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Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club eNewsletter



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IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome to our new members!

Cameron Davidson
Tim and Kathy Hirvela

We look forward to sharing interesting meetings and outdoor adventures with you.

CLUB CALENDAR: Save the dates

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

- Dec. 8** Dinner Dance at Gateway Lodge
- Feb 14** Valentine's Dinner & Photo Contest, Gateway Lodge.

Timing Change for Newsletter

You may have wondered why you haven't seen the April Fish & Game Club newsletter. That is because we are going to 3 publications per year from 4. The new months for publication are February, June and October. The same wonderful content will be presented, just 3 times per year. This change does require more communication and scheduling of events using our email system. Therefore, if you have not shared your email address with us, please do so you get the full range of communication the club offers.

Contact Stefan Anderson with your email address:

Stefan.Anderson@ConserveSchool.org

2018 EVENING PROGRAMS

by Chris Tews

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:

June 12 Loon Watch (Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute): Our speaker will be Al Schwoegler, a long-time Loon Ranger and Speaker's Bureau volunteer. He has been monitoring West and East Horsehead Lakes near Rhinelander since the late 1980s, and mid 90s respectively. He started doing presentations in 1993 and finds the amount of new Loon info since then to be amazing. Al has a lot of great, fascinating stories to share!

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WE STILL REALLY NEED YOU!

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 looking for a new Chair to replace the outgoing Chris Tews. This position would start in November after the 2018 programs are completed. 6 programs are provided May - Oct at the monthly club meetings. Margie Marrs is retiring so the committee is looking for another person to complete our 6 member committee, each person organizing ONE program per year! . If you are willing to chair and/or have program ideas, please contact Chris Tews at ctews@choicetel.net.

Please **Renew Your 2018-19 Membership Today!**
Information & reg form on page 7.

2018 Scholarship Awards

by Gary Ebert

On May 31 the club presented the \$500 John (Jack) LaChance Sr. Environmental Scholarship to Rebecca Caron at Watersmeet Township School. Rebecca earned the valedictorian honors for her class and will be attending Lake Superior State University to become a Nurse Anesthetist. She hopes one day to attend medical school and become an anesthesiologist. Rebecca has demonstrated an interest in the environment by participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program several times while in high school, and hopes someday to adopt her own section of the highway. As a member of the National Honors Society, she helped organize a program to recycle paper at her school. (Cont. pg. 6)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING JULY 10

Directors of the Board are to be elected & other business. Held at ELY Church on Tuesday July 10th following the evening program which begins at 7:00 pm.

2018 EVENING PROGRAMS

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Please give a Thank You!
To ELY Church for housing our Evening Programs

July 10 *Climate Change:* David Barnhill, former Director of Environmental Studies at UW Oshkosh and current chapter leader of Citizen's Climate Lobby of Oneida & Vilas Counties (non-partisan national organization) will give a presentation exploring the questions, "How is climate change affecting Wisconsin and the rest of the planet?", and "What does the future hold?" He will discuss persistent myths about global warming and public difficulty with acceptance of climate science. We'll also survey solutions that are already readily available and what we in the Northwoods can do to fight global warming.

August 14 *Mississippi State UP (Upper Michigan) Predator Prey Research Update.* Mississippi State University has been conducting research on the relationship between whitetail deer and their predators in the UP since 2008. Researchers will share the latest results of their work. This should be a fascinating look at how wildlife research is conducted in the field.

September 11 *State Parks of the Upper Peninsula - An Armchair Tour*
From the Porkies in the west to Straights of Mackinaw in the east, the Upper Peninsula is home to 22 Michigan state parks and recreation areas. Join naturalist Bob Wild for an armchair tour of the UP state parks. Discover the most remote park in the state, a park with a brewery, and a park with a civil war era fort along the way.

October 9 *American Birkebeiner Ski Race Event - Behind the Scenes*
With over 10,000 racers and thousands more spectators, 30 miles and more of ski trail to groom (and maintain year-round), truckloads of snow to dump on Hayward's Main St. for race week, 2000 volunteers to coordinate, all the food and drink for the 7 aid stations on the course, the amount of behind the scenes work that goes into this major cross country ski event is mind-boggling. Ben Popp, Executive Director of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (and Birkie skier), will share with us a fascinating behind the scenes look and what all is involved in putting on North America's largest cross country ski race!

COMMITTEE NEWS

Education Fund

by Jim Thomas

Balance as of 5/24/18 was \$34,204.61. 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,

2 WI, 54540-0516.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Educational Grant Committee

by Kathleen Kuchevar

Several grant recipients have relayed the status of their projects and expressions of appreciation to the club. Quotes from the teachers follow.

Nanci Foster, Montessori Learning Center, St. Germain: "We are pleased you have awarded our grant proposal "Valiant Grapes" funding for the planting of grape plants in our garden. We are so grateful for your continued support. We will keep you informed as we proceed with this project."

Tony Duffek, Principal, St. Germain Elementary School: "Thank you very much for approving the proposal for "Outdoor Environmental Education", Lakeland Discovery Center Learn and Explore Field Trip and the "Valiant Grapes" project. The grapes will enhance our growing in the garden and students learning because we will have the ability to make a more bountiful harvest. The field trips will provide amazing field experiences in which students learn a variety of environmental concepts."

Joe Crownhart and Todd Rhia, Phelps Middle School: "We want to thank you for your club's generosity to fund our trip to the North Lakeland Discovery Center. Students are as enthused as we are for our visit the third week in May. We will have the kids share with you highlights from that trip."

Nicole Musial, Jeff Waltz and Gretchen Hall, Eagle River Elementary School: "On behalf of the fourth grade students and teachers at our school, we are grateful to accept the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club Grant. We look forward to the Sustainability of Northwoods Resources project. Students are eager to learn about stewardship, conservation and the effects of climate change. The project will begin in April and continue throughout the month of May, ending with our conservation fair. Thank you again for this opportunity."

Rene Liddell, Watersmeet Township School: "I want to thank the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club for the generous grant Discovering the Forest. I am so appreciative for the three picnic tables we were able to purchase. These funds will help significantly for our outdoor seating at the school forest. Upon completion I will be ordering an engraved plate for each of the picnic tables recognizing your club for their generosity."

Jeffery Libby, Robin Indermuehle and Kate Neville, SOAR MS Charter School: "We want to thank you for the grant, "Expanding Book Club Options". Students have put stickers in each book identifying them as property of the school and thanking the LOL Fish and Game Club for purchasing them. We will be working with our Library Media Specialist to add the books to the library inventory so any teacher in the district can borrow them also. The project is really going to have an impact on our entire district."

Please thank Headwaters State Bank

Skiing Summary & Summer Hiking Trail

With the recent 90 degree temperatures it feels a little odd to be doing a Ski Trail Report but a season recap is probably in order. It was a good year on the ski trail. I heard many reports stating there were more cars in the parking lot than people had seen before. Even though we did not get good early snow we were able to groom the trail in mid-December and the trail remained skiable until late April. I personally missed the last couple of weeks of March and first two weeks of April but I understand the skiing remained very good. On the last day of April the conditions were good but the warm weather was taking its toll and on May 1 I did ski a bit but the long continuous stretches of snow from the day before were gone. I would like to remind those who put their skis away in March do miss some wonderful spring skiing.

As we seem to be in summer already our thoughts are not on skiing but we should not forget the ski trail which offers great hiking from now until ski season. In the summer the hardwood canopy on the West Side Trails offers great shade and even in hot weather hiking can be comfortable. On cool fall days the East Side Trails, being more open, allow for more sun to keep you warmer.

Hope to see you on the trails both before and after the snow begins falling.

See you on the trails!
bob



UPCOMING OUTINGS, where are you?

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Wisconsin Road Clean Up

The spring cleanup for our section of highway B was conducted on June 1st. Thanks to the following for your help: Bob and Shirley Barnum, Mark White, Kathy and Tim Hirvela, Mary Thomas, Sara Beedie, and Rita Kickert.

- Steve & Lynn Klemman



BOARD NEWS

Treasurer's Report

by Dale Sharpee

The 2017-2018 fiscal year does not conclude until June 30th so 12 months of operating revenue are not available at this time. I can report that revenue from membership dues for the 9 months ending March 31st was \$2,565. This is \$185 less than what had been budgeted for the fiscal year. A report on the operating results for the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be provided in the next newsletter.

Donations to the Education Fund that have been received through March 31st were \$3,135. Thank-you to those of you who have contributed to this fund this fiscal year.

The 2017 Christmas dinner/dance was a self sustaining event.

2018-19 Membership Renewal Begins

by Margie Marrs

The 2017-2018 membership roster remains strong with 222 members, including 24 members unpaid to date for that period, and 15 business members. We are gratified at the continuing support our club has had with dues to enable our activities and beneficiaries. The generosity of members with their donations to the F & G Club Education Fund has provided exciting opportunities for students in our area to learn more about how precious and fragile our earth is, and what they, as young environmentalists, can do to further protect our resources.

The 2018-2019 membership renewal form is included in this Newsletter on page 7. Please consider contributing to the Education Fund again. It is part of the legacy of our club's mission statement. If you did not renew for the past year 2017-2018, the policy is that we will remove your name from our mailing list. If this was an oversight, please include your back dues with your 2018-2019 renewal.

The Club remains viable and strong, and with your involvement, we can continue to enjoy together the riches of the Northwoods.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Work Party Agonikak Trail June 2018

by Jim Thomas

Sixteen volunteers braved the beautiful weather and cleaned-up the Agonikak Trail of all the fall and winter debris. They covered 12 miles of trail. The bugs decided not to come this year. That makes three years of pleasant unbugginess (special UP word). After the work, we all enjoyed pizza provided by Wilderness Lakes Trails and shared stories of the day.

This was our fifth Agonikak work party and we had a lot of fun. Back in 2008 we identified the restoration of the Agonikak National Recreation Trail as a possible public service project for the Fish and Game Club. Once it became part of the trail system being developed by Wilderness Lakes Trails in cooperation with the Town of Watersmeet and the U.S Forest Service, our involvement became critical. Watersmeet agreed to be a sponsor so we could get a grant, but was not in a position to provide maintenance. The USFS agreed that they would be willing to enter into a maintenance agreement with WLT and the F&G Club similar to what we currently do with the hiking and ski trails. In May 2010, the F&G Club approved a three way agreement with the USFS and WLT. We agreed to provide volunteers with the USFS and WLT providing equipment and financial support to maintain the trail.

Thank you to these volunteers!

Bob Turnquist
Sara Beedie
Alan and Debbie Piel
Mary LoMastro
Jeff and Cheryl Pytlarz
Patti Gardner
Mary Bongratz
Tom Wheeler
Steve and Lynn Kleman
Diana Melhop
Pat and Steve Bielke
Bob Cascarano
Norm Nass



PUBLIC LAND SERVICE CALENDAR

Sept. 22 Location/time TBD, National Public Lands Day, 25th Annual NPLD.

More info: <https://www.neefusa.org/npld>

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE PROJECTS

Thank You ALL!

North Country Trail Maintenance

by Team Kickert

On May 22nd, an enthusiastic bunch of LOL Fish and Game members spent the day working on their section of the North Country Trail. This is the 4th year of maintaining this particular section. Such a difference in the trail from the first time. Paths are cleared, logs removed and flagging attached. Thanks to Kathy and Jim Floriano, Debbie Hilbrich, Chris Tews, Norm Nass, Cheryl Pytlarz, Steve and Pat Bielke, and Steve and Rita Kickert. To take a walk on this section, park at O Kun de Kun falls trail parking area on hwy 45 and travel west.



Trail Group that started from the West. Rita Kickert is photographer.



Trail Group that started from the East.

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Sylvania Camp Site Surveys

by Cheryl Pytlarz

A thank you goes out to the loyal Gamers and guests who year after year help out the Forest Service in Sylvania Wilderness. The Wilderness has 50 backcountry campsites accessible only by foot or paddle boat. It takes about 180 volunteer hours to visit all of the sites to survey their condition so Forest Service personnel can service them for the season. Our volunteers look for dangerous trees, clean up dry flammable debris around the fire rings and note whether the latrines need relocating. This volunteer opportunity is a great way to ring in the summer season each year.

Thank you to Norm Nass, Stefan Anderson, Emily Hayne, Conserve School students, Kirt & Pamela Warner, Greg & Yvonne Clark, Tim & Betty Wright, Ron & Rose Backhaus, Lois Bates, Bill Boscamp, Will & Jody Buergey, Bob Cascarano, Eugene Clark, Mary Congdon, Quita Sheehan, Sue Holloway, Diana Mehlhop, Eugene Clark, Bill Grahl, Jeff Pytlarz, Jim Thomas, Cheryl Pytlarz, Leif & Patti Gardner, Karen Turnquist, Deb Schuerr and Pat & Steve Bielke, Deb Hilbrich. I apologize if I forgot someone.



Canoeing White Fish Lake for the 2018 Camp Surveys.



More crew for the Hwy B Clean Up. Not in photos is photographer Rita Kickert.



THANK YOU! to all of the Club Volunteers

The Fish & Game Club is not alone. We too require gracious volunteers to run the organization. Note below, the long list of volunteers required to offer our wonderful civic and social programs. We ask that you consider volunteering, kind of a pay-your-dues for a period of time, so our fine programming can continue. When a program has no volunteers it doesn't happen or only sort of (like our now limited outings because there is no Outings Committee).

The following are the VOLUNTEER OPENINGS at present:

Outing Committee Chair and members (total of 4)
Michigan Road Clean Up Leaders (2 mi. of Hwy 2 in Watersmeet)
Programs Committee Chair and 1 member

THANK YOU:

Board Members

Mike Brennand
Steve Wilkinson
Stefan Anderson
Gary Ebert
Pat Bielke
Dale Sharpee
Sudy Wattson

Education Fund

Jim Thomas

Scholarship Committee

Gary Ebert
Stefan Anderson
Chris Ebert
Rhoda Sharpee

Public Land Service

Rita & Steve Kickert (NCT)
Cheryl Pytlarz (Camp Surveys)

Adopt-A-Highway

Steve & Lynn Klemann (WI)

Membership

Margie Marrs

Dinners & Dance

Karen Sattler

Agonikak Trail

Jim Thomas

Ski/Hiking Trail

Bob Turnquist (chair)
Alan Piel

Evening Programs

Chris Tews (chair)
Carol Mason Sherrill
Steve Kickert
Jim & Margie Marrs

Teacher Grants

Kathleen Kucchevar (chair)
Dianne Brennand
Kathy Floriano Peggy Zorr
Rhoda Sharpee Sherry Zoars

Newsletter

Karen Turnquist
Cheryl Pytlarz

Photography

Stefan Anderson

Publicity

Barb Wilkinson

Thank You to Margie Marrs - Membership Committee

After years of service, Margie Marrs will be stepping down as the chair of the Membership Committee. On behalf of the board and the membership I want to sincerely thank Margie for her dedicated service.

This position involves a significant amount of time and coordination, and is crucial to the organization. Margie's leadership and organizational skills are greatly appreciated and will allow for a smooth transition to Stefan Anderson, the new chair of the committee.

Margie, please know that we genuinely appreciate and value your commitment of time to volunteering with our organization.

2017 Scholarship Awards Updates

Dear Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club,

I am currently almost to the end of my sophomore year of studying Marine Biology at Wisconsin Lutheran College. I have already experienced and learned so many great and interesting things about marine environments in our oceans and here at home in our Wisconsin Lakes.

Last year, I was able to electroshock fish and survey microorganisms in the Honey Creek and Menomonee River here in the Milwaukee Area. The data we collected from this research helped my team determine the health of these water systems. Wisconsin Lutheran College has conducted this research for my many years and we were able to compare our data to previous years to determine if these water system's overall health is improving or declining.

Another exciting research opportunity I am able to experience here at Wisconsin Lutheran is traveling to Grenada each summer to research the island's coral reefs. Wisconsin Lutheran has been conducting this study for over 10 years and it is the longest coral reef study in the Caribbean today.

We have approximately seven different dive locations on reefs both in marine protected and non-protected areas. At each dive location, there are four different transects. Each transect is 100 yards long and at every 12 inches, the diver identifies and records what organism is under the transect line at that location. That data is then collected in a spreadsheet and we are able to determine the health of the reef by the percentages of the what organisms we recorded at each dive location.

Organisms that exemplify a healthy reef are Sponges, Coral, Anemones, and Urchins. Organisms that exemplify an unhealthy reef are large percentages of cyanobacteria and algae. These harmful organisms thrive in high nutrient water and overgrow the reef and block the sunlight from organisms like coral that cannot survive with a lack of light.

The data we have collected over the years has resulted in the Grenadian Government designating more areas of coral reefs as marine protected. This is because our data has shown marine protected reefs are substantially in better health than reefs in non-protected areas. Therefore, our research had directly benefited Grenada's marine environments and coral reefs.

I truly want to thank the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club and all its members for awarding me with such a gracious scholarship. I am beyond profoundly touched and grateful for your organization's contribution to my higher education. I wish you all the best and thank you for believing in me!

Sincerely, Kali Boldebeck

2018 Scholarship Awards *Continued from page 1*

Our \$4000 Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club Senior Environmental Scholarship was not given in 2018 as we did not have a suitable applicant this year. Recall that these scholarships are paid out in four equal installments at the beginning of each academic year, provided the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to be enrolled as a full-time student. Thus this Fall we will be sending out \$1000 to Sara McCormack (the 2017 winner) and \$1000 to Kali Boldebeck (the 2016 winner). Hopefully, both these recipients will be able to present a program at one of our Tuesday night meetings later in their academic careers. The Scholarship Committee feels this is a good way to use the money in our Scholarship Fund, and will increase the likelihood that we are sponsoring students who will make positive impacts on the protection and preservation of the environment upon graduation from the college or university of their choice. Both Sara and Kali submitted articles, which will appear elsewhere in this newsletter, describing their

6 current activities.

Dear Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club,

My first year at the University of Denver has been filled with interesting courses and plenty of new experiences. I am still pursuing a major in environmental chemistry and plan to minor in mathematics and environmental science. Throughout this year, I have been involved in multiple clubs such as Students for Sustainable Food which is involved in caring for the community garden near campus, Pioneers for Pollinators which is working to bring bee hives to the university, and Alpine Club which goes on weekend excursions to the mountains to ski, hike, rock climb or camp. I have also begun working in a professor's research lab here at the university whose work focuses on biological aerosols and atmospheric chemistry. It has been an interesting and informative experience to work with this professor, various graduate students and other undergraduates. This summer, I will return to Land O' Lakes to work at a local business. I hope to volunteer with various environmental related organizations in order to gain experience for internships in future years.

Sincerely, Sara McCormack

Another Successful TREE GIVEAWAY!

by Mike Brennand



The club teamed up again this year with the US Forest Service Toumey Nursery to give away trees at the Land O' Lakes Summer Launch. This year the nursery provided 1,500 trees. The three year event total now stands at an amazing 9,600 trees. Our sincere thanks goes out to the management and

the team at the nursery for the beautiful trees. Many thanks to Joe Lomastro for coordinating the event and to Steve Wilkinson for helping Joe distribute them at the event.

We continue to hear many comments about how impressed folks are with the donation by the Forest Service, the quality of the trees and the participation by the club. We make it a point to ask the many returning customers how the trees they planted in prior years are doing and many commented about the extremely high survival rate.

Toumey nursery is located in Watersmeet, MI and currently has 66 acres dedicated to planting. The number of trees grown in the nursery is determined by each National Forest's yearly projected needs. At full capacity it is capable of producing 12 million saplings per year. The nursery includes 3 greenhouses and 2 hoop houses where the seedlings are started. The bare root trees made available for the Summer Launch are a culmination of two to three years of hard work and intensive management by nursery personnel. Tours can be arranged for a wide range of groups by contacting their office at 906-358-4523.

We look forward to partnering with the Forest Service again for this popular event in future years.

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Please thank Headwaters State Bank

2018-2019 Fish & Game Club Membership Application Form

(Membership year starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$10 per person, \$20 per family and \$15 per business

Membership Payment: \$_____ + Education Fund Contribution: \$_____ = \$_____

We are updating our records. Renewing members, please complete all fields.

Member Names:

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|--|------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| Primary contact name | Primary contact Email |
| _____ | _____ |
| 2 nd member name (Family or Business) | 2 nd member Email |

Primary Contact Address:

Summer Address:

Winter Address (if different):

_____ **CHECK here if you want to continue receiving the newsletter by USPS.** The Board encourages members to NOT check this box, to save resources and club funds.

Make check payable to the Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club

Mail form and remittance to:
Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club
P.O.Box 516
Land O' Lakes,
Wisconsin 54540

Questions about Membership?

Contact Stefan Anderson:

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715-547-1308

CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

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

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| Directors | Pat Bielke | 262-424-4046 |
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