



President's Corner

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On Thursday November 25th, 2010 we had 29 members attend our monthly General meeting. The presenter for the evening was Anne Small, our editor, who gave a wonderful presentation with many outstanding photographs of the 483 mile hike she and her husband completed in 2009. Anne's husband, Scott, was on hand to answer questions as well. They hiked the Colorado Trail through the Rocky Mountains from Denver to Durango in 26 days. Anne told us how they would hike as many as 32 miles in one day and reach altitudes higher than 13,000 feet. She explained the precautions they took with their food to avoid encounters with bears and mountain lions. We got a fascinating insight of what wildlife and breathtaking scenery they experienced via colorful photos and Anne's great dialogue. There were stories of Big Horn sheep coming right up to Anne, mountain flowers and pika (an interesting small animal). The program ended with an amazing slide show set to music.

In club news, the board voted to donate \$350 to the Vilas County Warm the Children fund. This fund allows less fortunate children to have practical but nice coats, hats and scarves to weather the cold Wisconsin winters.

The board also approved a donation of \$500 to the Vilas County Food Pantry. We would like to make this money donation along with food donations at the same time. To accomplish this we are asking members to bring non perishable food items to the November general meeting on November 18th as well as to the Christmas party on December 2nd. We will then make a combined donation to the Pantry in early December. (Details of the meeting and Christmas party are below.)

Our Kayak Raffle ended on October 3rd at Cranberry Fest. Because the raffle is such a major effort on the part of our members and our space is limited this month we will do a detailed raffle report in December's newsletter.

Bake Sale Our annual bake sale will be held on Saturday November 13th at the St. Germain Community Center from 9 AM until all baked items are sold. Your baked pies, cakes, bars, breads, torts, or fudge will be appreciated. We will not be selling cookies because the St. Germain Women's Service Club does the cookies. Please bring your baked good to the Community Center between 8 AM and 9 AM on the 13th. Ellen Finch is our coordinator for the event – please give her a call at 715-542-2436 if you can bake or help out at the sale.

Our next meeting will be on November 18th at 7 PM, at the St. Germain Community Center. Our Program committee team of Jane Keithley and Marlene Rakowski has set aside the November meeting for "Members Night". This is where several members present their hobby or special interest to the group. Please bring a non perishable food item for the Vilas County Food Pantry.

Christmas Party. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 2nd at the Clearview Supper Club. Cocktails will be at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The evening will begin with a full table of appetizers and snack goodies. We will have live dinner music as well as our traditional Christmas sing-along with Brett and Fisk. The main menu selections are as follows: 1. Chicken Kiev with wild rice and vegetable 2. Shrimp Kabob with wild rice and vegetable 3. Roast Pork with mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable. The cost is \$18 which includes the hors d'oeuvres. Please call Bob or Judy Schell at 715-542-2321 to make your reservation by Friday, November 26th. The club (Linda Polaski) has already purchased some door prizes but please feel free to bring another gift to further the season spirit. One further thing, please bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the Food Pantry to help others eat well during the holidays. This party has become a special treat for all our members and our way of saying thanks for a job well done.

Bob Schell, President

NEXT MEETING

Thurs., November 18th
(Remember this meeting is one
week earlier than normal!)

7:00 pm

St Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

"Members' Night"

What's that, you may ask. Every Nov. a member or two will share with us their hobby or special interest or an amazing adventure they had or whatever. You get the point. Frank Klamik and Bob Schell will be our first presenters. Come out to show your support for these two great guys. If you have something you wish to share with the group, contact Jane or Marlene. We are busy putting together next year's programs so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Marlene Rakowski & Ellen Finch

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Gary & Karen Walbruck

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., November 18th
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Earlier in the year we received a total of \$5250 from the various lake associations, districts and clubs for allocation to their lake improvement accounts. In October we received a \$1000 check from the Chamber of Commerce allocated to lake improvements and as reported last month, we also received the final allocation from the Town of St. Germain for a portion of the room tax revenue for a total amount of \$5000. This has allowed us to proceed to do the annual distribution of town and chamber funds to the various lake accounts. Below is a recap of all the new balances as of October 27, 2010.

Little Saint Germain	\$ 4,954.44
Found Lake	11,056.67
Lost Lake	7,620.12
Alma Moon	6,762.75
Stella	455.00
Pickrel	5,341.95
Big Saint Germain -Fawn-Content	- \$10,722.53

As a reminder, these restricted funds are distributed back to the respective Lakes for improvements such as fish stocking, signage, marker buoys, AIS education, fish shelters, algae studies, weed control, etc.

The DNR does not usually allow fish stocking every year in every lake so there is sometimes a carryover of balances by individual lake organizations to provide for future stocking as well as to provide for emergency funds for the early eradication of AIS, studies, and other contingencies. Remember that the balances by lake include funds contributed by the lake organizations and their residents. The Sayner-St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club does not use any of the funds received from the Lake organizations, Town of St. Germain or Chamber of Commerce. Almost all monies in the club's general accounts are from volunteer fund raising efforts (raffles, Bake sales, dues etc) and are used to promote wildlife or returned to the community by way of charitable donations.

~Bob Schell



Above left: Congratulations to Steve Brown from McNaughton, winner of this year's kayak raffle! Above right: 13" muskies being stocked in area lakes.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

J. Bryce & Marilyn Hessing
East Peoria, IL



Don't
FORGET!

A reminder to write CD14 on your grocery receipts and deposit them in the red bucket on the customer service desk at Camp's SuperValu!!

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



One morning, we came upon an enormous mound of White Pine cones hidden within a tight circle of balsams. It was obvious from the scolding of a Red Squirrel perched above, that it was a midden built by its efforts and intended to provide meals through the long winter months. Like us, preparation for winter has to be made. The resident critters sensing the promise of winter snows and long harsh cold, stuff available crevices and hollows with foraged foods that can include such things as seeds, acorns, mushrooms, and dried fruits. Empty bird houses, spaces under porch steps, abandoned garden pots can all become store houses. But the slender, agile Northern Red Squirrel, dependent as it is chiefly on conifer seed, establishes its pile-up of cones. This is its winter "survival kit" and is also essential for eventual reproductive success. The Red Squirrel's territory, which it guards aggressively, is about 3 to 4 acres. Several middens may be built there by the squirrel, some piles with as many as 200 cones. Red squirrels do not hibernate, but may rest out colder periods in a sheltered spot and move about to feed on warmer days.

Red Squirrels for the most part lead a solitary life. But one fascinating feature of their life is a unique bond between a mother and her pups. The young grow to adult size in about 125 days. They then must immediately acquire a territory of their own and start gathering cones for a winter food supply. Without territory and midden they perish. It has been noted that a female Red Squirrel will help insure her pups' survival by giving them a portion of her own territory.

The Red Squirrel is the smallest of the tree squirrels in its range and may live up to 8 years. It is about 13" long and weighs only 7 ounces. Rounded claws and strong hind legs make it a super jumper and tree climber. Like its relative the Grey Squirrel, Red Squirrels will consume through the year, as supplement to seed, a variety of other things including berries, flower buds, insects, nuts, mushrooms, shed antlers and at times birds' eggs, even young birds. The larger, stronger Grey Squirrel often out-competes the Red and in some areas the population of the smaller squirrel is on decline. The Reds also face a cadre of predators; including hawk, owl, bobcat, crow, fox, martin and wolf.

~Cora Mollen



SUNSHINE REPORT

- Gordie Moore** passed away. Our condolences to his family.
- We wish a speedy recovery to **Pat** Their who underwent knee replacement surgery.
- Sharon Morzak** had leg bypass surgery. We hope she is feeling better soon.

Please call Linda Polaski, 479-4718, if you know of any members who need a card of sympathy, cheer, encouragement, etc.



FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

The fish are now entering their winter pattern. Look for most fish the same place you will catch them first ice. Northern, bass, and panfish in the weeds. Walleye making early and late feeding forays into or around weed beds. Presentation are now slow as the cold blooded fish are not chasing fast moving baits. Jigs and minnows or minnows on slip bobbers should do it. Think like you are ice fishing.

Good fishing,

FRANK KLAMIK

"The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of. The mite which November contributes becomes equal in value to the bounty of July."
~~ Henry David Thoreau

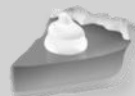
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November Bazaar BAKE SALE



Saturday, November 13, 2010
St. Germain Community Center
9 a.m. to sell out

Chairperson: Ellen Finch, Lori Pergolski (Co-chair)

Callers: Linda Polaski, Donna Rollman, Ellyn Dahnke

Workers: Judy Schell, Lori Pergolski and any others who may want to help, if only for an hour or two. *You'd be welcome!*

*Please take time to contribute a pie, bread, rolls, bars, muffin or candy, etc. to make our bake sale a success. Deliver to the Community Center **before 9 a.m.** Doors are open early.*

⊛ **Please, no cookies** as the Women's Service Club will be selling them.

⊛ **Package with plastic wrap, bags or containers** so baked goods are visible to customers.

⊛ **Price and label** before bringing them in.

Your contribution, whether baked goods or monetary, is appreciated more than you know.

Our thanks in advance.



CLUB PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state of Wisconsin—especially of the Sayner-St. Germain area.
- ✓ I promise to obey all rules and regulations governing the harvest of wildlife and plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.