

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

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*May 2009*

### PrezSez

Well, I have now conducted my first Board meeting as President of CWTU. Other than a couple of stumbles with "Roberts Rules of Order," I seem to have survived OK.

The Agenda was reasonably full and informative. There were two important administrative items that come up once a year and are now approved and behind us until next April. These are the Annual Audit of the Financial Records, and the 2009-10 Budget. Thank you Mike Schaefers and Scott Grady.

There was another topic of particular interest to me, and that I hope will be of real interest to all of you. That is project healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. ([www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org)). PHW, initiated and conducted by members of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited serves military personnel who have been wounded, injured or disabled, to aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying and by using and enjoying these skills on fishing outings and as lifelong recreation..

I first became aware of Project Healing Waters in March when I saw a press release from the Pat Barnes Missouri River TU Chapter announcing the creation of the Montana Project Healing Waters Program in collaboration with the national PHW organization. This program was to be officially announced at their March 21 Annual Banquet. Since learning of the Montana Program, I have discovered that the Southeast Wisconsin TU Chapter is in the process of setting up the Project Healing Waters Milwaukee Program. I know and have fished with the person taking the lead on the Milwaukee project. This is something we should carefully consider for our area, possibly in partnership with other area chapters. I will keep you informed of my recent and future discussions

with Southeast Wisconsin TU, Pat Barnes TU, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc., and the local Vererans' Clinic. So far there has been either phone or email contact with all four, and a lot more to come.

On a lighter note, the early trout season is ending and the regular season is about to begin. I hope you all had as much fun in March and April as I had. Being retired makes it so easy to fish when no one else is on the stream! Two of the flies that we learned to tie in the recent Masters Series have been putting fish larger than 14" in my net. I hate to give away secrets, but both types of flies include the color "pink."

**John Tucker**

### Other Coming Events

**April 25. Training for Stream Monitoring**, Riverside School, Wautoma, 1-5 PM

**April 28. Casting Tune-up**, Marble Park, Winneconne, 5:30 PM.

**May 29--31. CWTU Fly-Fishing School.**

**June 14**, Board Meeting, Home of John Tucker

**July 20**, Board Meeting, TBA

**August 17**, Board Meeting, TBA

### Board Meetings

April 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Tucker at 6:15 p.m.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the minutes of the February and March meetings was held over until the May meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted as amended with a decimal point moved to its proper location:

### Treasurer Report

March 31, 2009

Savings Account

\$26.05

Checking Account

\$12,228.72

Money Market Accounts	\$15,267.06
Beck Fund	\$2,195.80
Nash Fund	\$13,071.26
CD (50%Nash Fund/50%General Fund)	\$11,564.21
Sopkovich Fund	\$2,420.39
Cash on Hand	\$600
Receivable (Credit Card From FVTU)	\$1,065
Total Funds	\$43,171.43

4. The 2008-09 budget was reviewed with the variances noted. The 2009-10 budget was presented and approved as amended. Education/scholarships fund was increased to \$3,000; Publications was zeroed out; Website budget was increased to \$500. An audit report from Mike Schaefer was presented and discussed, including several recommendations which were accepted by the Board.
5. Water Monitoring and Invasive Species workshops will be held at Parkside Middle School in Wautoma on Saturday, April 25, 1-5 p.m.
6. Motion was made and approved to provide *Trout* magazine to the 15-20 smaller area public libraries at \$15 each.
7. Board noted that a graduate grant was made to Nick Back at the March Board meeting.
8. Members were reminded that volunteers were needed at the April 28 Casting Clinic at Marble Park. Contact Russ Bouck. Bring (not your best) fly rod.
9. Bob Haase asked for more volunteers to assist with the Wisconsin Outdoor Expo in Beaver Dam for youth fly tying instruction.
10. The Winnebago Conservation Expo is scheduled for Saturday, May 30. Because the date conflicts with the Trout School, CWTU will not have a table.
11. Dan Harmon III reported that the Trout School appears to have a full enrollment and should generate budgeted revenues.
12. The Board determined that CWTU is effectively represented at State Council meetings and does not need to appoint a State Council representative.
13. There will be a May meeting of CWTU to be held on Monday May 18 and the Fin 'n Feather in Winneconne. Program will be "Fishing the Hex Hatch."
14. Summer chapter meetings: J  
June 15 at the home of President John Tucker

July 20 to be determined. Hosts, Tracy Moran, John Gremmer, and Joe Sienkiewicz. Stream day May 16 on Lawrence Creek. Jim Humphreys reminded members that in addition to needing a work crew, we need a sufficient number of members to serve as guides to the Chicago guests who will be joining us that day.

16. President Tucker will looking further into the Project Healing Waters and report back. Members expressed near unanimous interest in participating.

17. Old Business: Bob Chamberlain reported that Scott Grady is now the keeper of the official CWTU archives and Chapter history.

18. New Business: None

19. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Seligman  
Acting Secretary

### Keep Your Eyes On Those CAFOs!

CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations) continue to be a growing problem in Wisconsin and a threat to our aquatic resources. Pigs, cows, chickens, turkeys, etc., in large numbers produce a tremendous amount of manure. This manure, if not handled properly, eventually finds its way into the water table and into lakes and streams--such as the recent disastrous CAFO manure spill into the waters of the Kewaunee River. The State is promoting these CAFOs for economic reasons, but once again they are not taking in to consideration the long term effects they bring. The WDNR seems powerless to enforce violations and say they lack the legal tools to get things under control. The history of CAFOs throughout the world is that they pollute the environment and create almost no local economic growth. Our area of the State is a "hotbed" of CAFO growth. This is something that TU has the responsibility to have a voice on.

**John Gremmer**

### Annual Casting Clinic

The annual CWTU casting tune-up clinic was held Tuesday, April 29. at Winneconne's Marble Park, with an excellent turnout of mentors and novice casters. Many thanks to all those who turned out to help, and to the weather gods for dry weather and not too much wind. Special thanks to Russ Bouck for organizing the event and for his magnetic flies for the Trout Game, to Tracy Moran for his chefmanship, fish painting and fish targets, to John Gremmer and John Nebel for fish targets, and to Jeff Hatton for the Trout Game idea. It was gratifying to observe the tremendous progress in casting skills acquired by novice casters with just one evening of one-on-one instruction!

**David Seligman**

## Special Thanks

Ye New Ed wishes to thank Ye Olde Ed for all his fine work in keeping the Brookie interesting and informative for lo these many years. Ye new Ed hopes to do at least half as well. Ye new Ed reminds you all that he depends upon you to keep that interesting and informative content coming. You can send it to me at [seligmand@gmail.com](mailto:seligmand@gmail.com).

Ye new Ed became associated with CWTU about 15 years ago after his brilliant wife presented him with a gift of the Annual Trout School as a birthday present, and he got to tune up his fly fishing skills and meet a whole lot of terrific folks. After attending a few Board meetings then being held, if memory serves, in the Berlin Public Library, he made the fatal mistake of volunteering for something or other, not that it matters what. The rest is history. But it is a rewarding history that includes serving on the Banquet Committee, the Board of Directors, the Program Committee, joining a stream monitoring team, MC-ing at Troutfest, guiding for the Trout School and the Trout Outing, attending John Gremmer's fly tying class, attending State Council meetings and still having lots of time to fish! Any of you member-readers who have not taken the plunge by attending some Board meetings and volunteering to help out with some of CWTU's many outstanding programs are really missing a terrific opportunity to make good friends, do good work for the health and well-being of our cold water resources,, and maybe learn some great patterns and some secret honey holes!

Ye Ed has had a particularly rewarding spring on the Lake Michigan Tribs fishing for steelhead, our favorite oversized rainbow trout (see Photos and Blogs section on the CWTU website for a "grip and grin). Although the steelies still prefer the tried and true egg fly patterns tied on as droppers behind s weighted streamer, Ye Ed is happy to report that late in the day when the water warms up, the big bucks are happy to chase a larger-sized version of that certain pink-collared fly referred to in the Prez Sez column and rumor has it that Bob Hunt had some success with it as a still-water fly as well. [www.cwtu.org](http://www.cwtu.org).

**David Seligman**

## Chapter Holds It's 33<sup>rd</sup> Fly Fishing School

The chapter will be holding it's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Fly Fishing School on May 29<sup>t</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at Camp LuWiSoMo. We are expecting a full complement of 24 students, eager to hone their fly fishing skills,

most of whom, have never cast a fly. That's what the school's program is all about and our motto states it even better: "We'll show you how to get started". We cover such subjects as: Fly Casting, Reading the Water, Understanding Fly Hatches, Tackle Selection, Knot Tying and other integrated subjects. It is a full circle program designed to put a novice on the water after a week end of instruction with enough confidence to fish in a manner that offers the greatest possibility of success. The proceeds of this program are used for university graduate student grants in the field of natural resource studies and are awarded from the chapter's "Bill Beck Memorial Scholarship Fund". From time to time, we do have cancellations, so if anyone still has interest in attending this year. Please contact: Dan Harmon III, Director at: 920-235-1761, or [dharmon3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dharmon3@sbcglobal.net)

## Notes from May 9, TU State Council Meeting

John Tucker, Linn Beck, and Bob Haase from our chapter attended the May 9, TU State Council meeting in Eau Claire. Bob reports the following: TU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be held in Traverse City, Michigan from August 19-23. Bill Heart encouraged chapters from Wisconsin to attend and bring displays on the history of the chapter. Members are being sought for the State Awards Nomination Committee. Please let Bill Heart know if you are interested in helping on this committee. Important points from the April 18, State Council Executive Committee meeting in Viroqua will be posted on the State TU website. TU National has formed a Great Lakes working group to deal with concerns from the Great Lakes area. Dan Wisniewski reported that TU National is also encouraging chapters and state councils to make every effort to partner with land trusts on purchases, easements, and stream improvements. Jeff Smith agreed to be interim Legislative Chair until a new person can be appointed to fill the position. Jeff reported that a survey tool is being developed to look at farms and see if they are properly handling the manure they generate. Gary Stoychoff was introduced as the new State Council Treasurer. There was discussion on the State Council's endowment funds and more information will be made available at the September meeting. Bill Pielsticker reported that the 2009 State Council banquet netted about \$2300. Tom Helgeson of Midwest Fly Fishing Magazine will be next year's speaker. A banquet committee will be formed to help in banquet planning for next year.

There was discussion on forming a Streambank Land Fund to help in purchasing land and easements. Initial financing for this fund will come from the State Council Banquet proceeds from the 2010 banquet and the \$5000 the council is receiving from part of the settlement from the Graul Farms easement settlement. Kim McCarthy and Bill Pielsticker will be Co-chairs for this fund. The Fall State Council meeting will be held the last weekend in September and will be held somewhere near Black Earth Creek.

Bob Haase



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