

2008 CWTU Chapter Awards

The following CWTU members were recognized for their efforts with awards at CWTU's Annual Fund Raising and Awards Banquet on October 9, 2008.



Brookie Award goes to Gail and Dan Colligan

"This award is considered the the chapter's most prestigious and is presented to professionals and non-professionals whose efforts have helped preserve our cold-water resources.

This is the first time this award has been given to a team, rather than an individual.

Dan and Gail Colligan have worked tirelessly for many years on the Chapter's Banquet and Prize Committees as chairpersons and promoters where in they have introduced

many innovations in raffles, drawings, and games at the annual fund-raising event. The Chapter could not exist without the funds that are generated from this, our only fund raising event.

Both are members of the Board of Directors.



John Gremmer receives the W.C.T.U Award

“This award had its beginning in an error, as the engraver left out the “C”(It should be C.W.C.T.U---for Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited.), but it was decided to continue it for service, which could be serious or humorous at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

This year, the award is given in the serious category to John Gremmer who originated many chapter functions that exist today. TroutFest, the Casting Clinic, the Trout Outing, the Fox Valley Technical College course---Introduction to Fly Fishing and Fly Tying, the monthly programs, and the Master’s Fly Tying Series are among these activities.

Gremmer, along with others, was instrumental in launching CWTU’s award winning water monitoring program. He believes that this is one of the most important things we do.

John is a Past President, a former Vice-President, Board Member, and former Program Chair.



“Ozzie” Award goes to Dr. Tom Poullette

This award is given for Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement and is named in honor of Richard W. Osborn, who exemplifies these attributes.

This year’s award winner, Tom Poullette, served as the Chapter’s first President and has also held the position as Chairman of the Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited. He has worked for many years at work days and at the Chapter’s Annual Fly Fishing School as an instructor and supervisor of guides. He has been instrumental in the development of fly fishing merit badges for the Boy Scouts of America in the Waupaca area.

Currently, Tom is the Chairman of the Chapter’s “Watch Dog Committee.”



Bob Chamberlain receives the “Curmudgeon” Award.

The big surprise of the evening was the presentation of the “Curmudgeon” Award, a trophy which had not been given since 1993. It was recently defined by Dr. Tom Poullette: “The “Curmudgeon” was started in 1993 as a public, humorous announcement of someone’s attempt to capture a crusty, ill-tempered(i.e., large) fish that resulted in a major goof--screwup-etc., etc. I really can’t remember why I got it first--but I do recall the second adventure--as the ram tried to chew up my fly line as the rod tip was perched on his head. I still hurt and not only my pride.”

“As to Bob, his first goof was getting lost about 2 miles from the fishing school (after great directions from me) and spent the last part of the fishing morning finding his....and his student’s.... way back to the road.”

“The second incident was fishing late on the Mekan and staying after dark with no flashlight. Thus, he was not able to find his way back to the parking lot and spent the night under his space blanky while enjoying the night sounds.”

Bob Chamberlain has been a lifelong member of TU, a former CWTU President and Vice President, and currently he creates the chapter newsletter [The Brookie News](#).