



# President's Corner

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On Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 we had 30 members attend our monthly General meeting. The presenter for the evening was Sherrie Buller from Trees for Tomorrow speaking about Bogs. It turned out to be another fascinating presentation with lots of nice photos of things we take for granted or otherwise would not observe when we look out over a spongy wetland. It is this time of year when we realize how many bogs exist in our area by looking at all the abundant tamarack trees turning bright yellow as we drive along the roads. Sherry told us of how glacial "kettles" that trap water are mostly responsible for getting bogs started. One of the major plants of a bog is sphagnum moss that was a major fuel source in Europe in the old days. Wild plants in a bog include Leather leaf, Bog Laurel and Rosemary, cotton grass, snowberries, pitcher plant and Bladderwort. We also learned that on a hot summer day bears lay in the coolness of bogs for relief from the heat. Overall Sherrie again provided us with an informative and entertaining program.

In club news, the board voted to donate \$500 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 17<sup>th</sup> as well as to the Christmas party on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will then make a combined donation to the Pantry in early December. (Details of the meeting and Christmas party are below.)

Bake Sale Our annual bake sale will be held on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Our coordinators for the event are Terrie Beier and Judy Schell- please give them a call – Judy at 715-542-2321 or Terrie at 715 479-9339 - if you can bake or help out at the sale.

Our next meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 "Membership Sprit Night". This is where several members present their hobby or special interest to the group. Also, they are asking all members to wear their Sayner - St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club hat and/or shirt to the meeting. We will have some hats available to purchase for \$8 if you wish to buy one at the meeting. This month we will be honored to have new member Dr. Mike McGill talk about his specialty, the human heart (see the meeting sidebar). Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Vilas County Food Pantry.

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## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., November 17<sup>th</sup>  
(Remember this meeting is one week  
earlier than normal!)  
7:00 pm  
St Germain Community Center

## PROGRAM

"No Giblets! Talking Turkey About Your Heart!"

Dr. Michael Mc Gill, Cardiologist at Marshfield in Minocqua, is one of our newest members along with his wife, Kelly and two sons, Andrew & Matt. Dr. Mc Gill's specialty is nuclear cardiology and imaging of the heart. He received his medical degree from Loyola University in Chicago. His hobbies include fishing, archery, Civil War history, and basketball.

I'm sure we can give Dr. McGill fishing tips and he can help us understand the mysteries of the heart.

*Don't miss this one - it is our last speaker of 2011.*

-Jane Keithly

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Terrie Beier & Carol Radtke

## 50/50 TICKET SALES

Ken & Terrie Beier

## BOARD MEETING

Thurs., November 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm  
St. Germain Community Center



## SUNSHINE REPORT

- Get will wishes are sent to **Linda Polaski** who is recovering from surgery.
- Thoughts and prayers are sent to **Rich Polaski and Darrell Nell** as they continue to seek medical treatment to for health issues.

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

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Christmas Party. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 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 Bret and Frisk. The main menu selections are as follows:

~Chicken Oscar      ~Coconut Shrimp      ~A 6oz. Filet Mignon

The cost is \$17 which includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, dinner, coffee, tax and tip. Please call Bob or Judy Schell at 715-542-2321 to make your reservation by Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The club has already purchased some door prizes but please feel free to bring another gift to further the spirit of the season. 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*

## RAFFLE REPORT

As we mentioned last month our annual raffle is over and was a great success thanks to all the great people donating their time and effort. We held the drawing on October 2, 2011 at Cranberry Fest in Eagle River. All the winners named in last month's newsletter have happily claimed their prizes. We sold out of our 3000 printed tickets just minutes before the drawing and had total sales of \$4772.00 with net proceeds of over \$4000.

As you know these funds will go back into the community in the form of wildlife projects or assisting various charitable groups.

First we want thank our main supporters: Ken Jackson for providing the fishing guide services as a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, Tom and Kim Christensen of the St Germain Sport Marine for paying for the printing of the tickets and inviting us to set up our booth to sell tickets during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Steve and Tara Pulec and Sheila of the Twilight Bar and Grill for sponsoring us at their Customer Appreciation day. Also, thanks to the St. Germain Fire Department for providing the space at the Flea Market and the Chamber of Commerce for letting us set up at Community events.

Finally, a big thanks to the following member volunteers that sold tickets at our booth or helped out with the raffle this summer: Ken Beier, Terrie Beier, Trudy Carlton, Ellen Dahnke and granddaughter Lydia, Ken Dahnke, Ellen Finch, Jim Finch, Arlyne Fleissner, Ron Fleissner, Gary Groff, Ken Horve, Nancy Horve, Frank Klamik, Dick Kleopfer, Lolly Kleopfer, Betty Mc Cormick, Mac McCormick, Mary Miller, Dave Miller, Lee Olson, Gloria Olson, Clyde Owens, Linda Polaski, Rich Polaski, Rick Polaski, Arlene Rieckenberg, Donna Rollman, Marlene Rakowski, Stan Rakowski, Bob Schell, Judy Schell, Sally Schell, Andy Schell, John Schell, Kay Schultz, Mike Schramm, Brenda Veeder, Chuck Their, Pat Their.

Most of all, everyone can feel good knowing several hours of their effort will help provide some food at the County food pantry, some funds for a local scholarship, some books at the library or a wildlife rehabilitation project.

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



While bald eagles seem to be a very common sight in the Northwoods, they still always give me a feeling of awe when I spot one soaring high overhead or perched on a branch near the tree top. Almost every morning of late, my mom and I have observed our resident eagles doing something that we saw them doing in early spring. While in-flight, they swoop down, grabbing hold of a sizeable branch which they proceed to break off and carry away in their talons. This is the first time that we noticed the eagles using this handy method of collecting green branches for nesting materials during the non-nesting period in fall.

After a bit of research I found that bald eagles will often begin building their nests during the fall and winter, mainly because the immense size of an eagle nest makes it a long building process. Migrating eagle pairs that raised a brood during the summer will also add to their nest in the fall before leaving to their wintering grounds. Eagles that remain in the area all winter apparently can be seen fixing and adding to their nests all winter.



Above: Steve and Tara Pulec of the Twilight Bar and Grill presenting Bob Schell with a \$600 donation check to the Club.

In addition to sticks, eagles also interweave grasses, moss and other natural fibers into their nest. During the summer months they will also add springs of greenery. Researchers have speculated as to why they do this, but no one knows for sure. To create a soft interior for the eggs and chicks, they line the nest with feathers. Bald eagles nests are large, and because they use them year after year, the nest can eventually reach dimensions of 13 feet deep and 8.5 feet across.

If you have an active eagle's nest nearby keep an eye on it this fall and winter to see if you can observe some nest building in progress. ~ Anne Small

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



**DON'T MISS**



**THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at Clearview Supper Club**

RSVP by Nov 26<sup>th</sup>:

Call Bob or Judy Schell at 715-542-2321

(See Presidents Corner for details.)



## FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

November brings the cold water period. Winter is near. Most people are hunting. Most fishermen are chasing musky.

This is the time of year you start fishing like it is first ice. On October 26, I still caught fish on a fly rod, but could tell my catch was less than normal. Following my own advice, I switched to a bobber and minnow. I soon caught fish from the area I just fished with a fly. Then I noticed that one rod was hooking up more than the other. Again I took my own advice and compared the two rods. One rod had a slightly larger bobber on it. I changed and started catching fish on both rods. Then I rigged a third rod even lighter and it out-fished the other two.

Even though I was fishing crappie, I have had the same experience on walleye on two different trips.

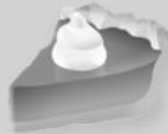
The fish are feeding for winter, but can be very pressure and weight sensitive.

FRANK KLAMIK

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# November Bazaar BAKE SALE



Saturday, November 12, 2011  
St. Germain Community Center  
9 a.m. to sell out

**COORDINATORS:** Judy Schell & Terrie Beier

Give them a call if you can bake or help out at the sale.

Judy - 715-542-2321 or Terrie - 715 479-9339

*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 **between 8 and 9 a.m.***

✳️ **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.