



President's Corner

AUGUST 2011

Wow, the summer is flying by. Days over 90 degrees and big thunderstorms bring back childhood memories of the lazy days of summer. The only difference now is the lazy part of the saying is missing. Being back in a house without air conditioning is a menacing reminder as well. Thank goodness we still have our clean and cooling lakes to help take the edge off. Hopefully with some effort on everyone's part, we can keep the lakes and rivers just as refreshing as they are today for future generations. This month the lakes committee report outlines some of the efforts being taken to keep the lakes healthy.

On the top of the list for this month is our annual picnic being held on Thursday August 25th at the St. Germain Community Shelter. Set up is at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and our special program at 7:00 p.m. The Picnic will be catered again this year. The menu will be ham and beef, rolls, baked beans, potato salad, relish tray, cheese tray and a dessert. All food, place settings, and beverages will be included. The cost will be \$5.00 a person payable when you arrive at the picnic. You must RESERVE so we can get an accurate count. The reserve DEADLINE will be Monday August 22nd at 3 p.m. Please call Bob or Judy Schell at 715 542 2321 to let us know. Jane and Marlene have again arranged an interesting program for our enjoyment at the picnic. Our guest speakers will be Bill and Lil Kroll speaking about the fur trade in the area during the late 1700s. Bill and Lil are very involved with Living History Encounter Inc. a group that presents historical vignettes and interpretation. This should be a very interesting evening and we hope many of you can come, relax and enjoy.

Last month we received a donation check of \$190.00 from Kim and Tom Christensen from Saint Germain Sport Marine to pay for the cost of printing Raffle tickets. We thank them for their continued support through the years. Raffle ticket sales are going well thanks to those of you working in the booth at the flea market and other events. To date we have the following people that have volunteered: Dave and Mary Lee Miller, Lee and Gloria Olson, Chuck and Pat Thier, Donna Rollman, Arlene Rickenberg, Stan and Marlene Rakowski, Elyn and Lydia Dahnke, Ken and Terrie Beier, Ron and Arlyne Fleissner, Brenda Veeder, John/Jack Schell, Bob and Judy Schell, Gary Groff, Mac and Betty McCormick, Dick and Lolly Kloepfer, Rich and Linda Polaski, Rick Polaski, Kay Schultz, Frank Klamik and Carol Seegers. We have some great people in this Club---Thank you for your efforts!

This summer we have started selling a new item in our flea market booth. Our lifetime member, mushroom expert and local author, Cora Mollen, has donated to the club copies of her book "Fascinating Fungi of the Northwoods". Cora co authored the colorful and informative book about the many mushrooms (both edible and poisonous) in our area. We are selling copies for \$12.00, which is a big discount from the \$14.95 bookstore price. Because Cora is donating the books to the Club, all revenue from the sale of the books goes directly to the Fish and Wildlife Club. Thank you Cora! Cora leads (with the help of Anne Small-our editor) a local group of mushroom hunters on forays every Wednesday during the late summer/fall. The group is called the Northstate Mycological Club and welcomes anyone interested in learning about these tasty morsels. You can reach Cora at 715-892-1375.

On July 28th, 2011 we held our monthly meeting with Licia Johnson as our guest speaker. The topic was Monarch butterflies. Licia as always did a wonderful job entertaining us while filling us in on how fascinating a butterfly can be. We found out the four stages of the Monarch are egg, caterpillar larvae, pupa chrysalis, and finally the adult emerges. Some of the interesting facts we learned about the Monarch are that the Milkweed plant is the only food they eat, Adults only live for two weeks, males have two black dots on their wings and the females have none. In the Adult stage they suck nectar from plants and taste with their feet! Since the Monarchs only live for two weeks there are 4 generations per summer. The final generation does not reproduce until the following spring when they return from wintering in Mexico.

See you at the Picnic

Bob Schell, President

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SPECIAL THANKS FOR DONATIONS FROM:

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SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishing well to Rich Polaski who has been dealing with health problems lately.

Linda Polaski - 715-479-4781

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John and Jane Schroeder
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St Germain, WI

Jon and Sally Reuling
St Germain, WI

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Nekoosa, WI



Bill & Kathy Schmidt
St. Germain, WI

John & Carol Cantwell,
Madison, WI

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Last year the Saint Germain Town lakes committee (different from our club's committee) obtained DNR grant funds to conduct a Management Plan for the area lakes. This Plan covers the general health of the lakes and any issues that may need attention to keep or improve lake quality. The Study is critical and necessary for any future consideration from the DNR for funding to fight Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Surveys were sent out to lakeshore owners and aquatic weed samples were taken on our area lakes last year. (Little Saint Germain Lake was not included in this study for they were already working on a Management Plan). The initial results have indicated there have been no major changes to our lakes in the last five years. This is good news. This year marks the conclusion of the study when the results will be published for each lake involved. A meeting to go over the findings with individual management committees from the individual lakes will be August 24 at the Community Center at 7PM.

There will be a community information meeting covering the complete study for all the Lakes on Saturday September 17th at 10AM at the Community Center. I strongly suggest anyone with even a casual interest in the quality, problems or use of our lakes attend this meeting. Chuck Thier informed us this date is the same day as the St. Germain Colorama Festival, so you can learn about our lakes and shop in one trip.

~ Bob Schell

NEXT MEETING

Annual Picnic

Thursday, Aug 25th
St. Germain Community Shelter

Set-up - 5:15 pm
Dinner - 6:00 pm
Special Program - 7:00 pm

PROGRAM

It's Picnic time again and what could be more fitting on a hot August night than furs! The Living History Encounter, Inc. represented by Bill & Lil Kroll will take us back to 1793 and the fur trading industry. Now why would you miss that! Support your club, have a delicious supper, and learn something to boot. See you there.

~ Jane Keithley



Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

We tend to picture spiders as tucked away in dark crannies, in webbed corners of attic windows or making a quick retreat into wood pile crevices or the shelter of thick ground foliage. But, for our family, one type of spider in particular seemed to defy this image; a nursery web spider (Family Pisauridae). On summer days, we'd find one sunning it's long body and very long spindly legs on the warm wood of our pier or see one clinging to the pier support just above the water or maybe occupying a spot on the bow of our old boat.

The kids were fascinated by the size and approachability of this spider. One afternoon they came up from the river carrying a full grown nursery web spider in a canning jar. It was standing quietly with its hairy legs stretched against the glass.

and an egg case grasped in its jaws. "Just want to watch it a while" was the explanation. Toward evening the jar was left uncovered on a porch rail and by nighttime the big spider had escaped. It was the next morning that we had the delight of finding she had constructed gossamer tenting across the top of a fern frond--- her nursery web. A few days brought the hatching. Then, while guarded by the mother, tiny offspring moved about the web. Once grown, the young departed and frayed strands of silk were the only witness to the story. To this day, family members keep a special lookout for this unique member of the spider clan

The Nursery Web spider is often seen near streams and shorelines where it travels among the stones and near-shore vegetation hunting for a meal. Some are known to walk on the water surface and can dive and stay submerged when in danger. The spider's furry body is tan in color with light and dark stripes down its back. It has eight bright eyes arranged in two rows. The length of its slim body is about one inch and with the added span of its eight very long legs, it is hard over look.

~ Cora Mollen

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FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

August is still a month of warm water fishing. The fish are on or relating to the outside weed line. Many musky fishermen are going out after dark. Walleyes are being caught trolling below 15 feet of water on the flowages. Bass are being caught on Rapala type baits and 3 hook worms with a split shot if needed. Panfish can be caught relating to the deep weeds. Lakes that are less than 20 feet deep, many fish are caught drifting near bottom. in deep water lakes watch for crappie and bluegill suspended between 7 to 25 feet.

Happy Fishing,
FRANK KLAMIK



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.