

President's Corner



Meetings held YEAR-ROUND
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With ice still on our lakes it is hard to think of spring and summer events but our Annual Chili Pot Luck Dinner and Scholarship Award presentation will be on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Please call Bob or Judy Schell at (715-542-2321) with your reservations for dinner and let us know what food item you will contribute to the dinner. We are looking for some more pots of chili, crackers, cheese, or sour cream. We do not need any more desserts. Please call us prior to Tuesday May 20th for your reservations and food contributions. Set up is at 5:15 p.m. (let us know if you can help out) and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your own place settings and if you signed up for chili please bring it warm. We will “dump” all the chili into two pots – one hot (spicy) and one mild.

Our third Club Fishing Tournament and Picnic is being held on Saturday June 7th. Fishing begins anytime after 6 AM and concludes at Noon. The Picnic and get together to discuss fishing tales is at 12:30. You don't have to fish to be a part of the activity. We will hold the event at the NORTH Big Arbor Vitae boat ramp and picnic grounds. You turn north off of HY 70 on Old Highway 51 (it turns into Buckhorn Road) and go 2 miles to the park. Light food (Brats, soda, beer, etc.) will be provided for the Picnic and there will be a \$5.00 fee to cover costs. If you need someone to fish with or can provide space on your boat let us know. Please call Frank Klamik at 715-891-2924 by June 2nd to sign up for the event.

We held our annual election of Officers and Directors during the April General meeting. Your slate of officers for the next year are as follows President –Marv Anderson, President Elect-Frank Klamik, Secretary –Melody Kysiak, Treasurer – Dave Zielinski. Directors are Stan Rakowski, Marlene Rakowski, Mac McCormick, Gary Walbruck and Jane Keithley. I want to personally thank the board and officers for all the hard work and support they have given to the Club and me as president for the last four years. A special thanks to Marv and Melody for stepping forward. Marv will be on vacation much of May but he will start his duties as President in June.

On club business, the board voted to up our Scholarship again this year to \$2000. This is due to an additional scholarship memorial donation from the family of Ellen Finch who passed away last winter. The budget for the donations to various organizations this year was also approved at the March meeting. The list is as follows: Scholarship \$2000, Vilas County Food Pantry \$500 as well as food donations several times a year, \$500 to the Northwoods Wildlife Center, Trees for Tomorrow \$500, Plum Lake Library \$300, Vilas County Historical Museum \$300, St. Germain Elementary School trip and wildlife speakers \$300, North Lakeland Discovery Center - \$500, Hike and Bike Trail \$ 150, St. Germain fireworks \$100, Big Brothers Big Sisters \$300, St. Germain Fire Dept. \$100, Children's Museum \$150, Warm the Children Drive \$500, Loon Watch \$500, and Wild Instincts Rehab Center \$500. We are at almost \$7000 in donations not counting what is administered for the Lakes Improvement Committee. The Board left open the opportunity to donate to other local causes as the year progresses.

As a reminder, if you haven't sent in your dues this spring please do so. The renewal form is in the March newsletter or online.

Plans for the Kayak raffle at the flea market and area events are progressing well. As mentioned last month we have purchased a modular Kayak for the grand prize

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NEXT MEETING

Annual Chili Potluck Dinner & Scholarship Award

Thurs., May 22nd

6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center
(Set-up at 5 pm)

Please bring your own place settings.

Please call Bob or Judy Schell (715 542 2321)
with your reservations for dinner and if you would
like to bring a food item for the dinner

50/50 ~ Ellyn Dahnke

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and Frank Klamik has acquired a carved Wood duck from Bernie's Birds of Minocqua for second place. We will be giving a framed blue jay print donated by Nancy Partin for third prize. St. Germain Sport Marine will again pay for the printing of the raffle tickets. (Thank you Tom and Kim Christensen). We will have the sign up sheets at the Chili Supper on May 22nd—so start thinking of any Mondays you might be able to help out manning our booth. Since we now have our inside space it is easier to work the booth in bad weather. Please call to put yourself on the schedule for Mondays this summer (We have no one signed up so far!)

The board also decided to again do the season long 50/50 raffle as well. The tickets will be sold at the Flea Market booth and other events. Last year this side raffle raised over \$600 for the club. Thanks to Jane Keithley for donating the money for the printing of the 50/50 tickets.

On Thursday April 24th, 2014 we held our monthly general meeting featuring the topic of "Frogs and Toads" given by Licia Johnson of the North Lakeland Discovery Center. It was an informative and entertaining talk covering those noisy critters we hear

much of the spring and summer but don't see that often. Some facts about frogs are: they do not drink water- they absorb water through their skin, the eyes and nose of the frog are on the top of its head so it can breathe and see while mostly submerged in water, some frogs can jump 20 times their length, frogs can change their body color to match their surroundings. Frogs and toads are amphibians and part of the Herptile family which means they have moist glandular skin, their toes have no claws and the young pass through a larval stage (usually aquatic) before they metamorphose into adult form. They are cold blooded and dig into the mud in the winter and go into a hibernation - almost a dead (frozen) state. Wisconsin has only one species of toads (Eastern American Toad) but has six "true frogs and one tree frog. The most common Wisconsin frogs are the Wood, Chorus, Leopard, Green, Bull, and Spring Peeper. The life cycle of a frog is the eggs are laid in the water, 10 days later the tadpoles hatch, after 8 weeks the back legs form, 12 weeks front legs form, and after 14 weeks the tail disappears and they are ready to leave the water. Licia brought along recordings of all the various sounds the different types of frogs make. Licia never disappoints and did a great job telling us all about these critters.

After the talk we presented a check for \$500 to Licia as our annual donation to the North Lakeland Discovery Center.

See you at the Chili Dinner,

Bob Schell

3rd Annual Club Fishing Tournament & Picnic

Saturday, June 7, 2013

Rain or Shine

Big Arbor Vitae Lake

NORTH Boat ramp & picnic ground

(**Directions:** Go north on Old Hwy 51 to Buckhorn Rd.

Then Buckhorn Rd to boat launch.)

All categories of legal fish

(Catch and release honor system for Game Fish)

Open to members and guests as a fun event

You don't have to fish to participate in the Picnic

Fishing hours - Anytime between 6 am and Noon

Picnic and awards - 12:30 pm

Light picnic lunch and Beverages provided.

Bring your own lawn chair.

\$5.00 per person to cover costs.

Please pre-register by June 2nd. Call Frank Klamik at 715- 892-2772



Adopt-A-Highway for May 2014:

Wednesday, May 7

(rain date ~ Thursday, May 8)

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

Who's Signed up for May 7th?

Karen & Marv Anderson	Fred Locher
Jim & Diane Guckenbug	Frank Klamik
Charlie Mara	Mac McCormick
Lori Pergolski	Bob Schell
Tom Schwartz	Gary Walbruck

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



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Springtime brings the emergence of the blue-spotted salamander. During the first spring rains in late March and April, these salamanders make their way to vernal pools, temporary woodland ponds. After a brief mating ritual, the females will attach egg masses to sticks and vegetation underwater. They can lay several hundred eggs each

spring. The aquatic larvae hatch after two to four weeks. Like frog tadpoles, larval salamanders have gills which disappear when they metamorphose into their adult form. While the vernal pool is relatively protected because of the lack of fish, the larvae do need to develop in a rather short time before the water dries up completely, usually about three months.

Once transformed into the land-dwelling adult form, salamanders leave the pools and spend most of their time in damp places like under logs, in burrows or under layers of leaves or duff. When full-grown, they reach lengths of three to five inches and have light blue spots on their dark, moist bodies. They consume a variety of invertebrates like worms, spiders and insects.

The blue-spotted salamanders have a successful defense mechanism. When attacked, they writhe their tail back and forth and secrete a toxin from glands in their tail. This toxin deters most predation on adult salamanders, allowing them a long lifetime that may span several decades.

Anne Small

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

Opening day is finally here! As I write this article, I am looking at a lake covered in ice. I think open water in the north is at least a week or more away. I was ice fishing on 30+ inches of ice on April 30th.

In the southern portion of the state, lakes are open and fish are being caught. Walleyes are in the rivers or on spawning areas of the lakes. Panfish have moved to shallow wind protected bays, channels or northern portions of the lakes that have sun exposure.

For walleyes try 1/16 oz jigs, splitshot and hook or slip bobbers. For northern and bass, try spinner baits floating Rapala's or plastic worms. Panfish will take flies, small minnows or wax worms.

Good luck, ~Frank Klamik

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS:

- Don A. & Janet Abel
- Keith & Cathy Anderson
- Bob & Peggy Ausloos
- Don & Marie Bauman
- Robert & Carol Cadwell
- Jim & Trudy Carlton
- Mary Ann Coopmans
- Dennis & Dianne Dieter
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- Bryce & Marilyn Hessing
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- Irene Mochalski
- Ida Nemec
- David & Dorothy Richardson
- Gary & Kay Schultz
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- Charles & Pat Thier
- Robert & Ginny Wissing

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

BOB HERBERT
BELLAIRE, TX

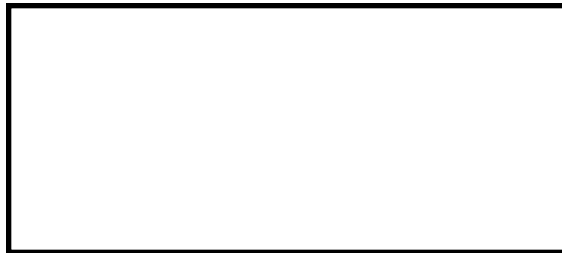
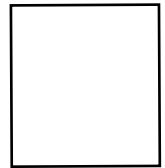
SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishes of a quick recovery to Jim DuBore after his back surgery.

Get well to Pat Thier who has been having heart trouble.

Condolences go out to the family of Lee Christensen, who passed away in late March.

Please call Linda Polaski, 479-4718, if you know of any members who need a card of sympathy, encouragement, cheer, etc.



Don't forget to renew your membership!!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.