

Brookie News

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

November 2005

PrezSez

The banquet was a success! According to the feedback I've received, people liked the venue, the day of the week, the shortened schedule and the location. Some things need tweaking, as they always do--the sound system was erratic and the food left some wanting. Financially, we will be close to other years.

Thanks go to Bob Haase, Dan Colligan, Ira Giese, Tracy Moran, Russ Bouck, Mike Schaefer, Scott Grady, Dick Pollock, and others for organizing and orchestrating it. Good job, guys!

Thanks also to all those who supported by attending; it wouldn't be a success without you.

Have you noticed how often we're using the video projector and laptop computer we purchased last year? Duke Welter and Tom Young put them to good use in their October and November programs. And we'll be using them in our meetings and programs throughout the Winter and Spring.

The months ahead will be fun. Our December program will be a keynote presentation featuring our Chapter in Action. I will also be introducing the equipment and showing a short video on rod making. January will bring the premiere of Bob Hunt's video on stream rehabilitation. February features the start of our fly fishing and fly tying FVTC class, the start of the Masters' Fly Tying Series and our annual Fly Fishing Funday. March's program will be by internationally-known bird breeder and feather broker Dave Roberts of Madison and our election of officers, as well as approval of a budget.

April will bring a restructured casting clinic (more fun) and May, our Trout Outing.

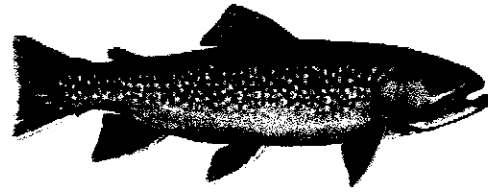
Then in Spring, our water monitors will meet and get re-energized, our fly fishing school will be held and we'll start our Summer meeting and work schedules.

I hope to see you all at the December meeting. Many of us will be at the Fin 'n Feather at 5:30 PM to eat; come and share a meal with us!

John Gremmer

Next Meeting

In order to accommodate Pres John's presentation on our 2005 activities (with our new equipment), the **December 12** meeting has been **changed** to the **Fin 'n Feather at Winneconne**, but will still be at **7:30 PM**. It will contain information on our Mission, activities,



programs, and future goals.

The time remains at **6:30 PM** for the business meeting. Y'all come and bring a friend to become a CWTU member! Gremmer has been **slaving** over this project!

Fifth Masters' Fly Tying Series

We will open our Masters' Fly Tying program on February 2 at the Winneconne High School, starting at 6:30 PM. Mr. "No Hatch to Match", Rich Osthoff, will be the first week's tier. He will be followed by Jack Holewinski doing panfish flies....and thereafter by other exceptional tiers.

Each of five sessions will tie three different flies twice and will end at 8:30 PM. The cost of the Series, including materials, is \$45 and entrance is, as always, on a first-come, first-serve basis, since we can only accommodate 20 tiers in the room.

We generally meet at the Fin 'n Feather before each session to share an evening meal with the Master. Afterwards, we have refreshments and share stories of past glories.

If you wish to participate, send \$45, your name, address, phone number and email address to John Gremmer, 5935 Hiawatha Drive, Winneconne, WI 54986

Minutes of November 7 Board

Members attending: Bob Chamberlain, Dan Colligan, Edward Engle, Scott Grady, Ira Giese, John Gremmer, Bob Haase, Dan Harmon III, Bob Hunt, Rich Mlodzik, Tracy Moran, Ray Piehl, Tom Poullette, Bob Rennock, Jerry Strom and numerous guests.

As the first order of business, it was moved by Dan Colligan, seconded by Tom Poullette, that the minutes of the previous Board meeting be approved as published. The motion passed unanimously.

President John briefly reviewed coming events for December, January and February. As a result of March's need for an Annual Meeting it was moved by Bob Chamberlain and seconded by Jerry Strom that Messrs. Poullette, Harmon III and Piehl be appointed as a committee to recommend necessary changes to the Articles and/or ByLaws to reflect having our Election include a larger Board, etc.

Treasurer Grady reported we had a balance of \$55,039.40 on hand, but with some bills outstanding

for the banquet. He estimated a profit of \$7-9,000 for the October event. His report was accepted.

Bob Haase then reported on the Banquet itself, saying he would recommend a rotation between East and West in our counties for future dinners and that the date be earlier in October. He also recommended the Chair *not* be the Master of Ceremonies. He enumerated other suggestions and ended by thanking all of his committee for their quick and effective effort to achieve the successful fundraiser. Bob was applauded by the Board for his leadership.

Dr. Bob Stelzer then asked for approval in seeking a grant for continuing research on Emmons Creek. Upon motion by Harmon III and a second by Rennock, the Board approved (with CWTU's monetary portion to be by our labor.)

Mike Shaefer then volunteered to research fully a program on "Trout in the Classroom" as discussed in the last issue of the national TU magazine.

As final remarks before our program, it was announced Mark Brosseau had undergone a triple bypass and that Jack Wahlers was suffering a bad leg.

Bob Chamberlain

In Memory of Cliff May

In August, the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited lost one of its most ardent supporters. Msgt. Cliff May, USAF Ret, passed away at the home of his son in Michigan.

I first met Cliff at the organizational meeting of our Chapter at the Lutheran Church in Wautoma. He regaled me with trout stories and, as I later learned, he could back most of them up! He then served on our Board from its inception until he left to live with his son.

There was nothing Cliff would not do to further CWTU! If he met someone along a stream, they usually were a TU member before he let them go. He lived to fish for trout and, as an Air Force man, had the opportunity to fish all over the world.

But the part Cliff loved the most was working with young people. I saw Cliff on the Lunch Creek many times with two or three youngsters--showing and teaching. At those times, he was in his glory!

And any way Cliff could help the Chapter, he would--banquet door prizes, fishing school, cooking at work days, selling TU memberships....anything that was needed.

Recently, at my first banquet in several years, the thing I noticed most was the absence of Cliff--as his son had previously brought him from Michigan to the banquets each Spring.

Cliff, may the trout always rise!

Tom Poullette

More on Stream Maintenance

Apropos of last issue's note on a meeting between several TU Chapters and the DNR on balancing

maintenance and new stream rehabilitation work on area trout waters, Bob Hunt shared some comments that did not make the article due to Ye Ed's coming down sick. One paragraph of his should belatedly be noted here to convey the mutual cordiality at that meeting:

"Our Chapter appreciates the receptive attitude and courteous hearing the DNR biologists and technicians gave our initiative on this matter. We look forward to a strong partnership in accomplishing an enlarged and accelerated maintenance strategy."

More Haase Comments

In other suggestions, Haase submitted as part of a formal report, he noted the following:

1. Enhance the "fun" aspect of our Banquet. Seek ideas to better our event, every year.
2. Reconsider our ticket prices. (Bob noted other organizations price at \$50-70 per ticket where we run \$40. He also recommended we be clear on a student ticket of \$25.)
3. Interleave auctions and raffles to encourage people to stay longer.
4. Plan better use of "Trout Bucks", including using such as "change" for any Trout Buck action.
5. Improve sound system.
6. Enlarge the Cupcake Raffle!

Website

One special feature of CWTU's communication effort is our website www.cwtu.org. The site is full of news, including upcoming programs, events, and workdays, meeting minutes, the scoop on local streams, pictures, and is frequently updated....in short, lots of good stuff. There are even message boards and the site is linked to State Council and National websites, so it's available to many different users.

As a member, you have a choice of methods to keep up to date on our Chapter, this Newsletter or the Website....whichever is the most convenient for you.

Should you choose the website, please inform Scott Grady (listed on the back page of this newsletter), so we can avoid wastage on the postage. (Ye Ed: Please see the following article, too.)

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!

Scott Grady

Ad Space Available

Ad space is available in the *Brookie*, the newsletter of our Chapter, to qualified space buyers who might wish to reach our members in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

This offer provides access to approximately 250 members who support our Mission "To protect, preserve and enhance cold waters in our five-county area."

The rate of \$100 per 2 column-inches provides a low cost per issue and per reader. Multiple units are available, if desired. For purchases or further information, contact Bob Chamberlain at the phone number on page 4.

Season-end Reports

By virtue of the rushed preparations for our October banquet, we have not had the season-end reports from the Workday, Water Monitoring, or Finance committees. We hope to have them for our next issue.

Another Scouting/Fishing Story

Ye Ed was reading some back issues of the *Brookie*, the other day, and ran across Doc Poullette's and my mutual memories of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River in Montana and of my trip with seven Explorer Scouts on that water for two weeks.

And that, in turn, led me to another memory...of the same Explorer group and Opening Day on the Rat River in Marinette County.

In those days, the general scheme of Exploring was for the boys to plan their own events. Accordingly, they decided they'd like to accompany my son, a member of the Post, and me for that weekend.

We had talked about our camping at a specific spot on the Rat and never having anyone else there, so that was determined to be the very place for us. We had been working for the Forest Service in Chequamegon National Forest, but it was decided this would be a "no work" trip.

We travelled up on Friday, had an interview with the Appleton *Post-Crescent* on our volunteering efforts in the Forest, set up a minimal camp and our tackle, had supper and sacked in for a legal outing the next morning where everyone, I think, caught trout.

When we hiked back to the camp, however, there

was another car, a new tent, a huge ice chest and a folding lounge chair holding a guy reading a newspaper. There was no sign of a flyrod, waders or fishing jacket.

We quietly had our breakfast, cleaned up and went back fishing on the Peshtigo. Upon our second return, the guy was now reading a book in his chair with still no sign of stream activity whatsoever. And that sequence continued for the whole weekend before we left for home.

Shortly thereafter, we had a very successful carwash, but when it came time to decide what equipment we should buy with the proceeds, the first shouted suggestion was, "Buy folding lounge chairs for our camping trips!"

Gribb's Tips: Bug Protection

At times that mosquitos, ticks and No-see-ums are around to ruin your outings on streams and lakes, there is an answer that works to make your adventures bug free! Two products in combination solve the problem of bugs making you miserable while trying to fish. They are Johnson Wax Skintastic insect repellent and Repel aerosol spray for clothing.

For some reason, one Skintastic (a combination of sunscreen spf 30 and Deet) application lasts all day; no bug will bite where it has been applied, the best protection money can buy! (The only time Skintastic has failed me in four years was on the Brule with its particular species of No-see-ums.)

The Repel spray (a brand of permethrin) on your fishing shirt will kill insects within seconds, preventing bites through the fabric. When this product is applied to the top part of your waders (for ticks) and to your shirt and then allowed to dry for a day outdoors, it will bind to the fabric and last through many washings. (Some say as many as 13!)

These products are available in the camping department of WalMart, Gander Mountain, etc. Try the combination and I assure you complete protection.

Good fishing!

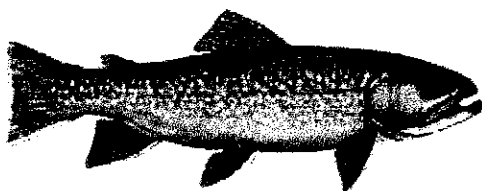
Gribb's Tips: Bug Legs

Rubber legs for flies have been available for a long time. The usual problem is that fish tear them off when taking the fly or the fisherfolk damage them while releasing the fish.

A better material is a plastic cord called "Stretch Magic" which comes in various colors and diameters. For ants, beetles and Blue Gill flies, 5mm is just right; for larger flies (hoppers and other big creations), appropriate diameters are available.

The nice thing about this product is that it does not break off, has a life-like movement and stays out of the bend of the hook.

This material can be found in craft stores for about ten cents a yard and comes in 30-meter spools....enough for a lifetime of ants and other patterns.



Central Wisconsin Chapter of TU
2325 State Hwy 44
Oshkosh, WI 54904

CWTU People

Officers

President	John Gremmer	
5935 Hiawatha Dr, Winneconne 54986		
	920-582-7802	
Vice President	Elward Engle	
W8927 Cottonville Dr. Wautoma 54982		
	920-787-2887	
Treasurer	Scott Grady	
2325 State Hwy 44, Oshkosh 54904		
	920-687-0987	
Secretary	Bob Chamberlain	Editor
W2728 Oakwood Dr, Markesan 53946		
	920-398-3721	
Other Board		Comm.
Mark Brosseau	920-231-7355	Education
Dan Colligan	920-787-4801	
Bob Haase	920-922-8003	Banquet
Dan Harmon III	920-235-1761	Fishing School
Bob Hunt	715-258-2886	

Ira Giese	920-787-4279	
Al Lee	920-233-3581	
Rich Mlodzik	920-295-8772	Workday
Tracy Moran	920-685-0902	
Ray Piehl	920-787-3147	
Tom Poullette	715-258-5565	Watchdog
Bob Rennock	920-926-6010	Research
Jerry Strom	920-589-4182	
Jack Wahlers	920-361-0807	Legislation
Gene West	920-787-2455	

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which serves Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago Counties, invites anyone interested in preserving, protecting and enhancing cold waters in this area to join our Chapter and its efforts in that Mission.