



President's Corner

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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 2, 2011 at Cranberry Fest in Eagle River. The winner of the kayak was Ann Gray from Land o' Lakes, FL and her son Scott from Wausau. The second place prize of a half day guided fishing trip with Ken Jackson our local guide was won by Krystal Statezny of Crandon. The third place prize of the rod, reel, baits and tackle box was won by Bob Geitner of Sturgeon Bay. Ticket sales were fantastic, so good in fact, that we sold out of our 3000 printed tickets just minutes before the drawing. Thanks again to St. Germain Sport Marine (tickets) and Ken Jackson (fishing guide) for your great support. We will clear over \$4000 when all is said and done. 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 Pulec and Sheila from the New Twilight Bar and Grill on Old Hwy 70 are at it again. Besides allowing the Club to set up to sell raffle tickets at their customer appreciation day on September 18th, they presented the club with a donation check of \$500. Over the years, the Twilight has always been a generous supporter of our club. Thank You - Steve, Sheila and all the staff at the Twilight.

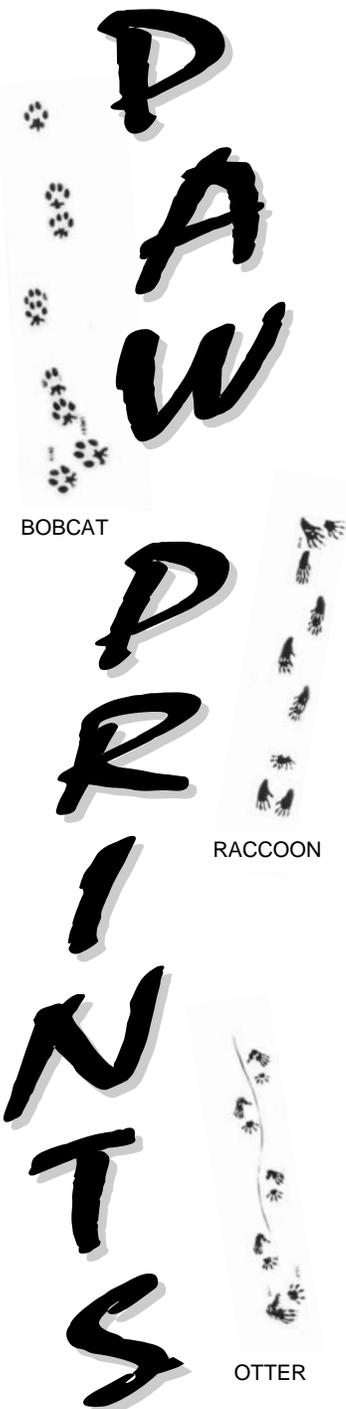
We will be doing a bake sale again on Saturday November 12th at the annual Christmas Bazaar at the St. Germain Community Center. We still need bakers and someone to chair the event. Please call me or Judy at 715 542 2321 if you can help out. We accept any baked goods except cookies (because the Women's club does the cookies for the bazaar)

It's not too early to start thinking about our Christmas Party. At our board meeting we set the date for Thursday December 1st so mark your calendars. We will again have music by Bret and Frisk to give everyone a jolly kickoff for the holiday season. Details will follow.

On Thursday September 22nd we held our monthly meeting with 30 members present. We had another great Loon presentation by Dr. Mike Meyer of the DNR. Mike spoke to us last year about the Loons in general and how we are learning more and more about their general health, mating success and migration patterns. This year, as a follow-up, he returned to let us know if our area loons suffered any ill effects from wintering in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico that were contaminated by the BP oil spill. We were all fascinated as Mike told us of all the advances being made in tracking loons and the resulting new information on loon habits as a result of the tracking. As it turns out most Wisconsin loons winter near the Florida panhandle which is east of the BP oil spill area. Most loons returned to our area lakes unaffected by the spill. One of the ways used to track loons is to tag a loon with a geolocator tag that records data by day and location including depth of dives in the water. These tags must be retrieved from the loons in later years to gather data. Another method to track loons is an actual satellite transmitter implant (so if you see a loon with an antenna sticking out of its back it's ok) that can give instant feedback of a loons location. A summary of some of the highlights of the talk are: Loons can dive to depths of 150 feet, for most Wisconsin loons it takes three days to make the trip from here to the Gulf of Mexico, a few of the Wisconsin loons migrate to the Atlantic Coast, Wisconsin had over 3900 nesting loons in 2009 compared to 2500 in 1990. Did you know you can track the daily activity and location of one of the Star Lake loons on the internet even during migration and wintering? Just type "USGS Loon Migration" into Google and click on the Loons and you can check the daily progress of all the tagged loons. Overall it was an interesting presentation enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on Thursday October 27th at 7 PM in the St. Germain Community Center. Our topic, appropriate for the Halloween season, is "Bogs of Wisconsin". See you there.

Bob Schell, President



NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Oct 27th
7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Bogs of Wisconsin. What are they, why are they important to the environment, and what can we do to keep them safe. Sherri from Trees for Tomorrow will answer those questions and many more. It is our last speaker of the year so don't miss this one.

~Jane Keithley

REFRESHMENTS

Gary Groff & Betty McCormick

50/50 RAFFLE

Phil & Sue Monday

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Oct. 27th
6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

As I mentioned last month, a recent study of our area lakes indicated most of our area lakes are clean and healthy. At times it must seem to some people that we tend to overdo our concern for keeping invasives out of our waters.

Last Month while traveling in Montana to Glacier National Park I was surprised to see that our western friends also have a very high concern and awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species. In fact, Montana had some strict laws regarding AIS and had signage similar to here in Wisconsin to make boaters aware of the prevention measures. ALL boats are inspected prior to entering Glacier National Park and the state of Montana has mandatory boat inspection sites on many of their highways as well. Their biggest concerns are Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Water Milfoil. When I thought about this approach it made a lot of sense. If boaters know there is a possibility they may be stopped by wardens for boat inspections it would perhaps keep some of those "not so careful" folks more diligent.

Lake Improvement Committee activity is picking up now that it is time for fish stocking. Fish are being stocked on Big Saint and Lost Lake this month. We have received the final payment from the town room tax revenue but have not received any payment from the Chamber of Commerce. Since the numbers are not final we will report on the balances, deposits and expenditures next month.

~ Bob Schell

The November Program is Members' Night and we don't have a member who would like to share his/her interest or hobby. Now someone out there must do something interesting. Call Jane 715-542-2078 or Marlene 715-542-3201 if you would like to volunteer. If Jane has to fill in with pole dancing, it won't be pretty!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!



Mike & Kelly McGill
St Germain, WI

SUNSHINE REPORT

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Willie Weber who passed away in early October.

Please call Linda Polaski, 715-479-4781, if you know of someone who needs a card of cheer, encouragement, sympathy, etc.

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

By now, our northern evergreens are toughened up to face winter months. A heavy wax coating protects their needle-like and scale-like foliage. Inner fluids contain substances that act as anti-freeze allowing them to withstand all but severest winter conditions. Broad-leaved trees differ. Leaves are wider, thin, and quite tender. There's no protection by insulating cover and thin watery fluid in leaf cells freezes readily. As nights get longer, a marvelous adjustment is made. The chlorophyll responsible for the green coloration of leaves is gradually eliminated. Rich yellow and gold tones natural to the leaves are unmasked and together with the reds of accumulated sugars provide us the blaze of fall color. The breathtaking display enriches every vantage point from the frame of a front window, from the porch swing, from roadways and woodland trails.



FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

The fall feeding period is on us. Water temperature was down to 58 degrees on the lake I fished on September 27th. It was a deep clear lake and we fished sunken islands between 37 to 46 feet. Many fish were marked, but no success.

The algae has died and most lakes are now clear. Panfish are gathering in schools and working the upper water column. Get your fly rods out, look for surface activity on calm days and have fun. Bas and northern are in the green weeds. Walleye are all over depending on your lake. Start to slow down and use live bait.

FRANK KLAMIK

Voices of Trees

We drive the highway
walled by voices.

The trees refuse
to meekly bow
to the leafless time
of winter.

They shout in a language
of flashing gold
of burnished copper
of oaken bronze.

They sing lustily in fiery scarlets.
Some chant in green.

Our speed blurs and blends the tree calls.
Our hearts catch and hold the message.

We too will not go easy into winter.
Not go quietly into its cold and white.

We will dress in vivid colors
and take soul full satisfaction
in the handiworks of summer
in joys of fall.

We will steep ourselves in the warmth of rosy wines
and the minty wealth of steaming teas.
in the plump bold-orange of pumpkins
in green-black firmness of the squash
in the red and fuchsia petals of the hardy zinnias
and sedate sedums
and the late blue smiles of Johnny-Jump-Ups.

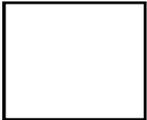
We will feast our eyes
on the glow of summer's cherries in a pie
and the bright berries of viburnums hanging heavy
and wrap our spirits in sweet green lyrics of pine,
the hemlock
and the ever graceful balsam.

We will be ready then,
our senses satisfied,
our spirit sinews strong,
for the months of cold.
Let the winds blow
and the snow fall
and the frosts finger the earth
and draw cleverly upon our windows.

We will be steady
in remembering
the voices of the trees.

~ Cora Mollen

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



COMING SOON! BAKE SALE



Saturday, November 12, 2011
St. Germain Community Center
9 a.m. to sell out.



Bakers needed to contribute baked goods (not cookies).

Workers are needed to serve customers for a couple of hours or more between 9 a.m. and noon.

*Please call **Judy Schell** at **715-542-2321** to sign up.*

* More info to follow in the November newsletter. *



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.