

President's Corner



Meetings held YEAR-ROUND
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The big headline this month is the new bouncing baby boy born to our editor Anne Small and her husband Scott. The new addition, Murray Roy Small, and Anne are doing fine and will soon be hiking, bike riding, jogging, and mushroom hunting together all over the northwoods.

Bake Sale Our annual bake sale will be held on Saturday November 9th at the St. Germain Community Center from 9 AM until all baked items are sold. Your baked pies, cakes, bars, breads, torts, or fudge will be appreciated. We will not be selling cookies because the St. Germain Women's Service Club does the cookies. Please bring your baked goods to the Community Center between 8 AM and 9 AM on the 9th. Our coordinator for the event is Lori Pergolski – please give her a call at 715-542-3648 if you can bake or help out at the sale.

In Club news, a donation of \$500 will be made to Wild Instincts Animal Rehab Center. At our November 21st meeting we will be collecting items for the Wild Instincts Rehab Center. They have an urgent need for fresh or frozen fish or venison and an ongoing need for items such as newspaper, dry or canned dog food, paper towels, garbage bags, blankets, sheets, towels, treated lumber, hand tools, and etc. A full list is on their website at wildinstinctsrehab.com. The check will be delivered along with items donated at the November meeting.



Above: Anne Small along with proud Grandmother, Cora Mollen with new baby Murray

The board also approved the budgeted donation of \$500 to the Vilas County Food Pantry. We would like to make this money donation along with food donations at the same time. To accomplish this we are asking members to bring non-perishable food items to the Christmas party on December 9th. We will then make a combined donation to the Pantry in early December. (Details of the meeting and Christmas party are below.) The board agreed to again donate the budgeted amount of \$500 to the Vilas County Warm the Children fund. This fund allows less fortunate children to have practical but nice coats, hats and scarves to weather the cold Wisconsin winters.

Due to space constraints there will be no Lakes Improvement Committee report this month. We have had an active fall with lots of fish stocking going on that I will report on next month.

Christmas Party. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 9th at Clearview Supper Club. Cocktails will be at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The evening will begin with a full table of appetizers and snack goodies. We will have live dinner music as well as our traditional Christmas sing-along with Bret and Frisk.

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., November 21st

(Remember this meeting is one week earlier than normal!)

7:00 pm

St Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

The Culture of the Ojibwa

With speaker Jim Bokern

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Carol Seegers & Judie Berard

50/50 TICKET SALES

Fred & Carol Radtke

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., November 21st

6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

Thank you to
Jim & Diane
Guckenber
for the donation
submitted with their
membership!

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS!!

Charles Mara
St. Germain, WI

Jim & Diane
Guckenber
St. Germain WI

Our next meeting will be on November 21st at 7 PM, at the St. Germain Community Center. Our Program committee team of Jane Keithley and Marlene Rakowski have arranged for Historian, Jim Bokern to speak on the "The Culture of the Ojibwa". Remember to bring items for the Animal Rehab Center to this meeting.

Bob Schell, *President*

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The main menu selections are as follows:

- * 7 oz Filet with baked potato and fresh vegetable
- * Two 5oz bacon wrapped pork tenderloins w/ baked potato & fresh veggie
- * Two Lemon Pepper Haddock Filets w/ baked potato & fresh Veggie

The cost is \$18, which includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, dinner, coffee, tax and tip. Please call Bob or Judy Schell at 715-542-2321 to make your reservation by Monday, December 2nd. This year there will NOT be doing the door prize gifts as in the past. Please do not bring any gifts other than your nonperishable food donations for the Vilas County Food Pantry. We will only be drawing names of those who have volunteered the past year for a few select prizes including the beautiful print donated by Don Baumann. This party has become a special treat for all our members and our way of saying thanks for a job well done.

On Thursday October 24th, 2013 we had 29 members attend our monthly General meeting. The presenter for the evening was John Bates speaking on northwoods wildlife. With such a broad subject John covered a lot of topics and gave us interesting information about almost every creature you can think of as well as others we wouldn't ever think of. I could never do justice to the wide array of topics he covered but a sampling of tidbits he told us are as follows: there are well over 3 million species of wildlife in the northwoods, there are over 1 million species of beetles alone, mayflies do not have a stomach or mouth to eat—they just mate and die (quite the priority-huh), porcupines have over 30,000 quills, beavers have doubled in population in Wisconsin since 2008 but are only 2/3 of the 1995 population, the WI bear population has been going up slowly since 1990 – the average sow now has triplets, white pelicans are back in WI, most bear hibernate (really sleep) under/near white pines so new cubs can climb to safety easier, the WI bobcat population is about 2500, and the list goes on and on.... John gave us an expansive and interesting view of northwoods wildlife.

We are still looking for replacements to step up to fill the President and Secretary positions for next year. After four years for me and six for Judy it is time for some new blood with new ideas to take over. Frank our president-elect does not use a computer and feels he would not be in a position to fulfill required duties. We will help the new officers to gradually become comfortable in the positions. We also are looking for a new raffle chairperson to help spread the duties.



Above: Bob Schell (l) presenting summer 50-50 winner Len Bruninius with a \$592 check

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Just the other day, I heard the song “Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald” with its description of the powerful winds of November. In Greek mythology, the god of the wind was called Aeolus which meant changeable, quick moving and nimble. That meaning may prove to be well-fitted to our Northwoods winds of November and of the winter soon to come. We’ve already lately felt how winds can intensify the chill.

Seems winds are one of those taken-for-granted things, just a part of our days. We don’t often stop to think of how they form, their value and possible impact. The work of winds is many faceted. The winds can change the lay of the land. Where their lifting power beats the power of gravity, winds can move soils and shift debris, can cause erosion and dust-bowl conditions. They can re-shape natural land formations like shoreline sand dunes. Winds can create driving rains and transform snowfalls into blinding blizzards. Gale winds can lift and push waters with dangerous force. Winds at their worst can level forest or home.

It’s good to know that before snows closed down the

land, winds helped carry out a vital “Johnny-Apple seed” task. They lifted and transported life in the form of plant seeds and fungal spores. Some seeds with feather-like attachments drift far and wide on the wind, some winged seeds are lifted and then sent spinning downward to the ground. The ultra-light spores of fungi are carried and distributed vast distances. Areas decimated by fire, flood or destructive human activity can be renewed by windborne seeds of plants that specialize in refurbishing such lands. The dispersal of seed and spore is essential to healthy spread of life for forest lands and open land. Sometimes, we can scowl and hold winds guilty of spreading those weedy plants we dread to find in our gardens and lawns.

Wind may be in our future in another important way, as we learn to successfully harness it’s ample, renewable supply of kinetic energy. It may mean light in our homes, may power up our phones and industries, may take us on the road. Much promise from those quick, changeable and nimble winds.

Cora Mollen

2013 Raffle Report

As we mentioned last month our annual raffle is over and was a great success thanks to all the great people donating their time and effort. We held the drawing on October 6, 2013 at Cranberry Fest in Eagle River. All the winners named in last month’s newsletter have been notified or have happily claimed their prizes. The Kayak was won by Susan Wodica of Racine Wisconsin. This year we sold over 3000 printed tickets and had total sales of \$4723. with net proceeds of \$3918. This

year we also tried a summer long 50/50 raffle. This raffle made the club an additional \$592 after splitting the pot with part time St Germain resident Len Bruinius. As you know these funds will go back into the community in the form of wildlife projects or assisting various charitable groups.

First we want to thank our main supporters: Tom and Kim Christensen of the St Germain Sport Marine for paying for the printing of the kayak raffle tickets and inviting us to set up our booth to sell tickets during the 4th of July parade, Steve, Sheila and Tara Pulec of the Twilight Bar and Grill for sponsoring us during summer events. Also, thanks to Bernie’s Birds for the second prize 50 inch musky carving and the Chamber of Commerce for letting us set up at Community events.

Finally, a BIG THANKS to the following member volunteers that sold tickets at our booth or helped out with the raffle this summer: Ken Beier, Terrie Beier, Jim Carlton, Trudy Carlton, Ellen Dahnke and granddaughters Lydia and Gabie, Ken Dahnke, Lois Gardner, Gary Groff, Frank Klamik, Dick Kleopfer, Lolly Kleopfer, Betty Mc Cormick, Mac McCormick, Clyde Owens, Lori and Mike Pergolski, Arlene Rieckenberg, Donna Rollman, Marlene Rakowski, Stan Rakowski, Bob Schell, Judy Schell, John Schell, Kay Schultz, Dennis and Carol Seegers, Brenda Veeder, Chuck Thier, Pat Thier, Gary Walbruck, Karen Walbruck, Andy and Sally Schell, Ken and Nancy Horve, Joan Crawford, Geri Shambo, Barb Steinhilber, Georgie Southwick, Melody Kysiak, Dave Blunk, and Marv and Karen Anderson.

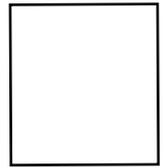
Most of all, everyone can feel good knowing several hours of their effort will help better our wildlife and lakes, provide some food at the County food pantry, provide funds for a scholarship, provide some wildlife books at the library, supply warm coats for worthy children, help wildlife rehabilitation center, and help many other community groups as well.



FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

As we enter the month of November, with only a few fishermen on the lake, most of them being musky hunters, I start to think first ice. The fish have moved to the locations you will find them at during that time of year. Panfish are in or near large weed beds. Northern and bass are with them. Musky are on fast dropping shore lines with weeds or sunken wood. Many walleye have moved to deep mud flats or holes. They sometimes to weed edges in low light periods. Think first ice—SLOW DOWN—live bait is now a good choice. Walleye are pressure sensitive and drop a bait at first sign of weight or pressure. Slip bobbers or hook and shot have saved many trips. ~Frank Klamik

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WILDLIFE CLUB, INC.
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November Bazaar BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 9, 2013
St. Germain Community Center
9 a.m. to sell out

COORDINATOR: Lori Pergolski
Give her a call if you can bake or help out at the sale.
715-542-3648

*Please take time to contribute pies, cakes, breads, rolls, bars, muffin or fudge, etc. to make our bake sale a success. Deliver to the Community Center **between 8 and 9 a.m.***

- ❖ **Please, no cookies** as the Women's Service Club will be selling them.
- ❖ **Package with plastic wrap, bags or containers** so baked goods are visible to customers.
- ❖ **Price and label** before bringing them in.

Your contribution, whether baked goods or monetary, is appreciated more than you know.
Our thanks in advance.

SUNSHINE REPORT

- Wishing a quick recovery to Lois Gardner & Matt Weckerle who both had surgery.
- Continued thoughts for Steve Pulec and Ellen Finch

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

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.