



## AMES CHAPTER NEWS

# The Izaak Walton League of America

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



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### How do I contact...

By Jim Johnson

Again there is an enhancement to the website. It revolves around contacting us via the website. The contact page has been updated to include many different aspects of our chapter, Archery, Indoor Range, Outdoor Range, Trap & Skeet...etc.etc. Visit [www.amesikes.org/contact.htm](http://www.amesikes.org/contact.htm) and click a button of the area of interest you wish to voice your question or concern.

Now you can send your question directly to the Board Member or Committee Chair that is most acquainted with that area of the Chapter. This should allow a quicker response and more accurate and complete. If you see something at the park that requires maintenance, click on the maintenance button and report it. We will add to the list of items that need attention.

### IOWA SCTP Raffle

By Lee Van Brocklin

Ikes Members are eligible to enter into the 2009 Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program (Iowa SCTP) fundraising raffle. Drawing date March 3, 2009.

They are offering several prize packages including a Beretta Teknys and Urika sporting shotguns. For entry information contact Lee Van Brocklin, [vanb@mchsi.com](mailto:vanb@mchsi.com), or 515 -290-9745, or visit <http://www.iowasctp.org/donate.htm> for more information and entry forms. Money raised goes directly to developing youth shooting in Iowa high schools.

### Electronic Newsletter Distribution is Now Available

By Jim Johnson

With our recent change to a different web server complete (a minor permission was changed by our hosting company to activate the new pages on the web server, the site WAS down for a couple days) we have had the opportunity to utilize a new tool available to us. Now we have an electronic distribution available. To sign up visit [www.amesikes.org/memberupdate.htm](http://www.amesikes.org/memberupdate.htm) on our website to add your name to the list. If you are getting both copies and prefer one please let us know, if we can save on printing and postage that money remains for use on projects at the park.

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If you are a non-member seeking information about membership please contact [membership@amesikes.org](mailto: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, January 11th at 10am and also Sunday, February 8th also at 10am**. Cost is \$10 per entry, and \$5 for each additional gun.

**Web Blog and our Future?**

Part of the upgrade and change to our web servers was also the ability to ad a blog to the Chapter website. Now you can select an area of discipline to converse about. As society changes and evolves, so must we...part of the Ikes future is in your son or daughter. Many of them, or their friends are using blogs like never before. Adults too, the past election news cycle was filled with banter harvested from blogs and other websites. If this is a technology that can be used to communicate the benefits of ACTUALLY being outdoors, maybe those kids will join you, your son or daughter, or other friend or family upon your next visit to the our Park. Our new recruits are the kids of today and tomorrow, take some time with them and teach them what they can't learn on a computer monitor.

Also we have entertained the idea of a "Trading Post" of sorts. A specific topic reserved for items that you have and wish to find another home. We are still working on this idea...please contact the webmaster to suggest ideas.

**December/January Events Contacts**

Membership & Board meeting / General questions Palmer Holden 515-233-1629	Outdoor Range / IDPA Darin Van Ryswyk 515-233-8521
Membership Information & New Memberships Gary Downs 515-292-5094	Ames Chapter Member only Skeet Shoot Tim Harwood 515-290-6945
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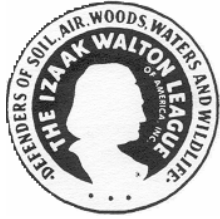
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### Monthly Membership & Chapter Meeting

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings of the Ames Ikes will be **January 13th at 6:15pm** and **February 10th 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.

### Returned Newsletters “Temporarily Away” or “No Forwarding Address on File”

**Please note** if your newsletter is returned to us marked “temporarily away” or “no forwarding address on file” you will need to contact us to resume your newsletter subscription. Thank you. Please update your Member information with easy to use forms online at <http://www.amesikes.org/memberupdate.htm> and it's FREE!

### 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](http://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.

**Please remember to get your renewals in early to keep current with changes at the Ames Chapter. Many new items will be coming up for review during the first few months of the new year and we would like to keep you informed.**

### Website

By Jim Johnson

The website “Members Area” has been available without a password for a few weeks now, and will continue without password for the short term. Once 2009 Membership access cards are mailed out you will have the new username and password combination for 2009. Until that time...enjoy.

I am still looking for pictures of events to post to our website photo gallery...please send them to [webmeister@amesikes.org](mailto: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](http://www.amesikes.org/photogallery.htm).



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