

September 2015

# President's Report



SAYNER-ST. GERMAIN FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB, INC.

Paw Prints

What a fine time we had at the August picnic, with over 60 members plus several guests enjoying a great bar-b-que meal with the trimmings prepared by Rick Polaski. The table full of desserts brought by 10 members really topped off the whole meal! Thanks to those who stayed and took care of cleaning up the pavilion kitchen. A great summer time event.

Speaking of events, please remember our meetings are now all starting at 7:00 p.m. The next presentation about manitees is on Sept 24th at the Community Center.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers at the flea market on Monday's, selling raffle tickets for the 3 prizes that will be drawn on Oct 4th at Cranberry Fest. Our net profit is already several hundred dollars more than last year's raffle, so it should come close to \$4,000 dollars, which will greatly help the Club's treasury, and donations to local organizations. 2 more people are needed to sell tickets at the Cranberry Fest from 9 am to 12 noon. If you can help, please call me @ 715-581-3956.

Thanks, and we hope to see you on the 24th.

*Marv Anderson, President*

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thurs., Sept 24**  
**7:00 PM**  
**St. Germain Community Ctr**

**PROGRAM**  
**“Manitees”**  
**By Jim Pikarski**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Judie Berard, Kathy Schmidt, Mary Lee Miller**

**50/50 TICKET SALES**  
**Dave & Mary Lee Miller**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Thurs., Sept 24**  
**6:00 PM**  
**St. Germain Community Ctr**

**Fish Consumption Advisory Released**

The DNR has announced its 2015 recommendations for fish consumption on Wisconsin waters in a publication called, “[Choose Wisely: A Health Guide for Eating Fish in Wisconsin.](#)” It can be viewed on the DNR website [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and printed booklets will be available this month at DNR service centers. There is also a [search tool](#) on the DNR site where you can look up your local fishing spots.

Toxicology was conducted on fish samples collected from 45 inland lakes and rivers, as well as Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. As with past studies, highest concentrations of contaminants tend to be in older, larger sized gamefish which are higher on the food chain. Advisories are based on the fish size and species combined with the consumer’s age and gender. The DNR recommends that anglers consult the publication to see if there are any changes to the advisories for the waters that they usually fish.

**Thanks for the donations!**

**Mary Ann Coopmans**  
**Gary & Kay Schultz**  
**Steve & Linda Soltwedel**



# Frank's Fishing Report

We now start to think of the upcoming hunting seasons and less about fishing. Shorter days and early evenings signal the start of the fall feed. Water will start to clear as the water temperature drops and there is less boat traffic on the lakes.

Most game fish will tend to look for minnows now and slowly move off crawlers and

leeches.

Fish the green weeds as long as they are there. Also the rock lumps and adjacent mud flats will attract fish during the day. You may have to look as deep as 40 feet if there are few weeds in the lake you are fishing. Trust your electronics to locate fish and then fish for them.

**Frank Klamik**

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Water Lilies are a gift to our summers with their display of gorgeous blossoms and sweeps of shining green leaves. Companions on the waters are the Northern Water Lily with its large, showy, white flowers, and Spatter Dock (Yellow Pond Lily) which bears bright yellow, cup-shaped blossoms along with oval leaves. Though their main flowering season is passed now, colonies of water lilies still dominate quiet lake bays, slow moving streams and wetland ponds with their sun-catching leaves.

These plants are indeed a special gift. They benefit a long list of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians and insects who use them for shelter and food. All parts of the water lily are edible and, in the past, both Native Americans and settlers made use of them. Flowers, stems, seeds and rhizomes were used as food and also for their medicinal properties. The rhizomes were gathered by women who waded and dislodged them with their feet. Food gatherers even raided the piles of the rhizomes that muskrats created for winter supply.

The growth and structure of these water dwelling plants is fascinating. Their popcorn-like seeds (each pod having up to 700 seeds) ride the currents, then drop to the mud

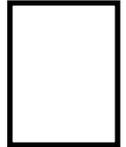
bottom. First to develop is the large, rooted rhizome. It may take three seasons of growth for the plants, pushed gradually upward on strong stems, to reach the water surface, spread leaves and produce its floating blos-



soms. The lily stem is a wonder in itself, containing hollow tubes that allow air flow that benefits both the surface plant and rooted rhizome. The thick, deep green leaves are waterproof and may be as large as 12 inches across. Once pollinated, the lily flower is submerged by special coiling action of its stem. Seeds continue to mature below the surface, then float free. At year's end leaves brown and die back and the rhizome rests below 'til next season's awakening.

*Cora Mollen*

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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 plants.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so they may become care-takers of our water, air, land and wildlife.

*Phone numbers are included so that you may pass along any information, questions and concerns you may have regarding the club.*