

President's Corner



It is my pleasure to serve as President of this wonderful Club. A little about our family...Karen and I grew up in Wausau and graduated from UW St. Point. Karen taught Physical Ed for about 25 years and coached multiple sports. She was the Aquatics Director for about 10 yrs at the Wausau YMCA. I also taught Physical Ed for 6 yrs and coached, then spent 30+ years in Administrative services management at Sentry Insurance and Wausau/Liberty Mutual Insurance. I also served 25 yrs in the US Army Reserve, and continue to officiate High School Soccer and Basketball. We have a son and daughter, both college grads and intercollegiate athletes. Our family has been involved in athletics and many sports/activities all our lives, skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking, snowmobiling, biking, pickleball, swimming, camping, running - completing numerous marathons, triathlons and bike races. We've owned our property on Lost Lake since 1996, and built our home here in 2003, moving here full-time several years ago. I currently serve on the Town Board, and we are members of several other local organizations. We (me) like "collector" vehicles, and Returned the last weekend in May from a GREAT 2 week trip to Alaska.

We have about 100 members - a number are families - so the actual total is greater than that. If you haven't renewed for this spring, please contact Anne Small @ 715-614-3711.

RECENT CLUB HAPPENINGS:

The adopt-a-Highway trash pickup in May on HWY 70 netted 17 bags of refuse, thanks to Charlie Mara, Fred Locher, Mac McCormick, Tom Schwartz, Bob Schell, Marv & Karen Anderson, Jim & Diane Guckenber, Lori Pergolski, Gary Walbruck, and Frank Klamik for being the "pickers"! The next scheduled pickup is Wednesday, July 9th @ 9 a.m. Meet at the old shelter. Several folks have signed up, more are welcome. Check the sign-up list at the next meeting, or call Karen Anderson @ 715-542-3946

The Chili Dinner and Scholarship presentation was very well attended. Along with the great food, the Scholarship was presented to the recipient, Taylor Drake. Taylor attended the Chili Dinner with his father and plans to pursue a natural resources degree.

The Memorial Day Flea Market kayak and 50/50 raffle was pretty good, with over \$200 raised, thanks to work by Gary Groff, Linda Polaski, Lori Pergolski and Ellyn Dahnke. June 2nd was not so good, due to the continual rainy/cold weather. Looking for one more volunteer for June 30 and a couple more in July. Please check your calendars and consider helping, as more are needed in August. Thanks.

The Club's "FRANK KLAMIK" Fishing tournament/picnic took place on June 7th. The fishing results were very good, and due to the incoming rain late in

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JUNE 2014

PAW



BOBCAT

DIRT



RACCOON

PRINTS



OTTER

NEXT MEETING

Thurs, June 26th
7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

“Grouse for Dinner?”

~Presented by Jeremy Holtz
WDNR - Small Game Biologist

REFRESHMENTS

Diane Dieter & Joan Crawford

50/50 TICKET SALES

Karen Walbruck

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, June 26th
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

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the morning, the picnic was moved to the Community Center, with over 20 in attendance. Bob Schell was the big winner in both fishing categories, and graciously accepted the very unique and obviously expensive awards provided by Frank, one of which I am sure he will wear to our our next meeting for all to admire.....Frank Klamik did a wonderful job coordinating the event, his brats were perfect, plenty of beverages, and the other food provided by attendees resulted in a great tasting picnic lunch.

Please mark your calendars for our June 26th Meeting at 7:00 p.m., with a schedule change from the original program. Jeremy Holtz from the DNR will present a program on Grouse and other small game which looks to be very informative.

Jane Baker - Rehabbing with Horses, initially scheduled for our June meeting, has her facility on Dam Lake Rd has asked if the Club would consider meeting on-site there in July. We will discuss at the June Meeting.

Hope to see many of you on the 26th....no skeeters will be allowed in the Community Center :)

Marv Anderson



From left to right: Geri Shambo presenting the Club Scholarship to Taylor Drake, with his dad, Steve Drake looking on at the annual Chili Supper.

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.

Adopt-A-Highway for July 2014:

Wednesday, July 9
(rain date ~ Thursday, July 10)

Meet at 9.00 a.m. at the pavillion parking lot.

Who's Signed up for July 9th?

Marv Anderson	Chuck Berard
Dennis & Carol Seegers	Charlie Mara
Bob & Judy Schell	Gary Groff
Tom Schwartz	

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



Loud urgent calls from inside the old aspen at the head of our woods trail let's us know that another brood of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker chicks is flourishing there. The parents had earlier chiseled out a new nesting hole, gourd-shaped with smooth sides. The work, done by both parents, may have

taken up to a week depending on the hardness of the wood. The same tree may be used for nesting for up to six years if the pair survives together. Five to seven pure white eggs would be laid in the hollowed space. This clutch has now hatched and both parents are busy meeting the demands for food.

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker migrates from the southeast to set up housekeeping in the north. The male of the pair is handsome, with typical woodpecker black-and white body. Its head sports a scarlet crown and chin. White stripes slant across the head toward a sharp black beak and others decorate the wing edges. The chest is tinted with a wash of yellow. The female's coloring is somewhat muted and she lacks the scarlet chin.

The odd name, Sapsucker, comes from the bird's habit of drilling sap holes on tree trunks. The maples in front of my house, when young, displayed the work

typical of this woodpecker. Scores of holes arranged in neat rows were obvious on the tree trunks. The sapsucker is truly industrious and may drill two to twenty new sap holes per day. In spite of their name, the birds actually lap up the sweet liquid. Their tongues have bristle-like hairs that capture the flow. The sap serves as food for the adults and is fed to the young along with insects dipped in sap. You will often see the adult Sapsuckers sitting on tree trunks near their sap wells and from there making frequent trips to their nesting hole. You can listen for their mewling sounds and for the irregular stutter of their drumming. Sapsuckers will eat fruits and may be seen at your suet feeder.

Because of their ability to get tree sap to flow freely, these woodpeckers often have a following of other birds that visit the sap wells, consuming the sap as well as insects attracted there. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are so reliant on this food source that they time their returns north to the arrival of the Sapsuckers.

Though they seek sap from over 250 species of trees and woody plants, Sapsuckers seem to favor Gray Birch, Paper Birch and Red Maple. When you find Sapsucker drillings, you may wonder about potential damage to the tree. Some trees may be harmed by intensive feeding where the population of Sapsuckers is very large. Other trees, like our Red Maples out front, survive and flourish.

Cora Mollen

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

With ice out a week earlier than last year and recent warm weather, I think fishing is back on its normal pattern. As I write this, I think the fish in southern Wisconsin are done spawning and northern bass, bluegill and crappie are in the process of spawning. When you receive your newsletter, all the fish will be post-spawn, and on the feed. Follow the fish as they get on the newly growing green weeds and slowly follow them out as they grow. Jigs and bait will always produce. Do not overlook plastic or crank baits at this time of year. Keep moving until you contact fish, paying attention to things like water temp, depth of water and if they are in weeds or not.

~Frank Klamik

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS:

Chuck & Judy Berard

Joan Crawford

Mike & Kelly McGill & family

Stan & Nancy Partin

Patrick & Patrice Pergolski

Donna Rollman

Webb & Georgie Southwick

Gerald & Marilyn Walters



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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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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.