

Izaak Walton News & Views



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League/Practice – August

August 4, 11, 18

Adult League - Fun Night

August 25

Youth League - August

August 2, 9

Youth League – Fun Night and Awards

August 16

Board Meetings

August 24, Sept 28

Rentals

Aug 6-7, 12-13, 20-21, Sept 18

Fall Director Meeting

Oct 1-2 McCook Lake Chapter

[Club Calendar](#)

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Club News

Izaak Walton Raffle

Proceeds will be used to update the trap throwers!

Please help us sell tickets, great prizes listed below, your help is needed as a club member to make this a success!

Tickets: 1/\$5 or 5/\$20

Full book of tickets 20/\$80

Prizes:

Ruger Model American 243-WIN Predator A1 Style

Sponsor: Izaak Walton League of Sioux Falls

Remington 870 Express Shotgun

Sponsor: Troy Balk

Gateway 15.6 Notebook 8gb

Sponsor: Val Voeltz

Blackstone Tabletop Propane

Sponsor: Roger Van Riper - River Ridge Spine and Rehab

Ozark Trail 26qt Thermacooler

Sponsor: Gary & Doug Harr - G & D Harr Construction

Scheels \$250 Gift Certificate

Sponsor: Joe Runge – Runge Enterprises

VISA \$250 Gift Certificate

Sponsor: Harry Goeden – First Rate Excavate

Thank You

Thanks to Doug Harr for changing the door sill on the north entrance to the clubhouse. Char and Kris also changed the floor in the entrance of that door, thanks for all you do.

Volunteer Opportunities

The club is looking for volunteers to trim the hedge along the driveway.

Condolences

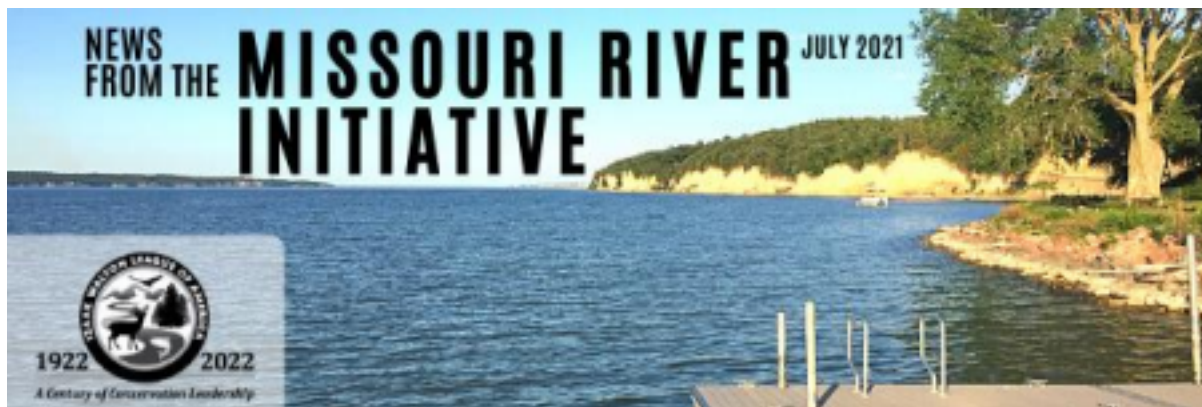
Our condolences to Darwin Gilbertson and family on the loss of his mother.

For Sale

Lots of reloading supplies call
Ron 605 940 3832

Winchester trap 870
Willie Bower

Conservation Information



In This Issue

- **Basin Experiences Historic Drought Conditions**
- **Big Success for Missouri River Cleanup**
- **Absence of Adequate Funding Stalls River Recovery**
- **A Little Help for a Missouri River Paddler**



Nearly 90 percent of the western U.S. is in drought, and 25 percent is in exceptional drought, the highest ranking. Both numbers are U.S. Drought Monitor records.

The National Drought Mitigation Center reports 75 percent of the Missouri River basin is in various levels of drought. The extremely dry conditions and record temperatures are escalating concerns of many basin residents. June's upper basin runoff was just 52 percent of average, and the month was the warmest and fifth driest in the region's recorded history. South Dakota recorded its driest June in 127 years of recordkeeping.

The lack of rain forced the Corps of Engineers to again reduce their 2021 runoff forecast. The new estimate was lowered to 15.6 million acre-feet, 60 percent of average. That would make 2021 the 10th-driest year in the upper basin since runoff records began in 1898.

Isolated heavy rains and some severe weather hit parts of the basin, but the lack of widespread rains has greatly decreased water in the reservoirs and system storage is expected to decline the rest of this year. Extended outlooks predict above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation at least into November.

Impacts include a greatly heightened wildfire risk. Already, more than 80 fires have scorched over a million acres, with the smoke creating hazy sky conditions across the continent. The typical peak of wildfire season is still several weeks away.

Low water levels on Lake Oahe have required changes to some boat access sites, and the low levels on Fort Peck in Montana forced a marina on the west end of the

reservoir to close for the season July 11. Low system storage prompted a reduction in navigation releases, but the Corps still plans to run navigation flows through December 1.

Farmers and ranchers are dealing with grasshopper damage, and the worst growing conditions in over 20 years are leading to much lower yields. Extremely poor rangeland conditions, water quantity and quality issues, and the lowest hay production since 1907 is forcing producers to sell off some or all of their herds. Over the last two years, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has measured salinity levels in 70 stock dams in northwestern South Dakota. The current drought is creating high saline content, which is posing serious health risks for livestock and wildlife. At some dams, recent saline concentrations have



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The Corps and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are scrutinizing current and future recovery projects to determine a path forward if restricted budgets continue. That analysis includes the work of the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC). The committee is composed of federal, state, tribal and stakeholder representatives, including the League. MRRIC makes recommendations to the Corps and FWS on habitat and species recovery.

With the MRRP budget challenges, MRRIC's leadership decided to hold only one in-person meeting this year. A late-July face-to-face meeting, which would have been the first in over a year, had been planned, but with the financial constraints, the meeting was changed to a series of MRRP webinars.

Earlier this year, the League again led an effort advocating for full funding for the MRRP and the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project. Congress has not approved the FY 22 budget; the League will stay engaged in the MRRP budget as it winds its way through the process.



On July 4, I helped a Lincoln man over Oahe Dam. Jerry Bricker, 58, kayaked the Missouri River from Three Forks, Montana, to Nebraska City, Nebraska. A lifelong paddler, Bricker embarked on the epic trip in what he described as "one last long paddling adventure."

Traveling alone, Bricker relied on people he met along the way. Bob Foley, a friend of mine from Springfield, South Dakota, contacted me after he saw Bricker's Facebook post looking for help to get over Oahe Dam. I called Jerry and we met at the West Shore boat ramp. We loaded his kayak and gear, and I got him to a campsite below the dam.

Bricker finished the nearly 1,800-mile trek to Nebraska City July 23. I enjoyed meeting Jerry and playing a small role in his Missouri River adventure.



Salt Watch Wins an Award!

At The Salt Symposium this week, our Winter Salt Watch program got an award for Chloride Reduction Leadership! Thank you to all of our Salt Watch volunteers for making the program a success!

This is what we had to say about it:

Thank you so much for this recognition! There is so much excellent work being done around chloride as an emerging contaminant and we are glad to count ourselves as part of it. We think that it is essential to engage the public in order to significantly curb salt use. Engaging volunteers through monitoring and the Salt Watch program is our best attempt to get people involved in reducing salt use in their communities.

Thank You for the Chloride Reduction Leadership Award!!



Education:
Izaak Walton League of America



- Created the Winter Salt Watch to mobilize citizens across the country and monitor chloride levels in local creeks and streams over the winter months
- Since 2018, over 3000 volunteers have requested Salt Watch kits and submitted over 3500 chloride readings from 24 states
- The program highlights chloride as a significant water pollution issue at a national scale
- Easy activity that families can do together that connects to a simple clean water narrative—if they see salt on the ground, it can impact the health of their waterway

Get Started with Chemical Monitoring

Chemical monitoring is a great way to monitor water quality for specific pollutants that wash off the land and into the water, even during the heat of the summer! Chemical monitoring is quick and easy, and it doesn't require any special training (the instructions are printed directly on the tests!).

If you have trouble getting down to the water, you can bring the water to you by doing chemical monitoring from a bridge with a container and rope or string! An example of bridge monitoring is pictured above.

In a workshop at last month's National Convention, we highlighted three simple and cost-effective chemical monitoring tests you can do.

Trap Shooting News

Adult League Shooting

Adult league in full swing for 16 weeks from May 5 – August 18. This week is the last night of league shooting.

The following have been nominated for Sportsman of the Year Award. Please vote this Wednesday or on fun night:

Mike Albers
Kris Goeden
Chad Byl
Char Harr
Dustin Schauer

Adult fun night on August 25. We will be shooting doubles, Annie Oakley and possibly other games. We were not able to get the 5 stand for fun night. The banquet is planned for Sept 1.

Practice, 410 League to follow starting Sept 8. We also have some interest in a doubles league or a white target league. Let us know if you would like to participate.

Siouxland Shooters 4-H Youth News

LOTS happening for the Siouxland Shooters 4H:

They are wrapping up their summer shotgun league on Thursday nights and preparing for State Shoot to be held in Mitchell, SD Sept. 10-11. At this time, 11 youths are qualified to compete at State in Trap shooting. They will also have the opportunity to shoot Skeet and Sporting Clays.

The BANQUET for all 4H Disciplines will be held Monday, October 11 at the building at 6:30. Pizza will be provided and youth are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Siouxland Shooters Ditch Walk for the Izaak Walton League roads as well as the East side of Lake Alvin 2 miles will be held at some point this fall.

If you know youths ages 8-18 who would like more information on 4H Shooting Sports, let us know. Indoor BB Gun, Air Pistol, and Air Rifle will resume in January.

Thanks, Cass 605.359.5105

Youth Fun Night and Awards

Youth League has completed their season with fun night and awards on August 16 enjoying pizza, water, and pop. Everyone had a great time. The kids, parents and coaches were able to shoot some practice and Annie Oakley

together. The top 10 shooters also had a shoot off for grand champion shooter. After the first round, there were 4 shooters tied for first shooting 24's.

There were 12 teams and 58 shooters who participated in the league. The kids really enjoyed the league and improved their scores and confidence throughout the season. There were many shooters that had not ever shot before and they did a great job learning the sport. These kids are already looking forward to next season.

Thanks to kids and parents for supporting this youth league. Thank you to everyone that sponsored the trophies and medals for the youth winners.

Congratulations to all shooters!

Team Awards – Trophies for first place

A League

1st - Team 5 (20.64)

Jacob Lewis

Gage Backman

Brady Byl

Issac Bjornson

2nd - Pigeons Pounders (20.5)

Kody Horner

Joey Olivier

Jonah Dancsisin

Ashten DeJager

3rd – BV Sharpshooters (19.3)

Jared Zerr

Charlie Simonson

Austin Zimmerman

Colin Simon

Dylan Drexler

Spencer Hauck

Cole Johnson

4th - I Don't Cares (19.01)

Tucker Kooiman

Spencer Engstad

Gavin Smith

Gavin Studemann

Angelo Pappas

B League

1st – Straight Shooting Barbies (16.04)

Zoe Kittelsrud

Rachel Albers

Jayden Youngerman

Cooper Stener

Ralph Albertson

2nd – Ridiculous 5 (15.85)

Jake Backman

Ryan Grace

Harry Bures

Grant Johnson
3rd – Team 4 (15.57)

Gage Peterman
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4th – Dust Bunnies (15.55)

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Most Improved Team – Trophies

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Layton Daniels
Carlee Horsely
Adeline Laake
Ryker Engstad
Nile Laake

Grand Champion Shoot Off Winners – Trophies for top 5, medals for 6th – 10th

Dylan Drexler – 1
Cole Johnson - 2
Kody Horner - 3

Colin Simon – 4
Jonah Danscsin – 5
Gage Backman – 6
Jesslyn Dornbusch – 7
Jacob Lewis – 8
Cole Runia – 9
Joey Olivier -10

Individual Awards – Trophies for top 10, medals for 11th – 25th

1 Gage Backman 23.38
2 Jonah Danscsin 22.94
3 Colin Simon 21.75
4 Jayden Youngerman 21.71
5 Kody Horner 21.69
6 Isaac Bjornson 21.25
7 Jacob Lewis 21.13
8 Gavin Smith 21.07
9 Dylan Drexler 21.00
10 Tucker Kooiman 20.44
11 Joey Oliver 20.38
12 Spencer Hauck 20.25
13 Jeselyn Dornbusch 19.88
14 Ralph Albertson 19.44
15 Cole Johnson 18.50
16 Angelo Pappas 18.43
17 Will Van Holland 17.83
18 Gavin Studemann 17.63
19 Nile Laake 17.58
20 Spencer Engstad 17.50
21 Gabe Pulford 17.33
21 Gavin Covrig 17.33
23 Ashten DeJager 17.21
24 Cole Runia 17.19
24 Brett Beek 17.19

Sportsman of the Year Awards – 2 Rounds of shooting

Male – Nick Pickard

Female – Charis Kooiman

Great Attitude Awards – 2 boxes of shells donated by Todd and Lynn Nyhus

Sophia Vant Hul Brady Byl

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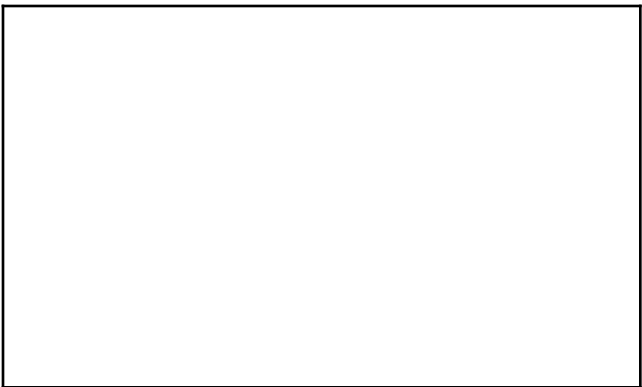
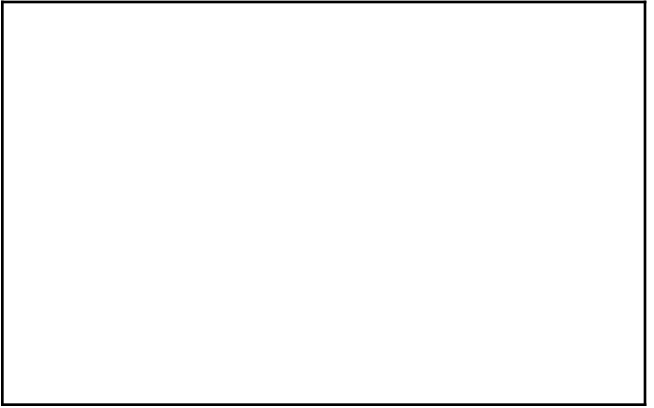
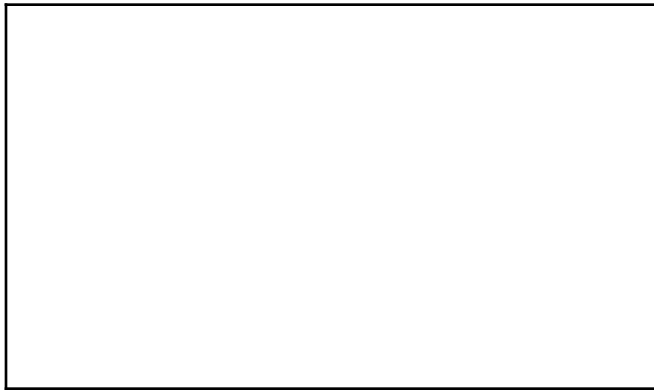
25 Straight shooters – 1 Round of shooting

Gage Backman – 3 (including a 50 straight to end the season)

Kody Horner and Jonah Danscsin – 2

Colin Simon and Dylan Drexler - 1

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