



AMES CHAPTER NEWS

The Izaak Walton League of America

One mile North of Skunk River Bridge
(2066 Stagecoach Rd)



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President's Column

By Palmer Holden

Dear Ikes' members, I have the honor of serving as your Chapter president this year. We have several things we hope to accomplish, probably foremost improving the road to the park. If you have suggestions or want to volunteer, please contact me at president@amesikes.org.

I want to note several items for your interest.

We no longer have a Park Resident. That means the work that Burton did is going to fall on Chapter members, including checking IDs of park users, park maintenance and security.

You may find a time in the winter that the road has not been cleared of snow. We will do our best but clearing will occur in our spare time.

We have no paid employees so the 600-plus members are expected to help with maintenance, etc.

A major effort needs to be chain sawing to enhance the openness of the park. I would like to see dead trees and limbs cut and the low brush along the edges of the grass areas cut and dragged back into the forest. You do not need to ask permission unless you have a concern.

If you can cut the dead wood into firewood that would be nice. I can get various Scout troops to stack it. Just let me know where you did the cutting.

Please feel free to bring a saw and cut for a half hour before or after shooting or using the park for other activities. Do not expect Board and Committee Chairs to do all of work. Please volunteer.


We have a security gate at the entrance that occasionally malfunctions. If it fails to open use the south gate with the combination padlock. The combination is the same as for the gate.

Please respect our neighbors and do not begin shooting before 7:30 A.M. or after sundown except for sponsored events. I have a request to not shoot before 8:00 A.M. on Sundays. If you can comply, fine. If you need to start shooting at 7:30 A.M. on Sunday, go ahead and shoot. I am not excited about getting calls from neighbors.

I am managing rentals of the Chapterhouse and Campground. Please contact me for reservations.

I have had the opportunity to walk some of the trails in the park and they are a missed pleasure if you are not familiar with our park. By the way, take a chain saw when you walk the trails.

Sincerely,
Palmer Holden, 2008-09 President

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If you are a non-member seeking information about membership please contact membership@amesikes.org. Thank you!

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IDPA update
 from Darin Van Ryswyk

Thanks to all of you for shooting with us. Here at the Ikes we host a number of shoots, a link is provided on the Outdoor Range page of our website at <http://www.amesikes.org/outdoorange.htm> for the Central Iowa IDPA results. Please visit the website and check them out <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/CentrallowaIDPA/>. The next two Ames matches will be on **Sunday, December 14th at 10am and also Sunday, January 11th also at 10am**. Cost is \$10 per entry, and \$5 for each additional gun.

Ames Ikes' Chapterhouse
 By Palmer Holden, Ikes President

Welcome to the Ames Izaak Walton League. We have 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 100 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 without prior approval by the Board.

Rental is free for Ikes' member activities, scouts and other youth conservation activities, etc. The current rental fee for other users is \$100 per day. A \$50 deposit may be required for clean-up. The \$50 will be returned if the chapter house is cleaned satisfactorily.

If you are interested in using the facility check its availability on the "amesikes.org" webpage and click on Calendar. Contact Palmer Holden at 231-5543 or email to pholden@iastate.edu for rental information and reservations.

November/December Events Contacts	
Membership & Board meeting / General questions Palmer Holden 515-233-1629	Outdoor Range / IDPA Darin Van Ryswyk 515-233-8521
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Monthly Membership & Chapter Meeting

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings of the Ames Ikes will be **December 9th at 6:15pm** and **January 13th at 6:15pm** in the chapterhouse. Guests are welcome to attend with members. Members are also encouraged to attend, **especially** if you have concerns or questions to voice. Do not expect one board member or officer to be your voice.

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Electronic Gate

When using the electronic gate for entry into the park, please remember to push the “ENTER” key after punching in the four-digit code. If the electronic gate does not open, the padlock gate uses the same code. **Since we no longer have a park resident the intercom at the gate will not be answered.**

Membership

Questions in regards to membership are available online at www.amesikes.org/becomeamember.htm.

For the most accurate and up to date information can be found online. It is also the easiest method for new members to find out about our park, it's activities and contact our membership directors should they have a membership question. Renewing members that were members in 2007 and wish to renew in 2008 will still need to pay the renewal cost of \$92 (individual) or \$120 (family) **regardless** of when you renew in 2008. National enforces this rule—it is not a rule exclusively for our chapter; this rule applies to all chapters. Please send the completely filled out application form to the Ames Chapter at the appropriate address on the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail the chapter or contact John Gookin or Gary Downs, Membership Directors.

Website Tips—Reprint

By Jim Johnson

Some of you have recently emailed us thought the form available at www.amesikes.org/contact.htm. I have responded to you, but some servers and some email accounts are not accepting my reply. Yahoo, MSN, AOL, etc have some pretty good spam filters, sometimes too good. Simply adding in “*@amesikes.org” to your 'safe' or 'accepted' email addresses will allow you to accept our responses.

Make the Ames Ikes website your homepage, then you can always quickly see what events are coming in the future. Or simply check it before you plan on coming out. On the front page is a weather link letting you know the temperature and other conditions for our area.

Send in your pictures of events if you would like them posted to our website photo gallery...send them to webmeister@amesikes.org and let me know some specifics about who is in the picture, what you are doing, and what the event was. Then view them at www.amesikes.org/photogallery.htm.



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