



President's Corner

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We have received our first round of memberships this month and as you can see from the Donation list we have many great supporters of the Club. I want to again say a big THANK YOU to all of you who send in donations to the Club. I want to assure you that we recognize the contributions you make and strive to make sure those funds get used wisely.

Our annual election of officers and Directors will be held at the April General meeting. The candidates for this year are as follows President –Bob Schell, (After four years -this will be my very last year) President Elect--Frank Klamik, Secretary –Judy Schell (after 6 years this will be her last year) , Treasurer – Dave Zielinski. For the three Director positions there are three candidates Marlene Rakowski, Jane Keithley and Mac McCormick. The Director terms of Stan Rakowski and Gary Walbruck are not up for election this year. We will be taking nominations from the floor, so if you wish to participate speak up please.

We are making good progress on putting together our major fund raising raffle for this year. It looks like the Kayak idea will again be our first prize. We have arranged the purchase of the same attention getting kayak as we had last year. Bernie's Birds of Woodruff will donate an additional prize of a hand carved 30 inch musky. Bernie was kind enough to donate a carved trout for last years raffle. We are still working on one more prize to round out the raffle.

In other club news, our scholarship committee has met to select a Northland Pines High School senior to be the recipient of our annual \$1500 scholarship to be given away at our May Chili supper. The club received many thank you letters from the school children at St. Germain Elementary School for our sponsoring them on a trip to Klondike days last month. . Frank Klamik and I will be attending the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation annual meeting representing the club on April 10-12 in Wisconsin Rapids. Don Bauman has offered to donate a framed print to use as the special membership prize at the Christmas party in December. Don framed a wonderful print for our volunteer prize at last year's party. ---Thank you Don. This year for our annual picnic on August 22nd we will be using the services of member Rick Polaski for a spit roasted Chicken dinner with all the trimmings – more to follow.

Last month we received another check from Camps Super Valu for \$94.98. This is the result of our members writing CD 14 on their receipts. Keep up the good work. Thanks again to Dave, Bruce and Mary Webber of Camp's for continuing to support our Club with their Community Dollars Program.

We still need volunteers to get the DNR training to help with the Children's Fishing Clinic we hope to put on in the future. Also, Dick Banks needs a few more volunteers for the Adopt A Highway clean up day (it only takes a couple of hours) on Wed. May 8. You can call me on 715 542 2321 if you have questions or can help out.

Plans are progressing for our 2nd annual Club Fishing Tournament and prize party to be held on June 1st. This event was lots of fun last year should again be a fun day for of you anglers. You don't need a boat to join in – we will match you up with a captain to float with. Frank Klamik is leading the committee doing the event. More details will be in the May Newsletter.

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., April 25th
2:00 pm
St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Terrestrial Invasive Species

We hear all the time about aquatic invasive species, but terrestrial invasives are just as important and damaging to our environment. Ted Ritter, Invasive Species Coordinator for Vilas County, will once again provide us with helpful information on identifying and destroying these invasives. If the snow ever melts and we actually have spring before next winter starts again, gather some examples you would like to have identified by Ted. This will be our last daytime meeting - see you at 2 pm.

- Jane K.

50/50 TICKET SALES

Ellen Finch

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., April 25th
1:00 pm
St. Germain Community Center

Reminder to please renew your membership using the membership form that was included in last month's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support!!!



SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishing a speedy recovery to Elyn Dahnke who had surgery.

Also, continued good wishes to Judie Berard.

Please call Linda Polaski, 479-4718, if you know of any members who need a card of sympathy, cheer, encouragement, etc.

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On March 28, 2013 we held our monthly general meeting and had 32 members and guests present. Our guest speaker was Jeremiah Holtz from the Rhinelander DNR office. Jeremiah was able to take the subject of those pesky squirrels we love to hate in our yards and turn it into an interesting informative and entertaining talk. Some of the highlights of the talk were that Squirrels are in the rodent family (think red squirrels!) and are relatives of the Ground Hogs and Chipmunks. The common Gray and Fox squirrels have two litters a year (2-4 babies) and are skilled swimmers. Those balls of leaves in trees they use for nests are called drays. The flying squirrel is really a glider and can soar (called volplaning) as far as 150 feet. The red squirrel as we all know is hyperactive and can have an annoying scolding chatter. A red squirrel is legal to hunt but not desirable to eat—gray and Fox can be eaten. Jeremiah was entertaining and we hope to have him back to present other wildlife topics.

Our next meeting is on April 25th at 2 PM and will feature Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator, he will speak on Terrestrial Invasive Species. Ted will fill us in on all the types of plants we don't want around our yard and woods. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Chili Supper on May 23rd and our annual picnic is on August 22nd.

See you soon, *Bob Schell, President*

Nuisance animals?? - call USDA Wildlife Services at 715 369-5221 for advice.

2nd Annual Club Fishing Tournament & Picnic

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Rain or Shine

Big Arbor Vitae Lake

NORTH Boat ramp & picnic ground

(Directions: Go north on Old Hwy 51 to Buckhorn Rd.

Then Buckhorn Rd to boat launch.)

All categories of legal fish

(Catch and release honor system for Game Fish)

Open to members and guests as a fun event

You don't have to fish to participate in the Picnic

Fishing hours - Anytime between 6 am and Noon

Picnic and awards - 12:30 pm

Light picnic lunch and Beverages provided.

Bring your own lawn chair.

\$5.00 per person to cover costs.

Please pre-register by May 23rd. Call Frank Klamik at 715- 892-2772



Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

With spring come the early flowers and the time to bring on the pollinators. Among the many insects carrying out this essential task, bees are the stars. In recent years, there has been a stark and worrying decline in the honey bee population and much of the job of pollination has fallen on other species of bees which include solitary ground bees.

There are many species of such solitary bees which nest in individual holes in the ground. The bees range in size from 1/2"-3/4" and may vary in color; some bluish, some green, copper or metallic red. They belong to one of several groups of bees, such as miner bees, digger bees and mason bees.

On warm spring evenings, a female ground bee begins the ritual of excavating a tubular nest hole in warm, dry soil, waterproofing its walls with saliva. A mound of the loose soil around the nest entrance makes it look much like an ant hill. The female then gathers pollen and nectar, using it to create a small ball on which to lay her single egg. The hatching larva will have a ready food supply and continues to feed on pollen and develop within the tube until it reaches adulthood in the fall.

Often these ground bees will go unnoticed, but occasionally, when you are sitting in a dry, sunny spot, you may witness activity around the nesting holes. Females will be returning to take shelter and feed their hatchling. You may spot low flying male bees on the lookout for a mate.

These solitary bees are not aggressive and rarely sting. There is no swarming or mass attack as might be expected with honey bees. The males of the group have no stinger. You can still mow your lawn and continue your regular outdoor activities without fear of being

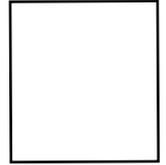
stung. Sometimes the nests may be concentrated in a place where conditions are especially suitable. In that case, try to avoid the area for the few weeks in spring time when nesting activity is at a peak. Unless you have concerns for a family member with a bee venom allergy, it's usually preferable to leave ground bees alone. These solitary bees play a vital role in ecological systems, especially in pollination of crops and wild plants and they should not be destroyed casually. If you do need to clear them from an area, a strong, sustained hosing will wash them out and encourage their exit from the spot. ~ Cora Mollen



SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO INCLUDED DONATIONS WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIPS!

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FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

What a difference a year makes! Last year we were fishing open water at this time. As of March 31, 2013, we were still driving on Northern Waters. Southern water has now become dangerous! Be aware of changing ice condition from mourning until evening.

Last ice can be very good with fast action and big fish. Remember your line control, size of bait and last color. One rod will out-produce 3 most of the time. Move often from hole to hole even if it is four feet between holes. Watch other fisherman to locate congregations of fish. Remember to adjust your speed to force a fish to bite often, no movement and a bait high in the water column is the answer. Be a line watcher.

~Frank Klamik

Reminder: 2013 fishing license renewal April 1st.



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 plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.