



IZAAK WALTON MARSHALL COUNTY CHAPTER IZAAK WALTON NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2023

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

I would like to formally introduce myself as your new Board President. I'm Eric Briggs, 29 years old. I grew up in a small town in north central Missouri; where conservation and the outdoors were for the most part all we had. I have hunted and fished my entire life, everything from whitetails, raccoons, and squirrels to spotting elk with my father at a young age. I joined the military on my 18th birthday and served as an active duty Marine until 2016. I moved to Marshalltown in January of this year. I work for my cousin at Brink Excursions as a Sales Consultant. We sell high-end precision shooting and hunting optics, as well as other accessories for firearms. My family has always been very involved in conservation and the preservation of wildlife and nature. I look to share that passion with others and I feel that now more than ever we have a responsibility to get people more involved with conservation. If you have any questions or ideas to help me with this mission please feel free to contact me.

As always, **THANK YOU!** for supporting your local Ike's chapter!

Eric Briggs

Board President

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who spent their time, money, and energy to work on the range and make improvements so that everyone can still be able to use the fine establishment as intended.

- Ron Kearse
- Blake Aswegan
- Ed Moore
- Chuck Stobbe
- Tim Powers
- Jerry Overstake
- Dwight McDonald
- Ed Morrison
- Eric Briggs
- Tori Nelson

QUICK REMINDER

Please remember that the gun ranges close at 7 pm or dusk, whatever comes first. We have received reports of people shooting after dark.

OTHER NEWS

- **Firearms range clean up work has been accomplished.** However there is an issue by some regarding safety. The Ikes board will have to discuss solutions. It revolves around the use of steel grader blades on the upper backside overhead sky blockers closest to the firing line. Should they even be there? Yes or no? Data from other ranges will shed light on this topic.
- **The archery shooting tower upgrades have been completed.** New composite decking has replaced the old oak deck installed 23 years ago. Railing caps have been installed. And knee braces have been added to the second deck to assist in stabilizing the 'sway' factor it once had. Bottom line: It is safe to use and should last many years into the future. **Thanks to Garry Brandenburg for all the tower upgrade work.**
- **September 13th Ikes membership appreciation supper:** Our guest speaker will be the scholarship award winner from two years ago, Monica Carroll. She has completed recent work with the Conservation Corps and had the opportunity to do a work project on the Island of Guam. She will visit with the guests and members about her experiences. Please bring a side dish and your own meat to grill. The grill will be hot and ready @ 6PM

SPECIAL MESSAGE

- **Anyone caught in person or on camera shooting the posts or hanger boards on the shooting ranges will have their membership revoked on the spot and will be barred from the grounds indefinitely. If you witness any of these behaviors, please get a hold of any board member and we will address the issue. If these behaviors do not stop, we may be forced to shut the shooting ranges down...**
- **Archers, please remove the arrow holders from the ground and place them on the tables (cable spools) when done shooting. Also, only shoot practice tips into our targets, no broadheads are allowed as they damage the targets.**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Blake Aswegan Sponsored By Ed Moore**
- **Jeff Grimes Sponsored By Ed Moore**
- **Adam Batterson Sponsored By Ed Moore**
- **Jerry Halter Sponsored By Ed Moore**
- **Fred Harrinton Sponsored By Ed Moore**
- **TJ Whitehead Sponsored By Ed Moore**

And Welcome Back Dave Overstake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 13th, Member Appreciation Dinner at Ike's Clubhouse 6:00pm
- September 24th, NRL22 Monthly Course of Fire / White Pine PRS 8:00am
- October 1st, Sporting Clays / Iowa River Hospice Shoot at Ike's Grounds 9:00am
- October 11th, Soup/Chili Supper at the Ike's Clubhouse 6:00pm
- November 8th, Board meeting at Grimes Farm 6:00pm
- November 24,25,26 Christmas Tree Sales at Ike's 10 am to 4 pm
- December 2,3,9,10,16,17 Christmas Tree Sales at Ike's 10 am to 4 pm