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# IKE'S NEWSLETTER

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 2011

What a nice day we had for **Summerfest!**

Those who came out really enjoyed it. There were some very nice families, including several grandparents bringing grandkids. I believe most of the kids took part in all of the activities we had to offer. Archery is very popular, and kids will go through the line again and again. **Bill Skallos** from **Rockford Sportsmen's Club** loaned us their equipment, and **Mary Hefferan** led the event, patiently passing along her skills to the new archers.



**Bob Stegmier** conducted the **Save-Our-Streams** workshop, along with **John Stegmeier**. Both guys are on a first-name basis with most of those creeky-critters. It's cool to share that familiarity with kids, changing opinions from "icky" to interesting.

I'd like to call attention to some non-members who pitched in and led the Kayak station. **Cindy** and **Steve Palmreuter** brought kayaks from their new business, **Rogue River Rentals**, located along the **White Pine Trail** in Rockford. They rent kayaks and bicycles out of **Double-Take Consignment**, and offer a shuttle service as well. 893.4123 if you want to

give them a try.

**Mark DeHaan**, one of the "Bluebird Guys," manned the birdhouse building station all day. His system worked very well, and it was great to see the looks of concentration on these young faces as they put together the pieces. Building something themselves to take home, a future home for birds, is a great way to extend the feeling of the day.

I really had a great time watching about 15 kids do the **Treasure Hunt**. It's just an exciting way to explore, and it's fun to see them figure out the clues and go charging off, then dig and divvy up the treasure. Something to keep in mind, in case your kids get bored this summer - cheap fun.

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated:

**Barb McGuirl** with the garden, and by the way, she and **Tammy Lundeen** meet on Thursdays at 1:00 at the garden if you're interested in native plants.

**Maurie Houseman** with his collection of alien invaders.



### Highlights This Issue:

Summerfest Photos

Kitchen Krew

National Convention

Walleye Stocking

...and much more!

**Tam Bagby** and **Tom Watson** providing the food, with their kitchen crew, including **Randy Jones**, who has helped us many times.

**Jay Huston** brought a nice example of a Mason bee house. New member **Len Kizer** jumped in and handled the yard sale with some help by Jay's son, **Rob Huston**. **Duane De Vries**, king of the rain-barrels. **Barry Gilbertson**, mower-running and kitchen-minding. **Jim Schneider**, everything with enthusiasm! **Bill Kirk** and **Fred Eyer** kept bait on the hooks. My own dear dad, **Jack Stegmeier** did whatever was needed. And our youngest volunteer, **Aeris Shillington**, 8, brought her own paints and offered face painting, which was a great idea! And if I do say so myself, I cleared a pretty good trail along the far side of the creek. Check it out.

Remember that camping is available, free for members, and you can make a fun little get-away right here. Without a long drive or a lot of money, you can sit around a campfire, look at the stars and fireflies, and relax. Or rent the whole lodge; there are lots of dates available and it's a great place for get-togethers!

Georgia Donovan

## CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Bob Stegmier

Every year at our Annual Conservation and Awards Banquet we give a **Conservationist of the Year** award to a deserving person, persons, organization or business that has done something significant supportive of our mission as “Defenders of Soil, Air, Wood, Waters and Wildlife.:

This past March we gave this award to **Stu and Nancy Cok** of rural Sparta. Below is the article of their effort in putting 126 acres of their land into a **Conservation Easement** that protects this acreage and all that is within it for in perpetuity. We quantify this as a great conservation action.

Now, here is where you can play a part in the selection of next year’s awardee. While it is the ultimate responsibility of the board of directors to make the selection your help is needed. We need a number of suggestions to evaluate to make a worthy selection. So between now and the end of the year keep your eyes and ears tuned to possible candidates. Please don’t hesitate to send some suggestions our way. It is a big and important function.

## IKE OF THE YEAR: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Duane De Vries

Do you ever wander around the lodge and look at the various plaques on the back and side walls? Last month I wrote about the **Conservation Scholarship** recipients for the six years we have had this program. This month I’d like to mention chapter members who were presented with and **IKE of the Year Award** because they had made a difference. In many cases, awards were not for single, outstanding events but rather the hard-working, behind the scenes activities by members who can be counted on to lend a hand when needed.

Our list only goes back to 1997 so I can’t tell you if there were any recipients of our chapter’s **IKE of the Year** award prior to then. But if you see any of these folks at chapter events, take a moment and thank them for all they have done and continue doing for the **Izaak Walton League**. Join in the fun and you may see your name

on this plaque some day!

1997 **Steve Norman**

1998 **Robert Harshman**

1999 **E. John Trimberger**

2000 **Maurie Houseman**

2001 **Dan Spalink**

2002 **Duane De Vries**

2003 **Jon Bachelder**

2004 **Lori Larsen**

2005 **Josh Conran**

2006 **Barb McGuirl**

2007 **Maurie Houseman**

2008 **Tam Bagby & Tom Watson**

2009 **Georgia Donovan**

2010 **Bob Stegmier**

## FOR THE LOVE OF WATER - GRAND TRAVERSE RESOLUTION

Georgia Donovan

**Wealthy Theatre** hosted a showing of *FLOW: For The Love of Water*, sponsored by **WMEAC**. The film and presentation was packed with information, as the subject was the world water crisis, which is a lot to cover. The main speaker was **Jim Olson**, the lawyer from Traverse City who worked to protect Michigan’s water from **Nestle**, which really brought the message home. The main point of the film is not just the shortages and pollution, but that water is being privatized at an unprecedented rate.

In a nutshell, huge companies, aided by the **World Bank**, are coming between people and water, once respected as part of the “Common Trust.” Profit is expected from many least able to pay, much less negotiate, and in case after case, the water

quality suffers terribly. As demand for energy in developing countries grows, water is being diverted from agriculture to energy production. The point was made again that energy efficiency is the most effective way to generate financial savings and in effect create energy, rather than spending money on oil, coal, etc., which also wastes water on a grand scale. Fracking, for example, uses tremendous amounts of water, and contaminates a lot of ground water.

These points are absurdly brief; to get an idea of what is going on right now, check out the website of the non-profit based in Traverse City, for worldwide water news coverage: [www.circleofblue.org](http://www.circleofblue.org)

The film had hints of optimism, too.

There are creative and inexpensive solutions that have been implemented by community groups, such as purification with UV light, or even pumps powered by children’s play equipment.

Back home, **FLOW** is concerned about gaps in the **Great Lakes Compact** that bans diversions but allows “product exemptions” and doesn’t limit the size, and fails to designate water as belonging to the public trust. They have formulated the **Grand Traverse Resolution** and are asking every watershed group in Michigan to sign. I’ll pass it along to the **Rogue River Watershed Council**. See [www.flowforwater.org](http://www.flowforwater.org) for information.

# ANNUAL MEETING, DINNER AND ELECTIONS

Jay Huston

Approximately 35 IKEs met on a pleasant Tuesday evening, May 17th, to enjoy a well-prepared and excellent steak and chicken dinner. Following dinner, the business meeting presided over by **Georgia Donovan** presented **Tom Watson** to address the need for a new stove for our kitchen. Tom gave a very detailed investigative report on the old kitchen stove and justification for the purchase of a new one. The membership unanimously approved to proceed with the purchase.

We are proud recipients of four new picnic tables donated by **Andrew March**, who completed the project for his **Eagle Scout** award. Andrew is grandson of **Dave** and **Anna May Long**, who are longtime faithful IKEs. Many thanks for the fine set of tables for our outdoor activities.

## NOTHING EASIER

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

I have long advocated the IWLA's **Conservation Policies**. They say so much about the League and its members than "Defenders of Soil Air, Wood, Waters and Wildlife" Now there is an easier way to access this important document than through the National IWLA website, although I recommend you still visit that site often.

Now with the newly designed [michiganikes.org](http://michiganikes.org) site it is a simple two-step process to get to the policies. Go to the [michiganikes.org](http://michiganikes.org) site and next to the bottom of the left sidebar in IWLA Conservation Policies, click on it and from there you can click on IWLA 2010 Conservation Policies. Try it! You will like it. See also note about the National Convention.

Our president, Georgia, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on a variety of plants. Many thanks for display of plants and the knowledge you expounded that kept much interest of many of the Ikes.

The membership unanimously approved the slate of candidates as presented, with Georgia Donovan, president; **Barbara McGuirl**, vice president; **James Schneider**, secretary; **Fred Eyer**, treasurer and **Ron Waybrant**, membership secretary. The three-year term members are **Maurie Houseman**, **Bob Stegmier**, and we welcome our new board member, **Mary Lou Sundt**, to this term. **Barry Gilbertson** was elected to another one-year term.

Overall, it was a very productive meeting.

## KITCHEN KREW KLEANING KAMPAIGN

Tom Watson

On a sweltering Saturday, June 4, myself and nine other IKEs scoured the kitchen and cleaned out the garage.

**Ruth Waybrant** lay siege to the blackened bottoms of the pots, caused by soot from the old stove. She first sprayed them with a soot remover on Friday and let them soak overnight. On Saturday she scrubbed and scrubbed for hours, with some assistance from **Bill Kirk**, who was already sweaty from weed whacking the property. **Barry Gilbertson** mowed with abandon, and **Fred Eyer** and **Ron Waybrant** cleaned out the garage.

**Tam Bagby** removed everything from the cabinets, cleaned them and with Ruth's help filled a dozen boxes with unneeded and excessive kitchenware. We sold a lot of the stuff at the Summerfest and made \$60. The rest was taken to Goodwill.

**Bob Stegmier** washed windows and **Dave** and **Anna May Long** cleaned the carpet, helped with the kitchen and cleaned the rest rooms.

I scoured the floor under the refrigerator, dumped expired food and condiments, cleaned the furnace room and picked up pizza for lunch. A few days later I spent an entire afternoon on my knees scouring the kitchen and furnace room floors with degreaser.

The kitchen is now spotless and woe be to someone who leaves a mess.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in. We were all pooped at the end of the day.

Next up will be a fall session, when we will finish painting the building and garage, and paint the inside.





# SUMMERFEST 2011







## SAVE OUR STREAM DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOUTH BRIDGE OVER ARMSTRONG CREEK

Bob Stegmier

We ran this event once in the morning and once in the afternoon. It is a little late to find very many large size stream insects and crustaceans but we found lots of little critters. Everyone had fun catching the samples in the stream bare-foot or with boots with the insect seine. Found were larvae of the Caddisfly, Mayfly, (group 1); many Scud (not a larvae), Crane Fly (group 2; and Aquatic Worm (group 3).

We didn't run the number to get a quality rating for the creek because most kids were quite young but they had tons of fun as did the parents and grandparents who were right in there with them.





# SEA LAMPREY ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

Lamprey surveys and control continues in West Michigan in June.

Control by the **US Fish and Wildlife Service** was done on the **Middle Branch** of the **Black River** in Allegan County and surveys of the **Muskegon River** in Muskegon County were conducted. This is an ongoing, never-ending process necessary to keep this non native invasive species under control. Our own Ike's chapter member **John Stegmeier** works for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in these stream evaluations throughout the Great Lakes region. This is a perfect example why very strict ballast water is needed. We don't want any more expensive and damaging AIS.

## KID'S FISHING



# IKES CAPS AND SHIRTS BIG SALE

We need to get these items out of the boxes and onto member's bodies and heads. They just don't advertise the Ike's from where they are now.

So the sale is on! Caps for **\$5.00** and Shirts for **\$15.00**. All are of very good quality! We have nearly all sizes and the caps are adjustable. Shirts are mostly forest green as are the caps. We do have some shirts in white, which are pretty cool. Cool enough to wear to church. Ever see a shirt or cap fly? Well they should just fly out of the boxes at these prices.

Contact **Bob Stegmier** by phone (866.4769) or e-mail [rstegmier@ameritech.net](mailto:rstegmier@ameritech.net)



## NATIONAL CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Bob Stegmier

**Jay Huston** and I will be attending the Ike's **National Convention** in Des Moines, Iowa on July 13-15. Hopefully you had read something of what will take place there. One very important action will be to get involved in committees work on presentenced Resolutions. These Resolutions are very important in keeping the **IWLA Conservation Policies** up to date and relevant to current conservation concerns. In the June issue of our chapter's newsletter was printed last year's approved resolution to refresh your memory on what took place. If you no longer have your issue you can access it on the [www.michigan-ikes.org](http://www.michigan-ikes.org) website.

I will be active with the **Energy Committee** as well as with the **Great Lakes Committee** on Great Lakes issues, including **Asian Carp**, **AIS** (Alien Invasive Species), ballast water treatment and other concerns. If you have any concerns regarding current IWLA policies that you feel we should take to convention please let Jay or I know. You can review current policies by visiting [www.michiganikes.org](http://www.michiganikes.org). See **Nothing Easier** article on page 3.



**Deadline for the August issue is Friday, July 22th at 8:00 AM.**

# WEST MICHIGAN WATERS TO BENEFIT AS WALLEYE STOCKING PROGRAM RESUMES

Bob Stegmier

Published: Sunday, June 12, 2011, 7:45 AM  
By Victor Skinner *The Grand Rapids Press*

MUSKEGON -- State fishery officials are focusing walleye stocking efforts in inland lakes that have gone without plants in recent years because of the deadly fish disease, *Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia*.

Department of Natural Resources officials reduced walleye stocking significantly in 2006 to prevent the spread of VHS found in broodstock waters. A new sanitation technique eliminated the VHS concern this year and officials plan to resume stocking at about 80 percent of historic levels.

DNR Southern Lake Michigan Coordinator **Jay Wesley** said the renewed effort will mean walleye fingerlings in popular inland lakes in West Michigan that have been ignored during the past five years, including Barry County's **Gun Lake**, **Nichols** and **Baptist** lakes in Newaygo County, and **Lincoln Lake** in Kent County.

"In general, it's been a pretty good year. We've had good survival in the (rearing) ponds and good growth of the fish in the ponds," Wesley said. "We are only looking to get at a third of the lakes we usually stock. It will take about three years to get to all of the inland waters we stocked prior to VHS."

The **Kalamazoo River** was planted with about 1 million walleye fry earlier this spring, and the **St. Joseph River** also will receive fry. The **Grand River**, which typically

receives a massive infusion of fry, will not be stocked to allow DNR officials to study natural reproduction in the river this year.

"We have been getting good reports, even though we haven't been stocking (the Grand)," Wesley said. "So we are going to take this opportunity to check to see what the natural reproduction might be."

The biggest spring fingerling plants for West Michigan will be in **Gun Lake**, which received 158,000 in early June, and Muskegon County's **White Lake**, which is soon slated for about 128,000, Wesley said.

"Our first priority (for Muskegon County) is White Lake because it's a fairly large lake, over 1,000 acres, and it's a popular walleye fishery. The fish can go up river or out to Lake Michigan for food," Wesley said. "**Muskegon** and **Mona** lakes received walleye while inland lakes did not because their connecting waters to Lake Michigan eliminated concerns about spreading VHS. The disease already is in the Great Lakes.

"Muskegon Lake will not receive walleye in 2011, and Mona Lake will be stocked only if enough fish are reared at the state's walleye rearing ponds in Muskegon.

"**Lake Macatawa** in Ottawa County also may receive walleye if there are enough fish," Wesley said.

The Muskegon facility is expected to produce up to 500,000 fingerlings, he said..

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# WALLEYE

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DNR fishery biologist **Rich O'Neal**, who rears the walleye in Muskegon, said things seem to be going well, but officials won't have reliable figures on the number of fingerlings available until the ponds are drained, which could happen any day.

"With walleye ponds, things can change overnight," he said.

**Jim Brandt**, president of the **West Michigan Walleye Club**, said an increased interest in walleye fishing and the reduced stocking effort has

had a noticeable impact, and forced some anglers to head to the east side of the state in search of more productive walleye waters.

Brandt said a fresh infusion of walleye stock is a needed boost for West Michigan, particularly for inland lakes. The renewed effort, however, may not be noticeable for several years, Brandt said.

"You stock them this year, they're little ... and they don't grow that fast. To be legal size ... it's going to take

some time," he said.

O'Neal said it takes about three years for a walleye to grow from a fingerling to a legal 15 inches

Bob Stegmier's comments: That's the good news but here's the bad news!

## VHS RETURNS TO AN EAST MICHIGAN LAKE.

DNR officials reported in June that this deadly fish disease has returned to **Budd Lake** in Clare County. A similar fish die-off took place in 2007. The disease remained undetected until now. Budd Lake, along with **Baseline Lake** in Washtenaw County are the only two inland lakes where the disease has been reported. Anglers are discouraged from moving live fish between lakes between lakes and boats with live wells and bilges to empty these when leaving a body of water and to disinfect their gear to prevent the spread of this deadly disease.

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**Thought  
of the  
Month**  
Jay Huston

Nobody can go  
back and start  
a new beginning,  
but anyone can  
start today  
and make a  
new ending.  
Maria Robinson



# EASEMENT LEGACY A PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR ROGUE RIVER

Submitted by Bob Stegmier

By Beth Altena, *Squire News* December 16, 2010

One family's dedication to protecting the land and their generous spirit is good news for all in Rockford. The **Cok** family has preserved 126 acres of property along the **Rogue River** as a conservation easement through the Land Conservancy of West Michigan—an action that ensures the property will never be developed. Stu Cok was one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Rogue River Watershed Council (**RRWC**) and spoke before the group at the Rockford Community Cabin on Wednesday, Dec. 1, describing why a nature easement was the right choice for his family and their land.

The Cok family 126-acre property is now a conservation easement, a permanent protection from development.

Cok said land has been important to him since he was a child in the **Great Depression** and was in seven schools in three years. As a young man just out of service in the Marine Corps, he drove around Kent County looking for waterfront property. He was determined to find his own homestead and stay put. "I bought the land in 1953," he said of his property on the Rogue River downstream of Sparta.

Property prices actually slowed the timeline and size of the easement, Cok noted. The easement allows the Cok family to be compensated for some of the value of the land, but with property prices so low it was difficult to get an estimate.

"While we felt it was important to protect the land with a conservation easement for a multitude of reasons, here are just a few that stand out," Cok stated.

Cok described the importance of land for his family as well as himself. "We built our home here in 1964 and all of our children, and now our grandchildren, have grown up on the land. We feel that all of us have been able to form a close relationship with the natural world here, and preserving its natural beauty was very important to us."

Conservation easements preserve wetlands such as this property with skunk cabbages photographed in February.

"Also, while we have contemplated developing small portions of the land in the past, we have come to the conclusion that even minimal development would do irreparable harm to the beauty and natural values that we hold dear. These forests and wetlands drain into a valley, creating a tributary stream, which flows into the mainstream of the Rogue River, all on our land. We felt

protection was important to the long-term sustainability of the water quality of the rivershed to maintain its natural characteristic."

"Lastly, we were able to continue our sustainable forestry operation under the terms of the conservation easement. We are able to periodically remove trees under our forest stewardship plan, which the conservancy has accepted, and this provides the next generations of our family a realistic opportunity for continued ownership. Future generations will have the ability to maintain the property as we have and this legacy aspect of protecting the property was important. We feel a conservation easement was a 'win-win' situation for our family and the natural environment into the future."

Being a good neighbor was on the list of reasons to offer the land for an easement. The Algoma Township resident has been on the **Board of Review and Planning Commission** for the township. He said the reason people choose to live in the township is because it is less developed.

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"The purpose of a conservation easement is to prohibit development. We ask our residents what they want and they say, 'To preserve open space.' They want to feel they live in the country," said Cok.

Cok said it was exciting news to hear the Rogue River has been chosen by **Trout Unlimited** as a **Home Rivers Initiative**, a long-term preservation project with the goal of protecting and improving the quality of the river. He said 40 years

ago he and others formed a group to protect the Rogue River from a **United States Army Corps of Engineers**, who proposed a series of dams on the waterway. The dams would flood large bodies of land to make lakes for recreational use. He said the fight his **Rogue River Protection** organization faced was long and hard and speculated how the dams would have affected the health of the Rogue. Just one of the proposed dams, north of Rockford by US-131, would have created an 11,000-acre parcel of land.

"We beat them, with the help of **Jerry Ford**, we beat the United States Army Corps of Engineers and seven other federal agencies," Cok said.

With the easement along the Rogue of Cok's property, he has again proven to be a protector of land and water. The conservation of the Coks' land was completed at the end of August, 2010.



Photo by Pete Deboer

# ALDEN "BUD" GRANT



GRANT - Alden Bradford Grant, age 91, of Cascade, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011. Service for "Bud" was Saturday, June 11 at Cascade Christian Church Chapel, Orange St. SE, and contributions may be made to **Cascade Christian Church**, 2829 Thornapple River Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or **Golden K Kiwanis** of Grand Rapids, 1699 Tammarron Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-9734.

Bud was a loyal member of our **Dwight Lydell Chapter** since 1984. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife **Lucile** and family members. He kept his membership current even during the years they lived in Lake City MI and drove from there to the Lodge for many Ike's activities. Bud was an outdoor enthusiast, enjoying golf and fishing. In retirement he spearheaded the building of our Conservation Center. See comments below by member **Dick VanHaften** as he remembers the lodge building activity, and comments of remembrance by **Jack Hornbach**.

He was an active Ike and even served as chapter president back in the 80's. In recent years one would find Bud and Lucile sitting at our monthly dinners near the kitchen door very near the beginning of the food line. With them were familiar group of special friends. I always found Bud to be very complementary about what we were doing as a chapter and how active in "conservation" we have become. He showed his gratitude "every" time we met. These were wonderful words to hear. Thanks Bud!

Bud served his country in **WWII** as a Marine, when he was active in the fighting in Guam, Guadalcanal and Tinian and sustained shrapnel injuries during these invasions.

After the war Bud graduated from the **University of Wisconsin** with a BS degree in Industrial Management. He retired in 1983 after selling **Gillhespy Sales & Service**, a company he had purchased in 1975. Prior to that Bud worked for various companies including two well ones, **Bissell** and **Lear**.

CJ and I went to the memorial where I met two of his daughters.



# REMEMBERING BUD

I followed Bud as president of our Chapter. I was close to all the building details.

Bud was persistent and determined to get a building built! His focus was key to that success. Before Bud I remember all the years of bickering about the water well, and where to build a lodge, what style, etc.

It took Bud Grant to get the ball rolling! He got the plan from an architect. He got the bid from a source he knew and he motivated **Chuck Worden** and others to

get the \$\$\$\$ that would be needed. Worden got the biggest chunk of \$\$\$\$ with a donation from the **Grand Rapids Foundation**, \$25,000.00. I got a donation from the **Gannett Foundation**, which covered all the foundation and cement costs, \$3500. **Jack Hornbach** got all the kitchen cabinets and refrigerator donated from **Williams Distributing**. Jack also installed them. Other Ikes donated time and \$\$\$, many donated their labor doing tasks like roofing and painting. Bud got us all to work as a team and we all worked together to achieve this big task.

**Dick VanHaften**

Bud fished several times on the **Big Manistee** with **Jack London** either in Bud's boat or Jack's and also stayed at my cabin a couple of times on his fishing trips. He also had another friend he would go fishing with.

**Jack Hornbach**

If you have any special memories about Bud you would like to share with fellow IKEs we would like to hear about them. E-mail them to me at [rstegmier@ameritech.net](mailto:rstegmier@ameritech.net) and we will put them in future newsletters.

## Would you like to make a special donation for a project of your choice?

- Native plants for Teardrop Island
- Boy Scout Activities
- General Budget: wherever needed most
- Parking Lighting

Here is my tax deductible contribution \_\_\_\_\_

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# DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA CORE EVENT SCHEDULE 2011

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July 13-15 .....	2011 IKEs Convention, Des Moines, Iowa .....	Open to all Members
August 18, Thursday .....	Chicken & Ribs Dinner/Program@ CC .....	Houseman-program, 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

## YOUR CONSERVATION CENTER IS AVAILABLE!

Our rentals are down this year and we'd love to see the Conservation Center get more use! We have a brand new stove, the kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned, and it's an easy place to host a party. There are 4 nice new picnic tables in the yard, 2 pavilions, a pond, a creek, nature trails, plenty of room for games and parking. Please consider the relaxing atmosphere for birthdays, showers, graduation parties, family reunions, etc.

only \$75. Camping for members' families is free, and groups are asked to pay \$25. There is a nice, private camping space back behind the garden area, and plenty of room to explore. Have a cookout, watch the birds and stars, do some fishing (catch and release). It's such a peaceful place to hang out, like Townsend Park, only private. The porta-jon will be back soon, for campers and hikers.

Membership allows you to rent the lodge for

Just call Bob Radke at 874.7658 to reserve your date.

## BOB HARSHMAN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tom Watson and Darva Boot

Long time member, **Bob Harshman**, recently celebrated his birthday at a small surprise gathering at the lodge. Bob's daughter, **Jennifer Freeman**, lives in Oregon but asked me to organize a gathering while she was in town for a visit. Joining Jennifer and I at the party were **Tam Bagby, Darva Boot, Jack Hornbach, Maurie Houseman** and **Linda Arnold Schuhardt**.

"Bob and his wife Jayne were real movers and shakers back in the days. In fact, all the plates we eat off of are donated by



Bob when he closed his restaurant. He had numerous businesses, a restaurant was just one of them," Darva said.

We served one of Bob's favorite meals: fried Yellow Tail snapper, french fries, cole slaw and rolls, topped off with carrot cake and vanilla ice cream.

Bob admired the new range and was quite envious, as he used to do all the cooking at our events. I'm proud to carry on his tradition.

Happy Birthday, Bob!



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