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We had a good turnout for the annual Chili Supper on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 members and guests participated in a feast of Chili with all the trimmings including some good desserts. Our Scholarship committee members -Clyde Owens, Dick Banks and Geri Shambo - presented our annual \$1500 scholarship award to Eagle River Senior, Ken Musial. Ken received good grades and was active in school activities while attending Northland Pines High School. Ken will attend UW-Stevens Point and study Wildlife Ecology. Ken spoke briefly to our group thanking us for the scholarship and explaining his goal and desire go into a natural resources field. We wish Ken good luck on his college career.

Along these same lines, we recently received a letter from last years scholarship recipient, Karl Kurant. Karl has completed his first year at Northland College in Ashland, WI. He informed us he has changed his major to fisheries management and is taking related classes in Ichthyology and natural resource policies. Ken again thanked us for the scholarship we presented him last year.

One final note on the Chili Supper, thanks to all those who brought food and helped to set up and clean up afterward. It always makes for a nice evening when we "spread the wealth." Also, thanks to those of you who brought items for the Vilas County Food Pantry. We collected over three boxes of food items to help out those less fortunate than us. The economy doesn't seem to get any better so this is especially important.

Last month we received thank you letters as a result of our first round donations made this spring. We received letters from Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Northwoods Discovery Center, Loon Watch, and Trees for Tomorrow.

On Memorial Day Weekend we set up for our first Monday Flea Market with our new Kayak for 2011 raffle. This year we purchased a very nice 12 foot 4 inch Angler/ Sport sit on Emotion brand Kayak. The Kayak has three rod holders and special storage console for storing fishing tackle and cargo. We purchased it from the Chequamegon Adventure Co in Minocqua at a big discount. The Adventure Company also agreed that the winner would be able to trade in the Kayak for credit on any other item in the store such as a bicycle, canoe or different kayak. This will be a really good raffle ticket selling point. Thanks to Rick Polaski, Linda Polaski and Judy Schell for manning the booth. Also thanks to Jack Schell and Dave Zielinski for helping me set up the booth. We sold over \$300 in raffle tickets, hats, shirts, brackets and memberships so it was a good day despite the rain and cold overcast day.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our next meeting at 7 PM at the Community Center. The topic will be "Skins, Bones, and Skulls" which sounds super intriguing to me. See you there.

*Bob Schell, President*

## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

## PROGRAM

It's Halloween in June as Trees for Tomorrow gives us an up-close look at the Skins, Skulls, and Bones of the various animals that live in Wisconsin. A very interesting and enjoyable program so don't miss it. Bring your grandkids and summer company for a change of pace. See you at 7 pm on June 23. ~ Jane Keithley

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Klamick & Ellen Finch

## 50/50 TICKET SALES

Dave & Marylee Miller

## BOARD MEETING

Thurs., June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

## Adopt-A-Highway dates for 2011:

Wed., July 13 (rain date ~ Thurs. July 14)  
Wed., Sept. 14 (rain date ~ Thurs. Sept. 15)

All at 9.00 a.m. at the pavillion parking lot.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sam Chandler & Nichole Walcher  
De Pere, WI



John & Rita Mezydlo  
Hartland, WI

# Lakes Improvement Committee Report

For those of you from out of town it may interest you to know the water levels on most of our lakes are much higher than in recent years and in many cases higher than normal. We have had some normal rainfall levels and many lakes look high and healthy. I drove past the Rainbow Flowage last week and it is the highest I have seen it in many years. Some of the shoreline actually had trees and vegetation under water. Our fishing expert, Frank Klamik has been reporting good catches of pan fish and Walleyes. Make sure you catch his newsletter column.

There has been quite a bit of activity by the various lake organizations and the Town Lakes Committee. This year will mark the completion of the Lakes Management Plan being done on most of the area lakes. The Study was partially funded by a DNR grant last year and the remainder by the various lake groups. This summer there will be public meetings held to review the findings and data collected by the surveys conducted last year.

The in May we received a \$1000 check from the Big Saint Germain Lake District to complete all matching fund contributions from lake organizations. The only lake account activity so far this year has been a \$2400 expenditure by Found Lake for the Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspection Program. The funds will go toward paying college interns to provide 200 hours of boat ramp coverage in addition to the volunteers scheduled. This year the St. Germain Lions Club will again be covering boat inspections at the Big Saint Germain ramp.

The various lake balances as of May, not including any 2011 fund matching from the Town or Chamber are as follows: Little Saint- \$5954.44, Big Saint-\$11,722.53, Found-\$9,656.67, Lost-\$8,620.12, Alma Moon- \$7,762.75, Stella-\$455, Pickerel-\$5,591.95.

~ Bob Schell

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Bob Giese passed away last week. He was a former club member along with his wife, Pat, who was co-editor for the newsletter in the past. Our deepest sympathy is with her and their family.

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

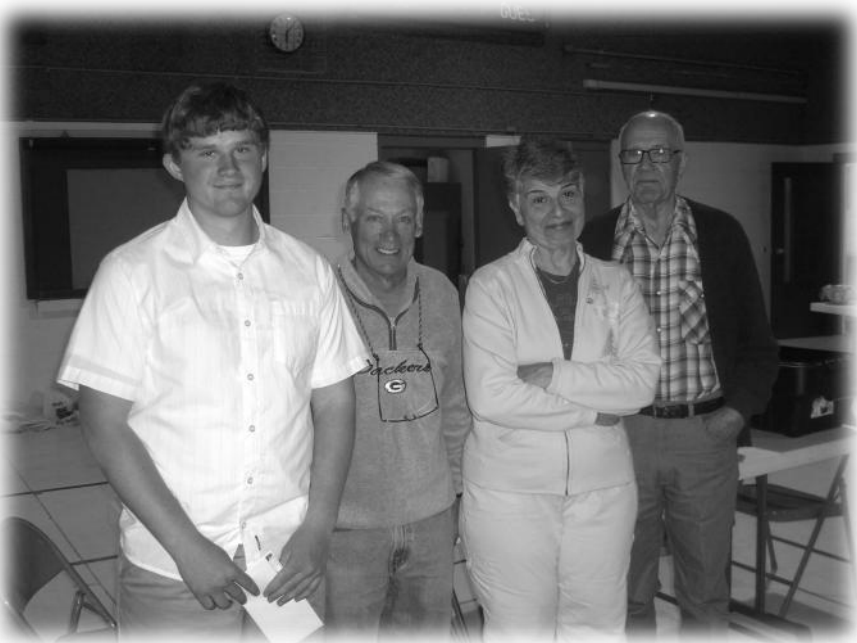


**SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE INCLUDED  
DONATIONS WITH THEIR  
MEMBERSHIPS!**

Don & JoAnne DeWig  
Dave Gordee & Brenda Hagert  
Irene Mochalski  
Milton & Sharon Mrozak  
Chuck & Pat Thier

**Reminder: Membership renewals are due! This will be your LAST NEWSLETTER unless you have submitted your membership dues!**

Also, be sure to help the club by selecting to receive your newsletter via email. This will not only save the club over \$1,200 per year, it will also help the environment by reducing paper use.



Above: Scholarship recipient, Ken Musial, with Scholarship Committee, Clyde Owens, Geri Shambo and Dick Banks.

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



Concentrating on what we hear can make a woodland walk special. Distant noise of road traffic contrasts with the world of the woodland. There is sound of fine stones or winter-crisped leaves shifting underfoot or the soft muffling of steps by a carpet of pine needles. The character of the wind sets the scene, moving through leavers, strumming grasses, and creating a faint rubbing of branches and the occasional startling moan of together-leaning trees.

To the side of the path, in hollows still moist from rain, the singing of frogs, including sweet-voiced Spring Peppers, is carried on the air. There is scuttling and scabble as squirrels climb tree trunks and engage in their own peculiar "mewing" comment from tree limbs. Now and then you hear noisy bustle of fox pups at play in the underbrush.

In full Spring, one is engulfed by bird song. There are the delicate voiced; the faint warble of the Black and White warbler and wispy song of Black-throated Green. The stronger songs of the Chestnut-sided warbler, Winter Wren and Goldfinches lift from pines and low shrubs. The Red-eyed Vireo repeats and repeats its call. There are the melodic voices of the Robin, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and more rarely the Indigo Bunting. Bolder still are the voices of the Oven Bird with its "teacherteacher" call and the multitude of very vocal woodpeckers. Tree tops spill down the lyric notes of the Hermit Thrush, the distinctive whistle of the Giant Fly Catcher, and the raucous conversation of crows. Skyward there is twittering of swallows and, high up, cries of eagles riding the thermals

There's no doubt that a good walk can be a **feast for the ears.**

~ Cora Mollen

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

Have a lot of dandelions in your yard? A great way to get rid of them is to eat them! All parts of the dandelion plant are edible, leaves, flower and root. Use young leaves and unopened flowers in salads. You can also boil the greens, ground the root for coffee, or (my favorite) batter and fry the flowers. They are very high in vitamin C and potassium. Enjoy!

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## FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

Most fish are now done spawning and will hang around the spawning area for a short time. As the water warms, the weed line moves deeper. The fish will now follow the deep side of the weeds or pockets in the weed beds. This is the beginning of the summer pattern that will continue until the water starts to cool again. Fish the early & late hours if possible. If you only have a short time to fish each day, pick the last hour of daylight and the first hour of dark.

**FRANK KLAMIK**



### 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.