



# President's Corner

Meetings held YEAR AROUND  
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**O**n Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, we had over 40 people attend our special monthly meeting and tour at the Vilas County Historical Museum. The good attendance was a surprise for it was an especially rainy and miserable night outside. For many members it was the first time visiting the museum and judging by their comments, they were happy they attended. The Museum offers a wonderful glimpse into the past with many old interesting items from the early days of the County. We were able to see many preserved examples of wildlife of our area as well as far off regions of the world. Of special wildlife interest was an exhibit of hundreds of species of birds both common and not so common (So, all those Snipe hunts I was sent on as a Boy Scout were for real) that offered an opportunity for close-up observation. The museum has a huge reference area including many photographs dedicated to the old resorts and the related tourist industry. There were photos of President Eisenhower and numerous other famous people musky fishing with local guides including famous Barefoot Porter Dean who was born here on Found Lake. We also were treated to a huge display of old outboard motors and snowmobiles that provided historic understanding of the development of these industries that impact our Northwoods. The display of the first Snowmobile invented by Carl Eliason of Sayner is one of the museums gems having more significance here than the Hope Diamond has at the Smithsonian. We saw hundreds of other historically noteworthy items covering the topics of logging, trapping, fishing, boating, hunting, and etc. All in all it was a fun and informative tour. We want to thank the Museum Staff for taking such good care of us. As part of the meeting the Club presented the Vilas County Historical Museum a donation check of \$ 500.

In other club news we have received another check from Camps SuperValu for \$102.37. This is the result of our members putting CD14 on their receipts and dropping them in the red basket at the service counter. Thank you Camps and keep up the good work members.

We also received a \$250 donation this month from Steve Puleck at the New Twilight Bar and Grill. Steve is big supporter of our club and his generosity is very much appreciated. Steve also purchased \$100 worth of our raffle tickets again this year as well as let us set up our booth at his annual customer appreciation days ( see kayak ticket item below).

We are looking forward to an exciting new project this year involving the Brownie Girl Scouts. We are in the planning stages to partner with the Brownies to build wildlife shelters. We are considering owl houses, bat houses, bluebird houses, wood duck houses or other types of wildlife shelters. The club members would do the woodcutting and the girls would do the gluing, nailing, putting together and placement of the structures. Anne Small is one of the leaders for the Brownies. We hope this is just the start of being able to assist young people to get involved with and learn about wildlife.

The Kayak raffle is going very well thanks to the help of those of you manning the booth. (For September Ken and Nancy Horve, Barb Steinhilber, Arlene Rieckenberg, Bob and Judy Schell, and Rich and Linda Polaski) . Rich and Linda were set up at The New Twilight Bar appreciation days on Sept. 12 and sold over \$200 in tickets. We also received the check for \$223 from St. Germain Sport Marine for the ticket printing costs.

Please keep in mind some future dates. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday December 2, the Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale will be on Saturday November 13 and our regular November meeting will be earlier than normal on Thursday November 18.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 28 at 7 PM in the Primetimers room at the community center. Our presenters will be Anne and Scott Small who will discuss their 500-mile backpacking hike through the Rocky mountains last year. They have many outstanding photographs of the scenery and wildlife they encountered along the way. We look forward to hearing about their brave adventure.

*Bob Schell, President*

## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., October 28<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

St Germain Community Center

## PROGRAM

### “Hiking the Colorado Trail”

By Anne and Scott Small

Learn about their backpacking trek through the Colorado Rockies from Denver to Durango.

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Carol Seegers & Carol Radtke

## RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Phil & Sue Monday

## BOARD MEETING

Thurs., October 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Duane & Bev Przybylski  
Amherst Junction, WI



Above left: Steve and Sheila of the New Twilight presenting \$250 check to Bob Schell and Rich Polaski. Above right: Tom and Kim Christensen of St. Germain Sport Marine presenting \$223 check to Bob Schell.

## Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Rain Rain Rain. For those of you that have left for the season you may not know that we were blessed with over 7 inches of rain in the month of September. This has done wonders for many of the area Drainage lakes that have suffered because of the persistent drought over the past several years. The Seepage lakes in the area are up but have still not reached “normal” levels.

The DNR has been busy with fish stocking in some of our lakes. Steve Gilbert, DNR fisheries Biologist, reports the following activity or planned activity for 2010:

Big Saint 56,000 Walleye fingerlings Muskies TBD  
Found Lake 1620 7” Walleye and 326 Muskies  
Little Saint is purchasing 490 Muskies  
Lost Lake 19,000 Walleye fingerlings  
Alma Moon 90 Muskies

On the business front, we have received the remainder of our allocation of the Town of St. Germain room tax funds bringing the total to \$5000 for 2010. The Chamber funds of \$1000 are expected at about the time of publication of the newsletter. Upon receipt of the Chamber funds we will make the allocation to the various Lake groups accounts. We will make a full report next month of the new balances. 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. Our Club Lakes Improvement Committee only administers of the funds.

~Bob Schell

For all the loon lovers, there is a great USGS website that tracks the migration patterns of banded loons from northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. You can see real-time tracking of some of our summer loons. Check it out:

[http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory\\_birds/loons/main.html](http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/main.html)

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



A few months back I wrote about the plight of many populations of hibernating bats in the eastern United States and Canada, which were dying due to a disease called White-Nose Syndrome (WNS). The disease is named for a white fungus that grows on the wings, muzzle and ears of infected bats. Some cave surveys have reported 100% mortality of bats where they overwinter. Since 2006, over one-million bats have succumbed to the disease and experts believe that many species will be completely wiped out in a matter of years. Also concerning is the fact that infected bats have now been found just over 200 miles from Wisconsin's borders, a distance that bats can easily fly during migration. This discovery and the lethal consequences of the disease have prompted the DNR to take steps to document occurrences of bats in conjunction with the Wisconsin Bat Monitoring Program (WBMP) and to limit human access to hibernation locales in an attempt to prevent the spread of WNS.

Researchers are particularly interested in locating places where bats hibernate and where they roost during the summer. Citizens are encouraged to contact the WBMP if they know of such sites. You can also volunteer to monitor summer roosting sites and report any sick or dying bats. These activities help in determining population size, reproductive success, and occurrence of disease. Another volunteer opportunity is to conduct mobile surveys of bats in flight using acoustic equipment provided by WBMP. This specialized equipment can pick up and record the high frequency calls that bats use for maneuvering and pursuing insects. While it is too late in the year to conduct surveys for 2010, this would be a good time to contact WBMP about volunteering for next spring. In addition to volunteering, monetary donations to the WI Bat Conservation Fund are very beneficial to the ongoing research and conservation efforts. For more information visit the WBMP website at <http://wiatri.net/inventory/bats>.

~Anne Small



## SUNSHINE REPORT

- **Gordie Moore** is in our prayers. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- We also wish **Pat Their** well with her knee surgery.

*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

*October brings the deep water pattern. Look for walleye in the deep holes or at the base of deep structure. Redtail chubs are a common bait. Slow finesse presentation is the name of the game. Musky will follow the walleye along with many panfish. The same locations are good from year to year. The fish population is what changes. Don't be surprised to have a musky grab a walleye on the way back to the boat. Late October will have some shallow water movement again.*

*Good fishing,  
FRANK KLAMIK*

"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter." - Nova Bair

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## COMING SOON! BAKE SALE



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



**Callers** are needed to remind members that we need their help with baking.

**Workers** are needed to serve customers for a couple of hours or more between 9 a.m. and noon.

*Please call Ellen at 715-542-2436 to sign up. She will get a calling list out to those who wish to callers.*

\* More info to follow in the November newsletter. \*



### 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.