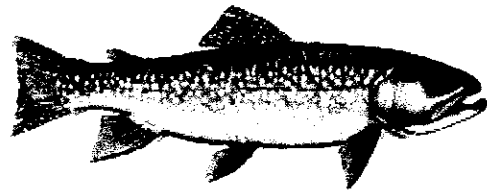


Brookie News

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Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Would you do me a favor? Would you attend the October 20 Banquet in Wautoma? (I wouldn't ask if it weren't important.)

The dues you pay go to National and they use it wisely, generating benefits several times the monies involved. But we must provide the funds for all the worthwhile programs we've initiated in the past couple years, so we simply need your support. All our receipts go into our programs and our human efforts are totally volunteer.

I promise you'll be pleased with Pine Ridge Farms and the event Bob Haase and others are organizing; It'll be fun! I ask you think about being a sponsor. I ask you think about bringing someone new to the affair. (Last year, Joel Staffaroni brought 16 people from work.) I ask you think about bidding on the condo at Marco Island. (See article just below.) And on Russ Bouck's great tying bench. And on other raffle items.

With our successful workday efforts, our water monitoring program, youth education activities, monthly programs, casting clinics, outreach attempts, Fundays, watchdogging, newsletters, website, etc, CWTU has earned your support. It's all about protecting, conserving, and enhancing trout streams and their associated ecosystems! So y'all come!

And then, we have two other coming events: our October 8 workday will be on the Little Pine. (Again, see below.) And October 10 will bring our second program of the year, John "Duke" Welter on the Driftless Area. (Ibid) I love the driftless area and I know Duke will be interesting.

John Gremmer

Spectacular Prize for Annual Banquet!

(We interrupt this item to announce an anonymous donor has provided a fantastic prize for our Annual Banquet: a week's stay for two in a San Marcos Island (Florida) condo, the week to be selected by the winner! And then, Greg Hart, former Packer and Flats fishing guide has added a day's guiding on adjoining waters to the offer!)

Our Annual Banquet will be held on **October 20**

at the beautiful new Pine Ridge Farms facility located approximately 2 miles west of Wautoma on Highway 73. The festivities start at **5:30 PM** and we'll be on our way home by about 9:00, according to Chair Bob Haase.

As President John noted in his column last issue of this newsletter, the Farms are a great venue for us, since they provide great food, outstanding facilities, ample seating and a sportsman's atmosphere! He also asked each member to bring at least one guest to the event.

Great door prizes, raffles, auctions and silent auctions will all be present for fun and excitement for all ages at this major fundraiser of our Chapter. Please mark your calendars and email Bob Haase or John Gremmer (Addresses and phone numbers at end of this newsletter.) with your order for tickets. *An early response will be particularly welcome, so we can provide an attendance guarantee to the Farms for their planning....and for ours!*

Notes from Chair Haase

We are encouraging members to bring one or more guests to the Banquet. There will be special guest raffle prizes awarded where members who bring guests and the guests, in addition, receive a tickets for that raffle.

Members have already donated many nice door prizes, but any member wishing to donate may contact either President Gremmer or myself. Everyone attending the Banquet will receive a door prize and every tenth one may be a rod, wading staff, limited edition print or such.

Other raffle items are: a custom bamboo flyrod by Scott Grady, other guided trips, handmade quilts, jewelry, fly-tying bench by Russ Bouck, etc.

Having a Banquet in the Fall,....during the week....at a location other than Oshkosh....will be a big change. Your Board gave the move a lot of deliberation. But finally decided the change was right for CWTU, so your support will be greatly appreciated. Without maximum support, we cannot complete the many projects we undertake, each year.

We will be calling many of our members about the Banquet, as we need to commit the reservation count by **October 7**. But more importantly, we want

to chat about about our excellent programs and answer any questions about our projects.

Bob Haase

Next Meeting

Our next program will be held at the **Fin 'n Feather**, Winneconne, on **October 10 at 7:30 PM**. The program is entitled **The Driftless Area—A Landscape of Opportunities** and will be presented by John “Duke” Welter, a former president of our Wisconsin State TU Council. Come and hear about this great topic.

Encompassing more than 24,000 square miles in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, the Driftless Area is one of America’s unique natural treasures. Bypassed by the last continental glacier, which otherwise flattened Midwestern landscapes and left behind large deposits of soil and rock, the region is “an island of land rising amidst a sheet of ice.”

Approximately 500 million years old—about one-tenth the age of the Earth—the Area is marked by steep-sided ridges, caves and towering limestone and sandstone bluffs. The region also contains sinkholes and over 600 spring creeks fed by deep limestone aquifers in support of good trout populations.

As usual, the Board will meet in advance of the program at **6:30 PM**. Everyone is welcome to hear...and participate, if there is a desire...in our monthly deliberations.

Nest Workday

We wish to remind you our next workday will be on the Little Pine Creek (near where we have been working) at 9:00 AM October 8. The parking area is marked with signs off County II which is, in turn, south of State 21 approximately 6 miles west of Wautoma.

Chair Rich Mlodzik suggests you’ll need work gloves and rubber boots, hip boots or waders. He also asks you to bring along your chainsaw or brushcutter, if you have one.

Lunch will be served.

A Finance Appeal

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

Therefore, we would appreciate your updating your membership address at any change. Here’s how:

1. Go to www.tu.org.
2. Choose the TU member section.
3. Enter username=tumembership number

(Tu1234567)

4. Enter Password=umembership number (1234567)
5. Submit
6. Click on Edit Personal File
7. Under Profile Information, click on Edit
8. Make any corrections/additions.
9. Click to update.

You then have our thanks. It helps greatly!

Scott Grady

We Do Our Part

Twelve CWTU members helped staff the Wisconsin State TU Council’s booth at Ducks Unlimited’s Great Outdoors Festival (August 26-28) at the EAA grounds in Oshkosh. Approximately 75,000 people attended the event where our members handed out membership applications, National’s and Wisconsin’s **Trout** magazines, information on our Chapter’s Banquet and Fly Fishing School, our water monitoring program and lots of pamphlets on Wisconsin trout waters!

While many visitors took membership applications home, some joined CWTU on the spot. So plans are being made for next year’s booth to be more exciting and inviting.

Thanks go to Russ and Sue Bouck, Jerry Strom, Dan Harmon III, Ira Giese, Jim Humphrey, Bob Haase, Bob Smaglik, Tracy Moran, Joel Staffaroni, Dick Pollock and Rich Mlodzik for setting up and manning the booth.

Minutes of September 19 Meeting

Present: Bob Chamberlain, Elward Engle, Scott Grady, John Gremmer, Bob Haase, Dan Harmon III, Bob Hunt, Al Lee, Tracy Moran, Bob Rennock, Jerry Strom, and Jack Wahlers. A number of guests included Dr. Bob Stelzer and Julie Niland.

As the first order of business at 6:30 PM, the Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published in the Brookie Newsletter.

President John then reported good activity at the TU booth during the Ducks Unlimited Expo. And he reported participating in the State Council meeting at Ashland via speakerphone as not being satisfactory.

Scott reported a current balance of \$41,434.70 after making several checks related to the forthcoming Banquet. He also noted our supplying National’s Trout to the several local high schools and public libraries was now in effect, but due to end on July 31, 2006.

Then, Bob Haase and several chairmen updated the Board on progress toward the October 20 Banquet. Everyone was urged to get their ticket orders placed by

October 6, since that date was demanded by Pine Ridge for the "count". The meal cost was established at \$16.95 per person plus 18 per cent service. He also asked each Board member to submit a dozen flies for a prize fly box.

President John reminded the Board of the coming October workday on the Little Pine.

Miss Niland spoke briefly on her work toward estimating the breakeven conditions for sustaining lake trout in Lake Superior. On motion by Bob Chamberlain and a second by Dan Harmon III, the Board approved support for Julie for the current academic year on the usual basis.

Dr Bob then asked for support in obtaining a grant for the River Protection Center on Emmons Creek. He thought a \$10,000 grant was possible, since the 25 per cent matching funds could be supplied by CWTU labor. He will bring a man who could write the grant request to our next meeting.

John Gremmer reported our website had not been as well-used recently, as Brian had been suffering from kidney stones. But now that he was better, updating was coming apace.

Bob Rennock reported that much had been done on water monitoring during its first year, although there was some arrearage on collecting data.

Our efforts at DU Expo had yielded 6 new members.

Bob Hunt reported a meeting had been scheduled with the DNR regarding the survey Elward, Ed Avery and he had conducted on the condition of streams improved at various times in the past. He hoped the session would prove fruitful in balancing new work against timely repairs to maintain "old" work. Other nearby Chapters will be contacted regarding their attendance.

President Gremmer was also planning to attend a session with the DNR and various county officers on the placement of culverts, etc.

The meeting was adjourned for the 7:30 PM presentation.

Bob Chamberlain

Editorial: Quicksand

A good number of years ago, I was sent to Michigan Tech to operate some model earth-moving equipment during their annual four-day "Engineering Week". During breaks, there were chances to see other exhibits. One which explained and demonstrated quicksand was quite fascinating to this one-time juvenile reader of Western "shoot 'em ups".

Up until that visit, I had associated quicksand with low and sandy waters. It was a complete surprise to learn one did not sink in any such situation, since the

human body was always lighter than the mixture! (Mechanical Engineers' courses didn't get into such stuff and cowboy movies always over-emphasize the danger.)

However, over the years, I've struggled many times to get my feet out of a soft patch of sand. And, as I've gotten older, that struggle is less and less appealing to me. Guess that's why.... apart from my being raised on freestone.... I like to fish on such streams, rather than on sandy ones.

Join Us Today

Volunteers are very important to our work! We need your help in the field, behind the scenes and for support! It is only through our members that we accomplish our Mission of "Preserving, Protecting, and Enhancing the waters in our five-county area!" We believe it should be of interest to anyone engaged in trout water activities, regardless of the method for one's fishing.

In the Nation as a whole, TU returns to the environment more than twice what it receives in annual membership fees. Our Chapter raises its own operating funds and also provides monies for monitoring equipment, special DNR land purchases, scholarships, etc.

There are nine membership categories: Regular, Senior/Student, Family, Sponsoring Contributor, Century Contributor, Business Membership, Conservator Membership, Life Membership and Family Life. Please ask for an application form.

J Gribb's Tips

Craft store Darice Foamies are available in a self-stick 9x12" sheet which can be cut in strips of any size to be used as an indicator, regardless of fly size. Simply remove the backing and fold over the line like any other adhesive indicator and you can custom trim to the size desired..

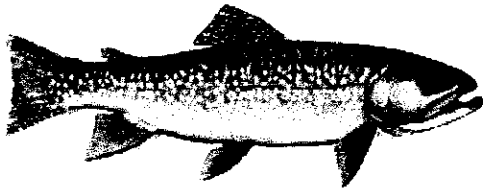
The big advantage of Darice Foamies, other than the cost (about \$1 per sheet) is that they are available in white, green, black, red, and blaze orange. But they are also available in large sheets of various thicknesses to make custom bass bugs and blue gill flies.

Another use of this foam is to make big and ugly two-tone flies: hoppers or bugs with long legs like the Club Sandwich Fly used out West.

Remember to share your tips!

Ye Ed Gives Thanks

I wish to thank all those who were looking for me in the wee hours, recently. My car was where my son said it would be and I was within a hundred feet of it as I slept, but it's great to learn of the care and camaraderie of CWTU members!



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