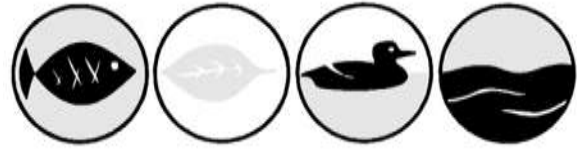


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July 2018 Newsletter



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In this day and age, we seem to think that children are spending more time watching TV, playing video games etc. NICC is seeing an increasing number of families wanting to show their children there is more to enjoy by being outside with nature. Just this past September, Bill and Jessie Szmergalski joined our organization willing to help in any capacity. They have become our Landscaping Committee. This past spring, they have worked diligently spreading mulch around the house and planting native flowers around the pond. They come out frequently to enjoy the property always finding something to do. The landscaping committee, organized a group of men to help with mowing of the property. Three hands went up at the monthly meeting to volunteer were, Bill Szmergalski, Jim Waldow and Paul Yucus have taken on the task of keeping the grounds in tip-top-shape.



Michael & Declan Flatley



Michael Flatley Maddie Szmergalski Andy Szmergalski
Declan Flatley



Top – Andrew Szmergalski
Center - Michael Flatley
Bottom – Declan Flatley



Jennifer Flatley



MaMa Shelly the Snapper



Michael Flatley & Andrew Szmergalski

NICC has committees for different areas of need for the club.

Pond Committee – Leonard Dane, Laura Golonka, Ross Musumeci, Jim Waldow

The pond committee meets monthly working on a plan to get the pond back to the gem it use to be. Hopefully, by next year we will be able to stock the pond. Information about continuing progress about the pond will be written in a future letter.

Landscaping – Jessie & Bill Szmergalski

Kudos to the landscaping committee! New member Jennifer Flatley, contacted Jessie asking if she could be of help on the landscaping committee. The following Tuesday, she and her children, met Bill and Jessie and their family at the club grounds to help spread woodchips in the parking area. It was an enjoyable and an educating day for the kids. They came across a very large snapping turtle laying its eggs in one of the woodchip piles. If your interested in becoming part of the team, contact Jessie at ffnrph@yahoo.com.

Fundraising – Ron Lobodzinski

On Thursday June 14, NICC participated in the first weekly concert at the bandshell in Antioch. The weather was perfect. Volunteers that helped Ron were, Mason Lobodzinski and Bonnie Letich. Ron does an excellent job promoting the club bringing in new membership. The June 21, concert was cancelled due to rain.

Membership – Ron Lobodzinski

Remember to renew your membership. If you have any questions about membership contact Ron.

June 28 Concert at the Antioch Bandshell

The day was a hot one but it was profitable for NICC. Selling of Nacho's and other items was profitable. Ron did sign up a new membership. Volunteers were the Lobodzinski family and Leonard Dane. Try and come to the Thursday concerts and enjoy the music. IT'S FREE!

June 29 Campfire – Even though it was one of the hottest nights in June, members still came out to enjoy conversation by the fire. The following members who came were, the Dane's, the Lobodzinski's, the Musumeci's, the Tyrell's, the Hettich's and the Billman's. Hopefully the weather will be cooler for our next campfire.

June 30 Milling of the wood

Many thanks to Ken Golonka, Bob Wilegal, Ross Musumeci, Mark Billman, Ron Lobodzinski and Bill Szmergalski, for coming out the club grounds Saturday morning to help with the milling of the oak tree.



Remember to save your aluminium cans for our Cans for Conservation bin. Cans are to be put into tightly secured plastic bags. Please do not put smaller plastic bags of cans into a larger one. You will find the bin next to the barn. Place the bags into the containers making sure the door is locked so woodland critters can't get in. When enough cans are collected, they will be taken to the recycle center. Money received, will help pay the \$80 monthly electric bill for the aerator in the pond.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 9 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
July 15 Open House 11 am – 1 pm
July 28 LLMA annual picnic 11 am – 3pm
Aug. 11 Meet & Greet 11am - ?
Aug 13 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
Sept. 9 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
Sept. 16 Trap Shoot 10 am – 2 pm
Oct. 8 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
Oct. 14 Trap Shoot 10 am - 2 pm
Nov. 4 Trap Shoot 10 am – 2 pm
Nov. 12 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
Antioch Library
Dec. 10 Board/General Meeting 7 pm
Antioch Library



Leonard, Miss Antioch, Ron June 28



Friday June 29 Campfire

JUNE 30, MILLING OF THE OAK TREE

There was a very large white oak tree, taken down by a storm during the spring of 2016, that was just going to rot away if nothing was done with it. It seemed too large for firewood and thoughts were, it should be sawed into lumber. On Saturday June 30th, NICC had a sawyer come out to cut the logs into boards. While he was on-site, he noticed two other large white oak trees that were dead and suggested that they be taken down and also cut into lumber. This currently is work in progress. Due to the heat and complications with getting part of the original tree out of the woods, only one log has been cut into lumber so far. The sawyer will be coming back on August 18th to finish cutting the logs into lumber. In the meantime, we will be cleaning up the other trees that were felled, getting all the logs to a central location to have things ready for his return. The moving of the logs will require the use of a large tractor or a bobcat. If you have, or know someone who has this type of equipment, who would be willing to help us out, please



have them get in contact with Me or Ken. The first log was cut into lumber that will be used to make some Aldo Leopold benches that NICC will be selling for \$50 each.

The other lumber we hope to sell for \$3-\$5 per foot. If you know anyone that does woodworking that may be interested in some white oak lumber, please have them contact Leonard at nicc60002@gmail.com or 262-496-3021. If anyone is available to help with the log milling on August 18th please let me know as well.





Ross Musumeci



Stacked in the barn

OPEN HOUSE JULY 15 11AM TO 3PM

NICC will be hosting an open house on July 15, starting at 11am to 3pm. Food will be served compliments of Kurt Eltvedt of Musky Tales/ Time to Bite and NICC. It's FREE! This is the time for us to promote our club to those who don't realize that there is 62.5 acres right here in Antioch that is privately owned by a non-for-profit organization. Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives to come out and see what we are about.



From the Officers and Directors of NICC