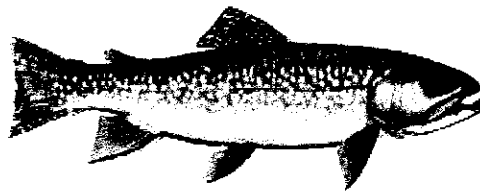


Brookie News

Newsletter of the Central Wisconsin
Chapter of Trout Unlimited



April 2005

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Keep the Ball Rolling!

“Keep the ball rolling, keep the ball rolling...” Do you remember that old song? It got stuck in your head and you ended up humming it all day. We’ve got the ball rolling in CWTU and we need to keep it moving.

We’ve had a great year, so far. We’ve had informative programs, more people at meetings, a great Fun Day and a terrific banquet. Now we start the workday season. Please consider supporting Rich Mlodzik, Elward Engle, Tracy Moran and others by participating in our projects. It’s a great time to visit with old friends, make new ones and learn about a trout stream, and to give something back. The first workday is April 30, the rest can be found in the **Brookie News** or on our website.

The CWTU water monitoring program is off and running. Thanks to Bob Rennock, Bob Haase and Scott Grady for organizing this activity. On April 2, fourteen CWTU members traveled to Waunakee to get trained as water monitors. On April 23, over 35 members will be trained to be monitors in Wautoma.

Call Bob Rennock (920-923-9271) if you’d like to be involved. It is critical the first year be a success.

Dan Harmon III, Dean of the CWTU Fly Fishing School, reports that enrolment is down for the limited openings in this three-day school. You can help the effort by getting “the word” to people who might benefit from this outstanding experience.

Do you read the State’s **Wisconsin Trout** newspaper? Todd Hanson edits a great product. Did you notice how big our Chapter’s report is? Did you see the three pictures contributed by our activities? The newspaper provides a great opportunity for members to learn about the goings-on in our State.

We still have room for guides and people who want to be guided at our annual Trout Outing on the Mekan River. The event starts at 8 AM at the Dakota Inn and ends about 2 PM. A fee of \$10 provides a continental breakfast and a noon meal. Again, this is all about fun, learning and camaraderie. Call me at 920-582-7802 if you wish to be involved.

Indeed, CWTU is alive and well. We’re growing in numbers and in participation. Let’s keep it that way; let’s keep the ball rolling!

P.S: Would you like to be a CWTU Board member?

We have an opening! The requirements are: attending Chapter meetings, being actively involved in our activities, and being committed to our Mission of “Protecting, Preserving and Enhancing cold water resources.”

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 **Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 AM** is the day and time! The place is the **Dakota Inn Supper Club** on the Mekan 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 Mekan 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.

If there is time remaining, the next Board meeting will be held after the afternoon activities. All Chapter members are invited to attend and stay as long as you like.

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, a map, and a list of suggested equipment.

Board Minutes

There has been no Board meeting, since the last edition of the **Brookie News**. However, several Board sessions are scheduled in the coming summer months to complete the planning for our Chapter's future:

Monday, June 13, 6:30 PM. Site: Berlin Library, Berlin.

Monday, July 11, 6:30 PM Site: Berlin Library, Berlin.

Monday, August 8, 6:30 PM Site: Berlin Library, Berlin.

As always, members are invited to attend any or all of our Board sessions. The Chapter needs your input!

Bob Chamberlain

Stream Monitoring

Formal training for our forthcoming stream monitoring work began on April 2 when 12 of our members, including our peerless leader John Gremmer, traveled to Madison for a Train-the-Trainers session by Kris Steponak of the Extension of UW and the DNR.

Thirty-six volunteers have now volunteered for the year's work which will encompass the Mekan, White,

Pine, Willow and, possibly other waters in our five-county area of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties. The 36 will be trained on April 23 at the Park View School in Wautoma on April 23 sat 8:00 AM and stream work will start soon thereafter..

Fly School

Our renowned Fly Fishing School will host its 29th annual session during the weekend of June 2-5. This famous course provides a great launch into this growing outdoor activity for both men and women! The curriculum is completed in classroom lectures, demonstrations, video presentations, and streamside instruction. Subjects covered are: Fly Casting, Reading the Water, Tackle Selection, Knot Tying, Entomology and related Selection of Fly Patterns, and other associated subjects. Guided fishing on Sunday morning is the final highlight!

All the above is included in a fee of \$300 and a deposit of \$100 secures a position in this very popular course with limited enrollment. Housing at Camp LuWiSoMo in Waushara County (near Wild Rose, Wisconsin) on Friday and Saturday nights, meals from Friday evening through Sunday noon and all materials are included in the fee.

Some comments from previous students are: "**This is the only way to learn to fly fish.**"—J. Gilmore, Fond du Lac., WI.

"**I carved 5 years off my learning curve in one weekend!**"—M. Alix, Weyauwega, WI.

"**I would strongly recommend this course for anyone interested in this great sport!**"—T. J. Kaminski, Hainesville, IL

Net proceeds from the School are earmarked for the Chapter's Bill Beck Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For further details or reservations, contact Director Dan Harmon III at 920-235-1761 or danh3@execpc.com. Reservations may be made by credit card.

Stream Pollution

The growing problem of manure polluting trout streams is intensified by farmers using the liquid form. When such material is spread on frozen ground, the potential for fish kills is high.

In Wisconsin during 2004, thirty incidents of pollution were recorded with about fifteen having determined causes. Of these, six were definitely manure-related and seventh kill was suspected of being so linked.. Three of these six/seven cases have been referred to the State Department of Justice for prosecution.

Of more than 40,000 livestock operations in our State, only 131 are required to have a Federal water quality permit, which is based on the "animal units"

involved. But all farms could reduce the risk of pollution by having storage facilities for holding liquid manure until ground and weather conditions make application relatively safe.

Since the keeping of records of kill incidents is relatively new in Wisconsin and the use of the liquid form is growing, we face a major educational effort to reduce such problems in the coming years.

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.

CWTU People

Officers

President	John Gremmer 920-582-7802
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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.

Early Season Notes

Ye Ed was fishing on the Mecan for the first outing of 2005 recently. For some reason, the Browns were feisty, feisty, feisty! Strong fish! It's been a long, long while since I've encountered fish that took so long to bring to the net! They darted everywhere in their attempts to escape, but the fish didn't have the bright yellow bellies I've always associated with "wild" fish. No matter, they were simply great!

It was a lovely, no-bug outing on a beautiful day! The woodpeckers were pecking; other birds were calling. All was right with the world!

The following Sunday, however, I was chatting with a friend who has a cottage on the River. He said he's beginning to explore freestone streams elsewhere, since it's hard for old men like us to wiggle out of the sand and marshes in and along the water. A wading staff isn't quite the help it is on the Wolf for keeping our balance and finding the next step to take..

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!

Need Assistance

Dear John:

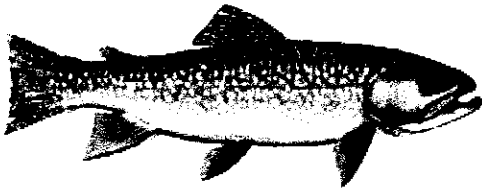
My name is John Sandberg and I was the proud recipient of your local Chapter's graduate student grant while finishing my Master's Degree at Stevens Point (1991-1996). Since then, I have worked for the US Geological Survey at Denver as an aquatic macro-invertebrate taxonomist while (recently) finishing a fantastic stonefly PHD project at the University of North Texas under Dr. Kenneth W. Stewart.

I want to return to the state I call home and (am contacting) everyone who knew me. I still consider myself an aquatic ecologist with broad freshwater biology background and experience.

John Sandberg, Teaching Assistant

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Musings

At our coming FunDay on the Mekan, we'll see people from a wide area come to help others understand and enjoy the sport of their expertise. The Day really shows the devotion many have to our environment as they take the time to introduce others to its mysteries.

But so intricate a subject can not be fully understood in one encounter. Indeed for many, it leads to a lifetime of learning; yet, one can learn enough in that single, "first session" thoroughly to enjoy trout fishing.

A rudimentary knowledge of where trout will hold in the water, the ability to get the fly somewhere near the trout "spot", and a little information of insect life cycles is all that's lifetime of learning; yet, one can learn enough in that single, "first session" thoroughly to enjoy trout fishing. required. Participation provides as much pleasure thereafter as the student desires.

Admittedly, the exposure may lead to book collections, rod collections, fly collections, antique collections of whatever, and so on. And that's all fun, too!