

BROOKIE NEWS

Newsletter of Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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I look forward to the next few years! Each year our Chapter seems to grow in members and activities. Now, previous leadership and the time and efforts of so many of our members have put us in a very good position to do even more. We thank John Gremmer for all that he has done as President...in planning monthly programs, the Master's tying program, Trout Fest, Casting Clinics, our May Outing, and teaching a fly fishing class for Fox Valley Technical College where he promotes our Chapter and TU. These are just a few of the many things that have helped us grow.

And I also know that these events have involved many others working too, so I also want to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to activities and projects of our Chapter!

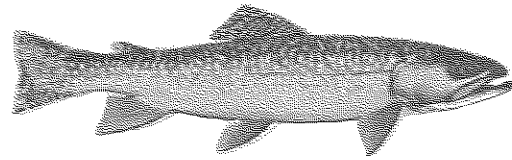
There are members who have never attended a meeting, because of their work schedule or the distance to where we meet. Other members may feel uncomfortable at a meeting from not knowing anyone, but we thank you all for supporting our activities. However, please come and get acquainted and learn more about our mission, projects, activities, etc. We will do everything we can to make you feel welcome.

If you can't attend meetings, you may want to help with some of our activities, such as work days or water monitoring. If you wish to learn more about our work days or monitoring, contact Jim Humphrey or Dick Pollock. (See last page for email addresses or phone numbers.)

We always welcome your input. If you have ideas for programs, call John Gremmer. If you'd like to know more about fishing techniques, places to fish, rods, tackle, line and leader selection, or any other related topic, just let John know and he perhaps can find a program in that area.

John also has a program on CWTU for Service clubs and other organizations to inform them about us: our activities and our Mission. Please let John know of any group that may be interested in such a presentation.

One of my goals is to involve as many members as possible in our activities. If we all do a little, the tasks can be spread over many members and progress even faster. Our work projects might then include a major stream restoration requiring grants or other external funding and even outside physical support.

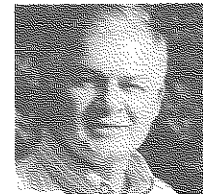


We might join with other clubs and organizations to achieve what we might not otherwise undertake,

Right now, we need someone to volunteer as Chair of our Annual Banquet in October. It would be nice if we had a Chair and co-Chair working together. If you are interested, please give me a call.

We have a dedicated slate of Officers and Board of Directors which will help make my job much easier and our Chapter even more effective. Thanks to them for volunteering in the various capacities and for their ideas and direction. I would also like to thank Bob Chamberlain for his work in organization and planning our focus and priorities. Feel free to call any of our Officers, if you have any questions or concerns.

As I said before, I look forward to the next couple years and ask for your help and support.



Bob Haase

Next Meeting

Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited will hold its **Annual Fly Casting Clinic at Marble Park in Winneconne on April 17**. Starting time is **6:00 PM**. This is a **free** program and the public is encouraged to attend. Participants will learn the fundamentals of fly casting from some of the area's best casting instructors. Casters will be divided into three groups, beginning, intermediate, and advanced, each with their own instructor.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own fly rods, but extra rods will be available for those who don't have them. People will also have an opportunity to cast bamboo rods created by master rod builder Scott Grady and new Sage rods from Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company of De Pere.

For more information on this program or for other CWTU programs see www.cwtu.org or call John Gremmer at 920-582-7802

Next Workdays

The first workday of 2006 will take place on **April 22** starting at 9 AM. Plan on coming and

working out some of the aggravation and irritation caused by paying income taxes! We will be completing the final phase of work on the Little Pine. For those who have not enjoyed an invigorating morning of stream restoration, please join us.

Bring boots or waders and gloves. The site is located on County II, about eight miles west of Wautoma off Highway 21. There will be a TU sign pointing south to the site. If anyone needs directions, please call me at (920) 232-8845 or email me at jjimray@charter.net. After completing stream work, John Gremmer will present a program showing how to search the stream for appetizing insects (for trout) and tying a fishable fly. As usual, a gourmet Wisconsin lunch will be served.

Jim Humphrey

First Call For Trout Outing

The CWTU Annual Trout Outing that will be held at the **Dakota Inn** (on JJ west of Hwy 22 in Marquette County), along the banks of the treasured Mekan River on **May 13**. This festive event will start at **8:00 AM** with experienced trouters being paired with inexperienced. The pairings will then enjoy a morning of trout fishing with the experienced person acting as guide. At 11:30 AM, everyone will meet back at the Inn for a barbeque buffet and some camaraderie.

After lunch, all (including families) have choice of a variety of activities, such as an onstream entomology session with Dr. Bob Stelzer and Dan Harmon III, a wildflower walk with Elward Engle, casting instruction with Tom Young, or an overview of water monitoring with Dick Pollock.

This is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet other Chapter members and learn about CWTU.

There will be a \$10 fee per person for the buffet and use of the facilities. To attend this activity, you need to contact John Gremmer at 920-582-7802 or jgremmer@charter.net.

Minutes of March 13 Board

Members attendng: Bob Chamberlain, Scott Grady, Ira Giese, John Gremmer, Bob Haase, Dan Harmon III, Jim Humphrey, Al Lee, Tracy Moran, Dick Pollock, Bob Rennock, Jack Wahlers and numerous guests.

While President John prepared for his evening's presentation, the meeting was opened by Bob Chamberlain. The first business was approval of the Board Minutes of February 6 as published in the Brookie News; the second was approval of Treasurer Grady's report of having a \$44,176.55 current balance.

Then after a discussion, a total budget for the current year of \$18,500 was moved by Dan Harmon III, seconded by Bob Rennock, and approved.

Dan Harmon III reported for the ByLaws

Committee on necessary changes to the ByLaws under the Board's desire to expand voting members to 17 with a minimum quorum of nine. The seventeen would be composed of twelve members in three year classes and five officers. At Large Board members would not be limited in number, since it is to be composed of members whose expertise in various matters would thus be retained by CWTU. After motions by Dan and seconds by Bob Haase and John Gremmer, the several recommendations were adopted.

Chamberlain, as Nominating Chair, then moved Bob Haase for President with John Gremmer as Past President, Grady and Chamberlain being affirmed in their current positions, a 2006-2009 Class comprized of Ira Giese, Dan Harmon III, Rich Mlodzik, and Bob Stelzer, the addition of Jim Humphrey and Dave Johnson to Bob Hunt and Tracy Moran as the Class of 2004-2007 and of Dick Pollock and Jack Wahlers to Dan Colligan and Al Lee in the Class of 2005-2008. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved as presented.

President Haase then assumed the Chair and proposed acclaim for John Gremmer for a job well done and the suggestion was heartily applauded by the members present.

The next agenda item was the need for a Banquet Chair. Bob Rennock and Al Lee indicted they would consider a co-Chairmanship and would make a commitment by our next meeting.

Gremmer asked for fly tiers for a compendium of approximately 20,000 kids on May 19. John then asked for approval of a new video camera at an amount not to exceed \$400. Upon motion by Chamberlain and a second by Rennock, the expenditure was approved.

Gremmer reported on our successful TroutFest with 27 new members who had already been twice contacted about coming events in an attempt to activate them prior to receiving confirmation of their membership from National.

Then after a brief discussion of Campground Creek, the business was adjourned for the program.

Bob Chamberlain

TroutFest

Our Annual TroutFest on February 25 at Winneconne's Fin 'N Feather was bigger and better than ever! Crowd size was estimated at more than 300, all the presentations/lectures were well attended and we gained 27 new members!

These new members are Paul Biese, R. Christensen, Mike Crook, Neil Fisher, Paul Fowler, Ryan Hansen, Herb Hellwig, Greg Johnson, Nathan King, Marty Koopman, Roger Lade, Jerry and Sharie Leeman, Diane Mandler, Alec Marquardt, Patrick and Ann O'Meara, Lance Pickart, George Porter, Arnie Roloff, Franklin Seurer, Ron Spaulding, Eric Swanlund, Paul Swisher, E. R. Waskawic, Jeff

Wegand, and Nick Willett.

Please welcome them at future meetings or outings.

Senior/Retiree Stream Keepers (SSK)

The purpose of this new group within CWTU is to be a bit active in light stream maintenance-restoration and also to do some fishing. In general, we plan on meeting once a month (or more often if members are interested), work on a variety of waters (over a season) for a couple of hours (each) and then enjoy having fishing fun on different streams.

At this time, Friday seems to be the preferred day with the starting time yet to be decided. If interested, please call or email me.

On March 31, we have an opportunity to work with a group (8-12) of students from Fox Valley Tech on Little Spring Creek, a spawning area for the Pine.

If anyone is interested in helping on that date, please contact me for details of the location and time.

Jim Humphrey



A well-known SSK, Bob Hunt, between maintenance tasks.

Water Monitoring

John Gremmer, our Past President, recently issued a press release seeking volunteers to continue and expand a major activity our Chapter began last year. That of monitoring streams within our area of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties,

After training, each team of several volunteers will evaluate a given water, six times during the year, for such factors as flow rate, temperature, clarity, dissolved oxygen, biotic index and habitat type. Over time, this data will provide a baseline that can be used for education and for protecting those streams against environmental degradation.

Volunteers are not limited to CWTU members and each team will be provided with all necessary tools. Training will be held at the Green Lake High School on April 29. To volunteer or for more information, contact Dick Pollock at 920-235-2104 or via email at rpollock@new.it.com.

Website

One special feature of CWTU's communication effort is our website www.cwtu.org. The site is full of news, including upcoming programs, events, and workdays, meeting minutes, the scoop on local streams, pictures, and is frequently updated...in short, lots of good stuff. There are even message boards and

the site is linked to State Council and National websites, so it's available to many different users.

As a member, you have a choice of methods to keep up to date on our Chapter, this Newsletter or the Web-site...whichever is the most convenient for you.

Should you choose the website, please inform Scott Grady (listed on the back page of this newsletter), so we can avoid wastage on the postage. (Ye Ed: Please see the following article, too.)

An Appeal

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited uses the database at National Trout Unlimited for printing its monthly **Brookie News** mailing labels. As a result, we need your help in keeping that database current. Otherwise, we are sending the newsletter to the wrong address, losing the mailing cost as the result.

Therefore, we would appreciate your updating your membership address at any change, if you have access to the internet. Here's how:

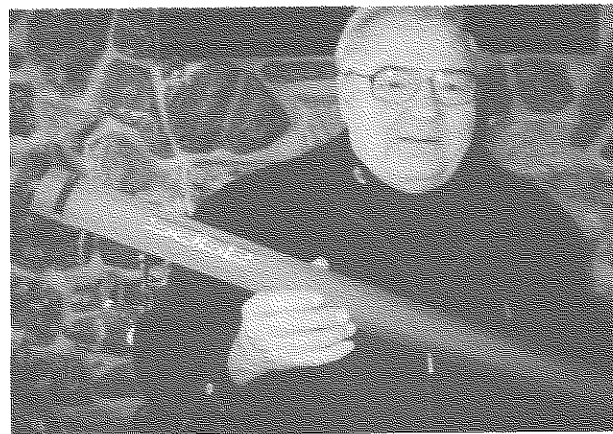
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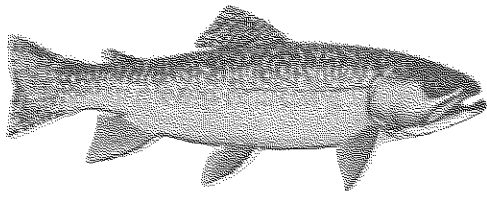
You then have our thanks. This minor task helps greatly!

Scott Grady

Winner

Per Ira Giese, our Membership Chair, the winner of the Sage 5-wt rod at TroutFest and a new member is Frank Seurer of Omro. Please welcome and congratulate him at our next get together!





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Stream Monitor
 Watchdog

Legislation

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