

President's Corner



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A fine member turnout of nearly 40 at our June Meeting, with a very interesting, humorous presentation by the DNR's Jeremy Holtz about Woodducks, other fowl, and predators. Sometimes we all wish we had eyes in the back of our heads like the one bird... We learned a number of new, unique sounds and sayings that are valuable in every day life....remember his comment what " MILE-OR-MORE" means? Ha!

We have another fine guest presenter for our July 24th Meeting, Jane Baker from Dam Lake, explaining her Rehabbing with Horses Program.

July's Adopt-A-Highway pickup, which runs about 2 miles from the Pavilion to the rest area on Hwy 70 was completed by 10 Club volunteers on the 9th, collecting about 10 bags. You never know what is found at times during these clean-ups... among other things, a set of keys belonging to a family from Texas, for which they are very pleased to have now, and a fine box of fishing lures that will likely be put to good use. We could use 2-3 more people to sign up for the September event.

Speaking of signing up, as we noted at June's meeting, the Pig - in - the Pines and Cranberry Fest Events provide the best raffle income for the Club, and spots are available on Fri the 31st set-up with Bob Schell, Sat, Aug 2nd at P-I-P, and Fri, Sat, and Sun, Oct 4, 5, and 6th at Cranberry Fest. Please consider either...or both. Thanks.

There are some slots available also for raffle sales @ the Flea Market in August and Sept 1st....the Club does very good things with our funds, and runs solely on Volunteer help... everyone's involvement is truly appreciated.

Please put our Annual Club Picnic on your calendar, Thursday, August 28th, 6 p.m., at the Community Shelter. Last year there were about 65 there It's an informal enjoyable time, with weather promised to be good...A similar menu as last year is planned, charcoal grilled chicken with the fixings, at a very reasonable cost. No business meeting - yea! There will be a cut-off date, so please sign up as soon as you can.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs, July 24th
7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

“Rehabbing with Horses”
~Presented by Jane Baker
From Serenity Ranch

REFRESHMENTS

Judy Schell, Karen & Marv Anderson

50/50 TICKET SALES

Audrey Lehner

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, July 24th
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

Don't forget about the community support program at Camp's SuperValu in St. Germain, and at Trigs in Eagle River. 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. At Trigs, use code 69S.

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The Board will also be working on the Christmas Party for December, so your comments and suggestions are very welcome.

Please be aware that the St Germain town Board is in negotiation with WPS/Integrays for the possible purchase of undeveloped land north of HWY 70 adjacent to current Town property, that also encompasses the very nice Nature Trail, used by many people. There will be more information published and announced about this in the near future, so please look for it, and if you have questions, our Town Chair Walt Camp or myself would be happy to discuss with you.

Look forward to see in you on July 24th @ 7 p.m.

Marv Anderson



FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

With late ice out and cool days, some fish are making a last ditch attempt at spawning. Some bluegills and crappie will not spawn this year. Walleye are still up shallow and will move deeper as the weeds grow. Walleye are being caught on shoreline wood where available, many are in less than seven feet of water. They are now feeding on leeches and crawlers. Bass are in shoreline heavy cover or under piers.

Follow the new weed growth as it develops. This is the beginning of the summer pattern. Also fish early and late as the summer progresses.

~Frank Klamik

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

A Northwoods Walk

The way may be edged
by a tangle of undergrowth
or a clear sweep of piney woods
or the rush of a river
perhaps it passes houses
keeping quiet
in scattered lots
perhaps it skirts
meadows of wildflowers
or greening garden plots

and the air
lifts fragrance at each footfall
bird voices trim tree tops
and the sun warms
and dapples
the path leading on
even rain
if it comes
lays a freshness
on cheeks and shoulders
bringing cool contentment

companions on a walk
a lover or a friend
or some laughing, bustling
bounding hounds
add a dimension of comfort
that like the sun adds warmth
like the rain offers freshness

There is so much
marvelous and meaningful
in a good walk.

Cora Mollen

The DNR and state officials are in the process of their triennial standards review regarding surface water quality standards for the protection of our lakes and rivers. This review takes place every three years, and this year they are seeking public input via an online survey.

There are 22 water quality standards that are being considered during this year's process. They include developing and changing standards for both existing and emerging contaminants and impacts on algal populations and nutrient loading in aquatic systems.

The public is encouraged to fill out the survey to give their opinions on the subjects that they feel should be top priority for protection of our lakes and rivers. The DNR and legislature will use the public input to determine which standards should be implemented. The survey can be found by going to the Wisconsin DNR website at dnr.wi.gov.

There will also be a public hearing held on July 30 at 10:00 am in Madison. All citizens are invited to give their opinions or ask questions during this session. Even if you don't want to travel to Madison, you can still participate by logging into the live online webinar which will be linked to the DNR website.

Any changes to the surface water standards need to be approved by the Natural Resources Boards, the Wisconsin legislature and the EPA.

If you have questions about this topic, they can be directed to Ashley Beranek by calling 608-267-9603, emailing ashley.beranek@wisconsin.gov

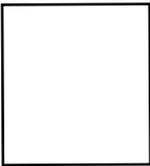
~Anne Small

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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.