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# Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club eNewsletter

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## IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

### Welcome to our new members!

James and Karel Cripe  
John and Linda Hammer

### 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!

### Formation of the Public Land Service Committee

A new Fish and Game Club committee has been formed to unite the public land service projects the club has been doing. See the article on page 6.

### HELP NEEDED

**Program & Meeting Committee** is down to four members and is seeking 2 more for 2015. Please contact Chris Tews if you are interested in helping, 715-547-6869, [cptews@frontier.com](mailto:cptews@frontier.com).

**Outdoor Activity 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@alphacom.net](mailto:buergeyw@alphacom.net) or 906-544-2673.



## CLUB CALENDAR: Save the dates

This new calendar format will incorporate all of the club events, Outings, Programs and Meetings, and Community Service projects. Once you have an event date, get it to the editor for the next newsletter, even if the event is later than the newsletter coverage. Please contact the newsletter editor for comments, [cherylpooh@aol.com](mailto:cherylpooh@aol.com).

**April 25** 10:30AM, Camp Survey Training, LOL Library Community Room

**Mid-May** TBD by email, Spring Wildflower Hike

**May 13** 7pm, Club Program and meeting, Ely Memorial Church

**May 31** Michigan Road Clean Up, email coming

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**Aug. 5** 9AM, Keep Sylvania Beautiful (FoS), Pytlarz home

**Aug. 9** 9AM, Keep Sylvania Beautiful (FoS), Pytlarz home

**Aug. 12** 7pm, Club Program and meeting, Ely Memorial Church

**Sept 6** Michigan Road Clean Up, email coming

**Sept. 9** 7pm, Club Program and meeting, Ely Memorial Church

**Sept. 27** TBD, National Public Lands Day

**Oct. 14** 7pm, Club Program and meeting, Ely Memorial Church

### Brennand's Corner

Two guys were on lake fishing, using worms. One of the guys gets a nibble and reels in his line. He caught a bottle. He uncorks the bottle and out comes a genie. He grants him one wish, so the guy thinks and thinks. Finally he said: "I wish this whole lake were beer!" Poof!!! The lake turns to beer. The other guy looks at him and said: "You idiot, now we have to pee in the boat!"

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Valentine's Dinner & Photo Contest Awards

by Cheryl Pytlarz & Karen Sattler

Valentine's Day Eve it was all about good hugs, good company, good food and fantastic photos! Gateway Lodge was the site of the Club's Annual Valentine's Dinner. Sixty folks enjoyed good food and fellowship. Following dinner, everyone was entertained with a slideshow of all the photo contest entries. The highlight of the evening was Bob Wilson's presentation of the award winning photographs. The Club wants to say thank you to Karen Sattler for working with Gateway to plan the menu, to Sharon Rehling, Inge Owens and Deb Piel for handling reservations and decorations, to Bob Wilson and Dave Gunderson for coordinating the photo contest and to Gateway for opening their doors for the private party event. Check out more photos of the festivities and the contest photos at <http://fishandgameclub.org/Photo%20Contest%202014.html>



### 2014 Photo Contest

by Bob Wilson

Forty one people submitted 107 photos to the annual Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club Photo Contest. A sincere thank you goes to Tim Gaffney, professional photographer and judge. Congratulations to the participants and winners. First place winners received \$15, second place winners \$10 and third place winners \$5. Winning photos are on display at the Headwaters State Bank in Land O' Lakes all this year.

Following are the winners of the 2014 photo contest:

#### Category 1: CLOSE UPS OF NATURE

1st place: Dave Franzen "Tree Frog"

2nd place: Joan Renberg "Yellow Jacket"

3rd place: Joan Renberg "Tiger Swallowtail"

Honorable Mention: Dick Owen "Dragonfly at Work"

#### Category 2: WILDLIFE

1st place: Dave Franzen "Indigo Bunting"

2nd place: Perry Renberg "Cedar Waxwing"

3rd place: Dave Franzen "Barred Owl"

Honorable Mention: Joan Renberg "Curious Pair"

#### Category 3: PEOPLE AND PETS ENJOYING THE NORTHWOODS

1st place: Vicki White "My Pet Dragonfly"

2nd place: Easton Otto "What A Catch"

3rd Place: Vicki White "Outdoor Shower At The Lake"

Honorable Mention: Tom Ferguson "Kayak Adventure"

#### Category 4: NORTHWOODS SCENERY

1st place: Bob Wilson "Kakabika Falls"

2nd place: Gene Nackers "Sunset At The Lake"

3rd place: David Palmquist "Waxing Crescent Moon at Sunset"

Honorable Mention: Kathy Jamieson "Winter Dreamscape"

Check out the photo entries and winners at:

<http://fishandgameclub.org/Photo%20Contest%202014.html>

### WAITING FOR SPRING



Daily motivation: <http://officeoflois.blogspot.com>



### LOON APPRECIATION WEEK: 1st Week of May

LoonWatch promotes loon education and conservation during Loon Appreciation Week (held the first week of May). Check out this web-site to read the latest about the LoonWatch program:

<http://www.northland.edu/sigurd-olson-environmental-institute-loon-watch-appreciation-week-sponsors.htm>

## UPCOMING OUTINGS CALENDAR

The members of the Outdoor Activity Committee are looking forward to the arrival of warmer temperatures so that we can enjoy some typical spring outdoor events. The planned outdoor activities for this term are below. More will come and will be noted in the July newsletter.

**Mid-May** TBD by email, Spring Wildflower Hike

**June 21** 10AM, Hike to O-kun-de-kun Falls, Nordines, Watersmeet

## UPCOMING OUTINGS - THE INSIDE SCOOP

### Spring Wildflower Identification Hike

*by Will Buergy*

In mid-May, the Outdoor Activity Committee will be hosting a spring ephemeral wildflower hike on an area nature trail. The date and location for this event will be weather dependent, and further details will be provided in early May to those on the Fish and Game Club's email distribution list and posted on the website.

### Hike to O-kun-de-kun Falls

*by Will Buergy*

On Saturday June 21st the Outdoor Activity Committee will celebrate the arrival of summer with a hike to beautiful O-kun-de-kun Falls (also known as Baltimore Falls) located eight miles north of Bruce Crossing off of Highway 45.

From the parking area, we will hike approximately a mile and a half along a portion of the North Country Trail to reach the picturesque falls. The area at the base of the falls is a perfect location to enjoy a picnic lunch accompanied by the sounds of the falls and the rushing Baltimore River.

We will meet at Nordine's commuter lot in Watersmeet at 10:00 AM to form carpools for the drive to the North Country Trail parking lot near the falls. We will enjoy a no-host picnic at the falls, so please plan on bringing the food and beverage of your choice. Sign up details for this event will be provided later.



## 2014 EVENING PROGRAM & MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (May thru October), at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. Light refreshments are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings feature a guest speaker, followed by a short business meeting. The public is invited and there is no charge. A list of upcoming programs follows:

**May 13** -- Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co.-- program presented by Peter Hansen on the history and work of WVIC as stewards of one of our state's greatest resources, the Wisconsin River, and as it relates to our northern lakes and the rivers that flow into the Wisconsin.

**June 10** -- Porcupine Mountain State Park -- Bob Wild, Park Interpreter and Naturalist at the Porkies, will present an overview of the Park, including programs, facilities and activities.

**July 8** -- Aquatic Invasive Species -- Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich, aquatic biologists working with the ISCCW (Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet), will present a program on the status of aquatic invasive species in our area.

**Aug. 12** -- Geocaching Experience and Ice Cream Social -- Rollie Alger from Phelps will introduce us to geocaching (using GPS to find hidden caches) and set up a hands-on experience in searching for caches.

**Sept. 9** -- Archaeology/Historical artifacts of the Upper Midwest, Bill Reardon, U.S. Forest Service retiree and amateur archaeologist will speak on historical and copper culture artifacts in our northwoods and the Upper Midwest.

**Oct. 14** -- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission -- This program will discuss the important role GLIFWC plays in protecting tribal treaty rights and the natural resources we all cherish.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

### Michigan Road Clean Up

*by Team Ryden*

A big thank you to all our people who have helped us in the past. This year we will be doing the Adopt-A-Highway clean up on Hwy. 2 on Saturday May 31 2014 and Saturday September 6 2014. Hope for good weather and not much trash. We will E-mail a week before the clean up ....lee and jess

### Wisconsin Road Clean Up

*by Team Wenzel*

Greg and Mary Jo Wenzel are in charge of the Wisconsin Adopt-A-Highway road clean up on Hwy B. There will be a Spring and a Fall clean up. Please e-mail [gswenzel@yahoo.com](mailto:gswenzel@yahoo.com) or call 906-358-0242 if you can help out. A clean roadside is a happy roadside! We will send an email out with the Spring date when we are back in town. We will make a last minute appeal for volunteers at the May general meeting.

## PUBLIC LAND SERVICE CALENDAR

Public land abounds in the northwoods. And the need for land management has become an important requirement for maintaining the plant and wildlife health. Fish and Game Club has historically been a leader in our area for community service activities that enhance our plants and wildlife. Please join us for the following summer activities. Contact Cheryl Pytlarz to register, 906-544-2524, [cherylpooh@aol.com](mailto:cherylpooh@aol.com)

**April 25** 10:30AM, Sylvania Camp Survey Training, LOL Library Community Room

**May - June** Sylvania Camp Surveys

**July 29** 9AM, Friends of Sylvania "Keep Sylvania Beautiful", Pytlarz home

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## PUBLIC SERVICE - THE INSIDE SCOOP

### Sylvania Wilderness Campsite Surveys

*by Cheryl Pytlarz*



It's here again, WHICH MEANS SPRING IS COMING?! This year is going to be a bit different because of the late spring like 2013 and more importantly because the northern entrance to Sylvania will be closed for

infrastructure improvements. Clark Lake boat landing, day use area and campground will be closed all summer. The Crooked Lake boat landing closes June 15 for the rest of the summer. Surveyors doing the canoe-in Clark Lake campsites will have to canoe in off of Helen Lake, with parking at Snap Jack Lake or if there is room at Helen Lake launch. No other access to the wilderness should be affected for surveyors.

Volunteer teams of 2 - 4 people (The Buddy System rules!) will hike or paddle to Sylvania campsites, survey their condition, clean out the fire rings and take those 1000 word photos for the Forest Service.

**Training Meeting:** Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. at LOL Library's Community Room. We will review the survey forms, confirm campsites assignments, review safety protocols, and sign the USFS insurance forms. Because of USFS safety rules, you MUST attend the training meeting to participate and be covered under USFS insurance, and we encourage assignments before the training session. If you cannot attend you need to have someone attend in your place and sign the USFS insurance forms for you. With a new coordinator at the helm this year, all surveyors are

highly encouraged to attend the meeting as a get-to-know-you. Nibbles and coffee on the house.

Project Protocol, items to bring on the survey and words of caution will be spelled out at the training session and sent in a future email reminder about the training session.

**Volunteer Deadline:** Friday, April 25.

**Contact to Volunteer:** Cheryl Pytlarz, 906-544-2524 or [cherylpooh@aol.com](mailto:cherylpooh@aol.com). I'll need your name, e-mail and/or phone number, whether you intend to hike or paddle and have site preferences. If you have a team that would like to go together, let me know all the names and contact info. Thanks for your participation. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

## North Country Trail Maintenance

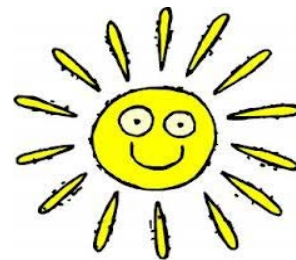
*by Cheryl Pytlarz & Rita Kickert*

The club maintains a short section of the North Country National Scenic Trail north of Trout Creek. This hiking path stretches 4,600 miles from New York to North Dakota. The responsibilities include checking the trail in the spring and fall to make sure it is clear and that the signage is still there. Brush clearing is necessary for this section. Periodically trail markers will need to be replaced.

Jennifer Anderson managed the trail section originally and now Steve and Rita Kickert have taken this on, having done it the past two years.

Here are directions to the trail head for the section of the trail that Fish and Game Club manages: From Trout Creek, take Gardiner Road north approximately 15 miles. Parking for the trailhead is on the left. A short spur trail at the end of the parking lot leads to the main trail. The section we maintain begins at this junction and extends east .77 miles to the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River.

There is a National Trails Day hike held the first Saturday of June every year in America, it is the National Hiking Society trail awareness program. So trails all over the Nation have special events that day.



### Brennand's Corner

Two guys are out hunting deer. The first guy says, "Did you see that?" "No," the second guy says. "Well, a bald eagle just flew overhead," the first guy says. "Oh," says the second guy. A couple of minutes later, The first guy says, "Did you see that?" "See what?" the second guy asks. "Are you blind? There was a big, black bear walking on that hill, over there." "Oh," says the second guy. A few minutes later the first guy says: "Did you see that?" By now, the second guy is getting aggravated, so he says, "Yes, I did!" And the first guy says: "Then why did you step in it?"

## BOARD NEWS

### Trig's Community Support Programs

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. The funds that the Club receives from this program are one of the sources of revenue in the annual budget. Since July 1, 2013, the Club has received \$145 from these receipts.

### Treasurer's Report

by Dale Sharpee

Your membership dues provide the majority of the revenue that is budgeted to be used to support the Club's programs and activities as well as its administrative expenses. This fiscal year 92 % of the budgeted revenue is from these dues. As of March 1st, the revenue received from these dues, \$2,905, was \$45 less than what had been budgeted for the year.

Headwaters State Bank offered to provide photocopies of the January and the current issue of the newsletter at no cost to the Club. These copies of the newsletter are provided to those members who had requested receiving printed copies instead of receiving them electronically. \$150 had been budgeted to pay for the cost of printing three issues of the newsletter. The donation by Headwaters State Bank will reduce the impact of the shortfall in revenue from dues.

Expenses paid during the first nine months of the fiscal year were in line with what had been budgeted. I expect that funds will be available to meet the expenses that were budgeted for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

So far this fiscal year the amount received from contributions to the Education Fund is \$2,980. (See article on page 6 pertaining to the Education Fund.) Thank-you to those of you who have contributed to this Fund.

## NATURE NOTES BY PETER DRING

### SPRING FEVER

Rarest mood of all the year!  
Aimless, idle and content  
Sky and wave and atmosphere  
Wholly indolent.

*James Whitcomb Riley*

### SPRING FEVER

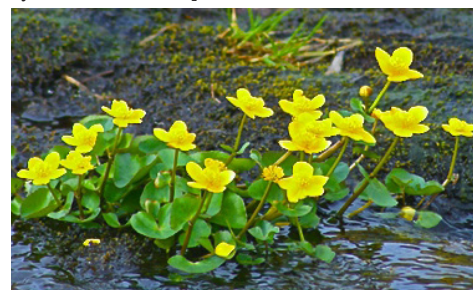
#### {DREAMING THAT} SPRING IS HERE

Loiter here where the shrill clamor  
of frogs and red-winged blackbirds  
rattles on and on; where wild ducks  
feed or rest on the glinting water;  
where herons lurk to spear a fish and  
a V-shaped ripple means a swimming  
muskrat.



### MARSH MARIGOLD [Caltha palustris]

A lover of swampy meadows and wet woods. Many people call them cowslips. Its large, showy, rich yellow flowers contrast with its deep green foliage. Once commonly known as Mary's Gold. [Marsh marigold is a quality native species in the midwest and can be seen in bloom in May/June on Hwy 2 to Ironwood.]



*Please thank Headwaters State Bank*

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### Educational Grant Committee

by Kathleen Kuchevar

The Committee has received several status reports of projects and expressions of appreciation from recipients.

Jessica Jung, Eagle River Elementary School: I would like to thank you for approving my grant. I am very excited to be able to plan this wonderful field trip to the Ottawa National Forest Visitors Center and Watersmeet Fish Hatchery for the whole first grade class at Eagle River Elementary. I know the kids will enjoy learning about the outdoors and seeing first-hand how fish are raised. The students always enjoy feeding fish and doing a little fishing themselves. I appreciate your generosity and know that the kids will enjoy the opportunity as well.

Andrew Richard, Tech Ed, Phelps High School: Thank you for approving "Woodworking and Environmental Science". We are very grateful for your grant award. We look forward to the added complexity and knowledge the students will gain from working with quality forestry tools.

Laura Weber, Northland Pines Middle School: Thank you for your participation in awarding my Science Club a \$300.00 grant to aid in our search of the Wisconsin Earth Worm. Our program with WHIP (Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Partnership) and the DNR has completed its initial counts this past fall. It was a great experience for our students who now have a greater understanding of a new invasive species. We will soon be attending a Science Expo in Green Bay. Student comments in the past were, "We should do this every weekend!" Currently the club members are building toothpick bridges using a budget/balance sheet/checking account and certain stipulations. The club will also be involved in the district Science/Math week activities. As you can see, your money will go to good use as our students will be able to expand their knowledge of science and the world around them. Thank you for allowing us these opportunities and for allowing the Science Club to get on our feet. If any of your members want to join us for Science Club, we meet in my classroom every Monday from 3:30 to 5:00. Please call to set up an appointment at 715-479-6479 ext. 4223.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### Education Fund

by Jim Thomas



Balance as of 3/14/14 is \$31,732.09. 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.

### Public Land Service Committee

by Cheryl Pytlarz

In early March the Fish and Game Club board created the Public Land Service Committee for management of community service projects being held on Public Lands. The programs under the club are not new, but it gives them a home for club operations.

Committee Chair: Cheryl Pytlarz

Members: Rod Sharka, Steve and Rita Kickert

The following services are a part of this committee and are managed by the noted people:

Friends of Sylvania "Keeping Sylvania Beautiful", Cheryl Pytlarz  
National Public Lands Day, Cheryl Pytlarz  
North Country Trail Maintenance, Steve and Rita Kickert  
Sylvania Camp Surveys, Cheryl Pytlarz

If a club member wants to offer an additional public land service activity than those listed above, then contact Cheryl.

### Scholarship Committee

by Ursula Charaf

"The Scholarship Committee has contacted Northland Pines, Phelps and Watersmeet High Schools and informed them that funds are available from the LaChance Memorial Scholarship and the Land O'Lake's Fish and Game Club for one or more Senior Environmental Scholarships. Applications must be received by March 31. After screening the applications, the Committee will interview students that meet the scholarship criteria and make their recommendations to the Board of the Fish & Game Club. The decisions will be made by the Board at their meeting on April 22.

### Ski Trail Report

by Bob Turnquist

As you all know snow came early this year. We groomed the trails the first time on December 5 and have groomed many times since. The heavy snows and strong winds in February made grooming difficult. Sorry that we could not get the trails groomed sooner after these events. Unfortunately, time is required to allow the snow to set up between smoothing and leveling the trail and grooming, in order to set tracks. Alan Piel and Jeff Pytlarz have been helping with the grooming, with Jeff doing the lion's share. Be sure to thank these volunteers when you see them.

Warming conditions as spring approaches makes grooming very difficult at times. Grooming cannot be done at temperatures above 25 degrees. Icy conditions caused by freeze and thaw cycles make grooming very difficult with our equipment. We will do our best to keep the trails groomed.

Lots of snow means lots of grooming. We have incurred over \$500 in grooming expenses so far this year. Your donations are appreciated.

Spring skiing is sometimes as challenging as is spring grooming. There will be ice so you need to be careful on the hills and maybe even avoid them. By timing your ski right by getting out when the icy crust is softening and before things get sticky, you can have a wonderful time skiing on warm days.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season and remember the trails are a great place to hike when the snow is gone.

## CLUB HISTORY NOTES

### Letter from Vi Becker

by Diana Mehlhop

This letter was written by Vi Becker on May 12, 1998. It was the year the Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Vi Becker was the first woman to serve as town chairwoman in Wisconsin. She died in 2012. This letter was found in the Vi Becker Correspondence File at the LOL Historical Society.

"Dear Ellie:

Just received the May 1st Market Place from my daughter Carol. How I wish I could be at the 50 year celebration (of the Fish & Game Club) at Stateline May 28th.

I have been reading the articles written. I was at that first meeting with Tony and Mary Hrbacek & Curt Sparks & Celia & her sister Clara Butler.

I served as the recording secretary of the Fish & Game Club for many years. From the first year 1948 until in the early seventies I think. My husband passed away in 1970 and I still headed the committee (for the Fish & Game Club) that ran the Boat Regatta on Black Oak Lake & a Fish Fry with local guides doing the fish. I had a list of townspeople and summer home owners that I contacted every year and they donated the same thing every year. Probably still have the list.

Ceil and Clara cut cabbage for the slaw we served, and I made the dressing. Have the recipe still. One year we ran out of cabbage but Joe Handlos let us “steal” it from, his garden and we cut it by hand and caught up with the dinners. The men ran a beer stand (3/\$1.00). The Fish Fries started out \$1.00 then \$1.25, etc. We usually cleared 2 or 3 thousand dollars, which was our money maker.

In the winter we had Ice Fishing Jamborees on Black Oak Lake. The last two years we had them on Lac Vieux Desert. Had a beer stand and food stand then too – not fish though. Brats and hamburgers, I think. Tony & Mary & I were the last ones on the ice one year. The tent was down and we were going to pack up the tent. Mary found two full cans of beer left over. She gave one to Tony and one to me and said “I’m tired, let’s sit right here and drink them”. It had been a pretty warm day and we were all tired. Mary left us to go do something and Tony & I sat on the ice enjoying our beer, backs against the tent. When Mary come back, she looked at us a little funny and said “You two are nuts. Do you realize you’re sitting in the water?” And we were! We were tired to begin with and with our soggy clothes we had a terrible time getting the tent down. The Town Crew helped and hauled it away – Art Heinig and Earl Glinski. We worked hard, laughed a lot, had fun and got things done.

Then snowmobiling came along and I got involved in starting the Frosty Club and on to helping organize the AWSC (Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs) in Madison.

Herb Dickman belonged to Fish & Game but also Lions Club. So for these activities he handled the races and between us we got the tickets, etc. A lot of work and time but we enjoyed it. When we could no longer chair these events, they were discontinued.

With my husband gone, I had two teen age sons, a business (Wanigan Club – now named The Bear Trap Inn), town job, was on the county board, had a secretarial job and was director of the AWSC and Tavern League of Wisconsin.”

This is where the letter ends. I suspect there was more to this letter but it never made it to the file. It showcases one individual who believed in community service and worked hard for the Land O’ Lakes Fish & Game Club.

## OUTINGS STORIES

### Ski/Snowshoe the LOL Trail

*by Will Buergy*



On January 15, 2014, 32 club members participated in a ski and snowshoe outing on the Land O Lakes Ski Trail, maintained by the Fish and Game Club with significant financial support from the US Forest Service.

This event and the post-ski pot luck dinner were hosted by Al and Debbie Piel at their beautiful home on Twist Lake, adjacent to the ski trail.

The ski trails were in perfect condition, due to the efforts of our volunteer groomers: Alan Piel, Jeff Pytlarz, and Bob Turnquist.

Everyone had a great time, and we especially enjoyed the chili and soups that Debbie Piel prepared for our dining pleasure, while Al used his new snow blower to ensure there was plenty of available parking!

### Hike to Ice Caves

*by Will Buergy*

On February 11, twenty-nine club members enjoyed a beautiful hike to the Lake Superior Ice Caves located between Cornucopia and Bayfield, Wisconsin. The group met at Nordines parking lot to form carpools for the drive to the caves.

In route to Cornucopia, we stopped for lunch and a brewery tour at the Deepwater Grill and South Shore Brewery in Ashland, Wisconsin. The grill’s staff did an outstanding job of serving lunch to such a large group in an efficient manner and the fact-filled, but humorous brewery tour was led by South Shore’s owner/head brew master Bo Belanger.

This was the first time in five years that the ice caves have been accessible to hikers over the frozen surface of Lake Superior and this beautiful natural wonder has recently been featured on local, regional, and national television programs. Those of us who attended this event can bear witness to the fact that this glorious shoreline and its unique winter features are a national treasure!



### Ski/Snowshoe Conserve School Trails

On March 6 the Conserve School and its headmaster, Stefan Anderson hosted 26 club members for an outing on the school’s beautiful cross country ski trails. The school grounds feature perfectly groomed trails through pristine forests, suitable for skiers and snow-shoers of all skill levels.

Following the outing, the school treated all participants to a complimentary lunch in the school’s main activity building. Our thanks to Stefan and the Conserve School staff for hosting this great event—can we come back next year?

*Please thank Headwaters State Bank*

## CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Officers and directors for the Fish and Game Club 2013-14 year listed here.

President	Karen Sattler	715-547-1142
Vice-President	(duties shared by Board members)	
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)



Winter Beauty.

But maybe it is time for a different kind.