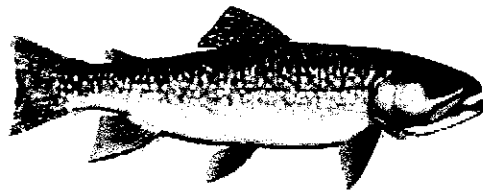


Brookie News

Newsletter of the Central Wisconsin
Chapter of Trout Unlimited



March 2005

PrezSez

Thanks to all who attended the March Banquet and helped reach my dream of having 150 at the Park Plaza! It was simply thrilling to see the ballroom filled!

Special thanks go to Gail and Dan Colligan for their great work at organizing and orchestrating the event! And thanks to all who helped set up at 1:00 PM, to those who donated items for auction and raffles, and to those who helped our Chapter's finances by buying raffle tickets and auction items. This revenue will greatly assist our Chapter's finances,

Then how could anyone not be happy with our February 26 CWTU Fishing Fun Day at Winneconne?! We added 16 new members, heard 11 great presentations, had a chance to learn from biologists, guides, fly reps, rod builders, DNR Staff, fly tiers, etc. This free event finished in the black, due to rummage sales and raffles. Thanks to all who made it happen!

Now, it's on to our April 18 Casting Clinic, our April 23 Water Monitoring training, our April 30 Work Day on the Little Pine, our May 14 Trout Outing, and our June 3-5 Fly Fishing School. Let's have fun with these activities, too!

John Gremmer

Casting Clinic

CWTU will conduct its Second Annual Fly Casting Clinic on **Monday, April 18 at 5:30 PM**, at the lagoon in **Marble Park, Winneconne**. The Clinic is free, open to the public and the lagoon provides a great place to cast for beginners and experts alike!

There'll be a number of accomplished casters on hand to provide one-on-one instruction. But for the session, everyone who brings their own equipment must, for safety reasons, attach only a small piece of yarn to the end of their tippet. That is, no flies are allowed!

Tim Landwehr of Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company will demonstrate casting technique and then have some new Sage rods for us to try. Master cane rod builder Scott Grady will also offer opportunities to try bamboo rods. And we'll have a couple of contests, too!

Later, people may move away from the group and do some real fishing, if they like.

For more information, contact John Gremmer at 920-582-7802 or jgremmer@charter.net.

Workday News

Due to a scheduling conflict, the April Workday has been moved to **Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 AM**, but as reported earlier, the site will be on the upper reaches of the **Little Pine Creek off County II**, 1/4 mile south of State Hwy 21 west of Wautoma. We anticipate a number of Oshkosh's West High School students joining us that day as part of their studies of our State's cold water ecology.

Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves, rubber boots (hip, knee, or waders) and any personal chainsaws or brushcutters.

Other workdays are scheduled for June 18 at the same location and on July 18 on the Little Pine at Czech Ct. Sites for August 13, September 17 and October 8 will be announced when planning is complete. (All starting times are 9:00 AM.) The August date will include the Chapter picnic, as usual.

Please note: Rich has lost his computer files on volunteers, so if you wish to be notified on coming projects or have a map on location, please contact him at the address given below!

CWTU Trout Outing

Would you like to have someone take you on a morning of guided trout fishing for free? Or would you share your experience by guiding someone? Our Chapter's Third Annual Trout Fishing Outing on **Sturday, May 14 at 8:00 AM** is the day and time! The place is the **Dakota Inn Supper Club** on the Mecan River on County JJ, west from State Hwy 22 in Marquette County. After a breakfast, the fishing session, and lunch (about 2:00 PM), participants have a choice of casting instruction, walking to the Mecan for a short entomology lesson, of taking a wildflower stroll with naturalist Elward Engle or of departing.

While the guiding is free, the Continental Breakfast and the noon Barbeque costs will be covered by a fee of \$10

The next Board meeting will be held after the afternoon activities. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

For more information or to sign up, contact John Gremmer at 920-582-7802 or at jgremmer@charter.net. Participants will receive a letter describing the agenda,

the *Brookie* before.

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.)

Editorial

Another fishing season suggests our Chapter (CWTU) should again emphasize its Mission to "Protect, Preserve and Enhance the cold waters in our five-county area." Much to the surprise of many, there is nothing in our Mission that demands members be fly fishers!

Most of us turn to fly fishing for three reasons: first, fly fishing, in general, allows us to catch more trout or salmon! Secondly, it provides an extra element of joy to the process! Thirdly, it more-readily permits us to release any fish to survive and, perhaps, be caught by someone else!

As to the first: more than two-thirds of any trout's diet consists of water-borne life, particularly insects in their various phases of development... nymph, pupa, dun (sub-imago), or spinner (imago). Some insects pass through three of these stages; some, all four. But dressings have been developed in the years since the 1500's that imitate the various species and stages sufficiently to be very effective in enticing trout! And even a "miss" of the fly by a trout is exciting to see, hear, and/or feel!

The second element arises in the challenge, the artistry, the learning, the satisfaction of tying flies.... from the very small to the large. When the various techniques involved are mastered, there is a joy which, perhaps, is indescribable. And then when the darned thingie works on the stream, wow!

And that's quite apart from offering a fly to a fellow angler and having he or she subsequently relate their excitement, their joy in its successful use.

Releasing a fly-caught fish is easier, simply because the trout usually is hooked in its lips where less damage is incurred than deeper in its mouth or in its gills. And again it's a joy properly to revive and release a landed fish, watching it regain its strength in the usually-clear water of a trout stream. (See the article on CPR elsewhere in this issue.)

Another part of the whole fabric of trout fishing is the camaraderie between people of the fraternity....the tips on aspects of the sport, the humor at the various events and outings, the good feeling at the end of a work

day or at a picnic.

Perhaps this litany of joy is good reason to enroll in our next fly tying classes, learn more about the whole process and help in our field work, too.. You'll be glad you did!

Ad Space Available

Annual ad space is available in the **Brookie News**, the newsletter for our Chapter, to qualified space buyers who might wish to reach our members in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties. This offer includes a minimum of eleven issues to a membership which supports the Mission of our Chapter to "Protect, Preserve and Enhance cold waters" in our five-county area.

The rate of \$500 per half column provides a low cost per issue and per reader. Multiple units are available, if desired. For purchases or further information, contact Bob Chamberlain at 920-398-3721..

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Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites anyone interested in preserving protecting and enhancing cold waters in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties to join our Chapter and its efforts to that end!

a map, and a list of suggested equipment.

Minutes, March 14 Board Meeting

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

The meeting was convened at the Berlin Public Library at 6:30 PM. As a first order of business, the Minutes of the previous meeting as published in the **Brookie News** were corrected in that funds approved for the proposed Power Point equipment were \$4,000, rather than \$3,000 reported. The Minutes were then accepted as corrected.

A guest, Bill Siefert, requested assistance regarding scum being observed on the Millpond at Saxeville, he believed as a result of a corral's being right on the shore. He was assured our Watchdog Committee would help, since it was suggested the lodging of horses so close to the pond was against zoning ordinances.

Rich Mlodzik reported our Annual FunDay had a profit from raffles of some \$511 and Ira Giese noted we also recruited 16 new members at the event. In a critique, several Board members suggested a divider (or a noise-control separation of some kind) between the activities and the seminars, that the crowd was growing so that additional space might be needed for next year (or the tables be rectangular ones), and that the event had already been shown on George Curtis' program on Oshkosh TV. It was also felt the Day ought have an exhibit or station to promote our Fly School, since it follows closely in the Chapter calendar.

Tracy Moran said the youth fly-tying had been so popular that more help was needed in the area, next year.

Scott Grady reported our Annual Banquet had an apparent profit of \$8,181.58, subject to any outstanding bills. Dan Colligan then reported we had 155 attendees and that the tables also had to be rectangular, if we hoped to have even more people in the coming years. Ira Giese reported we had recruited an additional 9 new members at the Banquet. The opening prayer was enthusiastically endorsed, but several Board members felt we ought have exhibits on our activities for those not familiar with CWTU.

President Gremmer raised the question of having so many consecutive activities in the Spring; that is, should we move the Annual Meeting, per se, to October? He also suggested we discuss our awards. It was decided to discuss the matters as part of our May 14 Board meeting.

Bob Rennock and Bob Haase reported 8 people will travel to Madison on April 2 for "Training of the Trainers" on the Stream Monitoring program. Then, on April 23, starting at 9:00 AM, all volunteers for the

program will be trained at Bob Rennock's cottage on the White River. Several topics will be covered in rotating groups. (Call Rennock for further details. See phone number below.)

On motion by Rennock with a second by Dan Harmon III, it was decided to purchase six test kits for the program at approximately \$180 each in order to cover the most likely waters to be chosen (White/Pine/Mecan/etc.).

Quick reports on coming Workdays, Hunt's and Engle's stream survey, the Casting Clinic, the Trout Outing, Hunt's video project and the June 2 Fly School allowed the meeting to be adjourned at 8:00 PM in accord with the closing of the Library.

Bob Chamberlain

Fly School

Fishermen/Fisherwomen: Would you like to learn to fly fish? Have you sampled the sport and would like to learn more? Has your interest been aroused by reading about this fascinating sport? If so, we have the deal for you!

Central Wisconsin Chapter of TU's 29th Annual Fly Fishing School will be held during the weekend of June 2-5. This famous course provides a great launch into this fantastic activity! Classes and individual instruction on insect entomology and the related selection of fly patterns, fly casting, tackle selection, knot tying, reading the water and many other subjects are included. Guided fishing on Sunday morning is the final highlight of the School.

All the above is included in a fee of \$300 and a deposit of \$100 secures a position in this very popular course. Housing and meals are included in the fee.

For further details or reservations, contact Director Dan Harmon III at 920-235-1761 ordanh3@execpc.com.

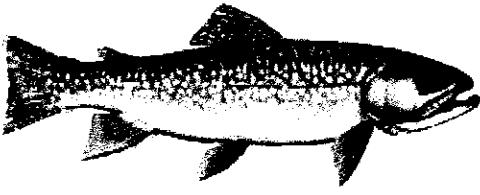
Website

One special feature of CWTU's communication effort is our website www.cwtu.org. The header page has access to information about CWTU, upcoming programs, events and workdays, meeting minutes, the scoop on local streams, pictures, etc and is frequently updated...in short, lots of good stuff. There are even Message Boards. The site is linked to the State Council and to National, so it is available to many different viewers.

As a member, you have the choice of methods to keep up to date on the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU): this newsletter or the website, whichever is the most convenient for you.

CPR

With the start of the new fishing season, it perhaps behooves us to reprint a suggestion that has appeared in



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Musings

When one looks around at our Fun Days, February or May, it is easy to see the dedication to Trout Unlimited, to the Federation of Fly Fishers, etc. in the experts who volunteer to lecture, provide casting instruction or demonstrate fly tying. They come from all over the State and share their knowledge with anyone who stops and watches or listens! Their careful instruction of young people, especially, is wonderful to see! The nearby parent's appreciation of the teacher's effort, whether the young 'un is tying a fly or learning to cast, is also easy to

understand!

And, somehow, every TU'er who sees the situation reacts with a glow, as well. Perhaps that's because everyone realizes the training probably bodes well for the future of the cold waters of our five counties....and the State.

Every guru who participated in our February 26 Fun Day is to be thanked for their time. But Tracy Moran should receive a special "Attaboy" for his efforts for the kids!