

President's Corner



Meetings held YEAR-ROUND
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Again this year we ended our annual raffles over the first weekend in October. We enjoyed another successful year thanks to all the great people donating time and effort. We held the drawings on October 6, 2013 at Cranberry Fest in Eagle River. The winner of the kayak was Susan Wodicka from Racine. Brian Neville of Eagle River won the second place prize of a 50 inch carved Musky. Greg Auestad a St Germain resident won the 3rd place prize of \$100. Our summer 50/50 raffle ended up with a split prize of \$592 that went to Len Bruinius a part time St Germain resident. Ticket sales were very good and matched last years totals despite rainy weather conditions at Cranberry Fest this year. Thanks again to St. Germain Sport Marine (tickets) and Bernie's Birds (carving) for your great support. We will again clear over



Above: Second place raffle winner Brian Neville of Eagle River with his 50 inch carved musky.

\$4500 for both raffles when all is said and done. Our last push crew of volunteers for the final weekend including selling tickets at the St Germain Musky tournament and Cranberry Fest include: Kay Schultz, Carol Seegers, Frank Klamik, Judy Schell, Ken and Ellyn Dahnke, Lois Gardner and Lori Pergolski. A special thanks to Clyde Owens for helping me with the setup and closing of our booth. As you know these funds will go back into the community in the form of wildlife projects or assisting various charitable groups. We will have a detailed raffle report in next month's newsletter.

In other news, Steve and Tara Pulec and Sheila from the New Twilight Bar and Grill on Old Hwy 70 again donated \$1000 to the club in September. If you recall from last month, they also paid for the food portion of the picnic in August. Steve's continued support of our Club is remarkable considering his ongoing struggle with health issues. Steve has been a long time supporter of the club and his generosity is very much appreciated.

We will be doing a Bake Sale again on Saturday November 9th at the annual Christmas Bazaar at the St. Germain Community Center. Lori Pergolski has volunteered to chair the event. We still need bakers and workers. Please call Lori at 715-617-3648 if you can help out. We accept any baked goods except cookies (because the Women's club does the cookies for the bazaar).

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs, Oct 24th
7:00 pm
St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM NOTES:

Jim Pikarsy and his Wonderful World of Whales was a hit. He gave a very enjoyable presentation. I certainly have a new respect and love for these mammals. If you missed this presentation, don't miss his next visit to our club.

If you have access to a computer, visit Wild Instincts website and click on "Newsletter." You will see fabulous rehab pictures and a video of an endoscopy done on a loon to remove line and fish hooks. Truly amazing! That organization does such good work.

By popular demand, John Bates will be returning for the October 24 meeting. He is always entertaining and informative. See you all there!

~ Jane & Marlene

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Trudy Carlton & Judy Schell

50/50 TICKET SALES

Trudy Carlton

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, Oct 24th
6:00 pm
St. Germain Community Center

Remember to write our club # on grocery receipts and deposit them at Camp's SuperValu & Trigs in Eagle River.

Use the following #'s:

Camp's=CD14 Trigs = 69S

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Last month we received a check from Camps SuperValu in St Germain for \$87.88. The donation is from their Community dollars program as a result of our members writing CD14 on their receipts. Thank you to the Dave and Bruce and Mary Weber and those of you who have shopped at Camps.

This month we made annual donations to the Vilas County Historical Museum, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Northwoods Children's Museum.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Christmas Party. We have set the date for MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH so mark your calendars. We will again have music by Bret and Frisk to give everyone a jolly kickoff for the holiday season. This year we will NOT have the multitude of gifts as in the past to help shorten the program. More details will follow.

On Thursday September 26th we held our monthly meeting with 31 members present. Our topic was a "A fascinating look into the World of Whales" presented by Jim Pikarsy, Ocean and Wildlife Photographer. A fantastic program full of interesting facts, colorful and breathtaking photos and entertaining narrative again enlightened us. Jim has studied whales and gone whale watching for many years. Some of the highlights of the talk are: the Blue whale is the largest mammal on earth –it grows to over 100 feet long and weighs over 200 tons (equal to 30 elephants), the two types of whales are baleen (plate like teeth) and tooth whales. Whales eat mostly Krill which is a small shrimp like sea-food that feeds on photo plankton. Jim's photos and videos were outstanding and were a program in themselves. I could use this entire newsletter and not do the program material or the professional presentation justice. Thanks again to Jane and Marlene for obtaining quality speakers for our group.

At our November meeting (Nov.21st) 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, 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.

Our next meeting is on Thursday October 24th at 7 PM in the St. Germain Community Center. Our topic will be "Wildlife in the Northwoods" by naturalist, John Bates. See you there.

Bob Schell, *President*



Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Some good news for Walleye anglers. You may be seeing more of those DNR fish stocking trucks at local boat landings. This fall the State will be stocking 300,000 to 400,000 4 to 7 inch walleyes in state lakes. This is more than four times the normal amount. The program called the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative is a two-year plan costing \$13 million will expand the stocking of the larger walleye known as "large fingerlings". These larger walleye are more expensive to produce but survive better after released. They will take several years to grow large enough to be legally kept by anglers but will provide for better fishing in the future. The state feels the popular walleye is key to keeping fishing a viable contributor to the Wisconsin economy.

Lake Improvement activity will pick up this fall with fish stocking. Expenditures so far this year have totaled \$ 4010.00. (\$1455 for crib brushing on Alma, \$1300 on Found for boat inspection interns, \$1150 for marker buoys on Lost, and \$105 for meter parts on Alma-Moon) . Last month we received the last installment of the \$5000 from the Town of St. Germain representing the lakes improvement portion of the room tax funds that was budgeted for 2013. Our treasurer Dave Zielinski has made the allocations of these funds to the various lake organizations based on the matching funds received from the lake groups. The new balances as of September 24, 2013 are:

Little Saint Germain	\$ 2,051.00
Found Lake	8,905.67
Lost Lake	7,987.12
Alma Moon	8,037.84
Stella	455.00
Pickerel (does not receive room tax funds)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain -Fawn-Content-	13,880.53

As a reminder, most of the above balances are the result of contributions from the various lake organizations each year as well as the room tax funds from the town. These restricted funds are distributed back to the respective Lake organizations for improvements such as fish stocking, signage, marker buoys, AIS education, boat inspections, fish shelters, algae studies, weed control, signs, etc.

~Bob Schell

Thank you to Chris & Kim Drees and family for the donation they sent with their membership renewal.



Above: Judy Schell presenting Lois Ruediger with a Club donation Check for \$350 to Big Brothers Big Sisters



Frank's Fishing Report

Water temperature is dropping, turnover is ONLY a week or two away. I fished 3 different lakes on October 2 and temperature ran between 60 to 62 degrees.

Fish will stick to green weeds if available. The green weeds will usually be the outside edge. I am catching crappie & perch between 3 to 7 feet on some lakes, on other lakes the crappie are still in deep mud at 8 to 20 feet. Musky will look for forage in the weeds if they can find it. Others will move to fast dropping shoreline with sunken wood or rocks, don't forget about cribs for all fish. Walleyes will move to deep mud near structure after turnover. ~Frank Klamik



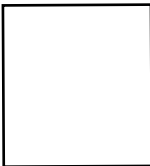
SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishes of good health to the following:

- Judie Berard, who had leg surgery
- Dick Banks, who has polymyalgia rheumatica - extreme muscle pain and stiffness
- Jack Bourgeois, who had a broken arm

And our thoughts and prayers are with Ellen Finch and Steve Pulec with their battles with cancer.

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



Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

While there are a great many fruits and veggies to available at fall harvest festivals and farmer's markets, a great way to spend a sunny fall day is to go out and harvest some wild edibles. There are a wide variety of tasty edibles just waiting to be picked.

One of my favorite tasty fall berries is the cranberry. While it is easy and relatively inexpensive to purchase cranberries from a local marsh, it can be fun to take your canoe or kayak to a bog lake and collect your own. I have found that a lot of our smaller bog lakes have a wealth of Small and Large Cranberry (*Vaccinium oxycoccos* and *V. macrocarpon*, respectively) growing right where the bog mat meets the water's edge. This makes collecting very easy by canoe or kayak. Often times you can simply scrape your paddle along the low-growing bushes and the ripe berries fall into the water, where they can be easily collected with a small net.



Another fun fall harvest is to locate an area on public lands where there were once farms with apple or-

chards or travel the back roads of the U.P. where there are many apple trees growing wild. There are a number of great spots and you can often find some very unique and delicious varieties of apples growing there. On a recent trip my mom and I enjoyed picking some low growing apples from roadside trees and were delighted with the range of flavors, much tastier than the store-bought varieties.

And I must not neglect my favorite fall harvest of all...mushrooms. Our Northwoods area has a wealth of edible mushrooms that are definitely worth the time to get to know. If you enjoy some of the gourmet mushrooms that are available at specialty stores, you will love the varied flavors and textures of those collected in the wild. We have had a pretty good year for fungi with a decent amount of rain and fairly cool fall temperatures.

The best part of the wild harvest is that it is all free for the taking and the memories of going out in search of these fruits and mushrooms will carry with you through the cold winter months.

Anne Small