



Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club

eNewsletter



70 YEAR TRADITION

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IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome to our new members!

David and Suzanne Juday
Pete and Shelley Peterson
John and Linda Siegworth
Stephen and Carleen Sunderland

CLUB CALENDAR: Save the dates

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

Feb 3-4 3 Bear Sled Dog Races, LOL Town Hall

Feb 14 5:30PM, Valentine's Dinner & Photo Contest, Gateway Lodge. REGISTRATION FORM pg. 5

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT US?

WE REALLY NEED YOU!

Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club is the **OLDEST CLUB** of its kind in the state of Wisconsin.

April 1948, little could the club's founders envision that they started what has become a **SEVENTY-YEAR TRADITION** of conservation, education and service.

Our tradition and age are a result of **ONE SOLID TRUTH** - we have flourished because of members who have and are offering their time, expertise and passion to carry out our traditions.

ARE WE IN A TRANSITION? For our club traditions to continue we **SIMPLY NEED OUR MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER**.

This is a plea for volunteers.

NEEDS ARE:

The **OUTDOOR COMMITTEE** HAS NO MEMBERS-UGH! It is in search of a new chair and committee members. Historically the committee organizes and coordinates outings, including proposing outings for board approval, submits photos and articles for the newsletter and submits email reminders of planned events to the membership, etc. You are welcome to organize an event without being on the committee. Contact Mike Brennand (906) 544-2366 for more information.

The **PROGRAMS COMMITTEE** is STILL looking for another person to complete our 6 member committee, each person organizing ONE program per year! If you have program ideas, please contact Chris Tews

1 at ctews@choicetel.net.

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VALENTINE'S DINNER & PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 14th and celebrate our photo contest winners and Valentine celebration dinner with Fish and Game Club members, their friends and family. This party 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 Chicken Piccata (\$22.80), Jumbo Grilled Shrimp (\$27.60) or Boneless Pork Chop (\$22.80). All entrées include salad, twice baked potato, rolls, butter, coffee, milk and Cherry Pie for dessert, tax and tip. Reservations need to be made by February 5th. A Reservation Form can be found on page 5. in this newsletter. This event is open to the public so invite your family and friends. Following dinner, is the photo contest slide show and awards. (Remember the deadline to enter photos is January 31st.)

The dinner REGISTRATION FORM can be found on page 5.

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Dinner Dance

Photos of this joyful event filled with music, dance and good company are also on page 2 e-newsletter. This is the classiest annual event on the top of Wisconsin!



2017-18 Club Educational Awards Granted to Local School Teachers

A remarkable \$4,584.45 dollars from our education fund is funding 10 school projects this year!

See article on page 3.

Dinner Dance Photos



2017 EVENING PROGRAMS SUMMARY

by Chris Tews

May -- Another wonderful joint Conserve School and Fish & Game Club program: "A Year in the Wilderness" with Dave & Amy Freeman who shared their 2015 year-long adventure in the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness, with focus to protect the BWCA from proposed sulfide-ore copper mining on the wilderness edge and to teach people about the BWCA. This program drew great interest.....and dinner tickets at Conserve were sold out!

June -- Tom Stephens of Hiker Box store in Eagle River spoke about Hiking the Appalachian Trail. He presented a slide show of hiking that he and his wife did on the "AT", and shared his extensive knowledge of equipment and clothing that make hiking and other outdoor activities more fun.

July -- We were treated to a fascinating program on Boreal Frogs by Andrew Badje, representative of the DNR. He not only presented photos of numerous boreal frogs, but included their unique "sounds" for our listening and learning enjoyment.

August -- FIREWISE: an important program that raises awareness of fire safety issues in our Northwoods was presented by Jamie Remme, DNR Forest Ranger from Eagle River. A highlight also was noting Smokey The Bear's 73rd birthday on August 9!

September -- An evening of reminiscing and enjoying ice cream at our Ice Cream Social and Historic Slide Show. Slide show photos took us back to the beginning of the LOL Fish & Game Club and then had us reminiscing over the many wonderful events and activities that members have enjoyed over the years.

October -- Expert "Bug Guy", P. J. Liesch, discussed the work of the Insect Diagnostic Lab which he heads at UW Madison. He shared a number of his most interesting cases and answered attendees "bug" questions.

The 2017 Program Committee consisted of Steve Kickert, Jim Marrs, Margaret Marrs, Rose Backhaus, and Chris Tews, Chairperson. Leaving the committee is Rose Backhaus and new to the committee is Carol

2 Mason-Sherrill.

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Christmas Dinner Dance

by Gary and Chris Ebert

The Fish & Game Club Dinner/Dance for 2017 was held on Friday, December 8 at the Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes. There were 66 reservations for this event, and everyone seemed to have a grand time. Participants started arriving at around 5:00 p.m. for snacks and drinks, followed by rousing renditions of our favorite Christmas carols and holiday songs next to the huge Christmas tree in the Gateway lounge. Linda Brainard accompanied us on her clavinova and did her usual wonderful job.

After returning to the dining room, club president Mike Brennand thank numerous people for their past and ongoing efforts to provide the various activities and services that we all so much enjoy. This was followed by our usual rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," directed by Steve Kickert and with the hearty participation of the diners at all eight tables (some tables performing double duty). Pastor Mary Willis lead us in prayer before dinner was served at approximately 6:30 p.m. There were three entree choices: Shrimp Delilah, Beef Tips, or Baked Herb-Crusted Chicken. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food, and several empty plates were seen. Coffee and dessert completed the meal.

After dinner, the fun really started band Crossroads got fired up. Participants loved the music filled the dance floor. Festivities started winding down at 9:30 p.m. with many tired and happy revelers heading home. We hope to see even more club members at next year's shindig.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Education Fund

by Jim Thomas



Balance as of 11/30/17 was \$34,230.28. 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.

Educational Grant Committee

by Kathleen Kuchevar

The Educational Grant Committee met November 8, 2017 to prioritize teacher requests. Members are Dianne Brennand, Kathy Floriano, Rhoda Sharpee, Sherry Zoars, Peggy Zorr and Kathleen Kuchevar, chair person. The committee discussed and prioritized the applications. A total of 10 requests were received. The LOL F&G Club Board members approved the following projects for financial grants.

Gretchen Hall, Jeff Waltz and Nicole Musial, Eagle River Elementary School, Grade 4, 55 Students. Sustainability of Northwoods Resources -- \$667.18 to allow students to explore local environment and economy. Students will investigate the effects of climate change, of being a good steward, tourism and supporting local businesses. Field Trips and a final Conservation School Fair are planned.

Carrie Olson, St. Germain School, Grade K-2, 40 Students. Lakeland Discovery Center Learn and Explore Field Trip -- \$480.00 to provide students with hands on experiences, to explore and learn about the natural world around them. Spring activities include wildlife, water, trees and plants.

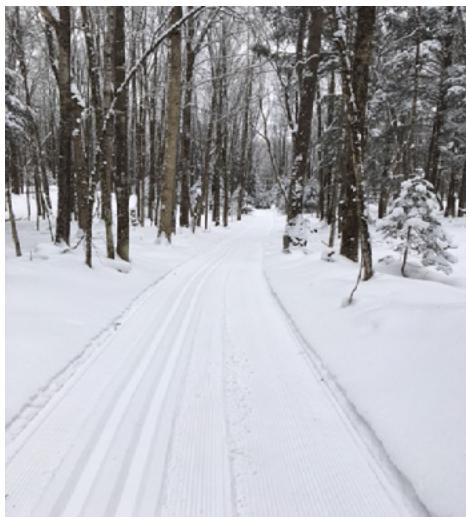
Joe Crownhart and Todd Rhia, Phelps School, Grades Middle School, 22 Students. Day at the Lakeland Discovery center -- \$550.00 to make meaningful connections in the Northwoods to nature which can be utilized for extended study in Science, Math and Language lessons. "Our mission is to inspire our students to learn and care for our beautiful north woods." as potentially life saving if electronic navigation fails.

Holly Geiger, St Germain School, Grades 3-4, 28 Students. Trees for Tomorrow Field Trip: Outdoor Environmental Education -- \$500.00 to involve students in hands on environmental learning through active participation in 3-4 sessions, to cycle through various learning opportunities at this center and to promote team building.

Educational Grant Committee, continues on pg 4

Ski Trail Report

by Bob Turnquist



First Grooming of the season
on December 14, 2017.

Skiers were on edge in early December because of the lack of snow. We did get several lake effect snows with very low moisture. By dragging the trails several times we were able to "knock the air out of the snow" and get it to freeze into usable snow for skiing. Some of us began skiing around December 10 and the first grooming, which occurred December 14 gave us skiable trails, although they were a bit thin in places. We groomed again on December 21 after another snow and before the deep freeze we are still in as of the end of December. Conditions improved and the trail is in good shape except for a couple of thin areas, especially on the Sylvania Loop. We sure could use a little more snow and some warmer temperatures.

Significant work was done on the trail this fall. We had some bulldozing done to level the trails, correct the side to side slope (camber) of the trails especially in the curves, and to make the trail easier for grooming. Volunteers including Fred Duerkop, Will Buergey, Bob Cascarano, Steve Bielke, Steve Cleman, Eric Zorr, and Tom Wheeler did a ton of work picking rocks and cleaning up after the bulldozing. Jeff Pytlars, Joe Lomastro, and Alan Piel provided both time and their tractors for cleanup efforts.

Unfortunately rainy weather prohibited us from finishing the clean up before the trail froze so things are rougher than we had hoped, but still in general smoother than they were before the work. Since the first of October volunteers have contributed over 200 man hours of work on the trail.

Trail maps have been updated and posted on the trail and we now have a stock of maps that we will leave at the trailhead.

We will again post trail conditions on [SkinnySKI.com](http://www.skinnySKI.com). Direct access to our trail conditions is accessed by going to <http://www.skinnySKI.com/trails/traildetail.asp?Id=639>

See you on the trails!
bob

Educational Grant Committee

continued

Nanci Foster, Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center, St. Germain School, Grades 4-K-4, 69 Students. Valiant Grapes -- \$224.00 to expand the garden area adding (perennial) grape plants. (The club funded their Grow Light Project in 2016-17 and they are able to observe growing earlier in the year.) A donation of concord grapes fostered interest in growing their own last year. They experienced juicing, canning and sharing at "Family Events" hosted by students.

Rene Liddell, Watersmeet School, Grade 2, All School Project, 140 Students. Discovering the Forest -- \$744.00 to obtain 3 picnic tables for the school's land. On forest trips students now have to sit on tarps. The school was given 40 acres in 1933 from the state on Scout Lake. The Lac Vieux Desert Tribe makes these tables.

Molly Allard, Watersmeet School, Grade 1. Young Scientific Architects at Work -- \$323.90 to inspire critical thinking skills, to use school forest supplies and microscopes for working in the forest. Various building sets and a microscope with slides will apply.

Jeffrey Libby, Northland Pines Middle SOAR School. 53 Students. Expanding Book Club Options -- \$478.60 to add environmental based literature, to encourage participation in activities and projects involving the outdoors. Multiple copies of Sand County Almanac, Silent Spring and Walden are requested.

Robin Indermuehle, Northland Pines SOAR Middle School, 53 Students. Expanding Book Club Options -- \$255.40 to build a supply of reading materials for the Book Club, to stock choices that would relate to the Earth Sciences and Wisconsin and to allow groups to mix and match resources. Request is for multiple copies of The Monkey Wrench Gang.

Kate Neville, Northland Pines SOAR Middle School, 53 Students. Expanding Book Club Options -- \$361.37 to apply books (a variety of nine titles) revolving around Wisconsin and/or authors and to allow students to experience environmental and depth analysis of the world around them.

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 benefit on student learning. The efforts of everyone involved in the decisions relating to grant funds

OUTING STORY

Logging Site Visit with Ken Adamovich

There was an outing hosted by Ken Adamovich, Master Logger, on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Everyone met in the parking lot across from the Forest Lake Country Store and carpooled to the logging site trail. Ken discussed logging, forestry and answered question.

BOARD NEWS

Amazon Smile Community Support

by Dale Sharpee

If you use Amazon's services, there is an opportunity for you to provide financial support to the Club. The 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. Donations from the Foundation were received during 2017. 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.)

2017-18 Membership Report

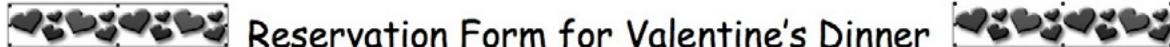
by Margie Marrs

Our end of the year membership stands at 215 individual members, and 15 business memberships. We hope that renewals, which remain outstanding, will continue to pour in. Fish and Game Club thanks everyone for their continued enthusiasm and generous support. Remember to patronize our business community.

Business Members
Conserve School
Dari-Maid Drive-In
Forest Lake Country Store
Gateway Lodge
T.J. Grizzlies
Headwaters State Bank
Land O Lakes Pharmacy
Land O Lakes Service Center
Meyer & Associates Insurance Agency
Pilates at Black Oak
Schindelholz Dental Associates
Sunrise Lodge
Sylvania Forestry, LLC.
Thomas Financial Planning
Trading Post Internationale



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Reservation Form for Valentine's Dinner

The annual Fish Game Club Valentine's Dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 14th 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 special Valentine's dessert, tax and tip. Following dinner we 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 5th. Your check will be your reservation.

Please indicate your choice of entrée:

Chicken Piccata	\$22.80
(Chicken breast in a lemon caper sauce)	
Boneless Pork Chop	\$22.80
(Covered in a Mushroom Sauce)	
Jumbo Grilled Shrimp	\$27.60
(Grilled Tiger Shrimp)	

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**

CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Officers and Directors for the Fish and Game Club
2017-18 year listed here.

President	Mike Brennand	906-544-2366
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	Gary Ebert	906-358-4246
	Sudy Wattson	906-544-2461

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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