



President's Corner

This month I want to start out with a special thanks to those of you who send donations along with your dues. I want to assure you that we recognize the contributions you make and work to make sure those funds get used wisely.

This will be the first issue of the newsletter being sent via email to all of those people who provided their email address on their membership form. Anne Small has done a great job with our website and getting the letter online. Ellen Finch has done the task of entering all the email addresses. The newsletter, meeting and event schedules and volunteer opportunities are always available at our website at www.saynerstgermainfishandwildlifeclub.org.

Last month we received thank you letters from the Discovery Center and Trees for Tomorrow for our donations. We also received many hand written drawings and letters from the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at the Saint Germain Elementary School thanking us for sending them for a day to Trees for Tomorrow. The students, all 53 of them, learned about reptiles, amphibians, lumberjack life in the old logging days, the Ojibwa in Wisconsin and many other interesting outdoor topics. Apparently the hit of the day was the snake that was passed around for the kids to hold. At least 20 of the hand made thank you cards received from the kids depicted a snake in one way or another.

The fundraising Raffle is doing very well. Thank you to all of you who have worked the booth on Mondays. In addition to the Monday flea market we will be selling tickets at other major events in St. Germain. Christmas in July, Pig in the Pines, Cranberry Fest, as well as the Musky tournament will be some of the events. There are some open spots on the schedule when we could use some help. Specifically, we have openings on July 25th (PM), Aug. 15th (PM), Aug. 22nd (AM), Aug. 29th (Both). Also, if you want to listen to music while you work, we need people for Pig in the Pines on Aug. 4th and 6th for the noon and 3 PM shifts. Please give me or Judy a call at 715 542 2321 if you can help fill a shift.

On Thursday June 23, 2011 we had 39 members and guests attend our monthly meeting. Our presenter was Troy Walters from Trees for Tomorrow with a talk on "Skins, Skulls, and Bones." Troy kept our attention with over 20 examples of various creature body parts. He kept us on our toes with some rather fascinating facts about our northwoods wildlife. We learned how to age a deer by looking at its teeth, how an owl hears, why an ermine has a black spot on its tail in the winter and many other interesting facts. Another fun aspect of the night was the presence of several grandchildren that got us into the mood to liven up the discussion.

At this month's general meeting on Thursday July 28th we will hear about Monarch Butterflies. Our speaker will be Licia Johnson from the Northwoods Discovery Center. Licia is one of our favorite and most entertaining speakers. Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual picnic next month on Thursday, August 25th.

Bob Schell, President

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., July 28th
7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

What a great turnout at the June meeting. Skins, Skulls & Bones was a hoot! The July meeting will be just as great. Licia Johnson from the Discovery Center will treat us to her favorite topic - the Monarch Butterfly. Bring those grandchildren and visitors for an enjoyable presentation.

~ Jane Keithley

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Lolly Kloepfer & Carol Seegers

50/50 TICKET SALES

Dave & Marylee Miller

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., July 28th
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

SPECIAL THANKS FOR DONATIONS FROM:

Neal & Archie O'Neil
Stan & Nancy Partin
Gary & Lisa Penner
Tom & JoAnne Pierce



Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Summer has finally arrived in the northwoods. The number of boats seen in town has increased ten fold and the lakes are active. After a rather cool May and June, July has started out nice and warm. The fish have been biting and the lakes are somewhat at normal levels. There have not been any new reports of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) in our lakes so far this year. So life is good

I want to do an update on what I wrote about in our March newsletter. At that time the DNR rules established in 2008 stated that a deadline of April 1, 2011 was in effect for the free registering of piers to be grandfathered if they were larger than the standards outlined. Waterfront property owners now have another year in which to complete a free, one-time registration if they have a larger pier that exceeds size standards set in 2004. The registration deadline has been extended to April 1, 2012, under a bill passed by the Legislature and signed May 27, by the governor. Lawmakers created the free, one-time registration process for piers that were first placed in the water before Feb. 6, 2004, to grandfather in most of the larger existing piers that exceeded the size standards. Having the pier registered protects property owners if neighbors or others complain about the pier's size in future years, allows DNR and local governments to know the larger pier is legal, and is helpful if there is an eventual property ownership transfer, according to the DNR. I am no expert on this subject and would suggest you check the DNR website listed below if you have a large pier. The DNR website covering the topic is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/recreation/piers.html>

The Town Lakes Committee has erected a new "Stop Aquatic Invasive Species" sign along Highway 155 by the Community Center to help inform visitors and remind locals of the ongoing threat.

~ Bob Schell

Adopt-A-Highway dates for 2011

Wed., July 13 (rain date ~ Thurs. July 14)
Wed., Sept. 14 (rain date ~ Thurs. Sept. 15)
All at 9.00 a.m. at the pavillion parking lot.

Who's Signed up for July?

Judy Schell Dick Banks Mac McCormick
Stan Rawkowski Carol Seegers Jim Carlton
Trudy Carlton



SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishing a speedy recovery to Mike Pergolski who fell and broke his hip and hand on May 1st. Hope you are back on your feet soon!

Linda Polaski - 715-479-4781



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Don & Janet Abel
Weston, WI



Jim & Trudy Carlton
St. Germain, WI

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

When my brother, Dave, was about 12 years old, he and a friend were doing some "turtle hunting" along the St. Germain River. (When I say turtle hunting, I mean searching for and capturing turtles for our small turtle enclosure. We used to catch a few small turtles and take care of them for a few weeks, then release them back in the river.) My brother and his friend were in the boat, slowly making their way through some cattails along a section of the river with a clear view to the highway above.

A reporter from the Lakeland Times just happened to be driving by when she spotted the boys. She stopped her car and descended the slope to inquire what the boys were up to. She became very interested when she learned that Dave and his friend were turtle hunting. My brother always had a love of the outdoors and was extremely interested in studying the animals that lived in and around the river. He also had a great knack for teaching, so he wasted no time sharing all of his knowledge of Eastern Painted turtles and Common Snappers. Pretty soon, a brief stop along the highway turned into an afternoon of turtle hunting on the river with two young boys as her guide. A wonderful two-page article, complete with several photos, resulted from the excursion.

Fast forward about 27 years and those reptiles are still a part of Dave's summer activity. Now he shares these experiences with his own daughters. On those first hot summer days of June, he readied the same old boat and gathered up his girls for a trip down to the very same old haunts. The sun brings out the turtles as they bask on logs and among vegetation, making them easier to find. He showed them the perfect netting technique and how to safely handle the turtles, avoiding the mouth and claws. After each girl found the perfect tiny turtle, they returned to their home and placed them in their turtle pond. They spend part of each day with their turtles, feeding them and learning about their life cycle. At the end of the summer the turtles will be returned to their river home and the girls will be richer for the experience and will have great memories with their dad which they will cherish forever.

There is much to learn about on the river, and generations of kids have gained respect and love of nature by traversing its waters or wading along its shores. We can only hope that someday Dave's girls come back to the river to share it with their children.

~ Anne Small

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Phone #s are included so that you may pass along any information, questions and concerns you may have regarding the club.

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FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

We have now come through the spring warming period. Most fish have spawned or tried to. Many of you will notice crappie and bluegills still have eggs in them. I believe many of them had a limited spawn this year.

As the water temperature continues to rise, the fish move into the Summer pattern. They move to the outside edge of the weeds, some move onto rock piles and others suspend off structure.

On some deep lakes, a thermocline forms and many fish relate to that. On these deep lakes you may be able to mark the thermocline at about 1/3 the depth of the surrounding water. Use that depth to locate fish on a piece of structure.

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.