



# WALTONIAN

## TIME TO ACT — WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PASS DEDICATED FUNDING

### Vote Yes for the Legacy Amendment on Nov. 4.

#### Fellow Ikes:

Time rushes by. November fourth stares us in the eye. **A lot has to happen.** Did you know that most of our fellow citizens have not heard of the ballot question on dedicated funding? Let us work together and change that!

#### Here are ways you can help:

- Email or call Noreen Tyler at the State Office and order the DVD that tells the story in five minutes. It is free and you can order as many as you'd like. (ikes@minnesotaikes.org or 651-221-0215) Organize a house party to show the DVD to your neighbors, present it to your civic club or church group and your IWLA Chapter.
- Call Vote Yes (651-644-2088) and order lawn signs, bumper stickers, and buttons. Wear the button everywhere you go.
- Order VOTE YES T-Shirts.
- Volunteer to help at an event (Game Fair, at Cabelas, at Gander Mountain), just email Dave- at dzentner@charter.net and we will schedule you in.
- Put together a booth at a nearby event. Vote Yes will help you organize your booth or help you volunteer at a booth already being planned.
- Write a short letter to your paper.
- Do an interview with radio or TV in your community.
- Let us help you. If after you've seen the DVD, you are still reluctant to give a talk to your group, let Vote Yes or Dave Zentner know. Schedule an appearance and if you need a speaker, we'll help you out.
- Make a contribution. It is not tax deductible, but it is needed to produce all of the campaign materials.

Think about this. For an extra three cents on a ten-dollar purchase, or, for a dollar a week for a family of four, we can generate millions, many millions for wise tactical use to clean our waters, heal land, in short, simply restore our Minnesota!

Indeed, let the light shine on our great state. Let us regain our claim to be the best in conservation in the nation. A closing jingle to your own special tune: "Let the light shine on our waters, let the light shine on our lands, let the light shine on our people, oh yea, won't that be really grand."

**Dave Zentner, past IWLA National President and McCabe Chapter Member**

**"shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three eights of one per cent on taxable sales until the year 2034?"**

Vote YES Minnesota!

# Ikes Invade Indiana, July 23-25

By Ruth Saari, Minnehaha Chapter State Director

Merrillville, Indiana which hosted the 86th National IWLA Convention was the destination of nine Minnesota Division Ikes, among them National Directors **Bill Henke**, **Rolf Nordstrom** and **Gary Schwartz**. Minnesota Ikes have these national leadership roles: **Cherry Schwartz** was appointed a member of the National Environmental Education Committee, **Bill Henke** served on the Nominating Committee and **Jill Crafton** is a member of the Energy Resource Committee.



*Dave and Margo Zentner prepare root beer floats.*

All national officers were re-elected including Region 4 Governor **Dean Knight**.

Awards honored these Minnesota Ikes. Save Our Streams, **Bush Lake Chapter**. Conservation Award, **Gregg Thompson**. For the 9th time **Owatonna Chapter** won the Chapter Defenders Award for fulfilling five out of six requirements. **Breckenridge Chapter** also won this chapter management award.

The **Great Lakes Committee** awarded four awards this year at the National Convention in Indiana. Awards recognizing the "Relentless Advocacy for Ballast Water Treatment Best Practices" were awarded to **Gary Glass** and **Dave Zentner**. **Congressman Jim Oberstar's** award recognized him as a "Friend of the Great Lakes in Word and Deed for his CWRA, Water Compact, and Ballast Water leadership". The fourth award recognizes **Phyllis Green** as a Protector of the Great Lakes in

Word and Deed for her guts and leadership. She used her Emergency Powers as a Supervisor at Isle Royale National Park to treat the ballast water on the park's passenger ship, the Ranger III. Moreover, she has worked diligently to bring the shipping industry and the Coast Guard into a dialogue to support ballast water treatment.

The Minnesota Ikes were especially pleased to note that the highest IWLA honor, the 54 Founders Award, went to **Paul Hansen**, former Director of the Midwest Office and past Executive Director of the IWLA.

Seven National Resolutions were adopted and will be reported in the next *Outdoor America*.

Future National conventions: 2009 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 2010 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 2011 in Des Moines, Iowa

Keynote speaker **Lyle Laverty**, of the U. S. Interior Department, called for the need to reconnect kids with the outdoors in a time when electronics are keeping youngsters indoors. **Constantine "Costa" Dillon**, Superintendent of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, talked about conservation of his park and dunes, an extremely fragile ecosystem on the shores of Lake Michigan located in the middle of an increasingly urbanized environment.

And of course, there was the Parade of States, a gourmet's delight and a chance to sample food from the various states. Minnesota's popular root beer floats were served to 300. Some other offerings were crab dip, prime rib sandwiches, sweet and sour pheasant, Stevens Point beer and Hershey Kisses from other states.

## National Scholarship Awarded

Cherry Schwartz reported this news from the Convention. **Kara Van Nurden**, a former Minnesota Division scholarship winner, was the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship from the National IWLA. Kara, from Owatonna, was a Minnesota Division winner in 2005. She is attending South Dakota State University at Brookings and is pursuing a major in Biology (education), and a major in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. She has been an Agriculture and Biological Sciences Ambassador, is a member of the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Club, and has served as its fundraising co-chair. She works during the summer at Custer State Park. She will graduate in the spring of 2009. Congratulations, Kara!

## Ikes Explore Duluth's Beauty At Summer BOD Meeting

By Curt Leitz, Minnesota Division Vice-president  
and McCabe Chapter member

Approximately twenty Ikes from around the state converged on Duluth for a Board of Directors' meeting August 2, putting considerable strain on the city's accommodations on a weekend during which 75,000 other people came to see the "Tall Ships," three 19th-century sailing vessels in the Duluth Harbor for a long weekend. Ikes discovered historic **Fond du Lac**; rolled up our sleeves for two committee meetings in addition to the board meeting; celebrated two members with nearly two centuries of combined service; and toured Skyline Parkway. All this in approximately the time it took tens of thousands of others to find parking, scramble through the crowds, wait four to five hours in line, and then spend half an hour or so aboard one of the sailing vessels.

Our meeting was in Fond du Lac, a village that the city of Duluth annexed in 1894 but which has retained the feel of a separate community. Fond du Lac sits near the navigable limit of the lower **St. Louis River**. This strategic site was home to a **Dakota** village in the 17th century, an **Ojibwe** village in the 18th century, and the French, British, and finally Americans from the colonial period to the present. Here thick soled and strong backed laborers of all these nations began the "**Grand Portage**," a nine-mile carry around the roaring falls and the slate-rippled cataracts of the second-largest tributary of Lake Superior. (This trail should not be confused with the 8.5-mile portage from Lake Superior to the Pigeon River near Grand Portage, Minnesota. Though nearly the same length, the relatively flat Pigeon River to Lake Superior trail is "petit" in comparison with the arduous trek along the St. Louis River.) Today, Fond du Lac is the westernmost tip of Duluth proper and abuts spectacular **Jay Cooke State Park**.

The highlight of the meeting came when **Ruth Saari** (Minnehaha Chapter) and **Wes Libbey** (the eponymous member of the Grand Rapids Chapter) were recognized for their combined **91 years of service** to our conservation mission. OK, so it's mathematically impossible for two people to have a combined 191 years in the Izaak Walton League.

Anyone who knows Ruth and Wes can tell you that they were indeed born with fists doubled, at least when it comes to conservation, so we'll gratefully acknowledge their lifetimes of service and feel fortunate for whatever total decades they've given to our organization. We all ate cake in honor of these two Ikes, and some saw fit to eat a piece in honor of each of them.

Those able to stay a few extra hours following the meetings caravanned along historic **Skyline Parkway**, a scenic road that runs nearly the length of the City of Duluth. Much of Skyline follows an ancient shoreline of what's now **Lake Superior**—but the aptly named road is about six hundred feet in elevation above the current lake! When glaciers blocked the eastern end of the basin, the glacial lake drained south, up the **Brule River** valley and down the **St. Croix River** valley. Skyline Parkway was laid out on 6,500 year-old beach sediments. Along the parkway, our group stopped at various overlooks to enjoy the views, interpret the geology, and discuss the infrastructure and industry visible below. We visited **Enger Park**, home to a five-story stone tower and a "**Peace Bell**" exchanged between Japan and the United States after World War II. (A ceremony at the bell on August 6 marked the anniversary of the first of our country's two nuclear attacks on Japan.)

After numerous jaw-dropping stops along Skyline, our caravan ended at the home of **Melissa Najarian** and **Curt Leitz** where lemonade, cookies, and a (hopefully) clean bathroom greeted the weary travelers. Many thanks to all who journeyed to Duluth and braved the crowds for our meeting, and special thanks to **Bill Berg** for organizing our sugary celebration of Ruth and Wes!



*Ruth Saari and Wes Libbey share their cake.*

# WHAT ARE THE MINNESOTA DIVISION'S ISSUES PRIORITIES?

By Issues Chair Bill Barton

It has been suggested in the past that the charge of the Issues Committee is to prioritize issues for the Minnesota Division based on existing national IWLA policy. One can justifiably ask what are the IWLA's priorities against which we as the Minnesota Division should measure?

According to the **policy manual**, the Izaak Walton League has one major goal: That America's natural resources should be protected, managed, and used to assure long-term quality of life. But that is not an issue. Our **pledge** does not give us issues priorities – *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 our sharing of it.* Our **mission statement** does not give us issues priorities - *To conserve, maintain, protect, and restore the soil, forest, water, and other natural resources of the United States and other lands; to promote means and opportunities for the education of the public with respect to such resources and their enjoyment and wholesome utilization.* Not even the policy manual gives us issues priorities. It gives us official positions developed by the Izaak Walton League of America over more than 85 years of work on conservation issues.

## So where are our priorities?

There may be some clues in the fact that our national organization has no set issues priorities. Perhaps it is by design left up to the individual member to set priorities and promote them. This is really how it should be for an organization like the Ikes when you think about it.

## Summer BOD Meeting Notes

**Possible Division Dues Raise** – A motion to raise Minnesota Division dues \$5 failed. **The following motion passed:** The Minnesota Division BOD recommended a \$5 dues increase at the Division level to the 2009 Division Annual Convention for discussion, with the BOD then voting on this increase at the 2009 BOD Summer Meeting: \$2.50 would go to general operation and \$2.50 to the MD Legacy Fund. (Division dues have not been raised in 10 years.)

**2009 Wetland Summit** – The Division received \$2,000 from the National IWLA Endowment Fund for future planning of the 2009 Wetland Summit. Potential topics could be flooding and wetlands, hydrology.

**GreenStar Cities – President Rolf Nordstrom** gave background on the GreenStar Cities Initiative, a voluntary program to identify, support and recognize implementation of a set of sustainable development best practices that lead cities beyond compliance and encourage a culture of innovation. The program can receive state funding. Contact Michelle Schroeder for information at 612-388-5623 or mrs11111@hotmail.com.

A new **Chapter Handbook** will be provided to each chapter when it is published by the National IWLA.

That comes from the efforts and enthusiasm of many individuals learning, understanding, and acting on an issue. Our strength lies in the members who personally prioritize an issue enough to become informed and then inform others. Creation of enough support eventually results in meaningful change. Our strength also lies in the credibility created by filtering through a large inclusive organization.

We should remember the natural world is indivisible and none of its parts can be considered independent from the whole. As we learn about specific issues we gain understanding of the bigger overarching issues. So as we talk about the "important" issues that come our way, ask yourself how they fit into the "one" goal and body of positions we have. If we all pick at least one, learn more about it and help us all see the truth and meaningful change will follow. Bring your ideas and solutions to the table.

## Our priorities will become evident by our actions.

This seems a grassroots method of discovering issues of Minnesota Division interest. **Char Brooker**, past Chair of the National IWLA Executive Board, suggests initiation of an **on-line conservation conversation** with members that can discuss ongoing and new issues. "What are one to three issues bubbling around the state that could add to our collective clout? What is your issue and can we as an organization maximize our successes?" Brooker asks.

Be sure to check your League policy books and resolutions for background information or action on your suggested issues. "This need not be just an on-line effort but also phone or written ideas can be forwarded to the Issues Committee," Brooker suggests. Let the office know about your interests and send your ideas to the MN Division Issues Committee at the Minnesota Division Office at [ikes@minnesotaiques.org](mailto:ikes@minnesotaiques.org) or 651-221-0215.

# Scholarship Recipients Named

By **Cherry S. Schwartz**  
Chair Division Scholarship Committee

## 1st Ruth M. Saari Scholarship Awarded

The Ruth M. Saari Scholarship winner **Shayna Sellars**, an Environmental Education student from Duluth, is pursuing a Master's Degree at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Shayna has been a naturalist, teaching lessons to K – 12 students at nature centers and an outreach educator teaching short lessons in students' classrooms. She has developed pre- and post-visit curriculum for **Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center**. Her thesis project will be on "Climate and Phenology" and "Energy and CO2." When she completes her thesis project, she plans to develop curriculum for use with all students. She will be awarded \$2000 from the Minnesota Division. Congratulations, Shayna!

## \$1,000 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations also go to the other four recipients of Minnesota Division scholarships of \$1000 each. This year's winners are **Danielle Rae Then**, **Sarah Lesnar**, **Erick Elgin**, and **Philip Potyondy**.

**Danielle** is from St. Paul, attends the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. She is a senior who will graduate in December. She hopes to continue her education with a graduate degree in Water Resources and Hydrology.

**Sarah** is from Spring Grove, attends the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, and is completing an Environmental Science – Conservation and Resource Management degree. She is a senior who will graduate in Dec. She wants to continue her education with a graduate degree in Agro ecology to further her understanding of agriculture and the environment.

**Erick Elgin** is from Mora, attends the University of Minnesota – Crookston, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources. He is a senior who is the student representative to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

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**Philip Potyondy** is from Minneapolis, attends the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resources. He is a junior who will graduate in 2010. Philip is a member of the Izaak Walton League and has been a past winner of a Minnesota Division Scholarship. He has developed a website that includes "ask the forester" at [www.MyMinnesotaWoods.org](http://www.MyMinnesotaWoods.org).

The Scholarship Committee is very proud of these winners and thanks all students who applied for scholarships. Please continue to help us support the outstanding young conservationists who apply for scholarships. Please make your checks out to the Minnesota Division, IWLA and mail them to the Minnesota Division office. They may be specified for the **Ruth M. Saari Scholarship** or for the **Minnesota Division Scholarship** fund. Thanks for your consideration!

## Bragging Rights

By **Ruth Saari**, Minnesota Division Archivist

The **Richard Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest** was conceived and fostered by two Izaak Walton League visionaries, **Richard Dorer** and **Edward Franey**. Dorer was Superintendent of Game in the Minnesota Department of Conservation (DNR) when he first envisioned such a forest. After his retirement from the agency, he was elected President of the Minnesota Division of the IWLA. Together he and Franey, Minneapolis Tribune writer and editor of the South Minneapolis (now Bush Lake Chapter of the IWLA newsletter), launched their plan. They gained the enthusiastic support of the Division and convinced the State Legislature to provide funds for the purchase of forested acres which it did for a few years. The property was established in 1961 as the Minnesota Memorial Hardwood Forest. The **Red Wing Chapter** and some sports clubs donated more acres and chapters, individuals and organizations made financial contributions.

The 45,000 acres of forestland encompasses one entire county and parts of six others in southeast Minnesota from **Dakota County** to **Houston County**. This was a far cry from the 200,000 acres envisioned by Dorer and Franey but is the largest state forest in Minnesota. After Dorer's death in 1974, the forest was renamed The Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.

According to **Thomas Hayden**, author of the *Citizen Leadership in Conservation*, "The Minnesota Division of the IWLA was largely responsible for the establishment of the Minnesota Memorial Hardwood Forest."

# Great Lakes Protection Is IWLA Committee Goal

By Jill Crafton, Co-chair IWLA Great Lakes Committee

Minnesota Ikes continued to play active roles in the IWLA Great Lakes Committee in this past year. When the Committee members joined forces in 2005 to tackle Great Lakes issues, the members represented years of working on Great Lakes issues within Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and New York. **John Trimberger**, Michigan Division President and an aquatic biologist, had been asked by **Paul Hansen**, then League Executive Director, to work within the Healing Our Waters Coalition funded and staffed in Michigan. On the first Great Lakes Committee conference call, the committee members reflected on which issues were critical and needed advocacy. **Dave Zentner** articulated the need to take a stand to stop aquatic invasive species from entering the Great Lakes through the St. Lawrence Seaway. He stressed the need for treatment practices that would kill organisms in the ballast water of "salties" and lakers, be enforced, and start immediately. The decision was apparent to all – **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** coming into the Great Lakes in the ballast water of "salties" have been decimating the fish species and eco-systems of each of the Great Lakes for decades and new AIS is being discovered every 7 months.

The first task the committee set for itself was producing a position paper in January of 2006 on the threats of the aquatic invasive species identifying the need for ballast water treatment and enforcement of ballast water treatment by a government agency beginning immediately to use chlorine as an effective and inexpensive treatment. Members advocated actively in each of their respective Great Lakes states from this policy.



*Dylan LaFontaine helps plant the new rain gardens at the Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter property.*

Along the way, the committee members added support for the **Water Compact and the Clean Water Restoration Act** to their advocacy. A critical champion for the Great Lakes, **Congressman Oberstar** was providing leadership on the Water Compact, the Clean Water Restoration Act, and a comprehensive Ballast Water Treatment Act. The Healing Our Waters coalition (HOW) didn't support the ballast water treatment standards of our Great Lakes Committee. Within the AIS sub-committee, John Trimberger was vocal on the need for action now to stop the damage and refused to compromise our position. Gradually that AIS sub-committee moved toward our position. I, Jill Crafton, served as a Co-Chair with **Jim Sweeney** of Indiana, polling the committee members on support for numerous letters to congressional leaders and with consensus lending our voice to the call for protective standards.

In the past year, the members saw success on the Water Compact at the state level. **Charlotte and Herb Read** were in their Governor's office when the Compact was signed, as was **Jeanne Agneessens** of Wisconsin. Jeanne even got a pen used to sign Wisconsin's approval.

For the Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA) **Dave Zentner** flew to DC when Congressman Oberstar introduced CRWA and Dave strongly indicated his support. Dave Zentner and Gary Glass met with Congressman Oberstar numerous times keeping the need for an effective ballast water treatment on his radar as well as the seriousness of the VHS threat to our fish. The Congressman has been very candid about seeing the Shipping Industry's point of view when with their representatives and Dave and Gary's point of view when with them. So the relentless advocacy by Dave and Gary has

been crucial to the development of HR 2830 which requires the "salties" to treat their ballast water.

The House Bill, **HR 2830**, isn't perfect; it doesn't require "lakers" to treat their ballast water as they move aquatic invasive species around the Great Lakes. Also, it doesn't allow the states to set standards higher than those of the federal government, an accepted practice with other protective environmental legislation. Other weaknesses include the lack of charging a particular agency with the enforcement of effective ballast water treatment standards and an earlier implementation date that could stop the introduction of another damaging AIS. As the Senate takes up HR2830 in conference committee, this GL Committee is hopeful that the Senate will address the weaknesses of the House Bill and strengthen this bill AND get the legislation passed in 2008. The Great Lakes Committee is determined to continue its role as watchdog and advocate. (see Great Lakes Committee National Awards on page 2)

# Western Minnesota — Prairies and Wetlands

Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League

Fall Workshop and Board of Directors' Meeting — October 24, 25, 26, 2008

Hosted by New London Chapter IWLA

PRAIRIE WOODS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER,  
12718 10th St. NE, Spicer, Minnesota, 56288

## Friday, Oct 24

Prairie Woods ELC

6:30 — 8:00 PM **Briefing and orientation** —  
snack and drink provided

## Saturday, Oct. 25

Prairie Woods ELC

*program details are tentative*

8:00 **Registration** — coffee and rolls

9:00 **Presentation and Tour of the ELC**

Sporting clays available on the grounds  
(Guns and ammunition available — price not  
included in registration)

**Noon Lunch**

1:30 **Sibley State Park Interpretive  
Center**

3:30 **Tour of Mount Tom**

6:00 **Dinner** (Cookout— location to be  
announced)

## Sunday, Oct. 26

Prairie Woods ELC

8:00 — Coffee and rolls

8:30 — **Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Noon Lunch**

## Accommodations

**AmericInn** — 2404 Highway 12E, Willmar,  
MN, 320-231-1962 (five doubles are reserved  
at \$79.95 plus tax and five singles are  
reserved for \$69.95 plus tax). **Will hold until  
Sept. 24th.** 10% discount for AARP or AAA.  
They feature a full continental breakfast

**Days Inn** — 225 28th St. SE, Willmar, MN  
320-231-1275,. (Two doubles and 4 singles  
are reserved at \$54.99 plus tax.) **Will hold  
until Sept. 24th**

**Holiday Inn** — 2100 Highway 12E, Willmar,  
MN, 320-235-6060

**Northern Inn** — 154 Lake Ave. So., Spicer,  
MN, 320-796-2091

**Paynesville Inn and Suites** — 700 West  
State Highway 23, Paynesville, MN, 320-243-  
4146

**Super 8 Motel** — 2655 1st ST. S., Willmar,  
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[www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/sibley/  
index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/sibley/index.html)

### Registration Form — Minnesota Division Board of Directors' Meeting and Fall Workshop, Oct. 24-26.

Please make checks payable to New London Izaak Walton League Chapter.

Mail to Pat Laib, 201 N. Highway 23, Spicer, MN 56288 (Phone: Office:  
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Call Pat Laib for more information.



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**October 24-26, 2008, Fall Board of Directors' Meeting**

**hosted by the New London Chapter**

**January 24-25, 2009, January Board of Directors' Meeting**

**July 2009, National IWLA Convention, Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

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### 2008 DIVISION DUES

(Including national dues -Chapter dues are in addition)

Individual \$43.50, Family \$64.00, Student

\$23.00, Youth \$10.00

## Bringing Kids Up Close to Nature

Many chapters provide summer camp scholarships to youngsters, a very worthwhile effort to keep kids close to nature in a time when they are losing touch with the natural world. **Austin Chapter10** sent 10 young people to Summer Youth Adventure Programs at Hormel Nature Center, and four Austin youths received \$200 scholarships to attend week long summer camps at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center.

**Jaques Chapter** funded sixth grader Jennifer Schmit to a week at Audubon Center of the North Woods. Her camp experience was packed with learning and fun activities: bird banding, bug life, bats, raptors, wolves, rock climbing, the high ropes course, camping out in a tent, swimming, canoeing, hiking and staying in a dorm with good food but too many mosquitoes. Jennifer writes enthusiastically, "The camp I attended was called Nature's Nightlife and Crepuscular Creatures. This was my very first over-night camp and I shall always remember it. I absolutely love the Audubon Center! It feels like home to me..... I loved it. It was so much fun!"