

# BROOKIE NEWS

## Newsletter of Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

*May 2006*

### **PrezSez**

There are so many activities competing for our precious time. After I retired, I thought I'd have all kinds of time, but now seem busier than ever. Most of us have a similar situation and yet we share in the many activities of CWTU. I merely want to say you all are appreciated!

Our Trout Outing is a good example, because many members took the time to share their knowledge with others in tying knots, reading the water and selecting flies. Alistair Stewart, for example, came all the way from Chicago to help guide!

And John Gremmer did a great job of organizing the event; we had over 50 people in attendance.

Some of our members recently traveled to Avalanche to take students from Shabaz school fishing. I'm not sure how many members helped, but I do know that John Gremmer, Rich Mlodzik, and Tom Young were there.

On Friday the same week, there was a WOA Education Foundation Youth Expo at the Dodge County Fairgrounds for some 2,000 Fourth to Sixth Graders. I went with Dick Pollock and Gerry Smet to teach fly tying to some 800 kids. We also went back on Saturday when it was open for parents, too, and taught many more how to tie a fly.

The Stream Restoration workers and Water Action Volunteers have also been busy, but having no workday in May allowed Jim Humphrey to undergo back surgery. We wish Jim a speedy recovery!

I would like to thank Bob Rennock and Al Lee for volunteering to chair this year's banquet at Oshkosh on October 12. They will be forming a committee and if you would like to volunteer to help on one of the different sub-committees, please give them a call.

We still need a Vice President. If anyone would be interesting in serving, please give me a call.

The next board meeting will be at Bob Stemper's home near Saxeville. (See below.) I would like to thank Bob and his wife for hosting this meeting. We started holding such outings last summer and met at John Gremmer's, Ira Giese's, and Oshkosh Office Systems. The informal format allows us to know each other better and yet conduct the business needed by our Chapter.

In closing, I hope our members are getting



chances to spend some time on the streams and to enjoy great trout fishing. Before you know it, summer will be over!



### **Board Schedule**

Our next meeting will be held on **June 12** at Bob Stemper's near Saxeville at **6 PM**. (From the East, take M west from WI 49 (5-6 miles) to E, north to A and west to Popple Creek Rd then south to Fire Number W5462 on left side. From the West, take A off WI 22 at Wild Rose through Saxeville to Popple Creek Rd, etc.

Bob says the place is a bit hard to find, since it's at the end of long driveway, so Board members should have their portable phones and his number, 920-622-5052.

The July 10 session will be at Jerry Strom's home, 180 Cty Rd FF, Pickett, and the August 14 at Bob Haase's, W7949 Treplow La, Eldorado..

### **2006 Fly Fishing School**

Due to overwhelming response and interest in the Chapter's 30th School, we have a full complement of 24 students enrolled for this year's session on June 2, 3, and 4. This class is particularly gratifying in view of other schools starting up and competing with us in this timeframe; it seems to be a tribute to our school's reputation and to the volunteer Staff's effort.

I wish to thank all our members who took brochures to the various fly shops around the State and also to John Gremmer, Russ and Sue Bouck and anyone I might have missed for their efforts in promoting our school at our Chapter's TroutFest and Fox Valley's Cabin Fever events during last winter.

The Staff and I are looking forward to a great Class of 2006: it couldn't be beginning any better than this!

A special thanks to new Chapter member Bob of Scumacher's Rod and Reel Repair, Oshkosh for his gracious donation of 12 graphite flyrods to the Chapter for use in the school, casting clinics and

other related Chapter activities.

Dan Harmon III

### **CWTU Fifth in Nationwide Growth!**

In a letter recently received from National TU, our Chapter ranked fifth in growth (with 39 new members) for the period October 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006! Further, we were the only Wisconsin Chapter in the Top Ten.

Along with the news, we received a membership rebate of \$590.

### **Minutes, May 13**

Members Attending: Bob Chamberlain, Scott Grady, John Gremmer, Bob Haase, Bob Hunt, Dan Harmon III, Al Lee, Tracy Moran, Dick Pollock, Bob Rennock, Bob Stelzer, Jerry Strom and Jack Wahlers.

The Minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter were approved and the Treasurer's Report, which showed a balance of \$43,150.27, was also approved. President Haase reported the video camera previously approved has been purchased.

Haase also reported the work on the Little Pine was now deemed complete. The next project will be on the West Branch of the White River.

Bob Hunt then said the next SSK session would be on Friday, May 26, 9:00 AM on the Chaffee at Dakota Road.

Dick Pollock reported the Monitoring Committee had added two new teams at their April 24 training session and the 5 more teams on April 30 and the current active monitors represented more than any other TU chapter in Wisconsin.

Mike Supryl gave a short presentation on his research regarding the relationship between in-stream vegetation and insect population, a relationship he called "hot spots"

Al Lee and Bob Rennock then announced they would be co-Chairs for the forthcoming banquet and would seek the help from others for door prizes, raffles, auctions, registration, etc..

The problem with our being able to recruit a vice-president was then discussed and several alternative scenarios suggested. The topic was laid over for the next Board meeting.

The June Fly Fishing School was reported by Dan Harmon III as being full and most arrangements made.

In the absence of Tom Poullette, Jack Wahlers suggested several lingering watchdog situations that needed continued surveillance and John Gremmer said the DNR had affirmed their previous minimum water level (PIL) for the Waupaca River in the permitting process for the Waupaca Country Club's watering, as previously reported.

Bob Hunt reported the DNR's search for acquisition funds for land bordering the Sannes Creek.

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Dan Harmon III, up to \$2,500 was suggested and after an amendment that monies come from the Nash Williams' legacy and be repaid (if possible) from State funds, the motion was passed unanimously.

Haase then updated the Board of the ongoing discussions between the DNR, local farmers, etc on the two streams in Fond du Lac County; he felt they were proceeding apace. He also noted National had recognized our Chapter as being the fifth highest in the nation in obtaining new members during the previous period.

Bob Chamberlain

### **Monitoring Report**

WAV training was conducted at the Green Lake High School on Saturday, April 29. Twenty-six people attended, fourteen of whom were new participants. Two new teams were formed.

On-site basic training was conducted by John Gremmer on the Mekan River and by Tracy Moran on the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River.

WDNR Upper Level Monitoring Certification Training was conducted at the Mekan Discovery Center, the next day. Nine CWTU volunteers were certified to participate in the program. Thus, four teams will now be monitoring nine sites using the WDNR protocols.

Five CWTU teams are also participating in a Citizen Scientist Pilot Program, which involves identifying macroinvertebrates to the family level.

So, we now have twelve Tier 1 teams monitoring fifteen stream sites and twelve WAV monitoring kits deployed.

The teams are: (No. 1, Mekan River headwaters) Tracy Moran, Jerry Gorman, Rich Mlodzik and Ray White.

(No. 2 Mekan River Downstream) Don Vorpahl, Mary Jones and Dan Miller.

(No. 3 Pine River) Bud Meyer, Bill Seefelt, Jerry Bitter and John Wilson.

(No. 4 Chaffee Creek) Rich Mlodzik, Dave Johnson and Jerry Disher.

(No. 5 Wedde Creek) Jim Humphrey, Jack Talin, and Lurton Blassingame.

(No. 6 Willow Creek) Dan Dibble and Chuck Werberg.

(No. 7 Waupaca River) John Gremmer, Jeff Oestreich, Tom Young, Larry Gordan, Colin Neil, Bart Blum, Bill Manion and Bob Gayeske.

(No. 8 Bird Creek) Paul Hedrick, Jan Moldenhauer and Frank and Lynn Druেকে.

(No. 9 Snake Creek, Puchyan River. Mill Race River) Don Macaulay and Green Lake High School Team.

(No. 10 Little Pine Creek, West Branch White River) Dick Pollock, Mike Shupryt, Bob Haase and Bob Stemper.

(No. 11 White River) Bob Rennock and David Segliman.

(No.12 E. Branch Fond du Lac River) Laura DeGolier, Meg Mehane, Gerda Strupp, Diana Beck and Ruth Dauterman

Those in the Citizen Scientist Pilot Program are: Jim Humphrey, Jack Talin, John Gremmer, Bart Blum, Bob Gayeske, Paul Hedrick, Frank and Lynn Druecke, Jan Moldenhauer, Don Macaulay, Green Lake High School Team members, Bob Haase, Dick Pollock, Mike Shupryt and Bob Stemper.

Those in the DNR Certified Upper Level Teams are: Jim Humphrey, Dick Pollock, Paul Hedrick, Jan Moldenhauer, Frank and Lynn Druecke, Don Macaulay, Green Lake High School Team, Bob Haase and, Bob Stemper,

### Chapter Renews Library Subscriptions

Our Chapter has recently renewed subscriptions to TU's national magazine, *Trout*, for most of the High School and Public Libraries in our five-county area. These donations are part of our effort to educate the general public about cold-water matters.

The magazines seem to be appreciated, given the well-thumbed copies I've seen in several public libraries and the "thank you" letters we received.

It should be noted public libraries tend to keep back copies, so they are available for reference (in case your copy has been mislaid and you wish to review a previous article,)

### 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:

1. Go to [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)
2. Choose the TU member section.
3. Enter username=tumembership number. (TU1234567)
4. Enter Password=tumembership number. (1234567)
5. Submit
6. Click on Edit Personal File
7. Under Profile Information, click on Edit.
8. Make any corrections/additions.
9. Click on Update

Thanks! This minor task helps greatly!

Scott Grady

### Siesta Fish

When fishing the Malleo River in Neuquen Province, Argentina, we were normally assigned a different "beat" (out of miles of water within the Rancho) each day. On this particular day, we and our guide, Alberto, drew the "Lower Beat" and began slowly fishing down it with large streamers. We caught some nice fish along with a number of 16- to 18-inch "tiddlers", but Alberto kept talking of "The Big Rock" and what it might offer in the way of "a good fish" when we progressed that far.

As was the custom for the close-in beats, however, we had to return to the hacienda for lunch before we reached the Rock and Alberto waxed enthusiastically about the prospects for the afternoon during the drive back and the meal. There was usually a short pause after lunch, so Alberto asked, "When do you want to go fishing again?"

I answered in high school Spanish, "Ahora." (now) and Jane and I went back to our room to comb our hair before returning to the porch and donning our waders.

We were both halfway into our waders when the Chief Guide, an American, came and asked what I'd said to Alberto....that he was off for an hour's siesta. We offered to nap, too, but the Chief would have none of it, saying it was the perfect time to visit the Rock.

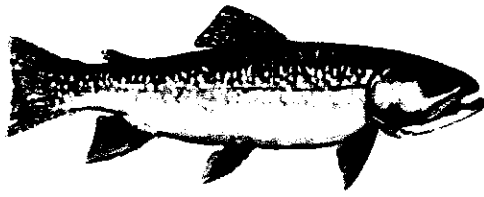
So Alberto was summoned and back we went to the lower stretch with a somewhat glum Alberto gradually returning to normal as we approached the parking spot in the ranch pasture. As we left the car, he had Jane sit on the hillside above the (small) rock while I fished first, since there was only about enough space for two on the big stone.

Two very nice fish were rising, facing downstream in parallel, to small caddis in an eddy below the rock. We hurriedly changed my leader to a smaller tipit and to an properly-sized Adams, crept out onto the peninsula and I made several casts outboard of the fish in the hope of catching one and then the other. But all floated by, undisturbed, while the Browns both took nearby insects.

We now decided I should cast between the two. And that proved to be the magic elixir on the next cast! When I'd set the hook on the "offside" fish and stood up to guide it around our hiding place, both fish dived into the deep pool, so I was playing my fish straight down into hidden depths.

When the quarry finally came up, Alberto was beside himself, "That's a three-kilo fish, Senior; that's a three-kilo fish!"

We landed, revived and released the 6-1/2 pounder and then waited a long time to see if the other would return to the hatch for Jane's try. Unfortunately, it didn't. But it probably provided Alberto a story for his next "sports" on the "South Beat".



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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.