

President's Corner



I want to start off this month by saying a big THANK YOU to all of you who send in donations with your memberships. I want to assure you that we recognize the contributions you make and strive to make sure those funds get used wisely.

After 8 years on the board and four years as President I will be ending my last term as President this May. Judy will also close out 6 years as secretary at the same time. We are fortunate that Marv Anderson has stepped up to run for President and Melody Kysiak will run for secretary. I will remain on as Chairman of the Lakes Improvement Committee.

Our annual election of officers and Directors will be held at the April General meeting. The candidates for this year are as follows President –Marv Anderson, President Elect--Frank Klamik, Secretary –Melody Kysiak, Treasurer – Dave Zielinski. For the two Director positions there are two candidates Stan Rakowski and Gary Walbruck. The Director terms of Marlene Rakowski, Jane Keithley and Mac McCormick are not up for election this year.

We have a new twist on an old idea. We have selected a 3-piece Modular Kayak as our raffle first prize this year. The new type of Kayak should be a real attention getter. It can be configured as a solo one-person kayak OR by adding the included middle section it becomes a very seaworthy two person Kayak. The modules will snap apart and fit into the back of an SUV or pickup. Bernie's Birds of Woodruff will donate an additional prize of a hand carved wood duck. Bernie was kind enough to donate a carved musky last year and a carved trout the year before. We will also run a summer 50/50 cash raffle as we did last year.



In other club news, we presented a \$500 donation check to the Northwoods Wildlife Center at our March meeting. Our scholarship committee has met to select a Northland Pines High School senior to be the recipient of our annual \$2000 scholarship to be given away at our May Chili supper. Frank Klamik and I will be attending the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation annual meeting representing the club on April 12th in Wisconsin Rapids. This year for our annual picnic on August 28th we will again be using the services of member Rick Polaski for a spit roasted Chicken dinner with all the trimmings – more to follow.

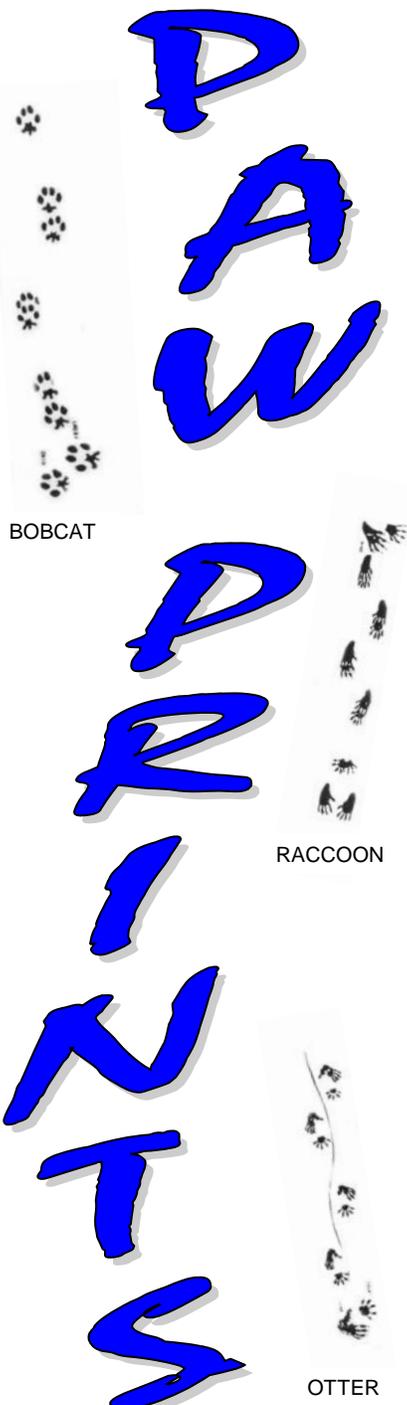
Last month we received another check from Camps Sentry Foods for \$65.85. This is the result of our members writing CD 14 on their receipts. Keep up the good work. Thanks again to Dave, Bruce and Mary Weber of Camp's for continuing to support our Club with their Community Dollars Program.

Also, Karen Anderson our new Adopt A Highway coordinator needs a few more volunteers for the Adopt A Highway clean up day (it only takes a couple of hours) on Wed. May 7. You can call Karen at 715-542-3946 if you have questions or can help out.

Plans are progressing for our 2nd annual Club Fishing Tournament and prize picnic to be held on June 7th. This event was lots of fun last year and should again be a fun day for all of you anglers. You don't need a boat to join in – we will match you up with a captain to float with or you can just join us for the picnic.

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs, April 24th
2:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

"Frogs and Toads"

~Presented by Licia Johnson

50/50 TICKET SALES

Georgie Southwick

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, April 24th
1:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

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Frank Klamik is leading the committee doing the event. More details will be in the May Newsletter.

On March 27, 2014 we held our monthly general meeting and had 37 members and guests present. Our guest speaker was Bart Kotarba from the Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minocqua. Bart enlightened us to some interesting facts about the Moose. Some of the highlights of the talk were that a moose is up to 7 feet high and weighs 1000 to 1400 pounds. Moose is an Indian word meaning "twig eater". There are about a million Moose in Canada, 3000 in the USA, 5600 in Minnesota, 430 in Michigan and 20-40 in Wisconsin. A bull moose (male) grows antlers with a spread of 7 feet in about 150 days and sheds them every year. They live 15 to 20 years, can run up to 35 mph and females have their first calf at 3 years. Bart surprised us and brought along a Long Eared Owl (I guess it was easier than a Moose) to show our group. We enjoyed the talk and hope to have Bart back to present other wildlife topics.

Our next meeting is on April 24th at 2 PM and will feature one of our all time favorite speakers, Licia Johnson from the Discovery Center. Licia will speak about "Frogs and Toads". Knowing Licia, she will have us "jumping" out of our seats the whole time. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Chili Supper on May 22nd and our annual picnic is on August 28th.

See you soon,

Bob Schell



Above: Dave Zelinski & Marlene Rakowski present a \$500 check to Bruce Kotarba from Northwoods Wildlife Center.



Left: Bruce Kotarba showing the Long-Eared Owl from Northwoods Wildlife Center. Above: Close-up of Long-Eared Owl.

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

In April, we can walk along logging roads that are mostly free of snow. Red and White Pine cones lay in clusters on beds of their fallen needles. The Jack Pines, as is their custom, keep tight hold on their sealed, silver-gray cones. To remind us that change and age surround us in these acres, charred tree stumps from long ago fires can haunt the trailside and gigantic boulders often lie among them, dropped by the glacier's haphazard retreat 10,000 years ago.



We can sense an awakening in the woodland, a delightful greening up and sprouting. Sunlight touches shining Wintergreen leaves and the ripened crimson berries they held under winter snow. There are unfolding leaves of Trillium, Blood Root, Wood Anemone, and Wild Strawberry. There are bright voices of birds and the motion of rabbit, chipmunk and squirrel that seem suddenly energized and free.

Such April hikes can take us into open bog areas. There we find Labrador Tea, Wild Cranberry and Pitcher Plant and scattered stands of Black Spruce and Tamarack. But these wonderful spaces are dominated by the brushy mounds of the Leatherleaf, a member of the heath family, and by its companion bog dweller, sphagnum moss. These two are found together in practically all the bogs of the American Northeast, Alaska and Canada. Leatherleaf is steadfast, growing on 12" deep rhizomes that hold to the mineral soils of the bog and intermingle with the widespread, sturdy mat of Sphagnum. The moist moss encourages a vigorous growth of the Leatherleaf. In early spring, you find the foliage of Leatherleaf is deep red-violet in color, but it will gradually green up as summer comes on. Flower buds that were developed in fall are just about ready to open. The cream-white flowers will line stems like a display of miniature paper lanterns. The Leatherleaf shrubs have many branches and grouped together form a dense thicket that serves as cover for wildlife and their leafy stems are browsed by deer. Many areas devastated by fire or damaged by road runoff have been revitalized by the resilience of Leatherleaf and Sphagnum.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS:

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- STEVE & LINDA SOLTWEDEL
- RICH & PATTI SPARROW
- BRAD & CHRISTY STOTT & FAMILY
- GARY & KAREN WALBRUCK

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

We are still in the clutches of the winter that won't quit. As I write this article, I am looking at 30" of snow and 36" of ice.

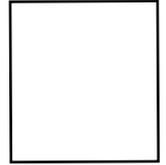
Some of the things I look at in April include warming days that bring the crappie up in the water and make them more aggressive. The ice warms from the bottom and due to the magnification of the sun, the warm water is under the ice. As the ice melts and we have open water, look for panfish to move shallow. Look for sun-warmed bays, channels or lagoons. A fly rod works good at this time of year as do wax worms and minnows

Last but not least, is that your fishing license is due and spring hearings are April 14th in all counties of the state.

~Frank Klamik



Welcome New Members!!
 Judie Napierala
 St. Germain, WI
 Audrey Lehner
 St Germain, WI



Don't forget to renew your membership!!



MANY THANKS to Bob & Judy Schell for their many years of service as President and Secretary. Your hard work and dedication to the club and helping wildlife have been appreciated by all of us.

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.