

February 2018

President's Report

Dear Members,

I had another wonderful hospital stay last week. Fred had to call the paramedics as I was unresponsive; I even told the ER Doc that it was 1986 - YIKES! Turns out I had pneumonia, influenza B and an asthma flare. Home now, but I'm still exhausted.

This brings us to our scheduled "Leap Into 2018 Fiesta" on February 22nd. The board has decided we should cancel this the event. There has been poor member response, the Olympics are on in full swing, plus there's been way too much illness in our area. We'd really hate it if any of our members became ill. We could attempt to reschedule this for our March 22nd meeting, but we'd still need member input as to whether they'd even be interested.

Stay Wild and Warm,

Laura Locher

Birdhouse Project Update

We were fortunate enough to have Pukall Lumber donate all of the lumber and hardware needed for the birdhouse building project with the St Germain Elementary School Science Club. There are 34 children in the club, and there are enough supplies to replace several dilapidated birdhouses along the bike trail and as well as allow each child can assemble one to take it home. Thanks to the generous time and skills of Dave Zelinski and Jerry Sykora, the boards will all be pre-cut and pre-drilled to allow for easy assembly with the students. We really appreciate all of their work! We are still looking for a few club members to volunteer for the Science Club meeting at the school, where the students will assemble the houses with help from volunteers. The date is Thursday, March 15, from 3:30-4:30 PM. Please let Anne Small know if you can help by emailing smallanne76@gmail.com or calling 715-614-3711.



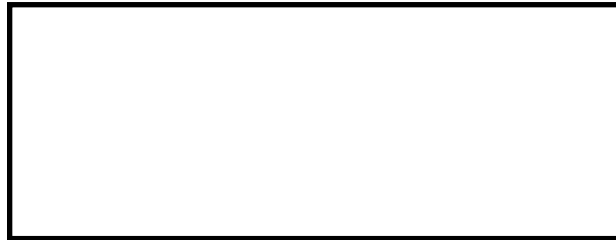
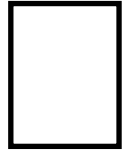
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Frank's Fishing Report



February is a slow month in the northern half of Wisconsin. Most fish are slow to bite and will not chase a bait. Speed control is a must if you are going to fish. Slow down with very little up and down motion. You may need to down-size your bait, and watch for a dead line to signal a strike. Moving often, from one hold to the next and picking off the largest fish will be your best bet. Keep ice build-up off your line, so you can see the bite.

In the southern half of the state you may start to increase your speed and become more aggressive as you move into last ice.

Frank Klamik

The 2018 Great Backyard Bird Count is coming up February 16-19. This count is a great way to help contribute to a valuable citizen science project. You can even do it from the comfort of your home by just observing your bird feeder activity. Visit their website for more info or to enter your data <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>



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.