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Special points of interest:

- Keep us up to date with your contact information.
- Leave the park cleaner than when you arrived.
- Safety is the responsibility of everyone.
- Do not hesitate to fix something or notify the Board of an issue.

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Results of Officer Elections

Palmer Holden

Dale Brentnall, past national president of the Izaak Walton League of America, was present at the September board meeting to swear in the new board members and officers for the 2009-2010 year. Dale outlined the duties of each position and thanked person for their willingness to serve on the board.

A special thanks for the extra time and effort that the officers dedicate to the Ames Ikes!

Officers Elected:

Palmer Holden, President
Carrol McCracken, 1st VP
Kevin Arrowsmith, 2nd VP
Stephen Holmes, Secretary
Scott Hippen, Treasurer

Terms ending 2010:

Stephen Holmes*
Scott Hippen*
John Gookin
Gary Downs
Art Fleener

Terms ending 2011:

Carrol McCracken*
Aaron Kester
Jim Johnson
Bill Cook
Darin Van Ryswyk
Palmer Holden*

Terms ending 2010:

Kevin Arrowsmith*
Roger Elliot
Tim Harwood
Brian Vandewater
Cal Halliburton
Terry Heinrich

* denotes officers



From left are Dale Brentnall; Palmer Holden, president; Terri Heinrich, board member; Carrol McCracken, 1st VP; Keven Arrowsmith, 2nd VP; Scott Hippen, secretary; Brian Vandewater, board member; and Cal Halliburton, board member.

Bow Hunters in Ames Ikes Park

Matt Graesch

This will be the third year for the Ames Ikes Bowhunt. In the first two years there have been more than 10 deer harvested from the Ikes' property. With an emphasis on population control, all but 2 have been does.

This year there will be 4-5 bow hunters using the park. All hunters are current Ikes members and have fulfilled the Iowa Hunter Safety Course as well as an elective Bowhunter Safety Course. All are experienced

hunters and are following a standard procedure outlined and approved by the Ames Ikes board to ensure the total safety of the hunters and all others using the park.

The hunters will be using the park from October 1 until December 5 and again from Dec 21 until January 10, in accordance with the regular state-wide bow hunting season. The hunters will almost always be in stand either at daybreak or at

sundown and will not in any way interfere with regular park activities.

The Ames Ikes Bowhunt is open to any active members with the proper certification (hunter safety and bowhunter safety courses). Please contact Matt Graesch, mgraesch@mchsi.com prior to the season for more information. Following sign-up, Matt divides the Ikes park into sections and there is a draw to assign places to hunt.



Project Appleseed is a project of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association.

For information on Appleseed, see: www.appleseedinfo.org

For more photos and comments about the Ames Appleseed:

appleseedinfo.org/smf/index.php?topic=6798.0

Appleseed Clinic held at Ames Ikes

On April 18 & 19, 2009 an Appleseed clinic was held at the Ames Ikes Rifle and Pistol Ranges. Appleseed instructors taught marksmanship techniques using standing, sitting, and prone positions, coupled with discussions on the historical significance of the American Rifleman tradition, focusing on the accounts of the Battles of Lexington and Concord of April 18 & 19, 1775.

Most attendees had previous shooting experience, but had never learned proper technique. Two main shooting fundamentals were taught: "Six Steps to Firing a Shot" and "Natural Point of Aim" (NPOA). The shooter must achieve a relaxed natural state that when done correctly requires no forced muscle control to hold the rifle on target. If sight adjustment is necessary, the NPOA

shooter pivots his or her whole body. In short, don't muscle the shot!

After learning the basics (including safe gun handling and range safety measures), attendees applied their new found skills on more complex courses of fire. This latter requirement used an Appleseed version of the Army Qualification Test that simulates 100, 200, 300 and 400-yard distances at 25 yards.

Cort Pahl, a participant noted, "I had a great time at this clinic. It's events like these that make the shooting sports really addictive and enjoyable. I really like

the approach the Appleseed Project takes to introduce folks to this uniquely American skill. Teach the correct basics, practice and then challenge. And best of all, Appleseed clinics are really 'newbie' friendly."



We would like to hear more about how you and your family use and enjoy the Ames Ikes Park. To share your stories please contact Drake Larsen at, dlarsen@iastate.edu

Dale Brentnall Honored

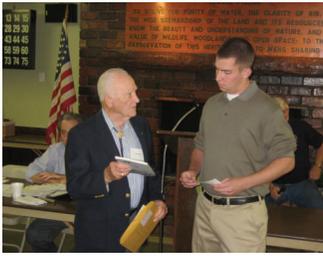
Palmer Holden

Dale Brentnall was honored (and surprised) at the September 8 board meeting with an ice cream cake to celebrate his 90th birthday. Dale is a past president of the Ames Chapter of Izaak Walton and a past national president.



ISU Grad Student Receives McNurlen Award

Marv Scott



Anthony Sindt, a Masters Degree student at Iowa State University majoring in Natural Resource Ecology and Management, received the **Dr. Keith**

McNurlen Memorial Award. Dr. McNurlen was an Ames dentist, avid fisherman and a past president of the Ames Ikes and this scholarship is endowed in his name. The award recognizes a graduate student with an interest in fisheries and wildlife ecology in Iowa. The award was presented at the state convention in Ottumwa by Dale Brentnall, a member of the Ames Chapter of the Izaak

Walton League of American and a past national president of the IWLA.

Sindt's research objectives are to (1) refine Iowa's prioritization of stream fish, (2) better understand the occurrence and distribution of priority fish species in greatest need of conservation in Iowa's Wadeable streams, and (3) test the potential of an aquatic analysis to predict the occurrence of priority fish in Iowa.



Above: The Ames Ikes Chapter house is a great venue for group meetings, seminars, receptions, etc

For site availability, go to www.amesikes.org and click on "Calendar." Contact Palmer Holden at 231-5543 or pholden@iastate.edu for rental information and reservations.

Ames Ikes' Chapter House— Rental Information

Palmer Holden

The Ames Izaak Walton League has many facilities for the use of our members and others. This month I'd like to highlight our chapter house. It is located in our park and has a very nice meeting room that is used for our board meetings, other chapter activities such as Hunters' Education and Scout meetings; and is available for activities such as group meetings, seminars, receptions, etc. There are

conference tables and chairs for about 80 people.

You will be impressed when you enter the chapter house by the many wild animal mounts that were donated many years ago. In addition to the meeting room there is a functioning kitchen and restrooms, including one that is handicapped accessible. The chapter house is both heated and air-conditioned. Alcoholic beverages are not

permitted.

Rental for Ikes' member activities is \$10/hour with a \$40 minimum. Scouts and other youth conservation activities, etc, may use the chapter house at no cost. The current rental fee for other users is \$20/hour with a \$100 minimum. A \$50 deposit may be required for clean-up. The \$50 will be returned if the chapter house is cleaned satisfactorily.

Tom Manatt Family Makes Donation

Palmer Holden

The family of long time Ikes member Tom Manatt were the guests for a dedication ceremony opening the rebuilt trap ranges at Izaak Walton Park last July during the opening events of the Iowa Games. The project was funded with a donation from the Manatt family in memory of Tom, who passed away in 2005.

Chapter President Palmer Holden spoke to thank the Manatt family, and the businesses that made in-kind donations that completed the project: Manatt's Inc, Nevada Monument, Country Landscapes and ATCO Enterprises.

The trap houses were replaced with poured concrete, new electrical, a new

shooting pad installed behind the doubles trap field and draining/grading work was done to ease mowing and maintenance.

A magical moment occurred as Linda Manatt, Tom's wife, called for the first bird on the new range, and solidly broke the clay.



The Board Meetings held each Tuesday will now be held at 6:15pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Please make note of this change and we hope to see you there

An up-to-date calendar of events, including chapter house functions is available on our website.
www.amesikes.org
 Click on CALENDAR

Volunteering Success

Archery: **Tom Guard**
 Chapter House: **Palmer Holden**
 Conservation & Education: **Jim Pease**
 Grounds, Equipment, Campground: **Aaron Kester**
 Indoor Range: **Sam Anderson**
 Membership
 New: **Gary Downs**
 Renewal: **Lee Van Brocklin**
 Newsletter: **Drake Larsen**
 Outdoor Rifle & Pistol Range: **Darin Van Ryswyk**
 Trap & Skeet Range: **Tim Harwood**
 Website: **Jim Johnson**

It takes a lot of effort to keep the Ames Izaak Walton League facilities and activities organized and running smoothly. It couldn't be done without a dedicated board and group of volunteers. If you have a set of special skills (from woodworking to typesetting) or just bit of spare time, we'd appreciate your help.

For more information contact Palmer at:
pholden@iastate.edu

Calendar of Events for October

Sundays:

1pm-3pm Air Rifle Team, contact Marv Scott 233-1849
 1pm-3pm Trap and Skeet, members only

Wednesdays:

5pm- 9pm Steel Pistol Match
 5:45-8:45pm Trap and Skeet, public
 7pm-9pm ISU Rifle and Pistol, contact Darin Van ryswyk

Thursdays:

5pm-9pm ISU trap and Skeet, contact Lee Van B 290-9745

Other Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, 13th Oct, Ikes board Meeting @ 6:15

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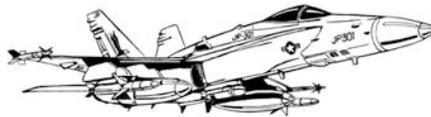
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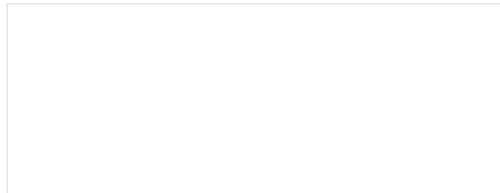
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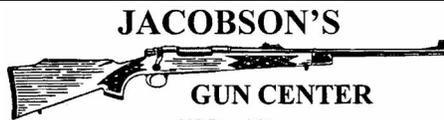
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