

July 2017

President's Report

Hello Members,

First and foremost, our condolences go out to the Polaski Family on the passing of Rich, an active member of our club and our community for many years. Please be sure to read Bob Schell's tribute.

The Summer Solstice has come and gone so it's officially warm and beautiful in the Northwoods. Fred's tick count is now up to seven. Once again, please be vigilant in your tick protocol - 20% DEET and inspection.

Fred and I did something we thought we'd never do: set up our Hobie and Club array in front of St. Germain Sport Marine and watched the July 2nd Parade. Brought back memories of our sons, Bryant and Matt marching with Pack 210 in total chaos as the onlookers were also throwing out candy at the marchers! Bob and Judy Schell did a splendid job as Grand Marshals leading out the proud Fire Departments and businesses. We even sold a few tickets.

At our General meeting, Anne Pearce gave a very informative presentation on the impact of invasive species. This June marked the 13th Invasive Species Awareness Month. Rosie Page from WHIP (WI Headwaters Invasive Partnership) sent us printouts of common terrestrial invasive plants in WI. I have a few left - let me know if you want one. You can report a sighting by email to: Invasive.Species@wi.gov or call [608-267-5066](tel:608-267-5066). There is also a free app with maps, species verifications along with a monthly challenge and prize (maybe GLEDN and EDDmaps).

We had a great discussion of 2018's, Let's put the Fish & Wild back into the Fish and Wildlife Club theme. Watch for our kickoff event in February: the Chili Dump is back, when we all need a warm and fuzzy get-together.

Now I must address an issue that keeps resurfacing: there are grumblings that members are not renewing because of my programming topics. When I took over as Program Chair, the President, no one else wanted to do these jobs (except Melody, who wanted to be Pres. at the same time as Secretary). We later lost Her as Secretary. I have been handling all these jobs - which is most likely more than past Presidents, at a time when I've had to curtail participating in all the outdoor activities I love due to back and neck problems.

My goal in programming is to provide education in topics which concern fish and wildlife and our environment. Two past topics just won't go away, both held in Winter with horribly embarrassing attendance and a major reason why we dropped these Winter meetings. 1) Our friend Brendan's program on organic farming. Organic farming is important as pesticides which go into waterways and harm fish habitats are not

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Paw Prints

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used. Pollination which helps the dwindling bee population is another factor. 2) David Walz's program on DNR updates - David spoke on chronic wasting disease which was a hot button issues in the news the next day and continues to be so. Now you are complaining about our July program on Climate Change/Global Warming, another hot button issue which is so much more than the loss of the ice cap and polar bear habitat. Think about this the next time you're looking for local fish at your Friday night fish fry - or even trying to fish walleye and perch. Rick Howard will present a program with an essential wealth of knowledge. Please be sure to attend.

I've done my best to explain how these programs, along with those on our cute fuzzy local denizens, provide information useful in becoming better guardians of our fish, wildlife and environment. Also, your complaints about Winter meeting and darkness are invalid as we have eliminated these meetings and have always offered rides to those who do not want to drive. Think about giving us one evening a month; knowledge is a great tool.

Also, please call or email me directly with any complaints or ideas: landline: 715-542-358; cell: [847-567-0388](tel:847-567-0388); email: fglocher@gmail.com

We have a busy schedule coming up - you know what to do - sign up, either at meetings or by contacting me.

- Monthly Meetings: we need snack and raffle volunteers and attendees
- Monday Flea volunteers
- Pig in the Pines, Friday, August 4th & Saturday, August 5th: two shifts each day: 11:30am - 3:30pm and 3:30pm - 7:30pm
- Sayner Art & Street Fair, Saturday, August 6th two shifts: 10:00am - 2:00 pm and 2:00pm - to closing
- Chicken Picnic, Thursday, August 24th: 6:00pm at the pavilion: \$5 per member and \$10.00 per guest. reservations are essential - Rick needs to know how many mouths he needs to feed. Sara McCormack, our scholarship recipient plans to attend with her family - come to listen to her Alaskan Kayaking tales.
- Highway cleanup, September 6th: call Karen Anderson at [715-542-3964](tel:715-542-3964)
- Colorama, Saturday, September 16th: two shifts: 9:30am - 1:30pm and 1:30pm - @6:00pm
- Eagle River Cranfest, October 7th and 8th: there will be two shifts each day
- Bake sale at the Nov Bazaar, November 11th
- Winter Party, Thursday, December 7th at the Clearview at 6:00pm. This year we'll have a choice of four entries at \$22.00: Kansas City Strip, Chicken Parmesan, Teriyaki Salmon and a Quinoa-stuffed Portobella Mushroom.

Remember to renew if you haven't and stay wild and engaged in Club activities and the outdoors.

Laura Locher, President

NEXT MEETING

Thurs., July 27
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Rick Howard, Purdue University
Global Warming

REFRESHMENTS

Anne Small & Cora Mollen

CASH RAFFLE
Need volunteer

BOARD MEETING

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6:00 PM

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Above left: Tom Schwartz and Marv Anderson getting set for highway cleanup. Above right: Bob & Judy Schell as St Germain's parade marshals.

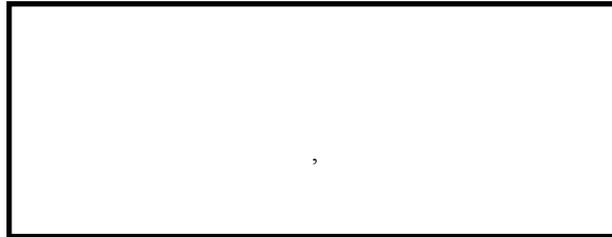
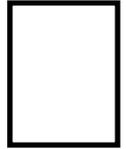
Remembering Rich

We are sad to inform you of the passing of Club past president, Rich Polaski. Rich passed away on June 30 at his home in St Germain. He was our Club President for 4 years and President -elect for 2 years. Rich moved to St Germain after spending 30 years on the West Allis, WI police force and was a Veteran of the US Army. He will be remembered for his strong organizational skills and many contributions of time and energy to our Club. He was also active in the community as President of the Bo Boen Snowmobile club and served on the Board of the Vilas County Historical Museum. He also was known for his spit roasted chicken dinners done for many local organizations to benefit various charities. Our sympathies go out to his wife Linda and his family including his son, Rick a current member and chef of our annual picnic chicken roast. Funeral Services will be held in Milwaukee on July 10. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to the Vilas Historical Museum, P.O. Box 217 Sayner, WI 54560. Linda's address is 7465 Star LN, St Germain.

Contributer's Corner

- Our newest Nova Sponsors: Karen and Marv Anderson.
- We are so grateful to all of our sponsors; the token gifts have arrived - watch your mail.
- Our Fleas: Jim Carlton and Frank Klamik, who this Monday brought us into the profit range, Cookie Lough, Kelly McGill, Terrie and Ken Beier, Dave Zielinski and Kris Main
- Our Food: Terrie Beier, what a special spread, including that oh so awesome pickled Northern!
- Our raffle, Ellen Dahnke
- Our Highway 70 cleanup team: Ken and Nancy Horve, Helen and Don Schmidt, Fred Locher, Frank Klamik, Tom Schwartz and Karen and Marv Anderson.
- Karen reported a record 18 bags full, the most ever - as well as an IL license plate, a fishing pole and a whole panel from a Jeep!

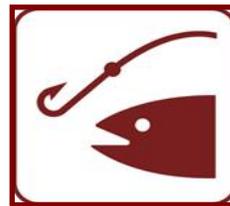
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Welcome New Members! Peter & Kathy Grunwald
Cambridge, WI
Kevin & Lisa Swales
Janesville, WI



Frank's Fishing Report



After fishing a deep clear lake, a flowage and a natural lake, the last few days, I feel the mayfly hatch has had a major effect on all fish. If you see floating mayfly on your lake, your bite may be very limited. I plan to take a break, do road clean-up or work around the house for about a week. The fish have eaten all they can for a while.

Most fish will be in the summer pattern after the hatch. We could mark fish all over the lakes but had very limited success, even though we fished river channels, rock bars and weed edges.

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.