



# Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club Newsletter



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## IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

### Welcome to our new members!

Tom and Linda Parr  
Bob Zelinski  
Sylvania Outfitters, Inc.

### This is our third eNewsletter.

Print, Read, Pin It!

### THANK YOU! Headwaters State Bank for printing this newsletter.

This newsletter has been printed for our Snail Mailers as a courtesy by our Land O' Lakes bank. Please be sure to stop by and thank them!

### Many Thanks To Diana and Cheryl!

Thanks goes out to Diana Mehlhop for keeping us informed of all the happenings with the Land O Lakes Fish and Game Club. She has been responsible for the newsletter for 10 years, and is now taking a well-deserved break from that job. Few of us probably realize the time spent on the newsletter each quarter, but certainly appreciate having that information at our fingertips. We also thank Cheryl for taking over. Great job to both of you.

### Valentine's Dinner & Photo Contest Awards Night

by Karen Sattler



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** and celebrate Valentine's Day with Fish and Game Club members. This traditional event will be held at Gateway

Lodge. The evening will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner selections will be Shrimp Delilah (\$21.00), Baked Herb Crusted Chicken (\$20.00) and 6oz. Tenderloin Filet (\$26.50). All entrées include salad, twice-baked potato, dessert, tax and tip. **Reservations need to be made by February 4<sup>th</sup>.** A **Reservation Form** can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. This event is open to the public so invite your family and friends.

Following dinner, Bob Wilson will have a slide show of all photos entered in the annual photo contest and awards will be presented to the winners. **The photo entry deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Details of the photo contest can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

## HELP NEEDED

### Snacks for Monthly Meetings.

Just a reminder about signing up for snacks for club meetings for 2014. We still have openings for July, August and September for providing and serving snacks. If you can help with this, please call or email Rita Kickert at [srkickert@gmail.com](mailto:srkickert@gmail.com) or 547-6972. Thanks to the following: May - Claypools and Mehlhops, June - Rydens and Backhaus, and October - LoMastros and Caudill.

### Program Committee

The Committee would be complete with one more member. Anyone interested? If so, please contact Prudy Caudill, [pcaudill@alphacomm.net](mailto:pcaudill@alphacomm.net).

### LOL Ski Trail

Snow Shoers, Help Please! The portion of the Sylvania Loop of our ski trail that is west of FR 6320 cannot be groomed by machine because part

of the trail is in Sylvania. Our alternate grooming practice is to snow shoe that part of the trail after a significant amount of snow has fallen.

The length of this portion of the trail is about a half mile, and we do an up and back so there is a mile of travel total. We are looking for a group of folks that would like to join in this activity. There are good choices for adding on more mileage for those who would like to. If interested please send an email to [turnquist.bob@gmail.com](mailto:turnquist.bob@gmail.com) and state in general terms what good or bad days or times are. Thank you.

### QUARTER'S HIGHLIGHTS

#### **2013 Christmas Dinner Dance & Social**

*by Cheryl Pytlarz*



It was a grand evening at the Gateway for 95 members and their friends at the annual Christmas Dinner Dance. By 2014 our Twelve Days of Christmas performance, always led by Jim Thomas, will be ready for the production camera crew. Many thanks for the carol music accompanied by Jennifer Anderson, on violin and Mark Hovel on acoustic guitar.

The night's highlight was the dance floor... songs for dancing couples, songs for dancing friends. A very lively and fun affair full of fond memories and a yearning to return again in 2014. Many this year made a point to dress up, likely a response to the many days of sub-zero temperatures.

Many thanks to those who arranged the Dinner Dance this year: Karen Sattler, Chris and Gary

Ebert, Rhoda and Dale Sharpee, Mike and Diana Brennand and Cheryl Pytlarz.



### UPCOMING OUTINGS CALENDAR

The members of the Outdoor Activity Committee are looking forward to some great snow in the Northwoods this winter so we can all enjoy outside activities in this beautiful area we call home! (If the rest of the winter follows December's example, we won't be disappointed.)

- Jan. 10 deadline to sign up for the ski, snowshoe, and potluck lunch on Jan. 15.
- Jan. 15, 10:30 AM cross country ski, snowshoe, and potluck lunch at the Land O Lakes trails followed by lunch at the Piel's.
- Feb. 11, 9:30 AM meet at Nordine's to carpool to Lake Superior for the hike to the ice caves.
- March 3 deadline to sign up for ski and snow shoe event at the Conserve School.
- March 6 10:30 cross country ski and snowshoe followed by lunch at the Conserve School.

*(Mike) Brennand's Corner Ole and Lars go ice fishin. Ole pulls out his new thermos and Lars says to him, "Ole, whatcha got der?"*

*Ole says, "Well Lars, dis here's a thermos. It keeps hot tings hot, and it keeps cold tings cold."*

*After awhile, Lars gets curious and says, "Vell Ole, whatcha got in dat der thermos?"*

*Ole says, "Vell Lars, I got a popsicle, and two cups a coffee."*

## 2013 EVENING PROGRAM & MEETINGS

### Year End Highlights

By Prudy Caudill

In *May* Tony Campion from Eagle River Search and Rescue spoke to us on the topic of "Getting from Lost to Found".

In *June* Maria Janavick from the Northern Institute for Applied Climate Science spoke to us on "Climate Changes".

In *July* a speaker from Michigan Technological University on - "The Ecology of Modern Mining".

In *August* Roger LaBine from the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Watersmeet spoke on "Wild Rice Harvesting". It was also the Ice Cream Social.

In *September* Joe Bodewes spoke of his experience of kayaking around Lake Superior with his two young sons in the summer of 2011.

In *October* Tom Steele and Noah Lottig spoke to us on the "Changes in the Northwood's Population and Land Use and it's Effect on Lake Ecosystems". Here is the link to the lake data taken for over a hundred years by Birge Juday. This link should make it easy for folks to find historical data for their lakes.

<http://lter.limnology.wisc.edu/data/filter/6320>

A number of interesting topics have already been suggested for next year. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. The program committee consists of Steve Kickert, Rose Backhaus, James Marrs, Chris Tews, and Mary LoMastro. The Committee would be complete with one more member. Anyone interested? If so, please contact Prudy Caudill, [pcaudill@alphacom.net](mailto:pcaudill@alphacom.net).

Thanks everyone for a great year of programs.

### Science on Tap Minocqua

Did you enjoy the program at the October meeting? If you did, Tom Steele, Jim Katz, and others have organized a monthly science discussion that is held the first Wednesday of the month at the Minocqua Brewing Company in Minocqua. Information is available at <http://scienceontapminocqua.org>. Their events

are streamed live on the Internet and past events are available on the website.

Up coming discussions:

Jan. 8 - (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. due to New Years) Carnivores in the Northwoods, cougars, bears and wolves as neighbors.

Feb. 5 - Lifestyle and Aging

WHERE: Minocqua Brewing Company, 238 Lakeshore Drive, Minocqua - Phone: (715) 356-2600

WHEN: First Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm



Can't miss these shoes! Whose are they?

Answer on page 4.

## UPCOMING OUTINGS - The Inside Scoop

### Ski or Snowshoe the Land O Lakes Trail

On January 15, the Outdoor Activity Committee will host a cross country ski and snowshoe event on the Land O Lakes Cross Country Trail located off of Duck Lake Road. These trails are maintained by volunteers from the Fish and Game Club through a cooperative effort with the Forest Service. The trails offer a variety of terrain for cross country skiers of all abilities and the East side of the trail system is groomed sufficiently wide to accommodate those on snowshoes without compromising the ski tracks groomed for classic skiers.

We will begin the skiing/snowshoeing at 10:30 and immediately afterwards Alan and Debbie Piel will

host the group for a potluck lunch at their home on Twist Lake located near the ski trails.

The Piels have graciously offered to provide soup and chili for the group, while everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, plus their own beverages. Will and Jody Buergey will handle the sign up list for this event. You can contact Jody at [jbueg@juno.com](mailto:jbueg@juno.com) while Will's email address is [buergeyw@alphacomm.net](mailto:buergeyw@alphacomm.net). (Telephone 906-544-2673.)

Please sign up by January 10, so the Piels will know how much soup and chili to prepare. There is limited parking at the house, so be sure to carpool to this event. If we run out of parking at the house, participants may park at the parking lot at the trail head on Duck Lake Road and we will run a shuttle service to pick you up.

### Hiking Trip to the Lake Superior Ice Caves



On February 11, all club members and guests are invited to meet at Nordines at 9:30 to carpool to the Lake Superior ice caves near Cornucopia. This can be a somewhat strenuous hike covering approximately a mile (each way) over varied conditions, but you will not believe the beautiful sights that await you once you reach the caves! Participants are urged to bring hiking sticks, ice

cleats, and plenty of warm clothing. A short description of the caves can be found at this link: <http://archive.mensjournal.com/the-sea-caves-of-lake-superior>

On the way to the caves, we will stop at the Deep Water Grill in Ashland for lunch and a tour of the South Shore Brewery which is co-located with the restaurant. Sign up details for this event will be provided in an email to all members at the beginning of February.

### Ski or Snowshoe Conserve School Trails

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 6, when the Conserve School will host members of the Fish and Game Club for a cross country ski and snowshoe event on their beautiful groomed trails, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch at the school's cafeteria. We will meet at the main activity building of the school at 10:30 to begin the ski/snowshoe event, followed by lunch at noon. The cost of the catered lunch will be \$6 per person. Due to the fact that students will be present on campus, no alcohol is allowed on the school premises. Signups for this event will be handled by Mary Thomas at [merriete@frontier.com](mailto:merriete@frontier.com) and begin in late February with a deadline of March 3.

### BOARD NEWS

#### Trig's Community Support Program

*by Dale Sharpee*

When you shop at Trig's, write the Club's ID number, **44S**, on your receipt and deposit the receipt in the designated box at the Trig's store in Eagle River. The receipts can be deposited on the day of purchase or any day thereafter. The Club receives **1 %** of the total amount accumulated from receipts listing ID number **44S**. Thanks to those of you who deposited your receipts, the Club recently received \$107 from Trig's.

**Whose Shoes Answer: Go-Mary Thomas**

## 2013-14 Membership Report

by Mary Thomas

Our end of the year membership stands at 238 individual members which is down over 20 members from previous years. Our business membership is up with one new business joining us! Thank you to all for your support.

The business members for this year include:

Forest Lake Country Store  
Gateway Lodge  
Headwaters State Bank  
LaChance Law Office  
Land O'Lakes Pharmacy  
Land O'Lakes Service Center  
Meyer & Associates Insurance Agency  
Peter J. Schindelholz, DDS  
Simple Life  
Stop's Refrigeration, Inc  
Sunrise Lodge  
Sylvania Forestry, LLC  
Sylvania Outfitters, Inc (new)  
T&M Lanes  
Thomas Financial Planning  
TJ Grizzlies  
Trading Post Internationale

### Fish and Game Club 2014 Photo Contest Rules

Time is quickly passing and the **deadline for the photo contest is January 31, 2014**. So, get those pictures out that you took during 2013 and pick the ones you're convinced will win. Or head out into the wintery wonderland for a wintery photo. Photos must be taken in our immediate area (approximately 50 miles radius of Land O' Lakes).

#### Four categories:

1. Close ups of nature.
2. Wildlife.
3. People and pets enjoying the Northwood's.
4. Northwood's scenery in our area.

#### Rules:

1. You can enter only TWO of the four categories.
2. Each family member can submit only TWO photos per category.

3. Previous entries are not allowed.
4. Photos cannot be larger than 4" x 6".
5. Each photo must have name, address, phone number and category on the back of each photo.

#### Prizes:

1. \$15.00 for first place in each category.
2. \$10.00 for second place in each category.
3. \$5.00 for third place in each category.
4. Honorable mention.

**Take your entries to Meyer Insurance Office in Land O' Lakes.** Open Monday - Friday, 9:00am - noon & 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Or, mail to their office at: Meyer & Associates Insurance Agency, 4169 Hwy B, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540

**Winners will be announced at the club's Valentines Dinner on February 13, 2014.**

Winning photos will be put on display at the Headwaters State Bank in Land O' Lakes.

If you have any questions please call Bob Wilson at 319-383-8203 or David Gunderson at 715-547-3153

## NATURE NOTES BY PETER DRING

### ASPEN (QUAKING)

The wood is used for making wooden buckets, wood dishes and paper pulp. Its inner bark, although intensely bitter, is the chosen food of the beaver.

### BOX ELDER

The Box elder is also called the Ash-leaved Maple because it has compound leaves. Some leaves have three leaf-lets and are good imitations of poison ivy leaves.

### IRONWOOD

The wood is extremely dark and tough, hence the name Ironwood. It is also called the Hop Hornbeam because the seeds are borne in a papery tuft resembling a hop. The stringy bark peels off in narrow strips.

### OAK (RED)

The hard, close-grained, reddish brown wood of the Red Oak is used for heavy construction, railroad ties, mine props, cooperage and furniture.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### **Educational Grant Committee**

*by Kathleen Kuchevar*

#### **2013-2014 Educational Grants Awarded**

The Educational Grant Committee met November 13th to prioritize teacher requests. Members are Kathy Floriano, Jean Reiels, Rhoda Sharpee, Sherry Zoars and Kathleen Kuchevar, chair person. The committee discussed and prioritized the applications. The LOL F&G Club Board members selected and approved six grant requests and three others partially. A total of twelve requests were received for the 2013-2014 school year. The following projects were awarded financial grants as indicated.

**Laura Weber**, Northland Pines Middle School, Grade 6 Science, 10-20 Students. Wisconsin Worm Watch to work with Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Species Partnership (WHIP) and the DNR after school Science Club. -- **\$300.00** to educate students and experience fieldwork to collect data, confirm how far worms spread and to understand the significance of earth worms as an invasive species in our forests. The earthworm consumes the same vegetation as what is necessary for regeneration of forests. WHIP trained personnel will work with students to educate and collect worm data twice a year.

**Gus Holzbauer**, Christ Lutheran School, Eagle River, Student, Grades 6&7 Science. Dissecting Kits, Approved by Principal Chris Mueller. -- **\$200.15** to learn how to dissect animals such as frogs, earthworms, crayfish, grasshoppers, etc., to learn about habitat and environment and to learn about the anatomy of a self sustaining resource that many rely on for a livelihood.

**Jessica Jung**, Eagle River Elementary, Grade 1, 75 Students. Field Trip to Ottawa Visitors Center and Watersmeet Trout Hatchery and Fish Farm. -- **\$450.00** to experience hands on outdoor activities such as a nature hike and close ups with hand lenses, story telling and forest ecology, to observe a fish hatchery habitat and experience fish feeding all relating to classroom

learning. DNR poles will be available for outdoor casting activities..

**Holly Geiger**, St. Germain, Grades 3,4 &5. Outdoor Environmental Education, Trees For Tomorrow, June 6, 2014. -- **\$500.00** to involve students in hands on outdoor environmental learning in small groups. Forestry, wildlife and water activities will correspond to state learning standards.

**Lenette Spiess**, Christ Lutheran School Eagle River, Grades 1-3. -- **\$178.00** to enhance the Science curriculum by giving students a tangible way to envision life cycles of eight different animals and plants.

**Samuel Holzbauer**, Christ Lutheran School, Eagle River, Student, Grades 6,7 &8 Science. The Wind Turbine, Approved by Principal Chris Mueller -- **\$499.99** to allow students to observe and learn the science of clean alternative energy and its uses instead of harmful resources and to teach students to be environmentally friendly looking to the future.

**Andrew Richard**, Phelps High School, Grades 9-12. Woodworking and Environmental Science. -- **\$461.80** to develop an understanding of forest ecology systems of the north woods, how land is managed for different types of timber production and how logging decisions affect timber species and quality. Students will understand the complete cycle to produce lumber, growing conditions affecting quality, availability and cost.

**Don Anderson**, Land O' Lakes School of Applied Options and Research (SOAR) Grades 5,6 & 7. Community Garden with Kate Neville. - **\$205.00** to learn organic gardening, awareness of effects on the environment and to research the building of raised planting beds.

**Kate Neville**, Land O' Lakes SOAR, Grades 5, 6 & 7. 43 Students + K-5 LOL Elementary. Community Garden with Don Anderson. -- **\$205.00** to instill in students a sense of community and to conduct research in providing organically grown produce.

All of the above project descriptions are condensed versions of detailed requests submitted by the educators. The Educational

Grant Committee has diligently discussed each request, weighing the impact on teachers and the direct benefits affecting student learning. The effort of everyone involved in the decisions relating to grant funds are greatly appreciated.

### Education Fund

*by Jim Thomas*



Balance as of 12/10/13 is \$29,527.53. The Fund's purpose is to support educational grants given to teachers for programs to foster the conservation of natural resources through the education of our young people. If you would like information on educational grants, the Club has a brochure describing the program. Donations made to this fund are only used for teacher grants or scholarships and are not used for general operating expenses. If you would like information about this fund, call Jim Thomas at 715-547-3556. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, send your check to Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club, Education Fund, P.O. Box 516, Land O' Lakes, WI, 54540-0516.

### Outdoor Activity Committee

**Seeking New Committee Members/Ideas.** The committee is always looking for new members to attend one of our planning meetings or to provide ideas for new adventures. If you would like to assist the committee, please contact Will Buergey at: [buergeyw@alphacomm.net](mailto:buergeyw@alphacomm.net) or 906-544-2673.

### LOL Ski Trail Open!

*by Bob Turnquist and Chris Tews*

Late this fall we built a Kiosk for the parking lot that will be used to display a large map and other information. We should have the map posted by Christmas.

We have snow. Our early snow was great until the rain that followed and created a crust. We groomed and were able to set a fairly good track although the broken up crust and subsequent frigid weather made the trail hard and a little

bumpy. The little bit of snow we received on Sunday, Dec 8 improved the trails significantly.

The trails may not be as good as they are later in the year, but they certainly are skiable. So, get out and ski!

To get to the trails, go north out of Land O Lakes about 2 miles on East Duck Lake Rd. (next to the library). The parking lot and trailhead are located on the east side of the road. You are now in the middle of the trail system with the east and west sections on each side of the road. A map is posted at the trailhead, as well as at all intersections. A donation tube is also located at the trailhead. Donations are appreciated to help with the costs of equipment maintenance and grooming.

Skiing east from the parking lot, the East Trails take you through a lovely section of pines and connect you to a forested 3-mile loop. The terrain is gentle and rolling and suitable for skiers of all abilities. Deer tracks and other wildlife signs are seen on and across the trails. A one-mile extra loop at the northeast end offers the thrill and challenge of some steeper hills and a vista view at the top of the bluff. The extra-wide grooming allows snowshoers to go alongside the ski tracks and enjoy this section of trails.

Entrance into the West Trails is across E. Duck Lk. Rd. from the parking lot. You immediately glide into a beautiful low canopy of forest and enter into a winter wonderland. Along the trail, white paper birch, maple and other hardwoods, majestic white pines and hemlocks add to the beauty of the scene. A variety of loops comprise the 4 miles of West trails. New sections of trail were built 3 years ago to add more hills and winding runs through the natural hilly terrain. More advanced skiers will enjoy the new downhill run on the Sunset Ridge Loop. The Sylvania Loop takes skiers into the picturesque and serene Sylvania Wilderness. Volunteers from the Fish and Game Club manually snowshoe-pack and ski-in this wilderness portion of trail where machine grooming is not allowed. The design and flow of the West loops give skiers plenty of choice in terrain and distance.

The groomers for the 2013-14 season are Alan Piel, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist.

For more information, contact the Land O Lakes Chamber of Commerce 715-547-3432, the Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center at Watersmeet 906-358-4724, or online at [www.landolakes-wi.org](http://www.landolakes-wi.org). A map of the ski trails is at the end of this newsletter, page 11.

### SIGHTINGS

*SIGHTINGS* is an eNewsletter column for members to share their animal sightings. Keep it in mind throughout the seasons and please don't be afraid to share!

Late Sept. I am not exactly sure of the date but a few weeks ago there were a couple cars pulled over on the shoulder of HWY B along Landing Lake near the old saw mill. There were two Trumpeter Swans taking a break from their flight south. None of us had a camera! Jim Thomas



Winter rest is Here! Are you resting?

### CLUB HISTORY NOTES

#### History of the LOL XC Ski Trails

*by Chris Tews*

Just north of the Wisconsin-Michigan border in the Ottawa National Forest are the Land O Lakes Cross Country Ski Trails. With abundant lake-effect snowfall and beautiful national forest scenery, these trails have delighted skiers for decades. The Land O Lakes Fish & Game Club grooms and maintains these trails, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. The current trail system offers 9 miles of well-maintained trails in two sections, the East and West Trails. They are single-track groomed on a regular basis for classical, traditional skiing. The East Trails are

groomed extra-wide to accommodate snowshoeing.

The Land O Lakes Cross Country Ski Trails may not be as well known as others in the area, but their history goes back to the mid 1970s when cross country skiing was the new and exciting sport in the northwoods. In those early days, over 20 miles of groomed ski trail ran between North Land O Lakes and Watersmeet. Sylvania Outfitters in Watersmeet and Pineaire Motel in North Land O Lakes collaborated on this trail, with additional loops near each of their businesses. Other local resorts and businesses caught the skiing excitement and became involved in the promotion of the sport and trails. Ideas flowed with hopes of skiing from one resort/business to another. At both the north and south ends, connector trails extended west to Sylvania Wilderness for skiing access into this pristine area of frozen lakes and virgin timber. In the early 1980s, racing enthusiasts enjoyed participating in a ski race that started in downtown Land O Lakes and finished at Sylvania Outfitters in Watersmeet. It was appropriately called The Border Stampede.

As the years went by, changes occurred and maintenance of the long connecting border trail was discontinued. During that time the trails near Land O Lakes received less use and attention. Sylvania Outfitters kept and expanded their own trail system which today includes 24 kilometers of Tidd-Tech groomed trail.

Then about 12 years ago, local individuals worked to bring the Land O Lakes XC ski trails back to life, with help from the Land O Lakes Fish & Game Club and the U. S. Forest Service. They cleared the existing trails and did the grooming with a leased Alpine snowmobile from Sylvania Outfitters. The main loop was on the east side of E. Duck Lake Rd. with additional trail on the west side. Improvements and expansion have continued on the trails, and in recent years, grants obtained to purchase newer grooming equipment. Today the trails are a wonderful blend of original trails and new development, with quality grooming through use of the new equipment.



The Northwoods has an amazing history with cross country ski trails. The Land O Lakes XC Ski Trails are among these historic trails which continue to offer quality skiing and beautiful outdoor experiences. People involved with these trails over the years include Fred Duerkop, Joe LoMastro, Bob Turnquist, Bob Zelinski and many others. The groomers for the 2013-14 season are Alan Piel, Jeff Pytlarz, Bob Turnquist.

## OUTINGS STORIES



### **Service Day**

*by Cheryl Pytlarz*

On July 23, 2013, nine Fish and Game Club members joined Wally Brinkmann, President of Friends of Sylvania, to continue Friends efforts to preserve the wildness of Sylvania Wilderness. For three hours along Forest Road 6320 three groups leap-frogged for 2.5 miles. Along the way there was a lot of learning going on .... fun kind of learning about good plants and bad plants, and how to remove the bad plants successfully so they won't return again. At the end of the day, dozens of trash bags filled with weed seeds and plants were left on 6320 for the Forest Service to dispose of.

Forest Road 6320 marks the eastern boundary of Sylvania Wilderness. It and all of Sylvania borders are areas of high priority for Friends. The borders are one of the seed sources for invasive species entering the wilderness, along with animal and human introductions. Roads in particular are a huge invasive plant seed bank because they are regularly disturbed, a condition that invites invasive species. In addition if new fill is brought in to repair a road-side it is very likely to contain invasive weed seeds.

The ten of us enjoyed the fresh air of that summer morning, made new friends and gained knowledge that we brought back to our own yards. There is nothing more rewarding than removing plant species that will take over a landscape, in

turn allowing our native grasses, sedges and flowers to prevail! Oh and I love the exercise! Thank you all and hope to see you in 2014!



Left to right, back to front: Bob Cascarano, Sara Beedie, David Sherrill, Carol Sherrill, Cheryl Pytlarz, Please identify, Jim Claypool, Kathy Gelb, Wally Brinkmann, Ty Pytlarz. Not shown, Rod Sharka.

### **Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minocqua**

Despite the cold and rainy weather, 16 members enjoyed a tour of the Northwoods Wildlife Center on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We learned about various hawk and owl species that have been rescued and unable to return to the wild. Birds such as the screech, barred and snowy owl, red tail hawk and bald eagle are living at the center. The up close views of the birds increased our appreciation for their beauty. The center is a non-profit that provides rescue, rehabilitation and release services to injured wildlife.



**CLUB BOARD MEMBERS**

Please note that there are new officers and directors for the Fish and Game Club 2013-14 year listed here.

President	(duties shared by Board members)	
Vice-President	Karen Sattler	715-547-1142
Secretary	Rita Kickert	715-547-6972
Treasurer	Dale Sharpee	906-544-2463
Directors	Mike Brennand	906-544-2366
	Will Buergey	906-544-2673
	Gary Ebert	906-358-4246
	Sudy Wattson	906-544-2461

**DON'T FORGET THE CLUB'S EMAIL ADDRESS!!!**

[fishandgameclub@frontier.com](mailto:fishandgameclub@frontier.com)

We send out periodic e-mail reminders about meetings, activities and outings that are going on within the Club.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list, send your request to Mary Thomas at [\*fishandgameclub@frontier.com\*](mailto:fishandgameclub@frontier.com)



**Reservation Form for Valentine's Dinner**



The annual **Fish Game Club Valentine's Dinner** will be held on Thursday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at **Gateway Lodge**. The evening will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All entrées include salad, twice-baked potato and a Valentine's dessert, tax and tip. Following dinner, Bob Wilson will have a slide show of all photos entered in the annual photo contest and awards will be presented to the winners.

Please fill out this form and enclose a check for the appropriate amount made payable to the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club. **Reservations need to be made by February 4<sup>th</sup>**. Your check will be your reservation.

Please indicate your choice of entrée:

**Baked Herb Crusted Chicken \$20.00**

**Shrimp Delilah**

**\$21.00**

(Tiger shrimp sautéed with asparagus in a mushroom garlic butter sauce served over linguine.)

**Tenderloin Filet**

**\$26.50**

(6oz. char-broiled to perfection)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include a phone number should a question arise:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with remittance to:** Sharon Rehling, P.O.Box 489, Watersmeet, MI 49969



# Land O' Lakes Cross Country Ski Trails

OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST

**Groomed**

**Primitive**

**Segment Length in Miles**

**Trail Number**

**Difficulty Level Symbols**

- EASIER
- MORE DIFFICULT
- MOST DIFFICULT

**Segment Length in Miles**

**Directional Arrows**

