

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE, MPLS CHAPTER

COLLECTION SUMMARY

COLLECTION NUMBER: B595, Accession number: 2021.218

COLLECTION REPOSITORY: Hennepin History Museum
2303 Third Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55404

COLLECTION TITLE: Izaak Walton League, MPLS Chapter

DATES: 1943-1989

CREATOR: Unknown

EXTENT: 2 boxes (2.17 linear feet)

LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL: English

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Izaak Walton League Women Chapter or Minneapolis Chapter will be referred to IWLWC in this finding aid. The IWLWC began as a suggestion from Dr. Julius R. Sturre to start a women's chapter. The Club first met at Dutros Café with Winnifred Sturre, Jack Reihl, Earl Dutro, and Louise Nofsker. The only women's club in the country at the time was in California. The first meeting was held on March 10, 1943 and the chapter changed its name to the Minnehaha Chapter.

The club was very diverse (socioeconomically speaking) for its time. The members were professional/working women to homemakers. In WWII, men left to go to war and women were encouraged to work. After the men returned, women were penalized when they wanted a career.

The organization's focus was on conservation. According to their history report, they chose the State Dunes State Forest to conserve and even grew over million trees at the park. In their reports, they mention how many trees they grew every year. They focused on teaching children not to litter.

The club wasn't socially focused and relied on their members love of nature. In 1946, they established an all-women's fishing party at Lake Mille Lacs. This event became a yearly event. They had a well attended Christmas party.

The club had two subgroups: bowling and fly fishing. They raised money with rummage and white elephant sales. The Board of Directors had five officers and ten elected directors. The constitution was established in 1946.

In 1946, Nellie Miner was elected as the first Women National Director. Winne Sturge started the scrapbooking collection in 1946.

In May 1947, they designed the Minnehaha Falls Emblem. They wrote their Articles of Incorporation. Whenever the National conference was held in Chicago, multiple members would attend. In 1960, the history report was written by Jean Lund. The 20th anniversary was held on January 5, 1963.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is composed of five series: Administration, History, Minutes, photos and scrapbooks.

The administration series contains taxes, finances, research on Lyme disease and the Articles of Incorporation.

The history series contains ephemera, programs, newspaper clippings and history reports. They range from 1943-1972.

The minutes range from 1943-1989. They had yearly reports.

The photos were taken from 2 photo albums. They are scanned. Please use the digital files in lieu of the object.

The scrapbooks series contain five scrapbooks dating from 1943-1979. These are very delicate and should be handled minimally. If there is a digitization grant, these scrapbooks would be a great collection to include.

The collection is arranged in 5 series and has no subseries. The series include:

Series 1: Administration

Series 2: History

Series 3: Minutes

Series 4: Photographs

Series 5: Scrapbooks

ACCESS

The collection is open for researchers and has no restrictions

RELATED MATERIALS:

- Minnesota Historical Society: Izaak Walton League of America, Minnesota Division
- University of Minnesota- Duluth: Izaak Walton Scrapbook

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated by Noreen Tyler.

CONTENT LIST:

Series 1: Archivist Notes

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	0	Redacted
1	1	Archivist Notes
1	2	Future Projects

Series 2: Administration

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	3	Articles of Incorporation
1	4	Budget
1	5	Lyme Disease
1	6	Taxes
1	7	Thank you Notes

Series 3: History

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	8	Ephemera
1	9	Media
1	10	Programs
1	11	Reports F. 1
1	12	Reports F. 2

Series 4: Minutes

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	13	1943
1	14	1944
1	15	1945
1	16	1946
1	17	1947
1	18	1948
1	19	1949
1	20	1950
1	21	1951
1	22	1952
1	23	1953
1	24	1954
1	25	1955
1	26	1956
1	27	1957
1	28	1958
1	29	1959
1	30	1960 F. 1
1	31	1960 F. 2
1	32	1961

1	33	1962
1	34	1963
1	35	1964
1	36	1965
1	37	1966
1	38	1970
1	39	1971
1	40	1972
1	41	1973
1	42	1974
1	43	1975
1	44	1976
1	45	1977
1	46	1978
1	47	1982 F. 1
1	48	1982 F. 2
1	49	1983
1	50	1984
1	51	1985
1	52	1986
1	53	1987
1	54	1988
1	55	1989
1	56	1990
1	57	1991
1	58	1992
1	59	1993

Series 5: Photographs

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	60	Photos F.1
1	61	Photos F.2

Series 1: Scrapbooks

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
2		5 scrapbooks