

Sept 2020

# President's Report

Things are moving along quite well for the Club considering all that is going on around us. We had a great meeting in August with 53 people in attendance to hear Anne Small's mushroom presentation and we conducted our annual election as well. We just finished our first Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup of the year cleaning up about 12 bags of trash from Highway 70. We have signed up several new members and have had some former members rejoin after a several year absence.

Please note there is a speaker change for the September 24th meeting. Due to a schedule conflict our presenter for the September meeting has been changed to Mark Naniot from the Wild Instincts Animal Rehab Center in Rhinelander. Mark has been mending injured wildlife (everything including eagles, bears and loons) for almost 40 years. Mark will cover the recent activities at the center as well as a special presentation on How Humans Can Protect Wildlife from Injury by their actions (for example -not using lead fishing tackle or to properly dispose of fishing line). The cost of operating the Wild Instincts Center is dependant entirely on donations of both money and materials from the public. They receive no government or grant funds of any type. Therefore I am suggesting that members bring items to donate to the center to the Thursday September 24th meeting. Even the smallest items will go a long way to help take care of injured animals. Some of the items badly needed right now are any type of frozen (or fresh) fish, venison or meat you may have aging in your freezer, canned dog food, paper towels and old blankets/sheets/towels. This might be a good opportunity for you to cull out some of that older stuff from your freezer or linen closet for a cause much better than the landfill. (there is a complete list of needed items at <http://wildinstinctsrehab.com/wishlist.htm>) . The meeting will be at 7 PM in the large main room of the Community Center with chairs set up for social distancing and MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.

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Moving on, I want to thank Anne Small for her great presentation last month on The Five Best Edible Mushrooms of the Northwoods---and One Really Bad One. Anne is the coordinator for the Northstate Mycological Club and has vast knowledge of fungi and wildlife in general. Anne's talk covered the edible Chanterelle, Lobster, Chicken of the Woods, Honey, and the Hedgehog mushrooms using a video and live samples as well. Also, just as important, she covered the most poisonous mushroom of all, the Destroying Angel (*Amanita virosa*). This little white mushroom looks a lot like the simple grocery store variety but can do a good job of sending you to your grave way too early. Thanks again Anne for a great presentation!

As mentioned above, we had a busy Highway trash pickup day on September 16th with 10 members participating. Karen Anderson as always did a great job organizing and doling out road section assignments. One of our newest

members, Lonette Gregersen, gets the prize for having to pickup several hundred pieces of blue Styrofoam insulation spread about the side of the road. Thanks to the following "trashy" people for the help: Karen Anderson, Frank Klamik, Ken and Terri Beier, Bob and Judy Schell, Carol Seegers, Patty Krarup, Ken and Nancy Horve and Bonnie Evanson.

Some final items are; We did hold our election at the August meeting (postponed from March due to Covid-19) and the officers are President- Bob Schell, Vice President -open, secretary Ellyn Dahnke, treasurer Ken Dahnke, Board members Judy Schell, Jim Lund, Anne Small, Kelly McGill, and Jim Carlton. We also voted on and approved the donations to various wildlife organizations as presented in last month's newsletter for a total of \$4,150. Geri Shambo, scholarship committee member, presented our \$2000 scholarship to Nathan Krause at the August meeting as well. Our October 22nd meeting will feature a presentation on Trumpeter Swans by Annie McDonnell from the Discovery Center. We are looking for a program chairperson for next year. Anyone interested in the interesting and fun job of setting up pro-

grams or if you have an idea or lead for a speaker let me know.

In closing we want to thank our board and volunteers for all they do -- this is a group effort.

Remember to bring those simple but valuable animal care necessities for the Rehab center to the meeting on Thursday.

~Bob Schell



# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

As our deciduous trees begin to put on their show of colorful leaves, you may also notice that some of your pines are getting a considerable amount of yellow needles. Many people become alarmed when they see their pines with so many needles turning colors, but don't worry. Each year, our conifers also experience some amount of normal needle drop as a part of their life cycle. The needles have varying life spans and will eventually drop from the tree. Each species of conifer has a different pattern of needle drop, some are gradual and some drop many very quickly. Trees tend to show more needle drop during periods of stress, like drought or excess moisture.

This year, just about every white pine, large and small, in the woods around our house is going through major needle drop. White pines tend to show the most drastic needle drop of all pine trees. Most white pines hold their needles for three years. In fall, the three year old needles will turn yellow, then brown, and then fall off, leaving only the newest season's growth still attached. Red pine drops its needles in the fourth year.

So if you notice a lot of yellow needles on your white pines this year, never fear! It is all part of the tree's cycle of life. Get out enjoy those fall colors!

~ Anne Small

## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Sept 24

7:00 PM

St. Germain Comm Ctr

*Social distancing and masks required*

## PROGRAM

*Wildlife Rehabilitation*

Mark Naniot, Wild Instincts

*(Please consider bringing a donation of paper towels, sheets, towels, blankets, and/or canned dog food)*

**Thanks for your donations!**

**Ken and Nancy Horve  
James and Kayla Lund  
Harry and Suzanne Tressel**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

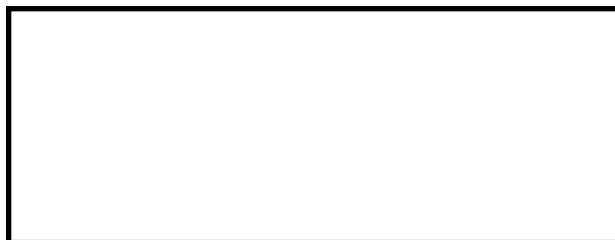
George and Bonnie Evanson  
Lonette and Matt Gregerson  
James and Kayla Lund

## Sunshine Report

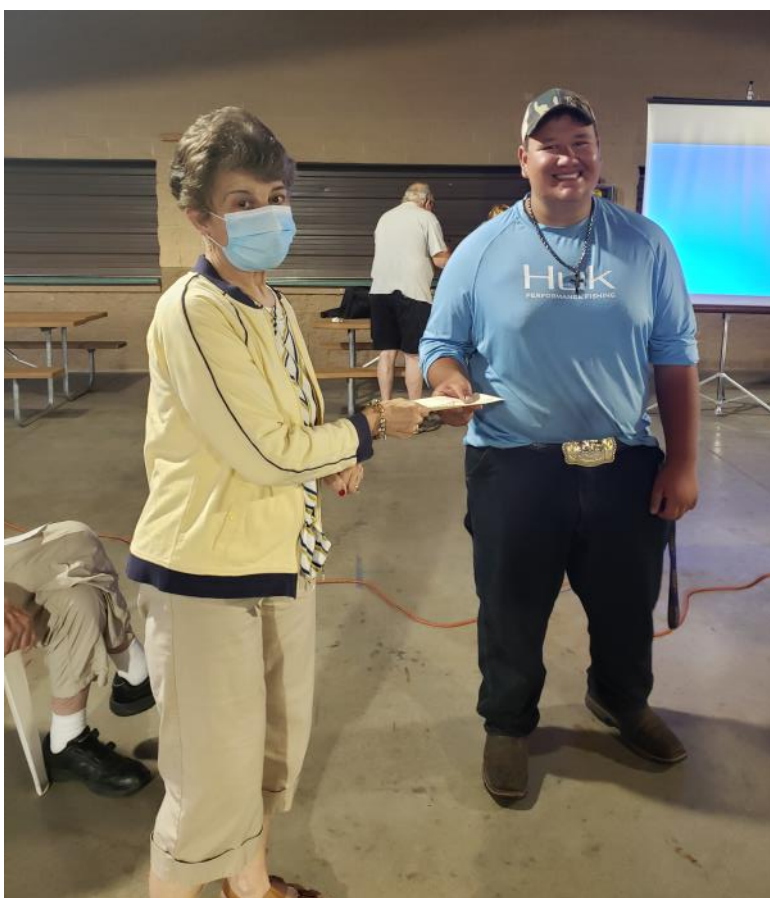
**Well wishes go out to Gary Schultz.**

*If you know of a club member who is ill or needs words of cheer, please contact Judy Schell at 715-542-2321 or [judithschell@hotmail.com](mailto:judithschell@hotmail.com)*

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



Above: Scholarship Committee member Geri Shambo presents scholarship to Nathan Kruse.



### 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.