

President's Report

Well folks it's been kinda frustrating trying to figure out how to go about doing our activities or if we should do them at all. The board met last week to decide how to progress as safely as possible. We have decided to hold our August 27 meeting outside as planned at 7 PM at the pavilion -with social distancing (bring a lawn chair) and masks required. As the notice indicates we are blessed to have Anne Small do a presentation on The Five Best Edible Mushrooms of the Northwoods---and One Really Bad One. Anne is our dedicated editor, board member, and has an abundant knowledge of northwoods wildlife.

Future presentation topics will be All About Bees and Beekeeping by Rod Ingram on September 24 and Trumpeter Swans by Annie McDonnell from the Discovery center on October 22. We are looking for a program chairperson for next year. Anyone interested in the interesting and fun job of setting up programs or if you have an idea or lead for a speaker let me know.

After Anne's presentation on August 27 we will have a short business meeting to cover a few necessary items. First we will need to hold an election for officers and the board members as required in our bylaws. The Slate nominated for this year will be as follows:

President- Bob Schell, Vice President -open, secretary Ellyn Dahnke, treasurer Ken Dahnke, Board members Judy Schell and fishing guide Jim Lund. The following board members are still serving their term of office as board members: Anne Small, Kelly McGill, Jim Carlton. Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Our recommended donation list to other organizations has been finalized for the year and will be presented for approval at the meeting as follows:

Scholarships	\$ 2000.00
Fishing Has No Boundaries	150.00
North Lakeland Discovery Center	250.00
Northwoods Wildlife Center - Minocqua	250.00
Plum Lake Library (Wildlife related material)	150.00
Raptor Education Group	200.00
S. Olson Environmental Institute (loon/wolf)	400.00
Trees For Tomorrow	150.00
Vilas Historical Museum (wildlife exhibits)	100.00
Wild Instincts	500.00
(Freedom 5K will be included when run in 2021)	
Total	\$ 4150.00

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One final club activity that has been effected by Covid19 is our Highway pickup commitment. We are not quite sure how to go about doing it. Considering almost all of the roadside litter has been sitting there for many days or months it is probably not a virus problem, but we still wish to handle it safely. We are considering for those concerned, using the extended reach pickup tongs (grabbers) . Social distancing of volunteers should not present a problem. We have tentatively set a date of Wednesday, September 16 at 9 am to meet at the old pavilion parking lot. We will monitor

this closely and may cancel depending on the depth of the grass as well as Covid 19. Depending on the number of volunteers it usually only takes one to one and a half hours. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting (we will write down your name for you if you wish) or people can call me or Karen Anderson to volunteer.

In closing we want to thank all of you for sticking with us during this unsettling time and as with everything else, we hope to get back to normal in the near future.

~Bob Schell

NEXT MEETING

**Thurs., Aug 27
7:00 PM**

St. Germain Pavillion

PROGRAM

**“Five Best Edible Mushrooms
of the Northwoods and One
Really Bad One”**

***Anne Small*
Northstate Mycological Club**

Highway 70 Cleanup

Tentatively set for:

Sept 16 at 9 am

(Rain date Sept 17 at 9 am)

**Meet at St Germain
Community Park Lot**

**Sign up to help with the
cleanup of our 2-mile
adopt-a-highway segment
along Highway 70. Please
call Karen Anderson at
715-542-3946.**

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Has anyone else noticed that there have been relatively few ticks this summer, both deer ticks and wood ticks? A couple years ago I wrote a piece about the deer tick population and its relationship to the prevalence of chipmunks and white-footed mice. Researchers have found that these critters play a vital role in the life cycle of ticks. These rodents serve as the feeding place for the larval form of the ticks, which then develop into the nymph form that bites humans the following year. Therefore, greater numbers of chipmunks and white-footed mice have been shown to lead to larger populations of deer tick nymphs.

All sorts of other factors come into play here as well, like the number of foxes in an area, which are top predators on these rodents, and also the prevalence of their food source—acorns and seeds.

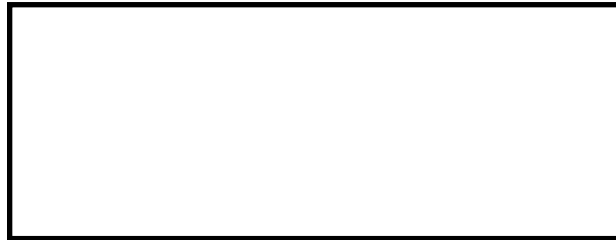
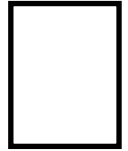
The number of chipmunks in the woods surrounding our home was very small until this summer. Most likely, their population received a boost after the mast year for acorns in 2019. If the pattern follows as researchers say, there will be a large tick population the second summer after a year with heavy acorn production. That doesn't bode well for 2021. It will be interesting to see if that is the case.

~ Anne Small

Thanks for your donations!

**Mike & Kelly McGill
Clyde & Joyce Owens
Patrick & Patrice Pergolski
Patti Sparrow**





Don't forget to renew your club membership:) Thank you!

Frank's Fishing Report

The dog days of summer have arrived. Fishing has slowed for me. I am still catching bass on the weed line. Walleye have moved to wooded bottom near the river channel on the flowages. A friend is soaking two rods with night crawlers on a edge of the river channel and casting a jig and crawler. He is catching walleye, perch and bluegill. We caught walleye casting spinners on the weed line and crappie in the deep weeds with 1/32 jigs twisters.

~ 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 plants.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.