

JULY 2015

# President's Report



SAYNER-ST. GERMAIN FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB, INC.

Paw Prints

Please note: Club members voted unanimously at our last meeting to have all of our membership meetings start at 7:00 p.m., except for special outings, like the chili dinner, picnic, Xmas party, etc. In the recent past, the January through April meetings have been at 2:00 p.m. We will remind members prior to the January meeting as well.

Our Annual Picnic is on Thursday, August 27th at the St Germain Community park Pavilion. Serving will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m., with Rick Polaski providing the chicken and fixings. Plates and utensils will be provided, and the Club will have soda and water available. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests, who are very welcome to attend.

There are 40 people signed up so far. In order to have the appropriate amount of food, we need to know NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th if you plan to attend. If you haven't already signed up, please call me @ 715-542-3946, and leave a message if necessary with the name of the person(s) attending. Look forward to seeing you there!

*Maru Anderson, President*

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## NEXT MEETING

# ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**Thursday, August 27, 2015**  
**St. Germain Community Pavillion**



**Setup: 5:15 pm**  
**Dinner: 6:00 pm**



**Menu:** spit roasted, BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls & dessert. Place settings, soda, water & coffee included

**Cost:** (payable when you arrive at picnic)  
**Members:** \$5  
**Non-Members/Guests:** \$10

**Deadline to sign up is August 20th.**  
**Please call Marv at 715-542-3946**

## Sunshine Report

Well wishes go out to Sally Schell who had surgery in early August.

*If you know of a club member who is ill or needs words of cheer, please contact Judy Schell at 715-542-2321*



Above: Clark Lake Trail, Sylvania Wilderness in Watersmeet, MI

## Welcome New Members!

**Kevin & Kim Ganz**  
**Compton, IL**

Don't forget about the community support program at Camp's SuperValu in St. Germain, and at Trigs in Eagle River. Every time that you shop at Camp's, write our club's code (CD14) on the back of your receipt and deposit in the bin on the service counter. Camp's donates a portion of those sales to our club. At Trigs, use code 69S.



# Frank's Fishing Report

The summer pattern is in full swing. Most fish are on the deep weed line or they will make a feeding movement to it. Wall-eyes will suspend in lakes that do not have a lot of weeds at which time they use the surface to trap the schools of baitfish. Bass form schools and trap baitfish against a piece of

structure. Panfish will often be near deep weeds or move to deep mudflats to feed on buried insect life or crayfish.

Fishing early or late at this time of year will increase your catch rate.

**Frank Klamik**

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Has anyone else noticed a complete lack of ticks this summer, both deer ticks and wood ticks? Since early spring, we have not had to pick off a single tick from ourselves or our dogs. We aren't sure exactly how to explain this phenomenon, but are thankful it is the case.

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 it 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.

Interestingly enough, the numbers of chipmunks in our woods has declined sharply. In fact we haven't noticed any around our house at all this year. So, perhaps this has helped us with our tick population for 2015. When we experience another mast year for acorns, we will see how the chipmunk-tick relationship reacts. I would be interested in hearing observations on this subject from others to see if they have similar situations.



Having a toddler around while spending time in the out-of-doors puts a new perspective on everything. Our Murray will be 2-years-old in October, and he is already very attentive to many

things that we older folk barely notice. Even though he doesn't have words to explain all that he experiences, he finds ways to convey these things to us.

He has already taken quite an interest in fungi. He will pluck a mushroom out of the ground or off a log before I even see it and then hold it up and very proudly say, "Shroom." Some mushrooms he dismantles, carefully looking over each part.

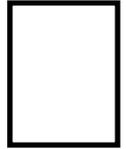
While walking through the woods, Murray points to the treetops and says "wind" when the leaves are fluttering. If a woodpecker is pecking, he will stop and cup his hand around his ear to tell us to listen. After a rain, he will reach out his hand and touch the raindrops clinging to the pine needles and say "wet." His keen eyes spot deer long before I or even our dogs do. Even animal droppings are pointed out, with an added plugging of his nose to let us know what it is.



We are lucky and thankful to have these new experiences to share with our little guy. His perspective brings new light to the wonder of the natural world and all it has to offer us.

**Anne Small**

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#### 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 care-takers of our water, air, land and wildlife.

*Phone numbers are included so that you may pass along any information, questions and concerns you may have regarding the club.*