

President's Corner



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First I want to draw your attention to the Membership Renewal notice in this newsletter. We are again requesting you **receive your Monthly Fish and Wildlife newsletter via email if possible.** This saves the club the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter as well as the many hours of volunteer time for assembly and mailing. So please fill in the email address box on the enclosed renewal notice to save the club some time and money (and perhaps a tree). We know some of you do not have email and we will continue to send you the newsletter via regular mail.

Annual Club elections are fast approaching. Our nominating committee this year is made up of Rich Polaski and Elyn Dahnke. Nominees will be announced at the March meeting and the election will be held at the April meeting. All officer positions are open every year and this year two director positions will be filled as well. Please let Elyn (715-542-3939) or Rich (715-479-4718) know if you are interested in becoming an officer or board member.

We have again been discussing ideas for this year's fund raising project. We keep coming around to the same popular idea of a kayak raffle. We are always looking for input, so please feel free to let us know of any ideas you may have. We will be deciding on this soon. We did again receive a beautiful wood duck carving from Bernie's Birds in Minocqua that we will use for a second place prize. This is the third year in a row Bernie has made a donation of a carving to the club. Thank you Bernie. We have paid our fees of \$195 to the Fire Department to renew our covered spot at the Flea Market this year. The Board did decide to continue the summer 50/50 raffle again this year as a secondary raffle. Jane Keithley will take care of the details to get this raffle in place.

In other club business we paid the second \$1000 installment of our Scholarship to Trevor Laszewski who is attending UW Stevens Point. We received a nice letter from Trevor telling us of his progress and activities at school. Karen Anderson has filled the Coordinator position for the Adopt-A-Highway. Thank you Karen for coming forward and volunteering. Our first pick up date will be in early May (if the snow is gone) and we will have the info in the next newsletter. Last month we received a check from Trig's in Eagle River for \$16.42 for their community dollars donation based on our members using 69S on their grocery receipts. As a reminder the code to use at Camp's is CD14.

We have set June 7 as the date for our Third Annual Fishing Tournament. Each year this event has turned out to be a fun event to start off the summer. You don't need a boat to be a part of the fishing group- Frank Klamik our organizer will make sure there is a spot for you in someone's boat. Also, you may only want to show up for the picnic and "award ceremony" at noon.

On Thursday February 27th we had 38 members attend our General Monthly meeting. Our guest speaker was Tony Campion from Headwaters Search and Rescue talking about how not to get lost and what his group (with their dogs) does when someone is lost. Tony has also been a 911 operator for many years. Tony started training search dogs in the 80's and has gone as far as the state of Maine on rescue missions. Tony said to use common sense to avoid getting lost—carry a cell phone, let others know when and where you are going, and keep a small light with you. Tony brought along his search dog, Trek to demonstrate his search ability. Using an old pulled human tooth hidden in our meeting room, Trek was set off to find the "lost" person. After a circle around the room Trek, a German

NEXT MEETING

Thurs, March 27th
2:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

“Moose- Let’s get acquainted
with Bullwinkle”

~Presented by Bruce Kotarba

50/50 TICKET SALES

Kris Main

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, March 27th
1:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

FRED & LAURA LOCHER
ST GERMAIN, WI

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

I will keep this report short and provide the balances and information, as required, for the various lake organizations. Last month we received \$3,326 from the Town of St. Germain for the first payment of Room Tax funds for 2014 Lake Improvement matching. In March I will be sending out letters to all the lake organizations requesting their funds that will be matched in 2014. There have been no Lakes Improvement Committee expenditures so far in 2014.

The balances as of February 27, 2014 (no change from Dec 31, 2013)

Little Saint Germain	\$ 2,051.00
Found Lake	8,905.67
Lost Lake	4,987.12
Alma Moon	8,037.84
Stella	455.00
Pickerel (<i>does not receive room tax funds</i>)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain –Fawn-Content-	9,380.53

These restricted funds can only be used for lake improvement activity such as fish stocking, algae control, navigational aids, website development and the control of Aquatic Invasive Species –AIS (including the new threat of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia-VHS). The amounts received, allocated and spent by each lake group are published at least four times a year in the Lakes Improvements Committee section of the Fish and Wildlife Club newsletter.

~Bob Schell

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Shepherd found the tooth and let out a bark to let us know. Tony told us several amusing stories of past search efforts and Trek was entertaining as well.

On a personal note, Judy wants to thank everyone for their kind cards, calls and flowers during her surgery and recovery. As of this writing she has had the 47 stitches removed and is slowly getting around. She is doing very well and is off all drugs and is looking forward to being her old self again soon.

We look forward to seeing you at the Thursday March 27th meeting where Jane and Marlene have arranged a presentation by Bart Kotarba about “Moose- Let’s get acquainted with Bullwinkle”. Maybe we can learn if it really is a Moose up there on Highway G everyone is seeing or is it just a wild horse. See you there.

Bob Schell, President

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

March is upon us! The temperature is going to rise and the fish will soon start to bite. Wrong! We have been having –20 degrees at night with a high of 5 degrees. If it gets warmer we have snow. Most lakes are impassable now and you can only walk on a few without snowshoes.

Under normal conditions, March is the start of the best bite of the year. The bite will start out slow and increase during the month. Warming water under the ice will cause panfish to rise in the water column. You can increase the size of your bait and fish faster at this time of year. Move often to locate fish. Most often the largest fish in the hold will bite first.

~Frank Klamik



Above: Tony Champion with his search dog Trek

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

In the days of mid March, a walk along the river brings the scent of damp earth and open water. In many places the ice breaks away from the shoreline, so that we can stand by open water and peer down the slight embankment. The river debris at first seems sluggish and lifeless, but prodding a submerged log may release an outpouring of the small beetles called Water Boatmen who quickly propel themselves across the water, surprisingly enough, on their backs. A limb pulled from the water may reveal black-coated diving beetles that cling there by thin, spiny feet. In the woody crevices, there are likely caddis fly larvae housed in all sorts of their architectural creations some of pine needles, some of pebbles and broken reeds or chips of clam shell. We may find large, wide-eyed Dragonfly larvae as well.

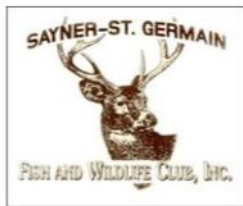
The snow that remains along the shore is dazzling in sunlight and contrasts with dark waters and drab sands.

Oak leaves finally released from branches above, lie on the snows and warmed by sun sculpt lovely images of themselves. With the gradual increase of seasonal warmth, there will be a final splitting of stubborn ice ridges along the shore and a greening up of the mosses on the banks. There will be the shining new shoots of grasses and early wild flowers. The tracks of mice, raccoons and deer will crisscross the wet sands. Everything will seem to shout, "Welcome to spring."

Cora Mollen



Please check the year on your March newsletter label. If it reads 13/14 or earlier, please renew your membership.



2014—2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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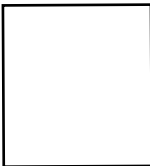
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	Renewal	\$10
	Donation	\$ _____
Cash/Check Total =		_____

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