

President's Report

Nov 6, 2018

Hello Members,
Be careful what you warn for: Winter came to the Northwoods with a bit of snow, a tree across the road with a live wire, and the first power outage of the season! It then rained the next day.

Helo, the Vilas County K-9 Malinois, performed magnificently along with his human Officer, Zach Stern. Inside, Helo found the hidden "drug stash" within seconds and was rewarded with his canvas chew sack. Outdoors, Zach's partner, Mike, hid but was tracked down by Helo within a minute, thrilling all who had the courage to watch. Helo gets his commands in Dutch - it took Zach 5 "Let Go" commands! Mike's Badgers Sweatshirt was shredded. I said that we should get him a Northwestern (Fred has an old one) or Bears, instead. Fred has a short video he'll share if you send us an email. We also had some special guests attending: Renee, Cheyenne and John Hyrczk who saw our program flyer at Subway. John was especially excited as he wants to be a K-9 officer when he grows up. Cheyenne and John stuck around and drew our raffle winners. So thank you Kelly for getting those flyers up!

Saturday, November 10th is the Bake Sale at the Community Center. If you've signed on to bake items, remember to get them to Ellen Dahnke and Lori Pergolski, who'll once again be in charge. It's not too late to bake; you can still call Ellyn at 715-642-3939. Thank you, Ellyn and Lori!

Next week on Thursday, November 15th, we'll hold our meeting a week early due



Above: Marge Gibson from REGI

to Thanksgiving. As the 15th is also a Packer's Thursday with an evening game, we'll be holding the meeting at 2:00 pm with no Board meeting. So make plans on attending a most anticipated program featuring Elise Schuler from REGI. So many of you have been requesting a program from this group, plus, it is an AFTERNOON program. Elise will bring a friend for all to meet. Now's your chance to see what REGI, Raptor Education Group, Inc. is all about.

Our Christmas Dinner, Monday, December 3rd at the Clearview also needs some member action. Sean, Clearview's exceptional chef will be offering the following entrees at \$24.00: filet, a slab of ribs or swordfish, pending availability. Last year, we all had such a great time getting together for pre-holiday cheer and great food - we promise - no singing. I'll have our 2019 schedules. New for 2019: our meetings will start at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. You can call (715-542-3658) or email (fglocher@gmail.com) Laura or Fred; or respond to the newsletter.



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NEXT MEETING

****Thurs., Nov 15th
2:00 PM ****

St. Germain Community Ctr

**Raptor Education Group
With Elise Schuler**

**** Please note earlier date
and time for this meeting.**

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I have THREE things for this month:

Thing One: If you can't attend the REGI program, please think of making a donation to this worthy organization. You can send a tax-deductible check to: Raptor Education Group, Inc. N2160 W. Rollwood Road Antigo, WI 54409

Thing Two: The new, Hunt Wild Wisconsin mobile application, has everything hunters need to take their time in the outdoors to the next level (from Wisconsinconservation).

Thing Three: Choose not to accept plastic straws; do your part and support a "Plastic Straws Suck" movement. Straws are just a start to lessen plastic pollution in landfills and waterways. I'll have a special surprise for you, if you come to our November meeting.

This will be the final newsletter for 2018; December's will be a "Merry Wintertime" wish to all.

Stay Wild, Participate and Happy Thanksgiving to all,
Laura Locher



Above: From our October meeting...Vilas County's Canine Unit, Helo and handler, Zach Stern, demonstrate Helo's drug sniffing abilities. Here Helo is signaling that he found the stash, which Zach hid in the room earlier.

November Bazaar

Bake Sale



Saturday, Nov 10th

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 Ctr between 9 and 10 am.

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

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

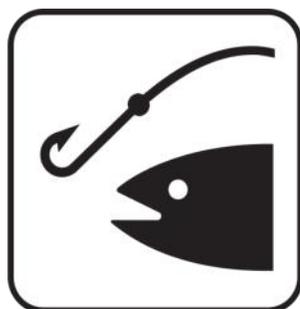
As cool days come on and there is a die-back of the bracken fern, grasses and most leafy groundcover, we can take notice of the club mosses. These are low growing evergreen plants with spreading horizontal stems. Upright branches, several inches tall, have minute, sometimes scale-like leaves and many produce spore-bearing cones at their tips. Fossil record shows that club mosses are related to major plants of prehistoric times.

The growth pattern of each type of club moss has earned it a common name. Probably the most familiar is Tree Club Moss or Princess Pine. The vertical branches of this plant give the impression of a grouping of small, thickly-branched pine trees rising from the forest floor. Linking horizontal stems run underground. Tiny cone-like spore cases grow directly from the tips of branches. This time of year these packets of spores are a golden-brown and a nudge with the finger will set a small cloud of their yellowish spores afloat on the air currents. The branches of Tree Club

Moss have long been harvested for decorative purposes. Spores of the club moss were used in make-up and bath powders, as a coating for pills and for medication. Because of the unique explosive properties the spores possessed, they were utilized to create the flash for photographic work.

Other Northwoods club mosses include, Shining Club Moss, Stiff Club Moss, Ground Cedar, and Running Ground Pine. At one period on record, over 85+ tons of these plants were collected yearly by just 2 buyers. Today in Wisconsin, Club mosses are protected and harvesting on public lands is prohibited.

~Cora Mollen

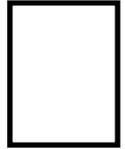


Frank's Fishing Report

Nov 3—Very few fishermen on the lakes at this time of year. Remember to slow down your offer, as the fish are not chasing. Smaller is better, and the bite is not all day as it was a few weeks earlier. The use of a drift sock or an anchor will help a lot. Start to think like you are ice fishing! Most people are not using a depth finder or do not believe what they see, but electronics do not lie. Many times my screen will be full of fish, but no biters.

Frank Klamik

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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.