

BROOKIE NEWS



Newsletter of The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU)

January 2010

Prez Sez

What a way to start the year! The “Night of the Hex” program at our January meeting was a big success. People came from across the state and nearly filled the second Floor of the Fin ‘N Feather. Great job by all involved. In the midst of all the fly tying and socializing that went on during the hour before the program, the Board met and managed to get through the agenda. During the past two months, we have been developing a list of planning issues. We came up with 13 issues that we need to work on for the betterment of our chapter. Over the past few weeks, the Officers, Board members and Committee Chair persons did an on-line vote to set the priorities. Here are the top six priorities in the sequence voted and what I think they mean to us. If we can get these done this year, it will be a very good accomplishment.

<<< Illustration “One Last Look - Brook Trout”
courtesy of Bob White of Whitefish Studio

Posted on the Upper Midwest Fly Fishing Board, re “Night of the Hex Program:

This was a program that I had been looking forward to attending for a couple months. Apparently a number of other's had the same idea as attendance for the evening was terrific. Realizing the effort put into such a presentation those organizing and demonstrating their talents and knowledge should be very pleased. Many thanks to Wisconsin's Central Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

1. Increasing member involvement:

We have over 300 members in our chapter. There are 25-30 who are very active. We need to find more ways to have fun and entice a higher level of involvement. This is key to everything else that needs to be done. A volunteer organization can never have too many active volunteers.

2. River and Stream status and rehab needs:

This is basically an inventory of trout streams in our area and an assessment of the improvement needs. It is a big job, but doesn't necessarily need to be completed in the short term. Having it will substantially increase our knowledge of area waters and help us in our selection of projects. Work has been done on this in the past by a few members and the WDNR. We want to update that work and keep the documentation current.

3. Communications to the public and to the total membership;

We have several ways of communicating with our members, including the Brookie news letter, the web site, postal mailing lists, and email addresses. Some improvements can be made with membership communication. Then there is the larger potential audience. How and what to communicate to the public that will be most beneficial.

4. Succession Planning for Officers and Committee Chairs:

We need to have at least one qualified back-up identified for every key position so there can be a quick and easy transition when someone leaves. Sounds easy, but it is not. This is where increasing member involvement becomes important so that we are not always drawing from the same pool of people.

5. Recruitment of new members:

It is always exciting to bring new people into the chapter, and very important to find ways to get them involved right from the start.

6. Fund Raising:

This one speaks for itself. We can always use more money to help with our various projects. There are another seven planning issues on the priorities list that will be worked on as soon as sufficient progress is made with the top six priorities.

Project Healing Waters:

We continue to provide Fly Tying classes for patients of the Appleton VA Clinic. The classes have been small but enthusiastic. So far, we have been working with the mental health unit in building #2, but after the January 22 presentation to the staff in the main clinic building, we anticipate an

increase in students for the fly tying classes, and another increase for the spring/summer casting clinics and fishing trips.

John Tucker

Trout Habitat Seminar

The Central Region of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a one day Trout Habitat Seminar March 20, 2010 at the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery. Two veterans of the WDNR with extensive Trout Habitat experience have volunteered to be the primary instructors for this effort. Al Niebur Fish Manager for Waupaca & Shawano Counties along with Shawn Sullivan Supervisor of the Cold Water Fisheries Habitat Crew out of Wild Rose will be presenting Best Practices for Central and Northern Wisconsin Trout Streams.

Topics to be covered in this Seminar:

- * Characteristics of the Waters and Fish of Central and Northern Wisconsin
- * Threats to the Waters and Fish of the Regions
- * How to identify potential streams for projects
- * Steps to a Successful Project and how to measure Success
- * The Details, what to do, where, how and when

This seminar is especially for folks who wish to help with projects for their chapters.

It will be an all day Seminar – Lunch and materials will be provided, There will be a \$20 non refundable registration Fee to cover costs of lunch and materials. (left over funds will be donated to the Central Region Waupaca Project Fund) If you register and can't make it find someone to go in your place. Maybe your chapter will pick up the cost.

There will be optional hands on follow up in stream instruction later in the Summer in the Area.

Registrations will be accepted at the Wisconsin State Council Meeting in Stevens Point

February 13th or can be e-mailed to Jim Hlaban at Wispr@Wolfnet.net. Or mailed to N5967 Murray Road Ogdensburg, Wis 54962

Registration will be limited to the First 30 Applicants. Registration will close March 15.

Watch for more details to become available at WWW.WisconsinTU.Org under the projects section. As we get closer to the date.

Donor Letter

Trout Books

Following are the books that CWTU purchased for the Winnefox Library System in 2009. They are housed at the Oshkosh Library and may be ordered at your local library or online.

We will be purchasing more books in 2010. If you have suggestions for books, please send them to me.

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DVDs

799.12 S942 DVD
Successful Fly Fishing Strategies with Gary LaFontaine

799.124 J62 DVD
Joan Wolff's Dynamics Of Fly Casting: From Solid Basics To Advanced Techniques

Books

799.1755 C588
Clapham, Richard
Trout Fishing For The Beginner
688.7912 C647c
Clouser, Bob
Clouser's Flies: Tying And Fishing The Fly Patterns of Bob Clouser

799.1773 C647f
Clouser, Bob
Fly-fishing For Smallmouth
688.7912-C898c

Craven, Charlie
Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying
799.1755-D261s

Davis, Marc
Steelhead Fishing Essentials
688.7912 H893e

Hughes, Dave
Essential Trout Flies
688.7912 H893h 2005

Hughes, Dave
Handbook Of Hatches
688.7912 L487b

Leeson, Ted
The Benchside Introduction To Fly Tying
688.79124-L487f

Leeson, Ted
The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference To Techniques And Dressing Styles
799.1755 L487h

Leeson, Ted
The habit Of Rivers: Reflections On Trout Streams And Fly Fishing
688.7912 M875t

Morris, Carol Ann
Trout Flies For Rivers: Patterns From The West That Work Everywhere
688.7912 N619t

Nichols, Jay
Tying Dry Flies: How To Tie And Fish Must-Have Trout Patterns
799.12 R813og
Rosenbauer, Tom
The Orvis Guide To Beginning Fly Fishing
639.977 R824r
Ross, John
Rivers Of Restoration: Trout Unlimited's First 50 Years Of Conservation
799.1755 R824t 2005
Ross, John
Trout's Unlimited Guide To America's Best Trout Streams
688.79 S314f
Scheck, Art
Fly Rod Building Made Easy: A Complete Step-By-Step Guide To Making A High-Quality
Fy Rod On A Budget
688.7912 S368n
Schollmeyer, Jim
Nymph Fly-Tying Techniques
688.7912 S521f
Seymour, Scott
From Field To Fly / Scott Seymour
799.1755 V284a 2008
Van Vliet, John
Trout: The Complete Guide To Catching Trout With Flies
799.1755 W436g
Weixlmann, Karl
Great Lakes Steelhead, Salmon And Trout: Essential Techniques For Fly Fishing The Tributaries
799.1755 W613d 1992
Whitlock, Dave
Dave Whitlock's Guide To Aquatic Trout Foods

2009-2010 Program Schedule Update

Prepared by Bob Smaglik and John Gremmer

Saturday, February 27, 2010: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., CWTU's **TroutFest '10**. TF '10 includes 10

mini-seminars, raffles, fly tying demos, artisans, used equipment sale, guides, outfitters, youth fly tying instruction, water monitoring, stream rehabilitation, and more. The program is free and the public is invited to participate.

Monday, March 15, 2010: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, Business Meeting, 6:15 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m.: **Steve Fogler**, WDNR Biologist, Mishicot, presenting "**Exploring Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Fisheries**". The program is free and the public is invited to participate.

Monday, April 19th, 2010: Marble Park, Winneconne, 6:00 p.m., **CWTU's Annual Casting Clinic**. The program is free and the public is invited to participate. For more information contact Russ Bouck.

Monday, May 17, 2010: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, Business Meeting, 6:15 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m.: Program is yet to be determined.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 4 - 6: **CWTU's Annual Fly Fishing School**, Camp LuWiSpoMo, Waushara County near Wild Rose. Fly Casting, reading the water, understanding hatches, selecting fly patterns, tackle selection, knot tying, and fly tying demos are just some of the topics covered. Contact Dan Harmon.

Monday, June 21, 2010: Picnic and Business meeting, 5:30 p.m., Site yet to be determined.

Monday, July 19, 2010: Picnic and Business meeting, 5:30 p.m., Site yet to be determined.

Monday, August 16, 2010: Picnic and Business meeting, 5:30 p.m., Site yet to be determined.

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 18, 2010

The meeting at the Fin N Feather in Winneconne was called to order at 6:15 PM by

President John Tucker with a quorum of the Board present.

On Motion and vote the Minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting were approved.

On Motion and vote the December 2009 Treasurers Report was approved.

Prioritizing Long Range Planning Issues-

There was discussion regarding the previously identified issues and how the board and members should address them. A committee consisting of Bob Haase, Linn Beck, Alistair Stewart and Scott was formed to compile an inventory of the condition of CWTU streams and to identify those needing attention. Due to the time constraints of the meeting President John Tucker will be contacting members before the next meeting to continue the prioritization and recruitment of members to address the chosen issues.

Riverkeepers (formerly Water Monitoring)- There is a mandatory meeting May 1, 2010 for all riverkeepers. Another date will be scheduled for those unable to attend on May 1. Jim Murphy has compiled a list of streams needing monitoring. This list will be displayed at Troutfest. Anyone interested in monitoring should talk to Jim.

Troutfest-Bob Smaglick reported that everything is set for Troutfest on February 27, 2010 at the Fin 'n' Feather restaurant in Winneconne. Bob asks members to bring their rummage sale items and to please PRE-PRICE the items.

Trailer Proposal- On Motion and vote the purchase of a 6' x 12' workday trailer with a side door and spare tire was approved for a price not to exceed \$3,000. It was suggested that CWTU and DNR logos be painted on the trailer.

John Gremmer could use some assistance with the FVTC class he's teaching on Tuesday nights.

FVTU Cabin Fever days will be held Saturday January 30, 2010 at Waverly Beach. Tight Lines and Trout Unlimited are presenting a Film Extravaganza at 5:30 pm

Wednesday February 10, 2010 at the De Pere Cinema. Proceeds will be donated to Trout Unlimited for the stream rehab crew in central WI. Tickets are available at Tight Lines Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mike Schaefer, Secretary

River Keepers

How about being a "River Keeper" in CWTU land?

Jim Murphy and I have accepted the challenge of leading our CWTU water monitoring program. Jim, I, and others believe that being a "River Keeper" is what TU should be about. We cannot orchestrate this thing by ourselves. We are looking for a couple of people to share the leadership load. We need one person who would take on the job of equipment manager. They would keep an inventory of who has what and they would maintain the inventory. We also need someone who could help with monthly Brookie News reports and year end reports.

Jim and I have had two meetings and this is our vision for the next year and the future:

- Establish the fact that although we water monitor, we are really "River Keepers".
- This goes along with TU's mission of protecting, conserving, and enhancing trout
- water. CWTU water monitors will now be called "River Keepers".
- Establish a list of last year's participants and maintain and update the list through
- time.
- Establish and update an e-mail list of "River Keepers" and communicate with them at least once a month.
- Provide a "River Keeper/Water Monitor" article in every issue of the "Brookie News".
- Maintain and enhance the "River Keeper/Water Monitoring" page on the www.cwtu.org web site.

- Provide a yearly, late April, Saturday afternoon training session for all participants.
- Continue to be part of the Water Action Volunteer(WAV) program.
- Create an maintain an exact inventor y of equipment and maintain it through time.
- Encourage monitors to include community members and especially youth in their
- monthly monitoring sessions.
- Prepare a comprehensive year end report on all teams, showing all the data they
- collected and a written summary by the team leader. Create this in terms of a
- multipage handout that can be shared with the CWTU Board and other interested
- parties.
- Expand the number of active teams from the current five to twelve.
- Expand the “River Keeper/Water Monitor” leadership group from two(Jim and I)
- to four or five.

We need the people, who continued to water monitor last year, to continue into the future. We especially need 20 new monitors to help rebuild the program. The program is free. We will provide the training, tools, and support. You supply the commitment and time(approximately two hours a month). Being a “River Keeper/Water Monitor” is fun. You will learn about the physics, biology, history, and ecology of your stream. You will be helping to maintain a statistical history of the stream. This stream will become your stream. I have been “River Keeping” the Waupaca River for five years and an interesting thing has happened---it runs through me---

it□s my river. I fish it in the early season, during the Hex hatch, during the Ephron leukon hatch, and in the warmer sections for warm water fish.

Do some of you 300, CWTU members, or central Wisconsin citizens, want to commit to being a “River Keeper” for a year? If you do, contact me, John Gremmer, at jgremmer@charter.net or 920-582-7802.

Do some of you want to help us in a leadership role? Contact me. I will need your contact information and especially your e-mail if you have one.

Let□s have some fun with “River Keeping”!

John Gremmer

Treasurer Report December 31, 2010

Savings Account(\$500 Oz Fund)	\$126.22
Checking Account	\$6635.67
Money Market Accounts	\$16,356.33
Beck Fund	\$ 3,201.45
Nash Fund	\$13,154.88
CD (50%Nash Fund/50%General Fund)	\$11,814.88
Sopkovich Fund	\$2,531.75
Cash on Hand (school)	\$0
Total Funds	\$37,864.91

Scott Grady, Treasurer

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Mission

The mission of the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to protect, preserve and enhance the cold waters of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties.

Join Us Today

Volunteers are very important in our work, although some aren't necessarily members! We need your help in the field, behind the scenes and for other types of support! For more information, contact any of the people listed here.

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