



Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club



eNewsletter

Our 75th year!

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If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership using the form in the Newsletter. Please contact the Newsletter Editor with Club news: dennislaabs2013@gmail.com

SHORT NOTICE EVENT

Carol Mason Sherrill has set up a "pop up" outing, a hike with **John Bates on May 23, 2023, 9:30-noon.**

Participants will meet at the parking lot near the Forest Lake Country store and will walk the Forest Lake section of the Bike Trail. We'll observe the spring ephemerals and listen for the recently returning songbirds. Please register ASAP as this outing will fill up quickly. Limit of 15, cost is \$15 per person. **Contact:**

lofishandgame@gmail.com
or call 608-844-0398

75th Anniversary Events

The 75th Anniversary Committee:

Chair: Carol Mason-Sherril

Steven Chandler,

Ivan Ivanivich

Kathy Tuttle

Chris Ebert

The 75th Anniversary Committee has put together two great June events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary!

JUNE CLUB EVENTS

There will be a **Kick-Off Event on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Lowenwood.** It will feature Mr. Dennis Downes, a national and international speaker on Native American Tree Markers.

For details, copy and paste the *Internet addresses* below onto your browser:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/gail7/dennis-downes-bio.html>

Then there's the **Conservation Fair, June 17, 12-4 p.m. at the Snowflake.** Local conservation groups will have tables with information on many topics. Brett and Frisk will provide great music!! You can pick up a free sapling! You can also grab a burger or hot dog from Phelps/LOL Lions Club!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K8VBFNVYIHKCeeOSN4Hvi37RhleZcv7e/view?usp=gmail>

Upcoming Club Events

To open the 2023 Club Brochure, place your cursor on the Internet address below, then hold down the Control key and Click on the address:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SThC5i3WMu6K7yTnixbriPTmH2n02AfX/view>

2023 Programs

June 3 "Native American Trail Markers" presented by Dennis Downs, national and international author and artist

July 12 "Dragonflies" by Dr. Robert Bohana, biologist, limnologist, ecologist, and naturalist

August 2 "Aldo Leopold's Shack, Nina's Story" presented by Nancy Nye Hunt, author of the book by this title.

September 6 "Loons and Birds" Presenter: Joe Kaplan, Director of Common Coast Research & Conservation

October 4 "FLOW" (For Love of Water) presented by Dave Dempsey, policy advisor for FLOW (For Love of Lakes)

2023 Outings

June 4, 2:00-4:00 "Ontonagon Trail Hike" Register: Robert Ivancevich: ivansusancaleb@gmail.com

July 13, 9:30-11:30 "Field Trip with Dr. Bohanan" Register: Carol-calabash868@gmail.com
Limit 15, Cost: \$15

July 19, 9-12:30 Volunteer Invasive plant/road clean up, Thousand Island Lake Rd. with Friend of Sylvania (rain date: 7/20) Register: Carol, calabash868@gmail.com

August 23, 12:45-2:45 "Mushroom Foraging Hike" Register: Carol, calabash868@gmail.com
Limit 15 Cost: \$15

September 12, 12:30-4:00 "Tour of Kemp Lake Station" Register: Steve Chandler stephenjchandler1@gmail.com

October 5, 1:00-3:00 "John Bates: Hike Old Growth Forest at Lowenwood" Register: lofishandgame@gmail.com
Limit 15 Cost: \$15

For information about all summer 2023 events, copy and paste the Internet address below onto your browser, then click on the address:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15DF052VdRV5JqMuLe4jEHNEZ1N4H-4dI/view?usp=share_link

If you haven't received the flyers or cannot open them here, send an email to Kathy Tuttle ktbaraboo@gmail.com to get a link to these very impressivel pages.

Officers and Directors for the Fish and Game Club

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| • President: Sudy Ferry Wattson | • Directors: |
| • Vice-President: Greg Clark | Chris Ebert |
| • Secretary: Kathy Tuttle | David Sherrill |
| • Treasurer: Pat Bielke | Steve Klemann |

Contact information for officers and Board members is available on the Club website: lofishandgame.wixsite.com/lofg

Officers and Board members serve a 2-year term. Greg Clark will be leaving the Board as of July 1, 2023. Please contact any Board member if interested in serving as a Director. Meetings are held monthly or as needed, in person or with virtual options.

The Club also has standing committees, each open to members willing to serve. Please consider volunteering and becoming part of our 75-year history. Contact any board member for more information.

Committees:

Scholarships: Chairman: Gary Ebert

Educational Awards: Chairman: VACANT, Kathy Tuttle, Connie Chandler

Membership: VACANT

Programs: Carol Mason-Sherrill

Membership Report May 2023

The Club has 52 already renewed members at this time, plus four new members. As we start our summer activities, it is time for the rest of us to renew! The renewal form is attached at the bottom of this Newsletter. Or, if there are no changes in your information, you can just send in a renewal check.

Also, please consider a donation:

- to our Education Fund which provides college scholarships for students and grants to teachers for conservation projects
- toward our Ski Trail maintenance
- or toward our 75th Anniversary special presentations and activities

Questions? Contact club treasurer Pat Bielke patbielke@sbcglobal.net

2023 FGC Scholarship Awards, by Gary Ebert

As has been done in the last few years, the \$4000 Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club Senior Environmental Scholarship will be paid out in four equal installments at the beginning of each academic year. This is provided that the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to be enrolled as a full-time student. We feel 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 their college or university.

This year the club awarded the \$4000 scholarship to Sophia Simac. Sophia has been attending both Northland Pines High School and the SOAR Charter High School and has a very impressive academic record. Sophia will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison, majoring in conservation biology. Sophia grew up near “the swamp” off McKinley Boulevard in Eagle River and developed an interest in the environment by listening to the peepers and wood frogs on warm summer nights and watching wood ducks raise their young right in her front yard. She loved to watch garter snakes sun themselves on her porch.

Sophia has continued to further develop these interests as she matured, collecting data over a three-year period on endangered frog species for the Department of Natural Resources. She is on the planning committee for the Trees for Tomorrow Forest Fest and has brought her pet python and corn snakes to elementary schools to educate the grade school students on the importance of various critters in the ecosystem. She has also volunteered 226 hours of community service during her four years of high school.

Sophia has traveled widely with her family, from the East Coast to the West Coast, and hopes to participate in the travel abroad program at UW-Madison. Her long-range goals include getting (at least) a master's degree and returning to the great Northwoods to work as a research biologist in either the public or private sector. She stated in her essay that she wants to help reduce corporate pollution, return endangered species to threatened ecosystems, and to educate families to make cleaner, healthier choices for the environment. These are lofty goals, to say the least, but Sophia seems ready to take on the challenge.

It should be noted that the Club will continue to support Madeline Indermuehle and Carolyn Schaars each with \$1000 scholarships this coming academic year. Both students are doing very well in their academic programs.

Madeline will be starting her third year at Northern Michigan University where she is majoring in biology with an environmental focus and a minor in sustainability. She recently submitted a research poster entitled “Effects of Covid-19 on Predators in the Northern Midwest from 2019 to 2020.”

Carolyn is just finishing her first year at UW-Madison where she is majoring in environmental sciences.

Our scholarship money is certainly being well spent on these gifted and motivated students

SILVANIA WILDERNESS CAMPSITE SURVEY PROJECT 2023

a FANTASTIC way to begin your summer in the Northwoods

The Camp Survey is here again, WHICH MEANS NORTHWOODS-SPRING IS COMING! For over 20 years (except 2020 and 21) FGC has helped the Ottawa Forest Service in the spring by surveying the condition of the backcountry campsites in Sylvania Wilderness. Volunteers sign up for sites to survey, arriving to the campsites by foot or boat with a team of FGC members and friends in groups of 2 or more. You survey their condition, clean out the fire rings, rake the campsite free of flammable plant litter and take those 1000 word photos for the Forest Service.

The information we gather is used by the summer interns to determine the campsite summer maintenance schedule.

The **hardy volunteer** can do campsite checks in the Sylvania Wilderness **up to June 15, 2023**. Sooner is better. **This is generally a 3-4 hour outing.**

To Volunteer: Cheryl Pytlarz, cherylpooh@aol.com or 847-302-4982.

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. If you don't know the campsites I will work help you select the best ones for you.

The Training Meeting was held on April 28, 2023, 10AM. In person at LOL Library Community Room or at home on ZOOM. This training prepares you to survey and then sign a Forest Service Volunteer Waiver form, which is mandatory.

Project Protocol: After the training, teams are free to complete their surveys on their own schedule up to June 15. Sooner is encouraged. **Notify Cheryl the morning with the time you plan to go into the Wilderness and again when you have returned so we know you are safe and there is a record the sites which have been surveyed.**

When selecting your campsites with Cheryl, please designate whether you will paddle or hike. Paddlers will need to provide their own canoes and paddle gear.

Items you need to bring on your survey: Carry a trash bag, small bow saw, small shovel, 5 gallon bucket, leaf rake, camera, as well as a clipboard and survey forms. There are Wilderness maps available to help you find the sites, and Cheryl can also help you located them.

Words of caution: Schedule your Wilderness day so it is not cold, windy or wet. If you are a first-timer, please understand that reaching some of the sites may require most of a day of paddling or hiking. Being in very good condition is advised (good time to work off that winter bulge!) and, if paddling, be able to paddle a couple miles into a headwind. If hiking, some routes are 7 - 8 miles round trip.

Volunteers sign up by calling or emailing Cheryl

cherylpooh@aol.com or 847-302-4982

Fish and Game Club Membership form

Select a Membership Option, complete the form below, and mail your check (paid to 'Land O'Lakes Fish and Game Club') to:

Land O'Lakes Fish and Game Club
P.O. Box 516
Land O'Lakes, WI 54540

☐ **Individual: \$10.00/year**

Provides one individual with all of the rights and benefits of a Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club member.

☐ **Family: \$20.00/year**

Provides two individuals (and children 18 and under) with all of the rights and benefits of Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club members.

☐ **Business/Organization: \$15/year**

Recognizes a business or organization as a supporter of the Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club.

If you would like to make a donation to provide additional support for the:

☐ **Education Fund**, ☐ **Presentation & Outings**, or ☐ **Trail Maintenance**, please

add that amount (_____) to your dues and... **Thank you for your generosity!**

Last Name, First Name OR Business/Organization: _____

(and second name for family membership) _____

Email address: _____ Preferred phone: _____

Summer Address _____

Winter Address _____
(if different) _____

- ✓ *Memberships are for one (1) year and run from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.*
- ✓ *Membership renewals must be received by April 1st to insure receipt of the newsletter and other communications for the upcoming summer programs and events.*
- ✓ *If you are renewing your membership, and your contact information has not changed, simply send your check to the address indicated above with 'Membership Renewal' in the MEMO line.*