

November 2017

President's Report

Dear Members,

This newsletter comes to you from Palm Desert, CA. And what a long strange trip it's been. It started off Friday, October 27th in cold and snowy Minneapolis for our son's wedding, which was moved indoors from the park where it was originally scheduled; we were grateful!

We then worked our way West through Las Vegas at 92 degrees and then to CA. with perfect temp's in the desert. Fred & I feel a bit guilty as we heard from John Vojta who was taking out our boat & pier in the snow! We'll soon be headed back to that reality.

Our October meeting featured Adrian Wydeven, Timber Wolf Alliance, on grey wolves. Some interesting facts: the grey wolf has long legs, making it almost as tall as a deer while a coyote is only 22" tall at the shoulders; wolf colors include grey, black and rarely white; it has large feet; wolves like to keep their distance from humans; they are pack animals, with 4 to a pack by Spring and they are territorial, often roaming up to 40 – 50 miles. Almost all wolves disappeared in WI in the 50's and became a protected species; they've been monitored since 1979 and were down to a low of 14 in 1985. A self-comeback occurred as they came down from Minnesota (contrary to reports that the DNR re-introduced them) and since 2012 they've been a game species. Also non lethal control methods help keep them away from farms: red flags along fences, electrified fences, as well as flashing lights and noise devices. All-in-all very interesting.

We received a lovely thank you note from Geri Shambo for the bench in Gary's name at the Awassa Trail Head on Eagle Watch Lane. Be sure to take a hike and stop for a rest and utilize this gift.

The Board and I would like to thank the members present for approving our donations budget and a big thank you to Trudy Carlton for the delicious snacks (that chocolate dump is to die for!) and for handling the raffle.

Now some reminders: 1) Please call Ellyn Dahnke at 715-542-3939 if you can bake for the annual bake sale on November 11th (needed items: crazy cakes, bountiful breads, beautiful bars and crave-worthy candies).

2) Contact me (phone: 715-542-3658, cell: 847-567-0388, email: fglocher@gmail.com) to sign up for the Christmas Party, December 7th and the "Leap into 2018 Chili Fiesta on February 22nd, 2018 (you can bring appetizers, chili, sides or desserts).

3) Our November 16th meeting will feature Mark Naniot from Wild instincts.

4) Club tees make great Christmas gifts.

5) Finally, be prepared for a fun and fabulous year of programs and activities.

~Laura Locher



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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Mark Naniot, Wild Insticts
"Current Status of Wildlife Rescue"

REFRESHMENTS

Diane Guckenber

CASH RAFFLE

Ellyn Dahnke

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Nov 16, 2017
6:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

This fall there was Walleye stocking activity on Lost Lake \$3000 and Big Saint \$4000. In September we received the final check from a portion of the room tax funds from the town making the total \$5000 for 2017.

Below are the balances and information, as required, for the various lake organizations. Our Treasurer, Ken Dahnke has provided the balances as of October 31, 2017 they include this years Lake group contributions, fish stocking costs and the town funds :

Little Saint Germain	10,255.00
Found Lake	14,422.12
Lost Lake	6,031.81
Alma Moon	15,134.02
Stella	455.00
Pickerel (does not receive room tax funds)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain –Fawn-Content-	6,504.53

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 in the Lakes Improvements Committee section of the Fish and Wildlife Club newsletter. ~ Bob Schell

Frank's Fishing Report

Well nothing new. The pattern repeats itself from year to year. As the water temperature drops in November, the fish become more pressure sensitive and it is harder to get a bite and to see that bite. They have a tendency to not chase and want smaller baits. Even the swinging of an anchored boat turning in the wind will stop them from chasing. Slip bobbers or micro lite rods have helped me.

Frank Klamik

November Bazaar Bake Sale



Saturday, November 11th

10 am—3 pm

St Germain Comm. 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 Center between 9 & 10 am.

Call Ellyn at 715-542-3939 or Lori at 715-542-3648 with your offers to bake.

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

As we leave the colors of fall behind and head into the white of winter, we can count on the company of one small bird, the Black-capped Chickadee. These feisty, familiar birds have, by now, taken on their cold-season habit of flocking and feeding together. Their flocks have a stable, close-knit membership of 6 or so birds including fledglings from the summer. The flock is led by a dominant pair that leads forays and sets boundaries of their territory. Flocks develop several favorite feeding spots and can be observed in their regular visits there. In the winter, much of their diet consists of eggs and larvae of insects and spiders sought out in bark crevices. Seeds of pines and hemlock provide for the rest of their winter food needs. These small birds are amazingly acrobatic in seeking out a meal, balancing on snowy branches and often hanging up-side-down in

their search. By night, flock members usually roost together in their territory. Some individual birds may shelter in holes and crevices nearby. The human listener can often hear communications common to the flock. There is the frequently used "tseet-tseet" call that keeps the birds comfortably close to fellow members. A straying member needing to locate the flock uses the familiar "chickadee-dee" call. A scolding "dee-dee-dee-dee" is voiced by dominant members to keep others in line.

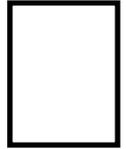
At times, the chickadee flock may form a loose association with other birds wintering here including woodpeckers, Brown Creepers and nuthatches. You can take pleasure in glimpses of all their lively activities and hear a surprising mix of bird calls on your winter walks.

~Cora Mollen



Above: October's presenter, Adrian Wedeven with a very informative talk on the ecology and history of grey wolves in the state of Wisconsin.

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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 caretakers 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.