

President's Report



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

Paw Prints

Despite the not so favorable weather on Mondays, our Kayak raffle results have been ok. We will also have a raffle booth set up at Pig in the Pines on July 30, 31 and August 1, and need a couple of volunteers for each of 2 3 hour shifts, starting at 11:30. We will have sign up sheets at the July 23 regular meeting for that, and you can also call me @ 715-542-3946 to let me know if you can help. Please leave a message if you call.



Above: Bart Kotarba from the Northwoods Wildlife Center during his presentation at the June meeting.

Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 27th at the Community Center Pavilion. Mr. Chicken Bar B Que, Rick Polaski will be providing the main entree, with some related fixings. The cost will be \$5/member, or \$10 for non-members. The Club pays for a portion of the total cost. We need to have an accurate count of participants to assure an adequate quantity of food is prepared. Sign up sheets will be available at the July 23rd membership meeting. If you cannot make the July meeting, you can call me @ 715-542-3946. The cutoff date to sign up is Friday, August 21st.

A new presenter for our July 23rd meeting, Rick Howard of Purdue University, will be sharing information on amphibians of Vilas County, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Maru Anderson, President

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NEXT MEETING
Thurs., July 23
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Ctr

PROGRAM
"Amphibians of Vilas County"
Rick Howard

REFRESHMENTS
Ken & Nancy Horve

50/50 TICKET SALES
Karen Walbruck

BOARD MEETING
Thurs., July 23rd
6:00 PM
St. Germain Community Ctr

Thanks for the donations!

John & Rita Mezydlo
Chris and Kim Droes

Sunshine Report

Condolences to the family of Gary Shambo, a long-time club member who passed away on June 22nd.

Well wishes go out to Lolly Kloefer who was hospitalized with an infection.

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

A Note From Geri Shambo...

Gary Shambo passed away June 22. He was at Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff. Gary served on the Board of Directors several years ago.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cards and words of encouragement through this difficult journey. Your kindness was most appreciated.
~Geri

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

Congratulations to Terrie Beier for her 17" large mouth bass and Bob Schell for his 10 3/4" crappie, winners of the 2015 Fishing Outing. Many fish of all species were landed. After the fishing, we met at the picnic area and enjoyed many dishes brought in by club members, sausage and drinks. Twenty one people signed up and the weather was good.

Follow the weed line out as July continues to warm the water. Always remember to pay attention to depth of water, thickness of the weeds and even kinds of weeds you are fishing. Move often until you make contact. Schools move around within the weed bed. Weeds with open pockets or spaces between them in a dark colored bottom often produce best.

Frank Klamik

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

News of the crisis with our Honey Bee population and other bees in general makes the occasional hum of their wings a welcome sound while working in garden plots or walking in field and woods. Na-



Above: Dave Zielinski and his bee hive.

tive solitary bees, digger bees and bumble bees are pollinators, but Honey Bees, in particular, are of great value for our country's croplands and orchards. It's said that their work provides one out of every three bites of food that we put into our mouths. Honey Bees also are vital pollinators of our home vegetable and flower gardens and their work promotes the spread of clovers, alfalfa and other nutritious broad-leafed plants that help sustain native wildlife.

Club member Dave Zielinski has been bee keeping for six years and reports his hive very successful this year. Dave's attractively decorated hive houses thousands of bees (a colony may have as many as 50,000 to 60,000) The hive colony consists mainly of female workers each with a life span, during summer months, of four to seven weeks.

A single queen produces all new members needed in the hive colony. The upper portion of the hive

contains a set of frames gradually filled with stored honey. Bees are constantly at work in lower parts of the hive. The marvelous flower gardens developed by Kris and Dave at their home provide a sea of blossoms for their bees.

Wayne Newby, another St. Germain resident, became fascinated with the ecology of bees and decided to take up bee keeping. Most bee keepers use the traditional square Langstroth, box hive. Wayne decided to head on a creative path. He studied bees on line, watched videos and decided to design a new kind of hive. "I got the idea from a book, [Bee Keeping for All](#) by Emille Warre," explains Newby, "Hives I build are hexagonal rather than square. The hive has an inverted "bee porch" that provides cover for bees moving outside the hive. The entrances are holes rather

than slits. These are more defensible against hornets that might try to gain entry." To control the humidity in the hive, there is a "quilt" section filled with alpaca fiber. This draws moisture that's released through roof vents. To date, Newby has built five hives in this design; two for his



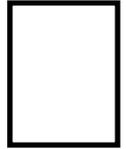
Above: Wayne Newby's hive

own use, one for a bee keeper in California and a pair now hung and active at UW's Kemp Station in Woodruff. To protect his bee colony from honey-loving bears, Newby designed a lift for hanging his hive.

Note: You can follow Wayne's progress in bee keeping on YouTube. Search for "Wayne Newby beekeeping"

Cora Mollen

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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.