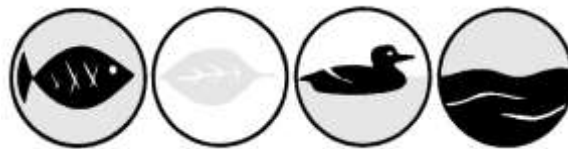


# N.I.C.C.



## July 2021 Newsletter

### NICC Turtle Flambeau Flowage Fishing Trip Winner

For those of you that attended the NICC Ice Fishing Derby this past February, you know that there was a chance to win a weekend guided fishing trip on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage in northern Wisconsin donated by Lenny's Lunkers Guide Service. I look forward to this trip every year as it is always fun to fish with new people and to show them the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin.

This year's trip was won by Nicole Karlove. She brought her finance Randy Quade with her on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Saturday morning, we met at 6:30 am and fished for 8 hours. The weather was perfect with clear skies and a southwest wind. A lot of firsts happened with Randy getting his first ever walleye, smallmouth bass, and northern pike. Many fish were caught and then another first happened, somehow one of the fishing poles ended up on the bottom of the TFF! Attempts were made to "catch" it, but it was gone. Not the best way to end the day. Sunday morning, we met at the same time and place. The sky was still cloud free and the wind was calm. We decided to head to the area where we ended Saturday. The mayflies had hatched big time over night. The water surface was completely covered with mayfly carcasses. Fish were slurping them off the surface. We caught a lot of fish that morning including walleye, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, northern pike, and bluegill. Nicole caught almost everything that morning including a fishing line that when we pulled it in had the rod and reel that was accidentally dropped overboard the day before!

As usual, a good time was had by everyone. Abundant wildlife was seen including eagles, loons, turkeys and deer. Some good laughs and some quiet time (after rod went swimming). Nicole and Randy will be getting married July 10<sup>th</sup> and be moving to Florida in September as Randy is being transferred to a Navy base there. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.



## Nature Night - June 16

The weather was perfect for the Native & Non-Native Plant presentation by Vince Mosca from Hey & Associates. While walking around the pond, Vince stopped at several interesting plants to show us how insects thrive on them. Surprisingly, the children were quite interested learning about plant life by asking so many questions.



### Galls

These abnormal growths are known as galls and are caused by irritation or stimulation of plant cell growth. Some galls appear when sap-sucking insects feed on leaves; some shelter developing insect eggs; some galls develop as a response to fungal or bacterial infections.

### Cleavers

Cleavers are widely-distributed weeds found around the world. They grow many nearly invisible hook-shaped spines on their stems. These make the plant feel sticky to the skin, and can cause contact dermatitis in some individuals. Cleavers come from the same family as coffee and can be used to create a less caffeinated version of coffee.



## Outdoor Education Day July 24, 2021

NICC along with Lake County Pheasants Forever and the Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited are teaming up to host the 3rd Annual Outdoor Education Day at Richmond Hunt Club on July 24, 2021 starting at 8:00 am.

There will be trap shooting, archery, fishing, fly fishing and much more!

This event is open to everyone 10 and up. Please watch our facebook page for additional information. Space is limited, registration is open so sign up today, you'll want to reserve your spots!

Register here: <https://pqf.myeventcenter.com/event/Aoed3-47798>

## Passing of a President

### John Stecher June 15, 2021

John Stecher was an instrumental member and board member of this organization for many years. He served as a director for several years prior to his presidency from May of 1998 to May of 2001. What we remember most about John is his smile, sense of humor and his leadership.

## NICC's Nature Night

Open to the public

July 21st @ 6:30pm

**Bats**

presented by

Mike Adam from Lake County Health Dept

August 18th @ 6:30pm

(tentative date)

**Turtles**

presented by

Gary Glowicki from

The Lake County Forest Preserve District



## Trap Shoot

Sept. 19 10 am – 2 pm

Oct. 17 10 am – 2 pm

Nov. 7 10 am – 2 pm



Peter Cole, Jr.  
Tim Volling

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- |                 |                       |              |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>July 12</b>  | General/Board Meeting | 7 pm         |
| <b>July 21</b>  | <b>Nature Night</b>   | <b>6:30</b>  |
| <b>July 24</b>  | Outdoor Education Day |              |
| <b>Aug. 7</b>   | <b>Member Picnic</b>  |              |
| <b>Aug 9</b>    | General/Board Meeting | 7 pm         |
| <b>Aug 18</b>   | <b>Nature Night</b>   | <b>6:30</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 13</b> | General/Board Meeting | 7 pm         |
| <b>Sept. 19</b> | Trap Shoot            | 10 am – 2 pm |
| <b>Oct. 2</b>   | Adopt-A-highway       | 10 am        |
| <b>Oct. 11</b>  | General/Board Meeting | 7 pm         |
| <b>Oct. 17</b>  | Trap Shoot            | 10 am – 2 pm |
| <b>Nov. 7</b>   | Trap Shoot            | 10 am – 2 pm |
|                 | Closing of house      |              |
| <b>Nov. 8</b>   | General/Board Meeting | 7 pm         |

