

2019 Conservation Club Projects in Pictures

Conservation Club members working at the Mimi Lake, landing, prepared the site for the arrival of the new fishing dock. The new dock was finally delivered and set in place, ready for anglers at the 2020 season opener. Members pictured: Ron Jansen, Jack Gribble, Butch Kofal, and Dave Pederson



The club contracted with a local craftsman to construct six benches to donate to the Town of Barnes. Three benches were placed along the Nip and Tuck walking trail behind the Town office, two benches were placed at Tomahawk Lake Park, and one bench was placed at the landing on the Lower Eau Claire Lake.



We want to highlight the ADA accessible fishing pier, purchased with club funds. Placed at the Tomahawk Lake Park, the deck is 48' long, and the fishing area is 15' wide by 8' long. There are two 4-foot long seats on either side and a 34" railing all around. We think the new dock offers plenty of opportunity for catching fish!





The club scatter-planted 9,000 extended-length walleye on the Upper Eau Claire Lake and 6,000 on the Lower Eau Lake. The weather presented the greatest challenge to club members and volunteers at both the Upper and Lower lakes for the September and October dates. Strong winds(20 mph) and driving rain, and snow(on the Upper) made the effort difficult, prompting DNR personnel to comment that they've never seen a more dedicated group. A great compliment, way to go!!!



October scatter planting on the Lower Eau Claire Lake. Forest Point Resort left a dock in for the club to use, which made the process so much easier, and in the challenging weather, safer.

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Volunteers received the extended-length walleye from the DNR tanker and transferred them to waiting boats.



The club offers volunteer opportunities for men and women interested in conservation-focused projects in the Eau Claire Lakes area. More information about the club's activities can be found at barnes-wi.com under Organizations, ELC Conservation Club. There you can read the current newsletter, contact information and access the membership/donation page at the end of the newsletter.

A project workday was scheduled for members to construct a KDF(Kids Don't Float) box using DNR specifications. This is the fourth box constructed by the club, and was requested for placement at the Tomahawk Lake boat landing. The box will be completed this spring and placed near the new fishing dock. The DNR furnishes the life jackets in the boxes, and the club asks that folks do not place their extra/used life jackets in the boxes. Members pictured: Dave Pederson, mike Frelichowski, Butch Kofal, Greg Martin, Ron Jansen

