

June 2017

President's Report

Hello Members,

It's so great seeing all of the fishermen out front! Finally it's been nice and warm and rain-free, at least today. Since all of the news stations have had bulletins warning about the increase in deer ticks this year with the warmer weather and the addition of the white footed mouse as a carrier, I'll repeat tick protocol: long sleeves, long pants, shoes or boots with socks and be sure to use DEET, focusing on the lower extremities. When inside inspect all areas, also remember to inspect your pets. If you find a tick, wipe area with an alcohol pad then remove with a tweezers and place the tick on a piece of tape, roll up and discard. Fred has found four so far! They're warning of a new deer tick-born virus, Powassan, which has neurological symptoms. So, take these simple precautions and enjoy the outdoors.

Fred, Jim Carlton, Kelly McGill and Bob Schell opened up the Flea Market Season with great success. The Hobie pedalboard generated a lot of interest and a lot of ticket sales which hopefully will continue. We were worried, but it fits right on the rack of our new Ford Escape - had to trade in our truck for a more comfortable vehicle - how not Northwoods of us.

As far as our other activities have gone, it's been the best of times but the worst of attendance. There were many other things going on, including a Prime Timers' trip, but we had a very loyal group of twelve for our Savory and Sweet night. Jim and Trudy Carlton came early to set up as Fred and I were coming in from a grueling four days at the Mayo Clinic. Ken Dahnke drove up from Madison where Ellyn's daughter, Wendi, was having surgery. Gary Groff also helped out. Frank Klamik spun some great fishing tales. We feasted on a classic meatball and sausage dish from Cookie Lough and Jerry Sycora, a fresh fruit salad from Geri Shambo and one from Ken. And then there were the desserts: a Heath Bar crumble from Trudy Carlton, a spicy pumpkin and cream confection from Kathy Groff, cherry cheesecake from Marilyn Klamik and my cookies. Just had to mention all of the above because you missed a night of fine company and fine food. Jim Carlton Handled the raffle with Jeri and Cookie the winners.

This last Saturday was Frank's Family Fishing Contest and Fiesta, attended by 17 picnickers and 8 fishermen. Bob Schell won "Billy" this year. Once again you should have been there to enjoy Frank's great grilling and desserts and sides provided by the rest of us. It turned out to be a glorious day, as at 6:00 am it was pouring rain! As far as Frank's future fishing clinic goes, I successfully applied for grant from Walmart to help cover this activity.

We'll have to set aside time at a future meeting to discuss just what you want from our club. I am trying my hardest to set up relevant programming, service projects and activities. We really need your input and participation. I am not trying to be political, but this is critical for groups like ours with what is going on in National and Local environmental issues such as the Shoreline Initiative and Act 55, the EPA, and Climate Change. Please plan to attend our June 22nd meeting - topic: Invasive Species and the July 27th meeting - topic: Climate Change. Being informed on these issues helps you to become a better guardian of our environment and wildlife, which in turn, helps our economy.

We need volunteers for future Flea Market Mondays, for meeting snacks and raffling and the next Hwy. 70 cleanup on July 5th.

Remember to stay wild,

Laura Locher, President

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., June 22
7:00 PM
St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Invasive Species
Rosie Page, WI Headwaters Partnership

REFRESHMENTS

Terrie Beier

CASH RAFFLE

Need volunteer

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., June 22
6:00 PM
St. Germain Community Center



Above: Photos from our Club Fishing Tournament & Picnic on June 3rd.

Sunshine Report

Condolences go out to the family of long-time club member Ron Gawrys who passed away recently.

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

Adopt a Highway



**Wednesday,
July 5
9:00 AM**

**Call Karen Anderson to volunteer
715-542-3946**

Frank's Fishing Report

As I write this article, I am reflecting on the club outing of June 3, 2017. The bass & bluegills were on the beds. Crappies were just finishing the spawn and in the transition to their summer pattern. Walleyes were on the deep weeds and feeding.

This is the start of the summer pattern. Most fish will finish spawning and stay in the spawning area for a while and then, as the water warms and weeds start to grow, will move deeper. Most fish spawn at their preferred body temperature and will seek that temperature as the water warms.

Frank Klamik

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

During a recent bat monitoring survey along the St Germain River, my mom and I heard the call of an Eastern whip-poor-will. These elusive birds are more often heard and than seen. Due to their excellent camouflage and the fact that they usually rest during the day, most people will rarely have a chance to view them.

Whip-poor-wills are a member of the Night Jar family. They are about the size of an American robin, and have grey, brown and black mottled plumage. Like most Night Jars, they are active during the early morning, late evening and on moonlit nights. They hunt insects on the wing and are able to make some stunning maneuvers when hunting including sharp turns and almost vertical flight.

The call of this bird is what gives it its name. The “whip-poor-will” phrase is repeated over and over again at night by males as a means of claiming their territory during the breeding season.

Whip-poor-wills don’t build nests, but lay their eggs directly on the ground in leaf litter or sometimes on bare soil. The new hatchlings are mobile and ready to move right away in case of danger. Amazingly, the eggs are laid ten days before the full moon, so that the parents have plenty of moonlight by which to catch the insects for the chicks when they hatch 10 days later. They breed in the northeastern US and migrate to southeastern US, Mexico and Central America during the winters.



Above: Whip-poor-will (by Tom Benson/Flickr Creative Commons)

Once fairly common in the Northwoods, their numbers are on the decline. Researchers believe that this decline is due to a variety of factors including habitat loss, predation by feral cats and dogs, as well as increased use of insecticides in both their summer and wintering territories.

Anne Small

Contributor's Corner

We would like to thank all of the very generous members who have donated in sponsorship levels this year. Please remember that your \$10.00 single or \$15.00 family membership is included with a sponsorship donation.

Our newest sponsors:

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Lori & Mike Pergolski
Alan & Jeanne Breck

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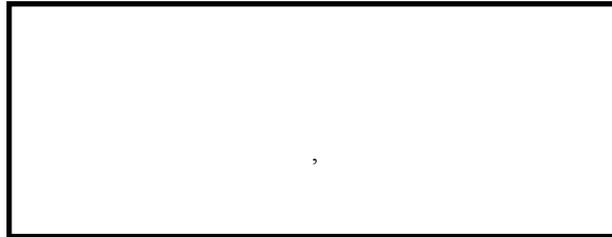
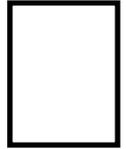
Ron & Pat Groebe
John & Rita Mezydlo

BRIGHTEST STAR:

Brad & Christtina Stott



Above: Club member’s at May’s Sweet & Savory Club Gathering.



Reminder: Check your membership year on your email or listed above your address label.
If it is 16/17 or earlier, it is time to renew your membership. Thank you!!

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

To keep up with our requirement to publish the lake balances here is a quick update for the various lake organizations. In April we sent out letters to all the lake organizations requesting their funds that will be matched in 2017. We have received checks for 2017 from several of the lake groups that are not reflected in the balances listed below.

Below are the balances and information, as required, for the various lake organizations. Our Treasurer, Ken Dahnke has provided the balances as of May 31, 2017 they include this years contribution that have been received so far:

Little Saint Germain	\$ 9,204.00
Found Lake	13,539.12
Lost Lake	7,092.81
Alma Moon	14,288.02
Stella	455.00
Pickrel (does not receive room tax funds)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain –Fawn-Content-	9,223.53

These restricted funds can only be used for lake improvement activity such as fish stocking, algae control, navigational aids, website development and the control of Aquatic Invasive Species –AIS (including the new threat of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia-VHS). The DNR does not usually allow fish stocking every year in every lake so there is sometimes a carryover of balances by individual lake organization to provide for future stocking as well as to provide for emergency funds for the early eradication of AIS, studies, and other contingencies. Remember that the balances by lake include funds contributed by the lake organizations and their residents. The amounts received, allocated and spent by each lake group are published four times a year in the Lakes Improvements Committee section of the Fish and Wildlife Club newsletter. ~Bob Schell



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.