



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

Paw Prints

May 2016

President's Report

What a great program about woodpeckers at the April meeting! All 30+ members really enjoyed it!

We are conducting the raffle at the St Germain **Monday** Flea Market starting Memorial Day. 1st place is a Kayak, 2nd is a framed "up north" original watercolor, and 3rd is a large laser-cut personalized steel welcome sign. The volunteer sign-up sheets for the flea market have been circulated at our Meetings, and there are time slots to be filled. They are **8:30 to 11:30**, and **11:30 to 2:30**. Please contact Melody Kysiak @ 715-614-1849 to sign up.

Our Annual Chili feed is **May 26th @ 6:00 pm**, at the Community Center. We have always had a good crowd attend. We have a sign-up sheet for some food items to provide, so please contact Melody if you can do so.

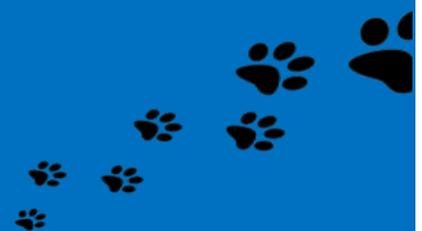
Also, the next highway cleanup days are **July 6th and September 7th**, It only takes about an hour...Several members have signed up, and more are needed. Please contact Karen Anderson @ 715-542-3946 if you can help.

Club Board elections were held at the April meeting, with Laura Locher as President, Ken Dahnke Treasurer, Meloday Kysiak Secretary, and Cora Mollen and Anne Small as Directors. We are looking for someone to fill the Vice President's role.

Maru Anderson, President

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NEXT MEETING:



Annual Chili Potluck

Thursday, May 26th

6:00 PM

St Germain Community Center

(5 PM set up)

Refreshments (soda, water, coffee) provided.

Bring your own place settings

Please call Melody (715-439-5726) to sign up to bring chili or other food items.

Thanks for the generous donations!

- Keith & Cathy Anderson
- Marv & Karen Anderson
- Denny & Mary Dickenson
- Stan & Cheryl Grulke
- Judy Kaisler
- Bob & Judy Schell
- Mel & Kay Schultz
- Addison & Barb Toynton
- Peter & Nancy Minx
- Jeff & Maria Ewald
- Mike & Teri Brady
- Patti Sparrow
- Arlene Petersohn



Above: Club members helping with the highway clean up earlier this month.

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

The American Robin is a regular companion in our warm season days. This songster, with grayish back and red-orange breast, is one of the most familiar birds of Wisconsin's cities and countryside. It is, in fact, the Wisconsin state bird.

Welcome arrival of the robin in spring is announced by its loud, liquid song (characterized as *cheerily cheer-up cheerio*) which decorates our early mornings and the time just before sun set. During the breeding season, robins will pair-bond and, perhaps to enhance chances of a successful courtship, male robins develop a flush of special darker, blackish head feathers. These special feathers are shed soon after mating.

Nest building is chiefly carried out by the female and choice of a nesting spot is varied. Nests may be constructed in the fork of branches, on a horizontal limb, in bushes or, often, on some sheltered building ledge. The nest is deep and cup-like and made of grasses and weed stalks plus strings, strips of cloth and other found materials. These are literally molded together with wet mud that the female transports to the nesting spot in her beak. Usually, four smooth, sky-blue eggs will be laid. Both the male and female will work at providing food for hatched young while they are in the nest and after they fledge. Fledging takes place in about 14 days. The juveniles display under-parts that are cinnamon-tinged with brown spotting and can often be seen trailing after adults begging for a share of their finds. Sadly, very few of these young will survive to November.

A large portion of the robin diet consists of small invertebrates that include worms, caterpillars, grasshoppers and grubs. These are sought out on the ground displaying this bird's characteristic *running and stopping* behavior accompanied by

cocking of the head from side to side. This technique allows the robin to visually detect the movement of worms and bugs. At times, scientists tell us, the bird's listening skills help in the search. Newly mowed or sprinkled lawns and freshly turned garden soil where worms and grubs are abundant may call in quite a robin gathering. We should be aware that, because they are regular ground feeders, robins are particularly vulnerable to pesticide poisoning and it behooves us to limit the use of toxic chemicals.

Nuts and berries make up the rest of the robin diet. Both wild and cultivated fruits are included. Sometimes, you may be amused if you chance to see them exhibit a kind of drunken staggering after eating large quantities of fermented berries. Bird behavior always has its special originality.

Cora Mollen

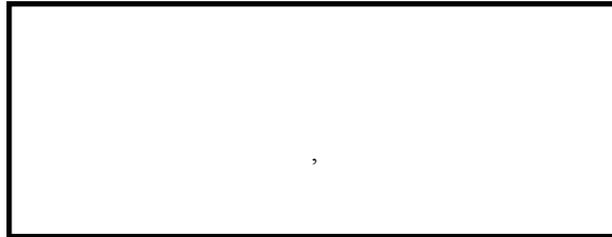
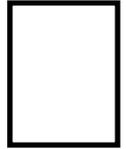
Sunshine Report

Condolences go out to Rich Polaski whose sister passed away and also to Patti Sparrow whose husband recently passed away.

Get-well wishes go out to Geri Shambo as she had knee replacement surgery and to Rich Polaski with his continuing health problems.

Wishes of speedy recovery go out to Ida Nemec who broke her wrist and had had surgery to put in a plate.

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

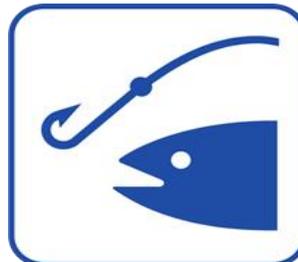


Reminder: Check your membership year on your email or listed above your address label.
If it is 15/16 or earlier, it is time to renew your membership. Thank you!!

Frank's Fishing Report



Ice out was around April 16th in the northern part of the state. Many people are out in the rivers and local open water. Rivers and small bays have been producing. Perch are spawning up here and the DNR is collecting Musky spawn as I write this article.



Opening day should produce post spawn walleye in shallow weed filled bays. Look for bays that have last year's weeds or wood in them, 12 feet or less should produce. Panfish will also be present in these locations. Jigs and minnows or slip bobbers will work for walleye.

Keep moving to find fish. Half hour in a location is long enough.

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.