Again we lucked out for Winterfest, with decent weather and a great turnout of about 160. We had to forgo skating and ice fishing, but the other activities kept us happy. Even as we read, there’s a bird somewhere enjoying seeds and peanut butter on a pinecone. Someone’s starting a fire and wondering if they could do it Asher’s way. Someone’s thinking about getting into archery.

Maybe you want to make hand-dipped candles at home. If you don’t have a super-cool wrought-iron rack like Mary Hefferan loaned us, you can use cans in water, just not your good pans.

Kids made a whole village of tiny-house shelters with pine branches, and they smelled great! Snowmen popped up all over the place, and one sculpture evolved from unicorn to narwhal to giant bird. Snow is flexible like that. Lunch kept us fueled for all the fun, thanks to Tom’s Kitchen Krew!

So, despite what Mauric Houseman best described as “sloshery” weather, we had a great time. Mostly it’s fun to see each other. We talked about having some musical gatherings this year. Maybe a concert, and maybe our version of “open mic” nights around the campfire. We could call it, “S’More Music!” What night do you think would work best? Thursdays are sometimes overbooked. I actually wonder about Fridays, leaving the possibility of a campout open. It’s something to look forward to. We need to keep our spirits up, to fight threats to woods, water, and wildlife!

Our big Banquet is coming up, March 7, to raise funds for our projects and spread good ideas for connecting kids with nature. This year’s speaker is Nicolette Sowder, and this is really her thing. People used to take playing outside for granted, but somehow, a connection was (almost) lost. Young parents need help guiding their children back to the nature that nurtures their lives, and Nicolette knows how to do this in tons of fun ways.

Help make the banquet a success by planning to attend, inviting friends, and gathering donations of cool stuff or services for our silent auction. Get ahold of Fred Eyer.

It’s February, so Happy Holidays from Ground Hog’s to Leap Day, and I’ll see you in March!

Georgia Donovan
At ten o’clock on Winterfest Saturday this year in the kitchen we were twiddling our thumbs, wondering what we were to do with all the hot dogs and such that we getting ready to serve. We thought that perhaps the cold rainy Friday before had dampened the enthusiasm of attendees and we might have a long day commiserating and stuffing ourselves with hot dogs.

But then suddenly the lodge lit up and we were busy serving folks all day. Even had to turn latecomers away an hour past when lunch was over.

Best guess is that at least 175 folks, largely kids joined us for Winterfest this year. And they kept the Kitchen Krew hopping: Tam Bagby, Barry Gilbertson, John Spangenberg, Llyn and Gary Wheeler and me.

The Klean Up Krew were the above along with Fred Eyer and Joy Reisterer and probably a few others whom I have overlooked.

Watching the kids chomp down hot dogs while they tittered away at what next they might explore outside was big fun for the Krew and me. All of us were pooped at the end of the day, a sure sign of a successful Winterfest.

Thanks to all who made it a fun day.
More Winterfest Photos
Thank you Georgia, Llyn, Tom and Tam
Our **Awards Banquet** is fast approaching, at least from the perspective of the banquet and awards committees. Everything seems to be coming together to have a really fun and enjoyable event.

The awards committee has nominated recipients, and the program committee has secured a speaker to give a unique and fun presentation about her outdoor education programs for children. This fits well with the #1 goal of the IWLA Strategic Plan, “Connect more young people to conservation and outdoor recreation.”

The annual awards banquet is scheduled for **Saturday evening March 7, 2020** at Thousand Oaks Country Club, 4100 Thousand Oaks Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI. This is the same location as the last six years. It has served us very well and we’ve received many compliments from meeting attendees.

We still need help obtaining donations for the raffle and silent auction. Contact Banquet committee folks if you have questions or would like to make or obtain donations for the event. Committee members are: Fred Eyer, Bob Stegmier, Maurie Houseman, Lisa Gordon, Rick Wylie, and Ron Waybrant.

Note: To help prevent mix-ups, please note that the annual banquet has been scheduled for a Saturday evening again instead of what was the traditional Friday evening.

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**2020 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW BOOTH WORKERS NEEDED**

The **Sport Show** will run from Thursday, March 19 through Sunday, March 22 at the **DeVos Center** in downtown Grand Rapids. We will once again have the double booth 1100 at the main entrance to the show. This year will have 9 different work shifts ranging from 3 to 5.5 hours. The shifts are listed in the table below.

| SPORT SHOW WORK SHIFT SCHEDULE |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Shift 1           | Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 1PM | 5PM |
| Shift 2           | Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 5PM | 9PM |
| Shift 3           | Friday, March 20, 2020 | 11AM | 4:30PM |
| Shift 4           | Friday, March 20, 2020 | 4:30PM | 9PM |
| Shift 5           | Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 10AM | 1PM |
| Shift 6           | Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 1PM | 5PM |
| Shift 7           | Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 5PM | 8PM |
| Shift 8           | Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 10AM | 1PM |
| Shift 9           | Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 1PM | 5PM |

Optimal staffing for each shift is 3 people, but more is easier. The minimum number is 2 people per shift. This allows for one person to take a break and tour the show.

I got my first real introduction to the IKEs by **Bob Stegmier**, when he asked me to work at the booth. As a result, I learned a lot more about the IKEs got acquainted with other members and enjoyed interactions with the Sport Show attendees. In addition I got in free to the Sport Show, and during breaks got to tour it. Plus, this year we are issuing IKEs Bucks with a value of $10 which will be valid at any Chapter function. These will be issued to workers to offset the cost of parking downtown. Don’t be surprised to get a phone call requesting your assistance.

So, email your selected time to: Fred Eyer (fseyer@gmail.com) and Ron Waybrant (rcwaybrant@gmail.com). Either Fred or Ron will email an update when we get more volunteers so we can see what shifts need to be filled. Also, I will be issuing IKEs Bucks with Ron as my back-up.

Set up will most likely be on Tuesday, March 17. **Chuck Tasma, Bob Stegmier, John Stegmeier** and Fred Eyer usually work on set up.
2020 Annual Conservation Banquet
Dwight Lydell Chapter - Izaak Walton League of America
Saturday, March 7th, 2020 - Public Welcome!
Thousand Oaks Country Club & Restaurant, 4100 Thousand Oaks Dr. NE, Grand Rapids MI

“Beyond Place-Based Education: Nurturing Memory-Making in Nature”
Guest Speaker: Nicolette Sowder

“My passion and heart’s mission is to help families step back into the circle of wild things and bond with Mother Nature. Our society is just now coming back to what indigenous peoples have and still do hold true: we are not just on the land, we are of it.”

Check her website at: wilderchild.com

Agenda
5:30pm Social Hour/Silent Auction
7:00pm Dinner and Program
9:00pm Raffle/Silent Auction Winners

The Silent Auction includes: incredible deals on sports equipment, paintings and fine art, Gift Certificates for fishing charters, salons, fine dining, entertainment, plus hand crafted items, raffle prizes, and much more!

IWLA Conservation Awards Banquet 2020 — Reservation Form
Tickets are $36 per person. Please mail reservation form with check made out to DLC-IWLA and mail to: Fred Eyer, Izaak Walton League Treasurer, 2488 Rockhill Dr. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525
Thank you for making reservations by Monday, March 2nd!

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
E-mail: _________________________________________

Please list attendee names for name tags:

Number of tickets purchased:_______@ $36 each = $____________ (total due)
2019 Banquet and Silent Auction Donors

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Warehouse Antiques
Watermark Properties
John Luton’s article on the Brown Trout:

**1884 ~ 1984: A Trout’s Tale**

Submitted by Jim Biener

Reprinted from *Michigan Natural Resources March/April, 1984 issue*

The first release of the brown trout in American waters was made here in Michigan. Although not all of America’s sixty million anglers cast for brown trout, certainly all will agree that the first hundred years of its swimming in our waters should not go unmarked. And this centennial year, 1984, is particularly important to Michigan, because it was here that the first release of the “German Brown” was made in American waters. Fred Mather brought the brown trout to America.

Mather was one of the early “fish culturists” – those who artificially raised fish for sale as food or to sporting clubs for stocking their ponds. During the early 1870s, these pioneer fish breeders, sometimes as private individuals, sometimes as agents of government, collected and transported eggs and fish of several varieties across the United States. The rainbow trout, for example, was brought east from California, first in 1873 to the Au Sable River in the northern Michigan by Daniel H. Fitzhugh, then to New York by Seth Green in 1875. A group of men from Saginaw, including A.H. Mer-...
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some fishing in the famous trout waters of the Black Forest. Their fishing expedition was highly successful, with Mather deeply impressed by the fighting qualities of the German Browns he caught. He told von Behr that, given the opportunity he would like to introduce the fish into America. That, he found, was not going to be easy. In 1879, Eugene G. Blackford, a prominent fishmonger from New York’s Fulton Street Market, became a Fish Commissioner for the state of New York. Blackford wanted a state hatchery established on Long Island, mainly to breed salt-water fish for New York markets. In March 1880, Blackford secured a commitment from other Commissioners to at least explore the possibility of a Long Island hatchery. This was opposed by Seth Green, Mather’s old neighbor and at that time Superintendent of New York’s only hatchery on Caledonia Creek, which had been set up adjacent to his old fishponds.

In August 1881, Blackford and Robert Barnwell Roosevelt met in Roosevelt’s office to discuss the proposed Long Island hatchery. Green was present in his capacity as Superintendent; the other two Commissioners were absent. Green argued that his Caledonia hatchery needed at least four-fifths of the total Commission appropriation of $15,000. The two Commissioners accepted Green’s estimate but set aside the remaining $3000 for a Long Island hatchery and hired Fred Mather to scout out suitable sites. Within four months Mather found a site for the hatchery at Cold Spring Harbor, on Long Island Sound near Huntington, and persuaded the owners, John D. and W. R. D. Jones to offer it to the Commission for ten years at no cost. In January 1882, the Commission accepted the lease, and it seemed at that point as if Blackford would get his saltwater hatchery. However, when Blackford nominated Mather to be the superintendent, Roosevelt vehemently objected and said that Set Green, and only Seth Green, would get his vote for the position. Green was Roosevelt’s fishing partner, longtime friend, and co-author. The matter disintegrated into a lengthy harangue.

Finally, no superintendent was named, and nine months later only $178 of the $3000 set aside had been spent. A few hatching troughs had been prepared, but there was no hatchery, and no work was under way to develop one.

Blackford was not amused. At the October 1882 Commission meeting he fumed that the work was still unfinished and pointed the finger squarely at Superintendent Green who, he said, had shown “a want of inclination toward finishing it.” R. U. Sherman, another of the commissioners, was not convinced of the worth of the hatchery, but [succeeded in] cutting funds to do the work to $1000 for the remainder of the year. Blackford, not to be denied his hatchery, got Mather to move from Roslyn, Long Island to take charge of the new hatchery and bring it into production. On January 1, 1883, Mather took over and began to construct a series of troughs for the brook trout and salmon he had been told to raise. In the back of his mind, however, he kept thinking about those brown trout. Then a curious thing happened. Exactly two months after Mather arrived at Cold Spring Harbor, he received a gift from Baron von Behr, Von Behr’s gift had left Bremen, Germany on February 11 on the North German Lloyd steamer Werra. The Werra’s cargo included 81,088 German immigrants. Not that the ship’s decks were that big; 80,000 of those immigrants were brown trout eggs, little pearls with pink eyes. The steamer docked in New York on February 23, 1883, and the eggs arrived at Cold Spring Harbor five days later, on the last day of February 1883. However, the shipment was in poor condition. Many had matured, hatched, and died from a lack of food. All the remainder were quite dry and chances for their survival appeared dim. Besides, Mather had only two buildings, each about 20 by 30 feet. In the two months since his arrival he had installed the necessary troughs but had already filled them with salmon eggs from Maine and brook trout eggs from Caledonia. The browns would have to survive in new troughs outdoors, at least for the time being. But that wasn’t a long-range solution, either, so he decided to ship some of the eggs to other hatcheries. Among those was the U.S. federal hatchery at Northville, Michigan, then directed by Frank N. Clark. Clark had supplied Mather with whitefish eggs, which had then been shipped on to von Behr in Germany, so the shipment of brown trout eggs to Michigan was both a courtesy and a repayment to Clark. Another part of the exchange involved the shipment of brook trout and salmon to Germany in exchange for carp, at that time believed to be highly valuable fish and just then being introduced to American waters.

But that’s another story. [to be concluded in September.]

The Northville hatchery had been started by Clark’s father, Nelson W. Clark, as a private operation, [in] the United States and overseas, but when Mather sent the brown trout eggs, Frank Clark was elated. He handled the eggs as best he could, but by July only some 1400 fry, 28 percent of his lot, were still alive. An historical footnote is needed here. The first shipment of brown trout eggs from von Behr, which Mather received on February 28, 1883, marked the beginning of the movement that introduced the brown trout to American public waters. However, the very first importation of brown trout eggs had been made by W.L. Gilbert, owner of the Old Colony

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Trout Ponds in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Gilbert imported his brown trout sometime before 1881, a small shipment of eggs, which he hatched and kept in a pond for occasional display at such events as the opening of trout season at the Fulton Street Marketing in New York City. Like Gilbert’s fish, the fish from von Behr’s first gift remained in the hatchery ponds. Mather’s plan was to keep them for showing visitors and as brood stock.

However, something was learned of the brown’s behavior during this time, a point of information that tells us a bit about this great fish. At Cold Spring Harbor, Mather and his staff were proud of their new introduction. To show the brown to visitors they often netted the fish, raised them from the water to be shown, and then replaced them in the ponds. This proved so shocking to the fish that they actually jumped out of their ponds, causing the loss of many. At first the staff was puzzled by these suicidal foreign imports, but after the strange behavior was repeated many times, the connection to their netting was made. Although the netting ceased, the practice had decimated the Cold Spring Harbor brown trout. By September, 1883, fewer than fifty fish from this first shipment survived. At Michigan’s Northville hatchery, however, 1330 fish were still alive in the nursery tank by September 1883. Hearing of the rather dismal beginning of his gift to American anglers, von Behr sent more brown trout eggs in 1884. The Donau, sister ship of the Werra, arrived in New York on February 5, 1884 carrying, among other things, 70,000 brown trout eggs. These reached Mather on February 15, with 30,000 destined for New York State and 40,000 for the U.S. Fish Commission. The next day eggs were dispatched to Clark at Northville where they arrived on February 18. At Northville, a new element in the story began to take shape. During February and March, 1884, J.F. Ellis a member of the hatchery, had been very busy. Ellis was in charge of the U.S. Fish Commission Car No. 2 based at Northville, and he and his assistant had made a dozen trips in 45 days, planting 37 million whitefish fry in Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York. Now, on April 11, 1884, he was preparing the car for another run, this time to northern Michigan. The day dawned crisp, and at 8:00 a.m. it was 36 degrees, calm and cloudy. Car No. 2 was loaded with 75,000 lake trout fry destined for northern Michigan lakes. This was a light load for the hatchery car; it typically carried three million whitefish minnows in 76 cans, so it was decided to take on the same run 4900 brown trout fry hatched in mid-March at Northville. These were from von Behr’s second gift, not fish from the 1883 group, which were still being held as brood stock. This entire load would easily fit into a few cans. So Car No. 2, with its historic little load of less than 5000 tiny brown trout, chugged toward Baldwin, Michigan later the same day. The lake trout fry would be dispatched for dumping into the nearby Big Star, Crooked, and Strawberry Lakes, but the browns were river fish, so the train first made a short unscheduled stop at the bridge over the Baldwin River, a short distance east of town. Back then it was known as the North Branch of the Pere Marquette, and it was the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad; today it’s the Baldwin River and the C & O Railroad, but in any case it was here, on April 11, 1884, that Ellis lugged the can containing the brown trout fry down to the river bank and upended it. With a gurgle and a splash, the brown had found its new home in America. There was no design or plan to this launching, but its success shows that luck sometimes outweighs all else. Originally the river was a grayling stream, as were many other northern Michigan streams, protected by a great white pine forest, stretching from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. But by 1884, the forests were being cut at a rapid rate, and the grayling were in decline.

Typically, the logs were transported by floating them down rivers in the spring flood. This added greatly to streambed disturbance at the precise time grayling were trying to spawn. In addition, with fewer trees and more “daylight in the swamp,” the waters warmed. The grayling population dropped steadily toward oblivion. Although brook trout were planted in some of these waters at least ten years before the brown’s first stocking, brook trout are even less tolerant of warm water and less aggressive than the brown. The brown, moving into the niche left vacant by the demise of the grayling, quickly dominated the streams. After that initial planting, the brown was introduced to more and more American waters.

But the Michigan planting, while the first in America, was not first by much. Fry from the 1884 von Behr eggs had been released in at least six places on Long Island, beginning on April 23, a bare two weeks after the Baldwin River was planted. In 1885, another half dozen locations on Long Island received fry hatched from a third shipment by von Behr. That year Iowa and Maine also introduced the brown. Pennsylvania joined the group in 1886, followed by Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Wisconsin in 1887. Minnesota got browns in 1888 and Montana and Nebraska the following year. The next decade saw the brown introduced into California, Connecticut, Nevada and Vermont. New Jersey gained its first browns in 1900.

Biologically, the brown had become an unqualified success in the United States in a matter of 5 years, having been successfully introduced into 39 states. However, this very success caused a political uproar. Fishermen found the brown harder to catch than the brook. In their frustration, they called (continues on page 10)
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the brown a cannibal for eating smaller fish and belittled its
taste as inferior to the brook. By December 1894, only a
decade after the first planting on the Pere Marquette, New
York’s Fish Commissioners restricted planting of browns
to larger streams as a protection to brook trout streams.
Three years later, the Michigan Board of Fish Commis-
sioners termed the brown “…inferior in every respect to
the brook or rainbow.” Fortunately, as anglers learned how
to fish for browns, this sentiment changed, and the brown
trut is today one of the most respected and sought after
of all American trout. It was an immigrant and a pioneer,
and like many of its human counterparts from that era it
became a respected citizen with a large family.

We’re all happy that the brown trout is here to stay.

Send us your fishing, camping or other
outdoor stories and we’ll publish them
in the newsletter.
Send plain text and/or photos in jpg format
to Tom at: twwatson@comcast.net
Informe: 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.

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Mailing address is Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306

An active organization needs active helpers! Please check the IKE’s opportunities here and indicate “all” that you can help. Thanks from your DLC Board! Please enjoy the 39 acres!

Indicate which of these important committees you’re interested in working on:

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- _____ Programs
- _____ Every Member Dinners

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Please join us on Saturday, March 7th for the

2020 ANNUAL CONSERVATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

Guest Speaker Nicholette Sowder: “Beyond Place-Based Education: Nurturing Memory-Making in Nature”

Silent Auction, Dinner and Program, Raffle

See page 5 for more information and reservation form.

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For more information see page 4.