

BROOKIE NEWS



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

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September 2008

PrezSez

Last month I suggested we all needed to get out and do some fishing before the season ended. That's exactly what I did, when I was very busy and could least afford goofing off. I think that's why I enjoyed it so much; September fishing is the most enjoyable fishing of the year for me.

Most anglers are thinking about bow season, grouse and woodcock or squirrel hunting and the trout streams are long forgotten. It is a peaceful time to be on the water and brook and brown trout are starting to change into their spawning colors.

This PrezSez is being written earlier than usual, several friends and I are leaving for Idaho on September 18 and will be back around the October 2. There is very good fishing in Fall all over the West; if you haven't tried, it you should.

By the time you read this, workday projects for the year will be over. Jim Humphrey reports work on our Lawrence Creek project is progressing nicely. So far this year, over 600 feet of stream restoration has been accomplished under the watchful eye of the DNR. This includes 100 feet of narrowing the stream using Christmas trees and over 500 feet of bank structures, some of which are completed and some will be finished at our September 20 workday and, this winter, by the DNR. Thank you to Jim Humphrey, all the volunteers and the DNR people who helped with and watched over our work.

Lynn Beck, Dick Pollock and the stream monitoring team continue to log many hours of in-stream information gathering. Thanks to all for their efforts.

Our Past President, Bob Haase, is very busy pursuing Grant money for our ambitious projects. Bob is one of those tireless guys that never know when to quit.

Planning for our Annual Fund-Raising Banquet has been underway for many months and Dave Seligman told me it was going to be a good one. This is an important source of income for our Chapter, so please plan on being there. The Banquet is a family-oriented get together; the kids will have a great time.

So you might consider bringing a youngster you know is interested in trout fishing but whose parents may not be.

Hope to see all of you at the Banquet on October 9 at LaSure's in Oshkosh. For more information about these events, look elsewhere in this publication and on our website www.cwtu.org.

Dick Kraus

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**Jim Bartelt Provides Great Program
on September 15!**

Coming Events

October 9. Annual Banquet, LaSure's, Oshkosh
5:00 PM. Evening concludes, 9:00 PM.

November 3. Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, 7:15
PM, Matt Wegner on "Fishing Dirty Water". Board
6:15 PM

December 3. Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, 7:15 PM,
John Gremmer on "Fishing Trout in Pennsylvania,"
Board 6:15 PM.

January 15, 2009. Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne,
9:00 PM. Bob Haase on "Fishing the Hex Hatch and
Favorite Hex Patterns". Board 6:15 PM.

February 28. TroutFest. Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, 9:00 AM.

March 16. Joint Program with Fox Valley Chapter, TBA.

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Banquet Plea

It's not too early to begin thinking about items for the annual banquet. Suggestions for auction, door prize, and raffle items are welcome, but donations of said items are especially welcome. If you have items that need to be picked up, contact David Seligman at Seligman@ripon.edu or 920.369.6784, or any of the other Banquet Committee members.

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Still Need Help!!

Ye Ed/Historian still needs a few items for the preparation of a formal history: Board Members for each year 1972 to 1990, financial reports for all years and Board meeting minutes for numerous dates over the years, but especially of the very first few years. We also need Flyfishing School folders and fliers, Workday and Watchdog reports, amusing anecdotes, etc.

Several guys have emptied out attics or garages to give us what we have, but if you have such stuff, would you at least let us see it, even if you wish to to have it back? Any viewing would be greatly appreciated!

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Board Minutes of September 15

The meeting at the Fin N Feather was called to order at 6:30 PM by Past President Bob Haase with a quorum of the Board present.

On motion, Minutes of the August, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Scott Grady reported total funds as of July 31, 2008 of \$36,326.44. On motion, the Treasurers report was approved.

Jim Humphrey reported there will be one more workday on September 20.

There will be no board meeting in October, since the Banquet is on October 9.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mike Schaefer



Bob Haase Conducts September 15 Meeting

Gleanings from CWTU History

One of the interesting items of our current search for CWTU history is that there have been several awards over the year which are not currently seen. One of them is the Curmudgeon Award, a sample of which came to hand as Ye Historian was sorting the various materials found.

This particular award starts "There comes a time when something occurs that is hard to categorize...." The scene is then set: "It was a clear, bright day....in September in Western Montana when it was decided we would fish an area that had both spring creeks and big water. (Our hero) thought he would try the creeks (while) the rest of us would go for bigger fish nearby on the big water.

"(Our hero was) fishing on the near side of a creek with tiny flies, of which he is a self-professed expert, but soon found he wasn't getting the proper drift (and) decided to cross over....through an opening in a barbed-wire fence. The other side, an enclosed field, harbored....ranch animals, including sheep, (one of which, a ram) was particularly inquisitive, but appeared friendly and followed.(our hero) at a reasonable interval and all seemed to be well with the world.

"(Our hero approached) the spring creek...in a semi-crouch with neck extended, gingerly placing one foot in front of the other, as if walking on egg shells, as not to spook any bank-hugging trout....What happened next had to be close to those butting rams of 'Wild America' as the 'friendly' caught Doc (yes, Poullette) at rib height and sent him, ass over tea kettle, through the brush and into the water.

"When Doc recovered, he saw the ram nibbling on the separated rod tip which was draped over a scrub tree (via) its flyline....Needles to say, the fishing was over for the day (and) the 'rammed' doctor carefully withdrew to the van in search of appropriate medicinal fortitude, (dry longies) and bandages, which turned out to be Doc's constant companions for the duration of the trip.

"This was no laughing matter. We could, but Doc couldn't; he hurt too much.

"Upon reflection: if a sheep is a ram and a donkey is an ass, why is a ram in the ass a goose? (That's) truly an enigma of the animal kingdom."

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Website

The restructured CWTU website (www.cwtu.org) is up and running. Check out the *Home Page* for news, upcoming events and other odd bits of information. Also check out the items for sale; you'll find bargains!

I'm now working on the *Photos and Blogs* page which will contain snaps related to trout fishing and TU business that members send to me. (jgremmer@charter.net)

And, if you see something that needs correcting--or something that would enhance the site---send it to me.

John Gremmer

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WebMaster Gremmer

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
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
- You then have our thanks. This minor task helps greatly!
(Otherwise, phone me at the number on the outside of this newsletter.)

Scott Grady

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Our Banquet is our yearly moneymaker and so supports all our activities: stream improvement, water monitoring, fishing classes and events, programs, communication via website and newsletter, et cetera! Come, young and old, have fun and help us help the coldwaters in five counties!

The event ends at 9:00 PM!

Watch those young eyes light up with a prize!

Y'All Come!

Generations

This was a strange, strange summer! It was the first time I've not been trout fishing less than a half dozen times, at the very least. in over fifty years and no matter where Jane and I were physically located.

(To add insult to injury, even our lake's fishing was curtailed by storms and unusually high water. Woe was me.)

Over the last weekend, however, I was invited to see two of my newlywed grandsons and their wives, my son and an extra grandson fish the Brule. (This trip was really the first outing for me, this year!) It was simply great to see the additions to the family take to fly fishing like ducks to the proverbial water, even though the actual catching wasn't all that good.

And it was also good to see Jane's fishing togs and gear handed down to still another generation with a strong possibility of their being used and enjoyed. Guess that's why we all work so hard at improving the conditions and image of our sport!

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