

October 2015

President's Report



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

Paw Prints

The manatee program in September by Jim Pikarski was entertaining and informative. Though not an animal we encounter here in the Northwoods, it was interesting to learn about their ecology and why it is important to protect them.

Ticket sales at Cranberry Fest were successful. A special thanks to Frank Klamik, Carol Seegers and Mike and Teri Brady for set up and take down. Thanks, too, to those volunteers selling tickets those two days.

The raffle winners have been contacted. They are 1st place - kayak - Mel Finzer from Illinois who has a place on Plum Lake, 2nd place - turkey - Carl Treankler from the Fox Valley area and 3rd place print to Bill from Eagle River.

Just a reminder that the next meeting is Thursday, October 22, 7 P.M. at the Community Center. A unique program is in store for us. The Lochers will share details of their "green" home. Hopefully we can all learn some ways to build more environmentally friendly and energy efficient homes.

Hope to see you there!

Marv Anderson, President

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Oct 22

7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Ctr

PROGRAM

"Green Home Construction"

Fred & Laura Locher

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Oct 22

6:00 PM

St. Germain Community Ctr

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

As reported earlier this year, the five participating lake groups (Big and Little Saint, Lost, Found and Alma Moon) each have contributed \$1000 each to their respective accounts. Last month we received the last installment of the \$5000 from the Town of St. Germain representing the lakes improvement portion of the room tax funds that was budgeted for 2015. Lake Improvement activity so far this year has included weed surveys on Found Lake and buoy marker and meter repair/replacement. DNR Fish stocking has occurred on several of the lakes and will continue into the fall. Our treasurer Dave Zielinski has made the allocations of the room tax funds to the various lake organizations based on the matching funds received from the lake groups. The new balances as of September 24, 2015 are:

Little Saint Germain	\$ 6,153.00
Found Lake	11,083.03
Lost Lake	8,748.81
Alma Moon	11,442.02
Stella	455.00
Pickereel (does not receive room tax funds)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain -Fawn-Content-	13,942.53

As a reminder, most of the above balances are the result of contributions from the various lake organizations each year as well as the room tax funds from the town. These restricted funds are distributed back to the respective Lake organizations for improvements such as fish stocking, signage, marker buoys, AIS education, boat inspections, fish shelters, algae studies, weed control, signs, etc.

Bob Schell

Don't forget about the community support program at Camp's SuperValu in St. Germain. Every time that you shop at Camp's, write our club's code (CD14) on the back of your receipt and deposit in the bin on the service counter. Camp's donates a portion of those sales to our club.

Thanks for the donation!

Mark & Barbara Liszeo



Frank's Fishing Report

On September 24th water was still in the mid 60's. Most weeds are still green. The panfish are still deep. I expect them to move to shallow as the water temperature drops. I am still marking and catching panfish as deep as 20'. Gamefish are also still in their summer pattern. Most are on the weedline. I

am still getting reports of walleye on deep lakes as deep as 38 feet on structure.

Pay attention to water temperature this time of year as it drops over the next month. Adjust your presentation, speed and bait to the conditions of the day.

Frank Klamik

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

If you have had your vehicle (or anything else for that matter) parked outside for any length of time this summer, you have probably noticed that black film all over the surface. While this happens normally each summer, there was an extremely large amount of it this year.

In talking to area naturalist John Bates, I learned that this year's heavy deposit of what is referred to as "honeydew," was caused by an abundance of soft scale insects. Honeydew is basically the excrement of insects that feed on the sap of plants by utilizing their sucking mouth parts. There are many types of aphids and scale insects which produce this substance.

Soft scale insects begin their life cycle as tiny mobile larvae that appear like flecks of dust on the leaves. They hatch out during June or July and find their way to the leaves where they feed all summer. When ready to metamorphose, they make their way to branches and twigs where they overwinter. The adult females are wingless and immobile and appear like round, flattened scales on the branches. The males have wings that allow them to reach the females to mate.

The honeydew that is produced by the young soft scale insects attracts other insects. There are some species of ants that "milk" and herd the scale insects and aphids for the sweet excrement. Flies and wasps also feed on honeydew.

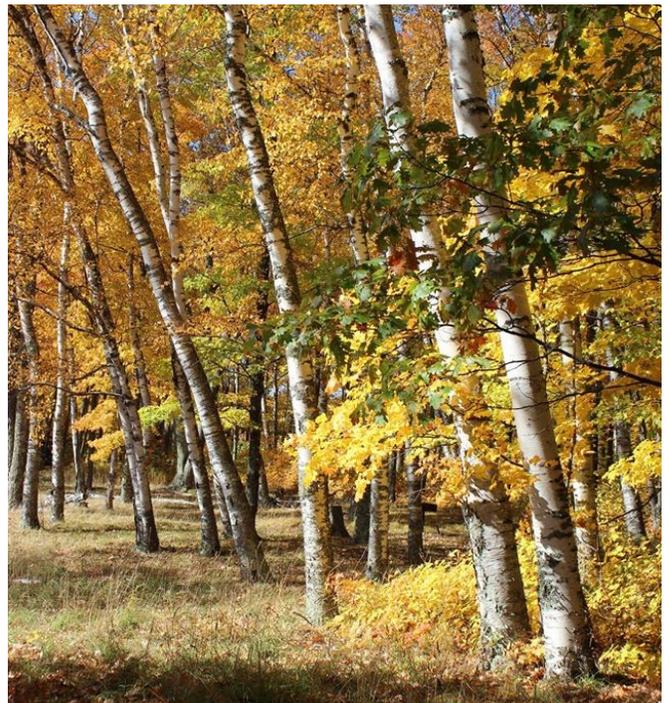
Honeydew has a long history in human culture. It is mentioned in both Greek and Norse mythology. The Hebrew Bible also refers to 'manna' which provided the Israelites with sustenance in the desert after Exodus. It is thought that they were referring to honeydew.

Prevalence of these insects can have some detrimental effects. The honeydew becomes a growing medium for black sooty mold, turning cars, buildings and even foliage black. It can damage a car's finish if left on too long. The sooty mold on leaves,

can in turn block some of the light and decrease photosynthesis for the plants. Drawing out the fluid and nutrients from the plant's leaves can cause spotting and premature browning or curling of leaves on the trees. When looking at our fall colors this year, we did notice many leaves on the trees were brown and curled before ever turning color. I suspect that this was due to the large number of scale insects this summer.

So there is one good thing about these freezing cold nights of October...no more honeydew on the car:)

Anne Small

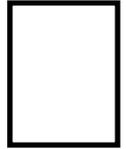


Sunshine Report

Well wishes go out to Joan Crawford who had back 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 and will need bakers and volunteers. Any baked goods would be gladly accepted (except for cookies). Call Marv for more info 715-542-3946



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.