monitoring” site on our property at the lower foot-bridge over **Armstrong** creek by **Tear Drop Island!** As of this moment we have not designated another new site but certainly want and need to keep monitoring this new site.

We need to put together a SOS team to do this year’s monitoring and so it is YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Your opportunity is to volunteer to help in this year’s collecting of stream insects on **Saturday, May 5** at our Lodge from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Don’t hesitate to volunteer; this isn’t just a kids’ event. Children under 16 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

This a a great family event so DO CALL Bob Stegmier NOW and SAY I/WE “WANT” TO HELP and there are “x” number of us eager to get involved.

Here are some pictures from last year’s monitoring. Notice the great weather and the enthusiasm of the volunteers. For our findings to be officially recognized by the Michigan **DEQ** we must use the <https://micorps.net/stream-monitoring> established procedure, which we did, though they are slightly different from the IWLA SOS procedure. I assure you and the IWLA staff that the **Micorps** program is very close to the League’s program. Bottom-line, the Insects and Crustaceans are the same now as they were back it 1967 when the IWLA kicked off this now well-recognized Save Our Streams evaluating program. Photo is of **Stream Team** members “picking bugs” from material removed from the creek. The sensitivity of the macroinvertebrates are the same today as they were 46 years ago therefore resulting in consistent evaluations year after year as long as the conditions of the stream hasn’t changed. That is the

very point of stream monitoring is looking for any change. The three groups for scoring score slightly different with declining importance beginning with the most important group which is #1- Sensitive, Group 2 -Somewhat Sensitive and Group 3-Tolerant. When discussing this sensitivity we are talking water temperature, dissolved oxygen and other good water requirements. Learn more about the working of the Leagues SOS program on its website at [http://www.iwla.org/docs/default-source/Outdoor-America-articles/save-our-streams-\(2014-article\).pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.iwla.org/docs/default-source/Outdoor-America-articles/save-our-streams-(2014-article).pdf?sfvrsn=0). Monitoring is done in the spring and again in the fall. Remember, it won’t get done if you don’t that the OPPORTUNITY and VOLUNTEER!

PS: To see the results from last springs stream sampling go to Micorps link:

<https://data.micorps.net/view/stream/record.php?sid=1163&date=2017-05-13>

Contact Bob Stegmier at [rstegmier@ameritech.net](mailto:rstegmier@ameritech.net) or 616.481.5497.

Comments by **John Stegmeier** who was our group leader: “The overall rating was fair. I think that it there were very good numbers of stoneflies, mayflies, and caddis; so there were good indicator species but we lacked a little diversity. To me that may be a factor of it being such a small stream. It may also be a factor of either a lack of diversity of habitat within the sample area or our willingness to aggressively sample the variety of habitat that existed. I never believe that anyone else does as good a job as me, but

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# A Bluebird on my Shoulder?

Georgia Donovan

Remember, bluebird houses are better for bluebirds if you clean the mouse nests out of them. The mice have a different view of this though. I know enough to stand to the side when I open them up, because those mice can really leap! So, I cleaned a couple out at the IKEs' the other day, and then you know that feeling when someone is looking over your shoulder? I turned, and there was a deer mouse, ON my shoulder! Seriously, did he run up my leg to get there?

## Lodge Calendar 2018

April 28	Georgia Donovan Rental
June 8-10	Marlene Chojnowski Rental
July 14	Sally Henderson Rental
July 26-29	Peri VanLuyn Rental
August 5	Tom Watson Rental
August 19	Tom Watson Rental
August 28	Tam/ Barb McGuirl: Rockford Garden Club Meeting
October 5-6	Jim Schneider Private event Friday

To see this and past editions of the newsletter and national IKEs information please visit our websites:

[www.michiganikes.org](http://www.michiganikes.org), [www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org)

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### Ultimate Sports Show Booth



## 2018 Annual Banquet Donors

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Brann's Of Cascade	Grand Rapids Brewing Co.	Rockford Quick Lube
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Clothing Matters - Diamond SE	Mainstream Guide Services	Village Bike Shop - Ada
Culver's - Cascade, E Beltline & Comstock Park	Manna Café	Watermark Properties
Cyndy Callog, Artist	Marie Catrib's Restaurant	Wealthy Street Theatre
Debra Moore	Meijer	Wolverine Worldwide
Double Tree by Hilton GR Airport	Merle Norman	Woodland Travel
	Olive Garden	



# Conservation Update

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I know I shouldn't do it all myself even if that was possible."



Involved last was **Larry Allaben** with granddaughter **Johanna Gair**, **Bethany Debski** with daughters **Sadie** and **Clarit**, **Maurie Houseman**, **John Spangenberg**, **John Stegmeier** and myself.

## Potash Mining Proposal

Georgia Donovan

Attention! As noted in the *Grand Rapids Press*, the **Pagano** company from **Colorado** wants to mine potash for fertilizer in **Osceola** county. It's maybe the biggest deposit in the country. They are requesting a permit to use 725 million gallons of water annually, to send down in a pressurized mix, fracking-style, to force up the potash. Then the "brine," which was referred to as "food grade" will be injected 8,000 feet down, to avoid contamination of drinking wells. That is called recycling, but if it is removed from future use, that's not exactly recycling.

This amount of water is 3 times more than the amount that people are upset about Nestle using from the same aquifer.

Wetlands are important, and they need water. In some parts of the country, people's wells have run dry. It can happen.

The **DEQ** was taking public comments until March 19, but at the time of the article, had only received 6. It seems that people have not heard about it, so the deadline for comments might have been extended.

See: [DEQ-OGMDpubliccomments@michigan.gov](mailto:DEQ-OGMDpubliccomments@michigan.gov)

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-  Monthly Award-Winning Newsletter
-  Gate Key to 39 Acres
-  Nature Trails
-  Catch/Release Fishing
-  Free Camping
-  Lodge Rental (\$75.00 per Day)

## DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA DRAFT CORE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

NOTE: This is a draft schedule. Especially for late year events you can check for updates in our newsletters and on our website along with notice of special events that come up on short notice and are not listed on this Event Schedule. Also additional information about these listed events can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

Schedule	Event & Location
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January 27, Saturday.....	Winterfest Family Outing, 10AM-3PM @ CC
March 3, Saturday .....	Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet
March 15 thru 18 .....	Ultimate Sport Show-Grand Rapids
April 14, Saturday .....	Fly Fishing Workshop, 10AM-2PM @ CC
April 19, Thursday .....	Fish & Game Dinner & Program @ CC
May 5, Saturday .....	Save Our Streams, 9AM - 1PM @ CC
May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Saturdays .....	Kids Fishing & Native Plants, 10AM-1PM @ CC
May 17, Thursday .....	Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting & Short Program @ CC
May 19, Saturday .....	Fix up/Clean up Day, 9-?, work, eat, play, campfire @ CC
June 13, 20 and 27, Wednesdays.....	Kids' Fishing at Versus Lake, 6:30pm - 8pm
June 23, Saturday .....	Summerfest Community Family Day, 10AM-3PM @ CC
July 14, Saturday .....	Native Plants for Everyone, Tear Drop Island (@ CC )
July 18-20 .....	2018 IKE's National Convention, FredericksburgVA
July 21, Saturday .....	Dog Days of Summer, 10 AM to ? @ CC
August 16, Thursday .....	Ribs Outdoor Cooking Competition @ CC
September 15, Saturday .....	Fix up/Clean up/play, 6PM @ CC
September 19, Wednesday .....	Oktoberfest @ CC
October 17, Wednesday .....	Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ CC
November 8, Thursday.....	Game Dinner @ CC
December 6, Thursday.....	Christmas Potluck @ CC

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\_\_\_ Individual - \$62, \_\_\_ Family - \$87, \_\_\_ Student (18-21) - \$31, \_\_\_ Youth (under 18) - \$16

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Email Tom Watson at [twatson@comcast.net](mailto:twatson@comcast.net) for more information. A gate key is available to you upon receipt of membership fee. You can pick up a key at the next dinner at the lodge. Please enjoy the 39 acres.

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## Fly-fishing Workshop



**Saturday, April 14**  
10:00am til 2:00pm



This is **FREE** for members, and  
**\$5** for others. For questions con-  
tact **Georgia** at:  
[georgiaddonovanart@gmail.com](mailto:georgiaddonovanart@gmail.com).

## FISH AND GAME DINNER



**Thursday, April 19th**

Please prepare your special game dish  
or just bring it in for our cooks to prepare  
We will have some great Florida fish and  
domestic turkey, too.



We also need some great side dishes and desserts!  
Any questions, please email Tom Watson:  
[twwatson@comcast.net](mailto:twwatson@comcast.net)

**Adults \$8.00, ages 6-13 \$4.00,  
under 6 and first time guests are FREE!**

**Don't forget to bring the kids to Save Our Streams, May 5, 9am - 1pm!**