

November 2015

# President's Report



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

  
**Paw Prints**

Thanks to all of the raffle ticket sellers. The Club netted \$4,400!

Thanks to the many well-wishes from the Club about my hip replacement surgery on 10/20, and am making good progress.

Fred and Laura Locher have the 2016 program schedule set, and included in the updated Club brochure that will be distributed at the Christmas Dinner on December 3rd at Clearview Supper Club. Melody Kysiak is compiling the names for the Dinner, so please call her @ 715-439-5726 with your reservation. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the November 19th meeting. There is limit of 70.



At our November Meeting, the Board will present the list of Club donations for 2015 for the membership to review and vote, so in addition to the Program about Hemlocks in Presque Isle, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks.

*Marv Anderson, President*

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Thurs., Nov 19**

**7:00 PM**

**St. Germain Community Ctr**

**PROGRAM**

**VAN VLIET HEMLOCKS**

**By Jim Bokern**

**50/50 RAFFLE**

**Ken & Terrie Beier**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Terrie Beier & Karen Anderson**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Thurs., Nov 19**

**6:00 PM**

**St. Germain Community Ctr**

# Frank's Fishing Report

Start to fish like you are out on first ice. Water temperature has now dropped to the low 50's. Ice will be forming around Thanksgiving so slow is now the idea you should keep in mind.

I will start out November with jigs and minnows or plastic and end with minnows and slip bobbers. Locations will be green weeds and wooded bottoms early and late in November move to my early ice spots.

Safety in November and December is a prime thing to keep in mind. Hypothermia can strike quickly. Keep dry clothes, life preservers and rope near you. Fish with a friend or in a group. Keep dry and safe.

*Frank Klamik*

## *Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things*

How fortunate the Sayner-St.Germain area is to have Plum Lake Library! Our club has been contributing both books and funds to the library for many years. For our club members and others, it serves as a fine resource for

appreciation and study of the wild and fascinating Northwoods environment; its forest areas, multitude of lakes, wild plants and animals. The library's collection of nature-related books ranges from basic guide books to books offering detailed scientific coverage of these topics. There is a vast offering of information on wild plants and animals, insects, tree species, soils, fungi, wildlife photography and much more. Also available are multimedia materials that center chiefly on of hunting and fishing.

Over the years, Librarian Ida Nemec and assistant Nancy Minx have arranged numerous programs with speakers that center on wildlife and environmental topics.

Speakers have included author-naturalist John Bates, staff of the Northwoods Wildlife Center, and local naturalist, Anne Small. Presentations have included a variety of topics such as native wildflowers, black bears, wolves, forest and lake environment, animal tracking, snakes, monarch butterflies and mushrooms.

The youngsters of our area can benefit from the many outstanding nature-oriented children's books on library's shelves. These are wonderful from the standpoint of both artistry and information. Story hour and other library-sponsored activities can help spark their interest in the natural world, an interest that can last a lifetime. Joan McKay, story hour planner and presenter, includes nature-centered stories, songs and games in her weekly gatherings with children. Recent activities included a look at animal "heroes," an apple picking session with a look at squirrels and chipmunks, art with fall leaves, a look at rainbows and our weather.

*Cora Mollen*

# DNR Takes Steps to Restore More Wisconsin Waterways

DNR News—Oct 27, 2015—Central Office

Wisconsin's surface water quality is good and improving in many areas, thanks to limits on wastewater dischargers and new approaches for controlling urban and rural runoff.

In fact, phosphorus, ammonia and sediment levels have decreased during the past 20 years in major rivers statewide as a result of stricter limits in wastewater, improved farming practices, construction site erosion control and urban storm water management.

At the same time, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is taking the next step to identify new waterways that will be targeted for a pollution reduction plan. The DNR has listed 209 new waters that meet the criteria for being classified as impaired and is now asking for public comment.

"Before you can solve a problem, you have to identify it and acknowledge that it exists," said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp. "The good news is, we are doing that by listing these new waterways so we can start working to restore them to their natural quality."

The public can learn more about these lakes and river stretches in a webinar set for November 3 said Susan Sylvester, director of DNR's water quality bureau. The public can then comment on the list through November 25.

"Overall, the long-term trend and satellite monitoring show that we are making progress with good overall water quality," said Sylvester. "Combined efforts including new regulatory approaches as well as strong partnerships with lake associations, local government and others have made a big difference. However, through expanded monitoring, we've identified lakes and rivers where more work is needed to improve water quality for fish to thrive and for people to enjoy them recreationally."

Over the past two years, Wisconsin has completed assessments on more than 2,400 additional waterways. The vast majority, approximately 70 percent of assessed waters, are in good condition and this list simply identifies waters that need additional management attention.

A majority of these new listings -- 130 -- are for lakes or river stretches that exceed new, more restrictive phosphorus standards that took effect in December 2010 and many are in areas with restoration plans already in development.

"The listing does not necessarily mean that phosphorus levels in these waters got worse," said Aaron Larson, a DNR water resources management specialist and coordinator of the listing process. "Phosphorus levels may be improving in

some, but not enough yet to meet these new standards. At the same time, many of these waters were not assessed for previous listing cycles."

Listing waters as "impaired" requires the state to develop restoration plans for them and also may make them eligible for state and federal cleanup funds, which can help speed improvements.

For the 2016 listing cycle, 10 waterbodies are proposed to be removed from the list. Two streams, Pleasant Valley Branch in Dane County and Rush Creek in Iowa County, are being removed because restoration projects improved stream habitat and aquatic life conditions, Larson says.

"The good news is that identifying these issues through the Impaired Waters listing process helps concentrate efforts, attention and funding on these waters," he says. "It's an important first step on the road to working with partners to help restore these waters to where they should be to benefit fish, wildlife and people."

The Impaired Waters List is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency every even-numbered year under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (40 C.F.R. s. 130.7(b)). DNR follows standard procedures to assess waterbodies against water quality standards, these are known as Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listings Methods (WisCALM).

Following the department's assessment, the federal rules require public involvement to develop the final list.

The draft list and related materials are available on the Wisconsin DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), by searching for "impaired waters and then clicking on the link for "see 2016 update."

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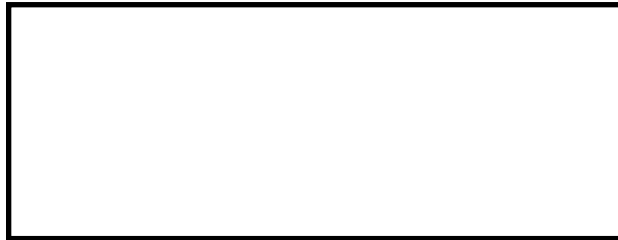
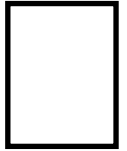
## Sunshine Report

The Club sends its thoughts and prayers to Mike Pergolski who is dealing with serious health issues.

Well wishes go out to Marv Anderson who recently had surgery.

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

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**\*\*Mark your calendar!\*\***

# November Christmas Bazaar



**November 14, 2015**

**10 am to 3 pm**



**St. Germain Community Center**

We will again be having our bake sale. Any baked goods would be gladly accepted (except for cookies). Please bring them to the Comm Ctr between 9 and 10 am. Call Ellyn for more info 715-542-3939.



## 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.