

**The Izaak Walton League of America**

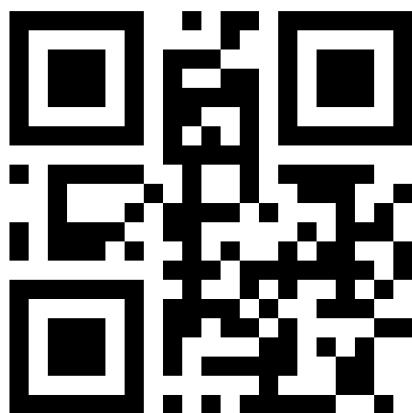
**IOWA DIVISION**

**102nd State Convention**

**April 25-27, 2025**



**Hosted by the  
Ottumwa Chapter**



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THE IOWA DIVISION WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS TO  
THE 102nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Thank you to the Ottumwa Chapter for hosting the  
2025 Iowa Division

UPCOMING EVENTS  
2025 National Convention in Green Bay, WI  
July 18-19, 2025

at the Tundra Lodge Resort  
(Early Bird Welcome Reception the evening of Thursday, July 17, 2025)

*With the 103rd Anniversary of the National Convention so close,  
please plan on taking this opportunity!*

# Welcome to Ottumwa

## Enjoy Your 2025 State Convention



All events take place at the

Ottumwa Chapter Facility

11077 90th Street

Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Water, and Wildlife

**Our Mission:** To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

# **The Izaak Walton League of America**

## **Ottumwa Chapter**

11077 90th Street, P.O. Box 495

Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

### **Chapter Officers:**

<b>President.....</b>	<b>Rick Findling</b>
<b>1st Vice President.....</b>	<b>Shelley Morgan</b>
<b>2nd Vice President.....</b>	<b>Deborah Moore</b>
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<b>Treasurer.....</b>	<b>Alice Roberts</b>
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<b>Director.....</b>	<b>Jerry Shaw</b>
<b>Director.....</b>	<b>Heidi Parker</b>

**Izaak Walton League is one of America's oldest and most successful conservation organizations - and we are the only organization training, equipping and coordinating volunteer water quality monitors on a national scale.**

**These volunteers are the heart and soul of our common-sense conservation mission.**



## **National President**

Jodi Labs, Green Bay, WI

## **National Vice President**

Herbert Pritchett, Sr., Fredricksburg, VA

## **National Executive Board (from Iowa)**

Dale Braun, Chair (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Vicki Arnold (Sherrill, IA)

Rick Cerwick (Des Moines, IA)

Jack Johnson (Schleswig, IA)

## **Past National Presidents from Iowa**

Vicki Arnold, Sherrill 2022-2023

Don Freeman, Waverly 1989-1990

Dale Brentnall, Ames 1986, 1989

Lee Dallager, Des Moines 1980-1981

J. Justin Roger, Spirit Lake 1967-1968

Alden Erskine, Sioux City 1960

Judge John W. Tobin, Vinton 1952

George W. Wood, Waterloo 1935-1936



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## **Keynote Speaker:**

# **Scott Kovarovics**

**The Izaak Walton League's Executive Director**

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Scott started with League in 2008 as the League's Conservation Director. In that capacity, he advanced the League's common-sense conservation agenda in the areas of clean water and energy, sustainable agriculture, outdoor education for youth, and more. He became the League's Executive Director in July 2012.

Prior to joining the Izaak Walton League, Scott served as senior legislative policy associate at the National Recreation and Parks Association, and prior to that as manager of federal affairs for the American Society of Landscape Architects. Early in his career, he served in the office of U.S. Congressman Sam Gejdenson, including as chief of staff and legislative director. Kovarovics earned a bachelor's degree in political science from George Washington University and a master's in public administration from American University.

Over the last several years, Scott has worked tirelessly to promote the League. Most recently he helped usher in the League's 100 Year Anniversary celebration. Along with that, to focus our vision on the next 100 Years. He'll talk to our current and future efforts on water quality/testing, soil health as it relates to agriculture, the Farm Bill and most importantly citizen participation. How we, as Iowa Division Ike's, can help the League achieve its goals.

# State Convention Program

**Ottumwa Chapter  
The Izaak Walton League of America**

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Division Board Meeting (open to all)**

**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Early Registration Open and Social Time**

**6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner**

**Friday Night 7:30 p.m. - The Antler Guys  
Mercantile**

*Join us for a late evening visit to The Antler Guys  
Mercantile in downtown Ottumwa.*



# **Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. Convention Registration Open**

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**

**Dale Braun— Iowa Division President**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**IWLA Member Pledge**

**Invocation**

**Welcome**

- **Rick Findling, Ottumwa Chapter President**
- **Dale Braun, Iowa Division President**

**Roll Call of Delegates**

- **Cheryl Kunch, Iowa Division Secretary**

**Intro of Division Leadership and Guests**

- **Convention Parliamentarian— Vicki Arnold**
- **Iowa Division President— Dale Braun**
- **Jay Gorsh— School of the Wild**
- **Neil Middleburg— Linn County Chapter's Bees & Prairie**

# **Saturday (continued)**

**10:30 a.m. BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker**

**Scott Kovarovics on Conservation**

**12:00 p.m. LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m. Award Presentations-  
with Lisa McIntyre**

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Nominations, Resolutions & By-Laws**
- **Dane Schumann— Iowa Division Lobbyist**
- **Conservation— Mike Delaney**
- **Communication/Website— Aaron Staker**
- **Outreach— Christine Curry**
- **Other Updates— Rick Cerwick**

## **Business Meeting:**

- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Membership Report**
- **Division Elections**
- **Other Business (Old/New)**

**Final Remarks- Dale Braun**

# **Saturday (continued)**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner/Banquet**

- **Installation of Officers**
- **Live Auction & Division Baskets**
- **Silent Auction Winners Announced**

**7:30 ish p.m. - Hieland Storm Band**



# Saturday Night Music!



## 7:30 ish p.m. - Hieland Storm Band

“We are an Irish Pub Band based in Southeast Iowa. Keeping the good old songs alive since 1998. Come ready to clap, sing along, carry on and have a good time.”

Two of the members of the band, Tom and Paul Rodgers, grew up here at the Ottumwa Izaak Walton Chapter with their parents Sam and Millie Rodgers.



# **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. Iowa Division Board Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. Trap Shoot at the Chapter House**



**The IOWA DIVISION is grateful to the  
Ottumwa Chapter for hosting  
the 2025 Trap Shoot!**

# Conservation ACTION: On-line at our monthly Watershed Talks...



## 2025 Watershed Talks

Soil and Water Conservation

Tuesday ~ March 18th @ 7 pm CT via Zoom

IOWA DIVISION



## Nature Defenders of Iowa—

How organizations work everyday to defend our natural resources both at the state and federal level!

**Anna Gray— Public Policy Director & Counsel, INHF**

**Kate Hansen— Agriculture Program Director, IWLA**

## At the State Fair August 2024



# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Fish Refuge Celebrations



## Iowa Water Summit



## National Convention



## Big Grove & Green State Credit Union \$25,000 Grant





## Convention Year, Location and State President

YEAR	SITE	PRESIDENT	RESIDENCE
1923	Waterloo	George W. Wood (Acting)	Waterloo
1924	McGregor	George W. Wood (Acting)	Waterloo
1925	Boone	George W. Wood (Acting)	Waterloo
1926	Independence	B. Shimek	Iowa City
1927	Des Moines	B. Shimek Resigned 5-26-1927	Iowa City
1927	Fort Dodge	Dr.E.G Wollenweber6/3-30-1927	Keokuk
1928	Fort Dodge	A.C. Wilford	Waterloo
1929	Mason City	Ralph H. Stansbury	Mason City
1930	Des Moines	Walter Baumgartner	Dubuque
1931	Waverly	Harold Thomas	Des Moines
1932	Sioux City	E.S. Parker	Ida Grove
1933	Burlington	A.H. Bolton	Sioux City
1934	Des Moines	R. Ewinger	Burlington
1935	Des Moines	Harold Thomas	Des Moines
1936	NO CONVENTION		
1937	Des Moines	JH Frenchick	Sioux City
1938	Sioux City	JH Frenchick	Sioux City
1939	Mt. Ayr	AJ Hodgson	Maquoketa
1940	Burlington	AJ Hodgson	Maquoketa
1941	Des Moines	HC Beard	Mt. Ayr
1942	Des Moines	Cliff Hollowell	Waterloo
1943	Ft. Madison	Cliff Hollowell	Waterloo
1944	Des Moines	Ries Tuttle	Des Moines
1945	Waterloo	Ries Tuttle	Des Moines
1946	Des Moines	JC Ochsner	Ft. Madison
1947	Marshalltown	Arthur Smith	Emmetsburg
1948	Cedar Rapids	Arthur Smith	Emmetsburg
1949	Fort Dodge	Murray Russell	Newton
1950	Clinton	Murray Russell	Newton
1951	Ft. Madison	Paul Beck	Sioux City
1952	Des Moines	Paul Beck	Sioux City
1953	Marshalltown	Alden Erskine	Sioux City

## Convention Year, Location and State President

1954	Davenport	Alden Erskine	Sioux City
1955	Waterloo	LH Benesh	Davenport
1956	Spirit Lake	Henry Frei	Reinbeck
1957	Iowa City	Justin Rogers	Spirit Lake
1958	Newton	Justin Rogers	Spirit Lake
1959	Fort Dodge	CM Naser	Fort Dodge
1960	Sioux City	Bob Russell	Iowa City
1961	Des Moines	Bob Russell	Iowa City
1962	Ottumwa	Marvin Dalchow	Maquoketa
1963	Waterloo	Keith McNurlen	Ames
1964	Ames	Dale Brentall	Ames
1965	Newton	Bob Hare	waterloo
1966	Fort Dodge	LeRoy Fleming	Des Moines
1967	Des Moines	Eugene Hannam	Keosauqua
1968	Algona	Dale Brentall	Ames
1969	Burlington	Richard Ayres	Spirit Lake
1970	Muscatine	Richard Ayres	Spirit Lake
1971	Storm Lake	Gene Kragenbrink	Ankeny
1972	Clinton	Gene Kragenbrink	Ankeny
1973	Waterloo	Gene Kragenbrink	Ankeny
1974	Waverly	Don Freeman	Waverly
1975	Davenport	Don Freeman	Waverly
1976	Dubuque	Jim Haring	Clinton
1977	Waverly	Jim Haring	Clinton
1978	Waterloo	Dave Wright	West Des Moines
1979	Fort Dodge	Dave Wright	West Des Moines
1980	Des Moines	Dick VanderHorn	Davenport
1981	Newton	Dick VanderHorn	Davenport
1982	Ottumwa	Nick Frost	LaPorte City
1983	Davenport	Nick Frost	LaPorte City
1984	Dubuque	Jack Hackney	Dubuque
1985	Waterloo	Jack Hackney	Dubuque
1986	Iowa City	Pauline Novotny	Swisher
1987	Clinton	Pauline Novotny	Swisher
1988	Ottumwa	Dick Peer	Davenport
1989	Newton	Dick Peer	Davenport
1990	Muscatine	Dr. Roy Overton	Des Moines
1991	Cedar Rapids	Dr. Roy Overton	Des Moines
1992	Waterloo Ikettes	Dean Knight	Readlyn
1993	Des Moines	Dean Knight	Readlyn
1994	Denison	Don Passmore	Atalissa
1995	Ames	Don Passmore	Atalissa
1996	Newton	Ron Kuntz	Des Moines
1997	Iowa City	Ron Kuntz	Des Moines

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1998	Waterloo	Tom Rodd	Ankeny
1999	Indianola	Tom Rodd	Ankeny
2000	Davenport	Doyle Adams	Indianola
2001	Newton	Doyle Adams	Indianola
2002	Fort Dodge	Teri Souer	Indianola
2003	Indianola	Teri Souer	Indianola
2004	Ottumwa	Tom Holm	Des Moines
2005	Davenport	Tom Holm	Des Moines
2006	Des Moines	Seth Davis	Marshalltown
2007	Newton	Gary W. Madsen	East Moline, IL
2008	Denison	Gary W. Madsen	East Moline, IL
2009	Ottumwa	Marion Striegel	Oskaloosa
2010	Indianola	Marion Striegel	Oskaloosa
2011	Ames	Jay Samuelson	Des Moines
2012	Newton	Jay Samuelson	Des Moines
2013	Davenport	Brenda Smith	Ames
2014	Des Moines	Brenda Smith	Ames
2015	Indianola	Anita Samuelson	Des Moines
2016	Denison	Anita Samuelson	Des Moines
2017		Jack Johnson	Schleswig
2018		Jack Johnson	Schleswig
2019	Newton	Vicki Arnold	Sherrill
2020	NO CONVENTION	Vicki Arnold	Sherrill
2021	Newton	Rick Cerwick	Des Moines
2022	Indianola	Rick Cerwick	Des Moines
2023	Des Moines	Rick Cerwick	Waukee
2024	Cedar Rapids	Dale Braun	Cedar Rapids
2025	Ottumwa	Dale Braun	Cedar Rapids

# Happy 75th Anniversary

## *Chartered 1950*

## Ding Darling Chapter (Iowa)

## Louisa County Chapter (Iowa)



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**On behalf of the entire Iowa  
Division Chapters of the IWLA,  
we would like to thank the  
Ottumwa Printing Company for  
printing our programs.**

**We are very grateful!**



# NOTES

We give thanks to our IOWA DIVISION members who have contributed countless volunteer hours to our conservation causes. Many of them have published letters/articles related to our causes throughout this past year. We are especially grateful to our Iowa Division President, Dale Braun and our Conservation Director, Mike Delaney who have continued to demonstrate this through their words and action on the ground...leading the Izaak Walton League into the next century at the forefront.



## Izaak Walton League's Pledge

**“To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to mankind's sharing in it.**

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