



Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club

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IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome to our new members!

- Doug and Mary Malinsky
- Marvin Strauch
- Robert and Janis Wahlbeck
- Tom and Chris Kalupa
- Tom and Karen Dowd
- Mike and Pastor Mary Willis

CLUB CALENDAR: Save the dates

Please contact the newsletter editor with new dates, cherylpooh@aol.com.

- April 28** 10 AM, Sylvania Camp Survey Training, LOL Library Community Rm., Contact Cheryl Pytlarz for more info, cherylpooh@aol.com
- May 5** 6PM, Dinner, 7PM "A Year in the Wilderness" presentation @ Conserve School, pg. 2
- May 20** 9AM, Agonikak Trail Spring Clean Up. Contact Jim Thomas for more info, jnt5738@frontier.com
- May 23** 8:15AM, North Country Trail Maintenance, pg. 2
- May 23** 9AM, Wisconsin Road Clean Up, pg.3
- May 27** 10AM, Tree Give Away @ Summer Launch, Park Pavillion, LOL.
- June 3** 10AM, Michigan Road Clean Up, pg. 3
- June 13** 7PM, "Hiking the Appalachian Trail," Club meeting, Ely Memorial Church, pg. 2
- June 28** 10AM, Eagle Waste Recycling Facility Tour. Meet at LOL BP to carpool, pg. 5
- July 11** 7PM, "Boreal Frogs," Club meeting, Ely Memorial Church, pg. 2
- Aug 8** 7PM, "FIREWISE," Smokey the Bear, Club meeting, Ely Memorial Church, pg. 2
- Sept 9** 10AM, Michigan Road Clean Up, pg. 3
- Sept 12** 7PM, Ice Cream Social & FG Historical Slides, Club meeting, Ely Memorial Church, pg. 2
- Sept 14** 9AM, Wisconsin Road Clean Up, pg. 3
- Oct 10** 7PM, "Insects," UW Insect Diagnostic Lab, Club meeting, Ely Memorial Church, pg. 2

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

VALENTINE'S DINNER & PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS

by Sharon Rehling

On February 14th, 2017, 60 people gathered at the Gateway Lodge for a delicious dinner and to celebrate Valentine's Day. The photo contest was the highlight of the entertainment with pictures of flora, fauna, our beautiful countryside and great activity in the northwoods. Good conversation was enjoyed by all at this yearly event.



Bond Falls on April 13, 2017

UPCOMING OUTINGS CALENDAR

The club is seeking a revival of the Outdoor Activity Committee. If you are interested in leading the committee contact the Club Board. In the meantime if you have an activity you want to lead contact the Club board with your ideas.

June 28 10AM, Eagle Waste Recycling Facility Tour. Meet at LOL BP to carpool

UPCOMING OUTING THE INSIDE SCOOP

Tour Eagle River Waste Recycling Facility

by Greg Wenzel

See details about the tour and Greg's thoughts about recycling on page 5.

2017 EVENING PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

Club meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month, May thru October, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Ely Memorial Church in Land O Lakes. Light refreshments are available beginning at 6:30 pm. The meetings feature a guest speaker, followed by a short business meeting. The public is invited and there is no charge. Here are the 2017 programs:

May 5 (Friday) "A Year in the Wilderness": May's program is a joint Fish & Game Club and Conserve School event. On Friday, May 5, at 7:00 pm at Conserve School, speakers Dave & Amy Freeman will give a presentation on their 2015 year-long adventure, their 2015 year-long adventure in the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness to protect the BWCA from proposed sulfide-ore copper mining on the wilderness edge, and to teach people about the BWCA. For those who wish, dinner is available at 6:00 pm before the program; cost is \$10.00 per person (call Conserve at 715-547-1300 to register). The program is free for Fish & Game members, \$5.00 for non-members.

June 13 Hiking the Appalachian Trail: Tom Stephens and Jessica Allen, owners of The Hiker Box in Eagle River, will give a presentation/slide show of their hike on the Appalachian Trail. They also will talk generally about hiking in our area, and show equipment like hiking poles that are good aids for hiking.

July 11 Boreal Frogs: Our speaker will be Andrew Badje, a representative of the DNR, who will present on the monitoring and study of boreal frogs -- their well being and life, and impact that their environmental habits have on their reproductive health and other issues, and their overall impact on the environment.

August 8 FIREWISE: With Smokey The Bear's birthday on August 9, we are pleased to have Jamie Remme, Forest Ranger with the Wis. DNR in Eagle River, give a presentation on fire prevention/fire danger in our area and the FIREWISE program that raises awareness of fire safety issues around our homes.

September 12 Ice Cream Social and Historic Slide Show: Come for a fun night of socializing and enjoying a slide show of "historic" photos from the early days of the Fish & Game Club, plus outings and activities over the years.

October 10 Insects: Our speaker is PJ Liesch who heads up the University of Wisconsin's Insect Diagnostic Lab. He is a frequent guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's Larry Meiller Show and is an expert on the insects of Wisconsin. He will discuss the work of the Diagnostic Lab, how it can help you, and look at some of the more interesting cases it has worked on and well as insect population trends in the state. Bring your bug questions!

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."

Brennand's Corner

PUBLIC LAND SERVICE CALENDAR

April 28 10 AM, Sylvania Camp Survey Training, LOL Library Community Rm., Contact Cheryl Pytlarz for more info, cherylpooh@aol.com

May - June Sylvania Camp Surveys

May 20 9AM, Agonikak Trail Spring Clean Up. Contact Jim Thomas for more info, jnt5738@frontier.com

May 23 9AM, North Country Trail Workday, Meet @ Nordines, May 24 rain date

Sept. 30 TBD, National Public Lands Day

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE PROJECTS THE INSIDE SCOOP

North Country Trail Maintenance

by Team Kickert

It's that time of year again. We are looking for volunteers to help us with the LOL Fish and Game section of the North Country Trail (2.4 mile stretch west of O-kun-de-kun trail head on US 45) Trail maintenance is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd, with an alternate date of Wednesday, May 24th. Last year we were blessed with a big group of hard working volunteers and hope you and others are available again.

If you can help this year, here is the info: Meet for breakfast at the Roadhouse by Nordine's at 8:15AM. Carpool/caravan from Nordine's parking lot at 9:00. Work until around 1:00 then head on home.

Bring weed eaters, loppers, bow saws, hammer. Wear gloves, sturdy boots, bug netting, insect repellent, rain gear.

Contact Steve or Rita Kickert if you can help or have any questions. 715 547-6972 or cell 715 891-5348, or srkickert@gmail.com



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Michigan Road Clean Up

by Team Ryden

Happy Spring to our Fish'n Game family. Our dates this year to clean up Hwy 2 are 10AM June 3 and 10AM Sept 9. For both dates meet by the Watersmeet sign on US 2.

Keeping it green and clean, Lee & Jessica Ryden

Wisconsin Road Clean Up

by Team Wenzel

The 2017 Wisconsin roadside litter pick up dates have been scheduled. The spring event will be held on May 23rd and the fall event will be held on September 14th. Rain dates are scheduled for the following days in the event of rain. Volunteers are asked to meet at the intersection of Highways B & S at 9AM. Many hands make light work and quick work of the job. Please join us for some fresh air, hopefully some sunshine and a great opportunity to demonstrate civic pride! Greg and Mary Jo Wenzel.

Sept. 14, 9AM is the Fall clean up date.

BOARD NEWS

Amazon Smile Community Support

by Dale Sharpee

When Trig's initiated a gift card program, Script, on May 1, 2015, the Board chose not to participate. There is another source of financial support that is now available for the Club. This support is from the AmazonSmile Foundation. This Foundation created a program whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations selected by their customers. An account for the Club has been created so that donations can be received from this program. A donation from the Foundation was received in February. Thank-you to those of you whom are participating in this program. If you would like more information on AmazonSmile, refer to "Frequently Asked Questions" on <http://org.amazon.com>. If you chose to support our Club through this program, the following will link you directly to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1604410): <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1604410>. (The number in the link is the Club's EIN.)

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 the administrative expenses. As of March 31st the revenue received from these dues, \$2,685, was \$65 less than what had been budgeted for this fiscal year (July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017).

Expenses that have been paid during the first nine months of the fiscal year were in line with what had been budgeted. As of March 31st funds are available to meet the remaining operating expenses that were budgeted for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Club is in the final year of a 5 year cost sharing agreement with the Ottawa National Forest for the maintenance and grooming of the hiking and x-country ski trail. The Ottawa National Forest has budgeted funds to reimburse the Club for a portion of the grooming and maintenance expenses that are incurred during the current federal fiscal year (October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017). I will be submitting a request to the Ottawa National Forest to reimburse the Club for the expenses that were incurred during the past ski season.

So far this fiscal year the amount received from contributions to the Education Fund is \$3,380. (See article in this issue pertaining to the Education Fund.) Thank-you to those of you whom have contributed to this Fund.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Education Fund

by Jim Thomas



Balance as of 4/16/17 was \$ \$34,274.25. 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.

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

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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 Stefan Anderson at Stefan.Anderson@ConserveSchool.org

Educational Grant Committee

by Kathleen Kuchevar

The Committee has received several expressions of appreciation from teachers for the Club's generosity for the 2016-2017 school year.

Nancy Foster, **St. Germain Elementary School**: "I would like to thank you for funding the purchase of a grow light. The light will offer more opportunities for our students as we prepare for our garden. Your generosity is greatly appreciated."

Rene Liddell, **Watersmeet School**: "I am so grateful for the grant given to me. I am so excited to start my "green" unit in the spring. My students will be able to learn about renewable energy hands-on. Involving my students with this project will be a great experience."

Kim Lewandowski, **Eagle River Elementary School**: "Thank you for selecting my grant proposal. I have had a plaque made in recognition of this to be displayed in Mr. Wilfer's Class as he is our head "Bee Keeper." We have submitted a photo to the newspaper and posted information on the School District website. The students are very excited to get in the suits and get up close to the bees this spring. I am excited to know that younger community members will also have this opportunity to see the magic of how bees make honey."

Molly Allard, **Watersmeet School**: "Thank you so much for financing the supplies for my project. Having a "school" in the school forest is such a thrilling idea. The supplies have arrived and the book of ideas is very inspiring."

Laura Weber, **Northland Pines, Eagle River**: "Thank you so much for awarding me a \$400.00 grant to defray the cost of the liners for the recyclable containers here in school. We found the on line prices to be better so we will be getting the most for our money. Thank you again for the opportunity to begin a recycling program in our lunch room in the PK-8 Building. I look forward to learning how many tons of trash we keep out of our landfill, but most importantly teaching our students how to recycle and save our environment."

Scott Foster, Principal, **Northland Pines High School, Eagle River**: "We'd like to take a moment to thank you for awarding a grant to Patrick Stemper and Mrs. Perry at SOAR High School to study Aquaponics System – Project Based Learning. Monies from the grant are being used in the SOAR Charter School for students to witness and monitor the progression of the project. We'd like to thank members of the LOL Fish and Game Club for your continued support of the students of our school. It is because of the generosity of your organization that our tree project was made possible, and we thank you for wonderful experiences you have made possible for the students of our school."

**What's the difference between a hunter and a fisherman?
A hunter lies in wait. A fisherman waits and lies.**

**Brennand's Corner
Again!!**

Educational Grant Committee

continued

Amy Justice and Peter Aerts **Northland Pines High School, Eagle River**: "We would like to thank you for the generous grant we have been gifted. We have witnessed that the best learning happens when students can make science concepts applicable and hands-on. The plans we have for the water testing equipment will allow us to connect concepts taught in Life Science, Ecology and Chemistry to real world application of water quality in the northwoods. It will allow students to become citizen monitors and share information with the WI DNR and other agencies."

Thank you so much for the needed chemistry kits and the bussing to the water testing sites so that they can learn about true field work. It is very important for students who live in such a water rich community to understand the dynamics that go on with these resources about the impact that the health of these waters have on the very livelihood of our northern communities."

OUTINGS STORIES

Snowshoe Outing to Jennings Lake

by Kathy Floriano

On March 2nd, twelve winter enthusiasts enjoyed a snowshoe outing into the Ottawa. They snowshoed through the woods, going around Jennings Lake before stopping for lunch by a campfire in one of nature's finest restaurants. It was a great way to enjoy a beautiful winter day! Thanks go to Bob Turnquist and Jim Floriano for organizing this activity.





Tour

by Greg Wenzel

A tour of the Eagle Waste recycling facility in Eagle River is scheduled for 10:30am on June 28th, 2017. At the opening of every Fish and Game Club meeting, members recite the conservation pledge. We resolve to faithfully defend our natural resources from waste. There are many ways we can fulfill that pledge. One of those ways is to recycle all the discards we can and divert recyclable items from landfills.

During WWII, patriotic Americans rallied behind the war effort and a tremendous effort was made to conserve resources and recycle reusable materials. Many folks of that generation developed a mindset that focused on minimizing unnecessary waste. Having lived through the depression, and the war years, they developed a great sense of self sufficiency and were pioneers of the concept of "reduce, reuse, and recycle." The concept waned some in the post war years as many conveniences emerged that generated throwaway packaging and many disposable items.

During the 1970's a groundswell movement took hold that developed technology and promoted attitudes for recycling paper, cardboard, glass, metal cans, and some plastics. Many people resisted the arduous task of separating and each of these items for collection.

Additionally, there were those naysayers that simply believed that all this recycling foolishness was folly and that it all ended up in a landfill anyway.

Over time, the process was streamlined, markets for recycled resources expanded and there was a genuine recognition that the effort was saving valuable and expensive landfill space and natural resources were preserved. Substantially less energy was utilized by recycling rather than making products from raw materials.

Great advances in the recycling world have been made and it is now easier than ever to recycle much of our household waste. Comingled single stream recycling has eliminated the need to separate glass by color, flatten cans, separate plastics by number and separate paper from cardboard. Simply by having one separate container to collect all the fore mention items adjacent to our waste basket, we can direct all our recyclable materials appropriately at both the Land O Lakes and Watersmeet transfer station. In spite of the relative ease and convenience, on every trip to the transfer station I see bags of waste containing recyclable glass, plastic, metal and paper products being dumped into the waste compactor for a trip to the landfill.

Join me in touring the Eagle Waste high tech recycling facility at 10:30 am on June 28th, 2017. The tour will take about an hour and will answer all the questions you may have regarding comingled recycling. Hopefully the tour will inspire us to renew our commitment to recycle and direct the valuable resources toward a new life rather than take up space in landfills. We will meet behind the Stateline BP gas station at 10am and carpool to the facility in Eagle River from there. For those interested we can meet for lunch after the tour at a restaurant.



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CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

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