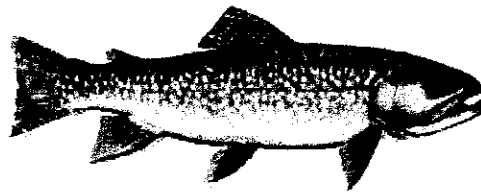


Brookie News

Newsletter of the Central Wisconsin
Chapter of Trout Unlimited



January 2005

PrezSez

"Follow the yellow brick road!" "Follow the yellow brick road!" Remember Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Lion, and the Tin Man in the "Wizard of Oz?" They followed the bricks in search of home, courage, intellect, and heart. CWTU has its own yellow brick road, a road that leads to the **February 26 Trout Funday**, the **March 12 Banquet**, the **April casting clinic**, the **May Trout Outing**, the **Workdays**, the **June Fly Fishing School**, the **stream survey**, the **water monitoring project**, etc.

We have a worthy mission, too! We're seeking to protect, preserve, and enhance cold water resources by facilitating the activities listed above. We plan to take our story to the public and enlist more members. And we plan to have lots of fun along the way!

Commitment is where it all starts and here's what you can do:

Come to the February 26 Trout Fishing Funday. Bring some fishing rummage stuff for sale to help our cause. Bring some kids to see (and try) fly-tying. Consider donating things for raffles.

Come to the March 12 Banquet and Annual Meeting. Bring someone with you. Consider being a sponsor. We're doing worthwhile things, planning even more, and need more revenue..

Become a water monitor. See Bob Rennock or me on this.

Attend our meetings and programs.

Help at our workdays. We're doing great work!

Recruit new members.

Thanks to Elward Engle for a great program on stream rehabilitation. And thanks to all who attended—we had over 40 people.

See you at the Funday!!

John Grmmer

Next Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will be at the Berlin Public Library on **February 14** at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend....and participate in....this session.

Fun Day

The BIG event for February will be our annual Fun Day at the **Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne**, starting at **10 AM**. This will be a great event for all ages and interests,

since there will be more than forty exhibits and several interesting presentations. Y'all come and stay as long as you like!

Annual Meeting

Most of all, remember and attend our Annual Banquet on **Saturday, March 12** in **Oshkosh's Park Plaza Hotel**. (Note: This is a change from our planning calendar!) We elect officers at **4:30 PM** and the silent auctions, raffles and camaraderie begin immediately thereafter.

This is THE fundraiser for the year, so we ask all members to attend and **bring a friend!**

Minutes, January 10 Board Meeting

Present: Bob Chamberlain, Dan Colligan, Elward Engle, Ira Giese, John Gremmer, Scott Grady, Bob Haase, Dan Harmon III, Bob Hunt, Rich Mlodzik, Tracy Moran, Bob Rennock, and Jack Wahlers.

The meeting was convened at the Wautoma Arts Center at 6:30 PM and, as a first order of business, the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the **Brookie News**.

Treasurer Grady reported a balance of \$43,909.47 and his report was accepted by voice vote.

President Gremmer reported our website had visits from 923 visitors who viewed a total of 2,830 pages!

He then proposed our Chapter grant Phil Emming \$500 for creating invertebrate-identifying software on the internet for easy access by anyone in our State. (A major element in understanding the viability of our five-county cold waters.) After a motion by Dan Harmon III and a second by Jack Wahlers that these monies should come from the Nash Williams legacy, the amount was approved with no dissent.

John reminded all those present the State TU Banquet would be held at the Park Plaza Convention Center on February 5 and urged all to attend. He also urged our members to purchase a chance on a handcrafted, 7'6" bamboo flyrod to support the State Council.

Rich Mlodzik then reported preparations for the coming season was underway. He felt we would have work in April, June, July, August and September, but he said he would be unavailable for a May date

Bob Rennock reported Oz Ozwald had some surgery, but was now back at Oshkosh's Evergreen Manor.

The meeting was then adjourned for the program by Vice-President Engle.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Chamberlain

HELP!

Gail Colligan is part of a day-long program held for kids in Waushara County, every Spring. One of the workshops teaches fishing and casting, but she says a good portion of the kids who come to that session don't own, nor have money for, a spinning rod.

So, she is asking our members to donate their unused spinning rods for passing on to youngsters who would put them to good use. She would like to find 40-50 rods.

AND she would appreciate any other equipment, freebies, or fishing information for the program which is called "Blue Ribbon Kids Day".

Will you help?

CWTU People

Officers

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Treasurer	Scott Grady 920-687-0987
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Other Board

Mark Brosseau	920-231-7355	Comm.
Dan Colligan	920-787-4801	Education
Ira Giese	920-787-4279	Banquet
Bob Haase	920-922-8003	PR
Dan Harmon III	920-235-1761	Fishing School
Bob Hunt	715-258-2886	
Al Lee	920-233-3581	
Rich Mlodzik	920-295-8772	Workday
Tracy Moran	920-685-0902	
Ray Piehl	920-787-3147	
Tom Poullette	715-258-5565	Watchdog
Bob Rennock	920-926-6010	Research
Jerry Strom	920-589-4182	
Jack Wahlers	920-361-0807	Legislation
Gene West	920-787-2455	

Stream Monitoring

We are organizing for monitoring one or more of our area's trout streams. This work coincides with the current emphasis on providing more scientific data for making rational environmental decisions, so it's very important! We want your help!

We're in the planning stage and welcome anyone and everyone to participate. The tasks are simple, the involved time is minor and the training is easy. We can have outdoor fun together, so call me at 920-926-6010 (or rennockr@agnesian.com) to join in and then watch for more information in the next **Brookie Nerws**.

Bob Rennock

From Other Sources

At our January 10 meeting, Bob Hunt loaned me a magazine from New Zealand, a beautiful thing with lots of color pics of NZ waters and 30" Bows and Browns!

Three articles were particularly interesting. One was on the territorial "displays" of trout defending their space. Another was on problems with the increasing use of irrigation in NZ and the consequent dewatering. And the third was on choosing rod length.

I really appreciated Bob's thinking of this Ol' Codger!

Newsletter

If reading online at CWTU.org is always sufficient for you to follow all the activities of our Chapter, please contact Scott Grady (920-687-0987 or ooosg@vbe.com) and ask your name be removed from our **Brookie News** mailing list. We'll then divert those costs to our projects. Thanks!

CPR

To trouters, the initials CPR are shorthand for **Consider Proper Release**, a five-step process assisting survival when releasing trout we've caught. Those steps are:

1. Do not play fish to exhaustion.
2. Handle fish in a net. Grasp across back and head.
3. Hold the fish belly-up when removing hooks.
4. Do not remove swallowed hooks; cut the line.
5. Do not keep fish out of water more than 15 seconds. (Ed note: Release with head upstream.)

State Council Banquet

Jake Vander Zanden will speak on Mongolia and its magnificent taimen trout (70 pounds in 39 inches is not rare) at the State TU Banquet on February 5 at Oshkosh's Park Plaza Conference Center at 5 PM. He will discuss the current effort to attach transmitters to these fish, since little is known of their movements or "what level of catch and release is sustainable for them."

The speaker is an associate professor of limnology at the University in Madison and has asked the normal fee for his talk be contributed to the Taimen Conservation Fund which supports the five-year research program on these land-locked salmonids.

Next year's fete will be in the center of the State.

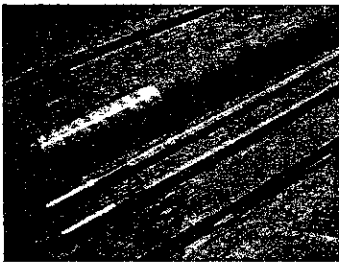
Mark your calendar for Wisconsin TU's 20th annual
State Council Banquet
“A Celebration
of Trout”

Sat., Feb. 5, 2005

**Oshkosh Convention Center &
Park Plaza Hotel, Oshkosh**



This year's special auction items...



Jim Maier bamboo fly rod

What a beauty. This 7.5' two-piece rod features nickel-silver hardware and two tips. The reel seat is hand made. Use a 5- or 6-weight fly line.

Dan Burish original painting

Dan won the 2004 Wisconsin trout stamp contest. This is a special painting (shown here "in progress") for Wisconsin TU. Why buy a print when you can have the original?



COCKTAILS 5:00 DINNER & PROGRAM 7:00

Make checks payable to
WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED
 and mail to:

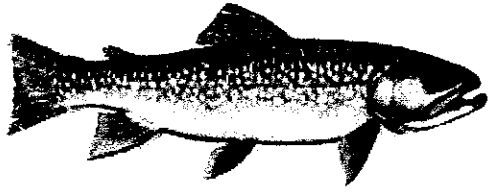
Larry Meicher
 5258 Salisbury Rd.
 Rio, WI 53960

**YES! I want to attend Wisconsin TU's 20th annual
 “A Celebration of Trout”**

Enclosed is a check in the amount of
 \$ ____ for ____ tickets at \$35 each.

Order by Jan. 22 and be eligible for a \$100 early bird drawing!

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Oshkosh Park Plaza at a special rate double or king rooms through January 22. Call for reservations now at 1-800-365-4458.



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Problem Culverts

In case you didn't notice, the current issue of our State's TU magazine has a front-page article on "tackling (Wisconsin's) problem culverts." The article states "that improperly sited culverts can be one of the best things our TU chapters can do to improve Wisconsin's trout waters."

It further notes "If a culvert is too small, it causes damming with secondary sedimentation which, in turn, heats a stream's water beyond trout tolerance.." This point has been made, repeatedly, by Tom Poullette and Bob Hunt in our CWTU sessions and has been fundamental for our Chapter's watchdog activity ever since we were founded in 1971.

Let's be sure we keep our focus on this critical matter, no matter how long our Watchdog Chairman stays in Florida each year! We have many culverts in our

five trout-water-laden counties! And let's be sure we use the proper channel (the DNR) to be certain each problem is corrected when found.

Go CWTU!

Planning

Our Board will renew the planning for our Chapter at its February meeting. At its last session, you may remember it revised the order of our targeted items, based on the success of planning in our first year.

The revised list is now:

- A. Improve communications and educational efforts.
- B. Continue/Expand fieldwork.
- C. Improve CWTU and its structure.
- D. Develop/Enhance conservation partners.
- E. Improve watchdog activity.