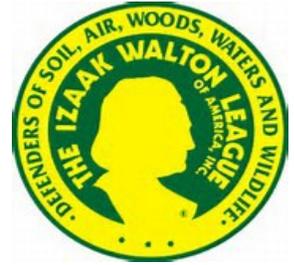




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To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it, I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

President's Message – July is the month we hold elections for the board each year. We have a slate of candidates who have volunteered, or you can write in your own choice. The ballot is below and you can bring it to the meeting on the 8th of July or mail it in before the 15th of July. Results will be effective in August.

Swap Meet/Garage Sale – We want to hold a fundraiser with spare sporting equipment from our members. See below.

Volunteers – As usual we struggle to find volunteers for necessary projects. A major rebuild of the range was done by just four people: **Ed Moore, Ed Morrison Tim Powers and Chuck Strobbe**. This was to rebuild damaged portions of our shooting range that were caused by careless and unsafe shooting. I know from experience that none of that careless shooting was done by the people who repaired the range. **Tim Powers, Ed Moore and Chuck Strobbe** also put up surveillance cameras on the range to monitor shooting activity. Please see the shooting range information below. Likewise very few people showed up to help trim Christmas Trees. Christmas tree trimming helpers were **Mark Dolash, Gary Shirk** and **Bob Backes**. These trees are a major source of funding for our club. and need to look nice to generate dollars needed. If You want to volunteer to help transplant trees from the nursery or help take care of trees through the year, call: **Ed Moore (641)751-8381**. Please do not call Larry Duffy.

Range Work and Range Rules Reminder

See the photo below for all the debris that came from the range. This was all wood posts and safety barricades that were never intended to be shot at, but were damaged by careless and reckless shooting. The purpose of the posts and barricades on the 25 to 50 yard range is to keep an occasional stray round from leaving the range. They are not meant as a target or an everyday excuse for unaimed fire. The range is situated south to north, Many rural residences and Marshalltown are within range of bullets that escape the range. The barriers only work to keep rounds from leaving if they are not damaged. **Cameras have been added to the ranges. Any person observed firing un-aimed shots or cross range shots may be subject to loss of range privileges. Unaimed fire is defined as not pointing the gun at a proper hanging target or not using the sights to align the gun with the targets. Firing from the hip is unaimed fire and will not be accepted.** Shooters are reminded that only one guest per member is allowed on the range at any given time. These are safety rules and will be strictly enforced. Only members who have signed a range rules agreement are allowed to use the range. Any safety violation is subject to revocation of range privileges by the board. If you observe unsafe actions report it to any board member. **Contact Chuck Strobbe (641) 752-4175, Ed Moore (641)751-8381 or Dick Kelly (641) 482-3000. If we can't keep the range safe we will have no choice but to shut it down to casual use. That means that it would only be open at specific limited times when we can find qualified volunteers to act as range officers. Further damage could also result in a surcharge on membership for those who wish to use the ranges. Do not shoot at any upright posts or hang targets on them.**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 8th At the Ike's clubhouse Board meeting 6:00 p.m.Election immediately afterwards.

New Members

Please welcome; **Dan Janes** sponsored by **Luke Reinert**; **Paul Geilenfeldt** sponsored by **Garry Brandenburg**; **TJ Innman** sponsored by **Ed Moore**.

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Clubhouse Rentals And Grounds

The clubhouse rentals are under new management. **Michael and Natalie Fosdick and Ed Moore** will be taking over. You can make reservations now. The State of Iowa guidelines now say 50% occupancy and maintain social distancing. That means no more than 50 people until the rules change. To make reservations call **Michael and Natalie Fosdick (641) 750-8210** first or **Ed Moore (641)751-8381**.

Photo of the Month



Debris from the range repairs of June 2020

Locks for the Gate

Keys to the gate were changed on March 1st of this year. We will be getting new keys this year. Every year someone forgets to get their new key and can't get in or, worse yet, gets locked in when the gate is shut on them. Don't be this person, get your key changed on time. Tri-State lock is now open. You can get your key there.

Shooting Range

Here it is again: Safety and the prevention of range damage will be observed on the range. Our range rules are there for everyone's safety. if you observe someone not following the rules or damaging the range, please report it. For immediate concerns, call **Dick Kelly (641) 482-3000** or **Ed Moore (641)751-8381** or **Chuck Strobbe (641) 752-4175**. If they are not available, and you feel threatened, call the Sheriff's Department at **(641) 754-5725**. Remember the Sheriff's department does not have a key to the gate and can't get in if it is locked.

Swap Meet/Garage Sale

Our fundraising has been down this year due to cancelation of events to prevent the spread of Covid 19. It is being proposed that we gather together donated unused sporting equipment from members and hold a sale at the clubhouse. This would be advertised and open to the public and could also be a good way to get new members. Anyone with spare sporting equipment such as fishing or hunting gear, boating equipment, camping equipment, birdwatching equipment, binoculars or anything related to the outdoors can donate it by calling **Dick Kelly (641) 482-3000** or **Ed Moore (641)751-8381** or **Chuck Strobbe (641) 752-4175**. We will ask you to hold on to it until a firm date for the sale can be set.

2020 Ballot for the Marshall County Izaak Walton League of America Board

Vote for up to 15

Mail in ballots must be received by July 15. Your membership number is only required for ID if you mail in your ballot. If you wish to vote in person come to the meeting on July 8 and vote after the 6:00 p.m. board meeting is over.

Member Number _____

Board Candidates:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Strobbe | <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Moore- | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Backes- | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Ohlfest- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Runneals | <input type="checkbox"/> Garry Brandenburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Morrison | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Powers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Kelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Yan Qiu | <input type="checkbox"/> Johnathan Koshak | <input type="checkbox"/> John Nunez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Sams | <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Buffington | <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Jelken | |

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