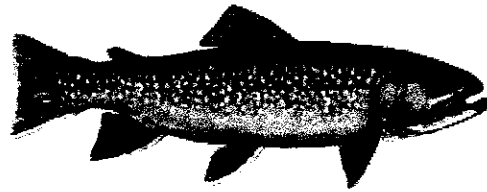


# Brookie News

Central Wisconsin Chapter of  
Trout Unlimited



**OCTOBER 2005**

## PrezSez

So many good things have been happening in CWTU over the past couple of months that I don't know where to start my comments, this month!

Let's start with the last workday: Rich says October 8 may have been our most productive and enjoyable ever. We had a great mixture of individuals who worked hard, got much done and enjoyed the experience. Our workdays just keep getting better; our thanks go to Rich Mlodzik and Elward Engle for their leadership!

Then thanks also go to Bob Haase and all those who have been working hard to make our first Fall Banquet a success. At last count, we were over 120 attendees and still had two weeks to go.

We must applaud our Watchdog Committee. Bob Hunt, Elward Engle and Ed Avery surveyed 24 trout streams in our area during the summer. They documented areas along these streams that needed maintenance and, on October 2, met with the DNR in Waupaca to voice CWTU's suggestion for a better balance between new stream work and maintenance of the old. This effort took a lot of time and we thank them for their great work.

Then, our September and October programs have been outstanding! Duke Welter's session on the Driftless Area was inspiring and enlightening. Rich Osthoff on fly patterns was of great interest, too. Now I hope everyone can attend Tom Young's program on November 7 at the Waautoma Library: it should be outstanding, as well!

Attendance at our programs has been running 40 to 50, where not too long ago it was common to have five or six! This is great. Our programs only last an hour and we try to have fun.

We have completed our first year of water monitoring with 40 trained monitors. Their findings have been entered on the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) website and the future looks good.

And if we could rehabilitate Campground Creek, what a gift that would be to the next generation!

The possibilities are exciting, too, with our alignment with Dr. Bob Stelzer's (UW-O proposed re-

search on Emmons Creek.

Our mission is to protect, conserve and enhance trout waters in our five-county area. We are doing all that and having fun, too. What could be better?!

John Gremmer

## Next Meeting

Our next program will be held at the **Wautoma Public Library at 7:30 PM on November 7.** (Please note the **date and place!**) The program will be a unique and wonderful collection of streamside events in a **Video Diary-Hatches, Fishing, and Onstream Happenings** by **Tom Young**, a professional guide and fly-casting and fly-tying instructor. The scenes include *Hexagenia limbata* and other mayfly emergences and caddis egg-laying and emergences which have been described as "visual poetry"

Nature lovers, environmentalists and fisher-folk will all enjoy this program!

CWTU's monthly **Board meeting** will precede the program and will start at **6:30 PM.**

## Workday Report

Our last workday of the season was perhaps the most productive we've had in sometime. A great deal was accomplished, but a tiny bit more is yet to be done the the Little Pine....next year.

My thanks to all who participated....and cooked....and, especially, to Elward Engle for his knowledgeable guidance.

Rich Mlodzik

## Letter from Duke Welter

Dear John:

The evening with you-all was a treat for me; thanks for inviting me. The people had good questions and seemed interested in the Driftless Area.

The most intriguing question came afterward: "Why couldn't we (have) a sub-regional project planning group in central Wisconsin?" That might be something to consider: getting DNR, TU chapters, other conservation groups, land trusts, local and county governments, Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA

agencies together to talk about watersheds. Who knows where it might go?

Don't think of the dinner conversation as a grilling, except that which was done for the menu items, that is. (Ye Ed: Some of the table asked some questions, so that Pres Gremmer was concerned that we might ruin Duke's meal.) I welcome your thoughts about our (National's) membership management problems, the Chapter Effectiveness Index, access to member records and more, so I can share them with the New Chapter Models work group as we go forward. You are the folks who made Central Wisconsin TU such a strong chapter...a model for the rest of us.

I'll be glad to talk with you about National-State-Chapter relations anytime and take persistent problems to the (National) Staff. Feel free to call.

Duke Welter

### **A Finance 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, 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](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 to Update.

You then have our thanks. It helps greatly!

Scott Grady

### **Minutes of October 19 Meeting**

Present: Bob Chamberlain, Dan Colligan, Elward Engle, Ira Giese, Scott Grady, John Gremmer, Bob Haase, Dan Harmon III, Bob Hunt, Rich Mlodzik, Tracy Moran, Bob Rennock, Jerry Strom, and Jack Wahlers. A number of guests included Dr. Bob Stelzer and Duke Welter, our speaker and a member of several National TU committees.

The first order of business was approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting as published in the Newsletter. Then Treasurer Grady announced a fiscal balance of \$39,778.96 after already providing some

monies for the forthcoming banquet. Upon motion by Dan Colligan and a second by Tracy Moran, the report was accepted. And President John then lauded he last workday of the year!

Bob Haase updated the Board on progress toward the October 20 Banquet, noting we had received 114 ticket orders, comments that "October was a good idea" for the banquet and that setup would begin at noon on that day.

As the next order of business, Mike Shupryt asked for support as a graduate student at UW-O who expects to study plant beds within trout streams. After some discussion as to his background, Jack Wahlers moved and Jerry Strom seconded to support him" on the usual basis." The motion was carried.

Dr Bob then introduced Bill Ebert whom he had suggested for writing a grant for for the River Protection Center on Emmons Creek. Action was postponed due to the late hour and the Board was adjourned for the program.

### **Meeting with DNR**

As reported in our last issue, Bob Hunt had requested a meeting with the DNR on Bob's, Elward's and Ed Avery's examination of 24 streams in our five-county area. The session was held at the Waupaca Library on October 13 with several TU Chapters from our area and several DNR employees, including Ronald Bruch, Senior Fisheries Biologist from Oshkosh, and Al Niebur, Senior Fisheries Biologist for the Wolf and Upper Fox Rivers, present.

After a round of introductions and general remarks, Bob Hunt summarized our trio's findings and displayed appropriate scenes from the various watersheds. He then submitted "Recommendations for a Strategy of Increased Maintenance" with the following (abbreviated) points:

1. Inventory all completed DNR projects.
2. Prioritize remedial needs.
3. Reduce (or suspend) new projects.
4. Consider ways to use non-DNR people.
5. Use more volunteer help under DNR
6. Seek a greater portion of Trout Stamp money.
7. Include maintenance funds in new work.
8. Find new sources for maintenance funding.

Bob then suggested an executive summary: "There is an urgent need that accelerates each year for both a long-term Catch UP and Keep Up Strategies to respond to the need to increase maintenance of completed trout stream habitat restoration projects."

After an extended discussion in which the DNR noted their agreement with the concept and that their recent internal planning had generally arrived at the

same view, it was suggested that Hunt, Engle and Avery review their work to separate their observations about the specific streams into three categories of need: high priority, medium-priority, and lower-priority.

During that period, the internal work by DNR would be similarly examined and classified and the combined group would then re-assemble in March to compare views and to determine appropriate courses of action.

The meeting was then adjourned.

### **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.

### **Coming Meetings**

December 12, 2005: Berlin Public Library. Board, 6:30 PM. Program at 7:30 PM: **CWTU in Action** by President John Gremmer.

January 16, 2006: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne. Board, 6:30 PM. Program at 7:30 PM: **Premiere of Trout Stream Habitat Restoration—A Case History** by Bob Hunt, retired DNR Scientist.

February 13, 2006: Berlin Public Library. Board, 6:30 PM. Program: TBA.

February 25, 2006: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne. **CWTU Annual Fishing Fun Day**, 10:00AM to 4:00 PM.

March 13, 2006: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne. Board, 6:30 PM. Program at 7:30 PM: Election of Officers, then **Fly-Tying Feathers—History, Sources, Uses and Production** by Dave Roberts of Gray Drake Hackle Co.

April 17, 2006: Marble Park, Winneconne. **CWTU 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Casting Clinic**, 5:30 PM.

May 13, 2006: Dakota Inn, Dakota. **Annual Fishing Funday**: 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast. 8:30

AM Guided Fishing. 1:00 PM Clinics: Knots, Casting. Macroinvertebrates. 2:00 PM Board.

June 2, 3,4, 2006: **CWTU Annul Fly Fishing School**. Pre-registration required.

Details on these various activities will be provided in **Brookie News** as they approach, but why not enter these dates in your calendar now and attend and participate in them all?!

### **Website**

One special feature of CWTU's communication effort is our website [www.cwtu.org](http://www.cwtu.org). The header page has access to information about our upcoming programs, events and workdays, meeting minutes, the scoop on local streams and pictures, and is frequently updated.....in short, lots of good stuff. There are even Message Boards and the site is linked ot State Council and National sites, so it's available to many different users.

As a member, you thus have a choice of methods to keep uptodate on our Chapter: this Newsletter or the website, whichever is the most convenient to you.

Should you choose to use the website, please inform Scott Grady, so we can save the postage on mailings to you.

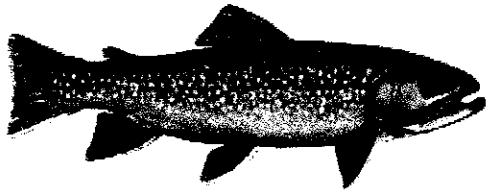
### **Late-Breaking News**

Our new Fall Banquet was exciting! While it's too early to know the financial details of the evening, the auction of a week's stay on San Marco Island with a guided fishing trip by Greg Hart elicited furious bidding! The other auctions were spirited, as well, but Chair Bob Haase kept his promise of having everyone ready to go home at nine o'clock!

It also seemed to be the general opinion the facilities were first-rate and the food good, so a great evening was shared by all who attended. The Event Committee is to be applauded on the fast and grand work!

Many suggestions for next year's feast were received....and appreciated....by Bob and his guys. New members were signed. And there were some positive comments on President John's summary of 2005 programs and events.

With this as a permanent change in our historic events calendar, election of new officers and approval of our annual budget will still be at our March meeting and program. Even better, our planning for that summer's activities will be in light of our known financial resources.



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