

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

**January 2011**  
*Special State Council Edition*

### **Prez Sez**

The February 5 State Council meeting and Banquet turned out to be a very good day for CWTU. At the Council meeting, we had a brief opportunity to mention our Chapter's CAFO position and hand out copies to all chapters present. Kim McCarthy has asked all chapter presidents to forward comments to him. We will wait to see what happens next. Of course we want the State Council to use our document as the starting point for drafting the State position.

At the banquet, the Chapter and two members were presented with awards. The details will be presented elsewhere, but the awards are: the Silver Trout Chapter Merit Award, the Gold Trout Award to Bob Haase, and the Special Appreciation Award to Alistair Stewart.

Our very own David Seligman was Banquet Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer. As

always, David performed admirably. Scott Grady has built a Chapter display which was used to show our many involvements and activities through pictures and a video. This was beautifully done, and will be on display at TroutFest 11 for everyone to see. CWTU was indeed well represented and rewarded. I hope you are all surviving our brutal temperatures and looking forward to the opening of the early trout season.

**John Tucker**

### **Minutes of Board Meeting January 31, 2011**

The meeting at the Fin N Feather in Winneconne WI was called to order at 6:30 PM by President John Tucker with a quorum of the Board present.

On Motion and vote the Minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting, as published in the Brookie News were approved.

On Motion and vote the December 2010 Treasurers Report was approved.

Scott Grady reported the Chapter history and accomplishments display was ready for display at the State Council meeting and banquet and Trout Fest.

On Motion and vote approved the "CWTU CAFO Position Statement". John Tucker will present the statement to Wisconsin Trout Unlimited for possible adoption by the state.

Bob Smaglik reported that programs, displays and presenters are all set for Trout Fest to be held February 26.

On Motion and vote approved \$300 from the Nash Fund for the purchase of speakers.

John Gremmer presented a list of books and DVDs for purchase by the Chapter for donation to the Winnefox Library System. Board had previously approved \$500 for these purchases.

On Motion and vote approved \$500-\$1,000 payable to Brian Tesch for updating Chapter website.

Linn Beck presented update on workdays and WI DNR budget issues.

John Tucker reported on upcoming State Council meeting and banquet.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Mike Schaefers, Secretary**

## **Dec 31, 10 Treasurer's Report**

### **ASSETS**

#### **Current Assets**

#### **Checking/Savings**

#### **Cash and Investments**

**CD Citizens 1st 50% Nash 50% Ge** 12,026.89

#### **Checking**

**Master Fly Tying M & I** 2,437.10

**Operating Citizens First CU** 565.75

**Operating M & I** 8,127.14

**Total Checking** 11,129.99

#### **Money Market Account**

**Beck Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU** 4,072.95

**Nash Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU** 6,744.53

**Total Money Market Account** 10,817.48

#### **Restricted Cash**

**Mecan River Citizens 1st** 22,025.79

**Total Restricted Cash** 22,025.79

#### **Savings**

**Sopovich & Ozzie Citizens 1st** 1,549.05

**Total Savings** 1,549.05

**Total Cash and Investments** 57,549.20

**Total Checking/Savings** 57,549.20

#### **Other Current Assets**

**River Keepers Grant Receivable** 3,111.61

**Total Other Current Assets** 3,111.61

**Total Current Assets** 60,660.81

#### **Other Assets**

#### **Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation**

**Scholarship Funds** 42,507.86

**Total Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation** 42,507.86

**Total Other Assets** 42,507.86

**TOTAL ASSETS** 103,168.67

### **LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

#### **Equity**

#### **Perm. Restricted Net Assets**

**Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship** 42,507.86

**Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets** 42,507.86

**Temp. Restricted Net Assets** 22,025.79

**Unrestricted Net Assets** 21,669.72

**Net Income** 16,965.30

**Total Equity** 103,168.67

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**Mike Schaefers, Treasurer**

## **CWTU Donation to Winnefox Library System/Oshkosh Public**

**2011**

*CWTU has made the second of two \$500 donations to the Winnefox Library System for the purpose of purchasing books and DVDs related to trout fishing and TUs mission. You can find a link to the first set of books and DVDs on the CWTU homepage.*

*The second set of materials is or will shortly be available.*

### **List of recommended books:**

Charlie's Fly Box, signature Flies for Freshwater and Salt, Charlie Craven

The Little Red Book Of Fly Fishing, Charlie Meyers and Kirk Deeter

Tying Flies With CDC, Leon Links

No Sports Allowed, DVD, produced by Double R Productions

[www.nosportsallowed.com](http://www.nosportsallowed.com)

The Good Life: Tall Tails From The East, DVD, ISBN 0-GGPF-30

Advanced Streamer Fishing, New Tactics, Gear, Flies and Lessons For Catching Bigger

Trout, DVD, with Kelly Galloup

Fishing The Film, Gary Borger

An Entirely Synthetic Fish: How Rainbow Trout Beguiled America and overran the World,

Andy Halverson

Casts That That Catch Fish, DVD, On The Fly Productions

Cripples and Spinners, Kelly Galloup

Bugwater, Arlen Thomason

Angler Management: The Day I Died While Fly Fishing and other Stories, Jack Ohman

Common Sense Fly Fishing, Seven Simple Lessons

To Catch More Trout, Eric Stroup

When A Fish Gups A Fly: An Anglers Introduction To Insects Of A Trouts World, DVD,

Dave Gourly

Learning From The Water, Rene Harrop

Tomorrow's Fly Fishers, Fanny Krieger

Opening Days: A Fly Fisherman Writes, Richard Chiappone

Every Day Was Special: A Fly Fisher's Lifelong Passion, William G. Tapply

Hook, Line, and Sinister, Fiction, Jefferson Parker

In That Seet Country, Harry Middleton

Tactical Fly Fishing, A Guide For The Advanced

And Competitive Angler, Jeremy Lucas

Fly Tails, Scott Sadil

**Prepared by:**

**John Gremmer**

## **Reminder: Casting Clinic**

*"Casting Clinic" to be held at Marble Park in Winneconne on Monday, April 18, 2011. Members can attend to work on casting skills or to serve as instructors. Contact Russ Bouck.*

## **CWTU River Keeper's Water Monitoring Is Getting Cranked UP**

CWTU River Keeper's leaders have been busy in the past couple of months preparing for the 2011 monitoring year. Rick Fahrenkrug has been busy purchasing more equipment for expanding the number of teams we have. We now have equipment for at least 20 teams. Rick has also written and submitted a request for another grant that will help us spread the word on the status of the surface and ground water in our area. We need the help of last year's River Keeper's to recruit more participants. Last year we had 14 active teams with over 60 people participating. This year we would like to expand to 18 teams and over 80 people participating. Please do what you can to get the word out and help reach our goal. The main reason we are River Keepers is to protect our surface and ground water. We do this by establishing benchmarks on the conditions of our streams, by educating people about our surface and ground water, and by creating a force of clean water advocates in our area. Armed with scientific data and knowledgeable and caring advocates, we hope to conserve, protect, and enhance our surface and ground water. We plan to have three group meetings this year. In April we would like to have an hour meeting (on a week night) at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne to talk about pH testing (very easy to do), the WAV website, the CWTU website, how to post data to the WAV website, how to help Mike Schaefer's prepare for the final report---and to build *esprit de corps*. The second meeting would be for training new River Keepers and would be on a Sunday afternoon at the same site as last year in late April. The third meeting would be in November at the Fin .N Feather and would include a buffet meal, a year-end wrap-up, a program, and the dispersal of the 2011 CWTU River Keeper's

Final Report. None of these dates have been set yet, but they will be shortly.

Jim Murphy, Rick Fahrenkrug, Phil Peterson, Mike Schaefer's, Bob Smaglik, Jeff Wegand and I will be meeting within a month to get everything coordinated for the 2011 CWTU River Keepers' Year. Please consider becoming a River Keeper. Call me at 920-582-7802 or eMail at [jgremmer@charter.net](mailto:jgremmer@charter.net) to get involved.

### **CWTU 2010-2011 Program Schedule**

**Feb. 26, 2011 CWTU's TroutFest '11:** Fin 'n' Feather, Winneconne, 9:00am – 4:00pm. CWTU's TroutFest '11. TF'11 includes 10 mini-seminars, raffles, fly tying demos, artisans, water monitoring and stream work day volunteers, youth fly tying instruction, guides, outfitters and way more. This event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

**March 21, 2011 Meeting and Program:** Fin 'n' Feather, Winneconne, Business Meeting 6:15-7:15pm, Program 7:30-8:30 pm. **Laura McFarland** from the River Alliance will be presenting on our role in dealing with invasive species. More detailed information to follow. The program is free and the public is welcome to attend.

**April 18, 2011 CWTU's Annual Casting Clinic:** Marble Park, Winneconne, 6:00pm., CWTU's Annual Casting Clinic. More detailed info to follow. Contact **Russ Bouck** for more information. This event is free and the public is invited to attend.

**May 17, 2011 Meeting and Program:** Fin 'n' Feather, Winneconne, Business Meeting 6:15-7:15pm, Program 7:30-8:30pm. Program this night will be "CWTU's Workdays – Making a difference for the future". More detailed info to follow. The program is free and the public is welcome to attend.

## News from the State Council Meeting and Banquet, February 5, 2011

The recent State Council meeting and banquet held at Stevens Point, WI was a great day for CWTU. At the meeting, CWTU's draft statement on CAFOs was entered into the record for future consideration and possible adoption by the Council at the Spring meeting. The text of the draft resolution is available on the CWTU website. Scott Grady provided an outstanding chapter display detailing Chapter history and accomplishments.

Scott is shown here with his wife, Carolyn, in front of the Chapter display.



Ye Ed smiling, though he did not win any raffles. As usual!



Bob Haase receiving the Golden Trout Award from Council President Kim McCarthy



The meeting and Banquet were attended by an outstanding CWTU delegation, one of the largest ever. In attendance were: John and Laura Tucker, Russ and Sue Bouck, Linn Beck, Bob Haase, David Seligman, John Gremmer, Bob Smaglik, Scott and Carolyn Grady, Bob Hunt, Dick and Leitha Kraus, and Alistair and Ava Stewart and Alistair's mom, Jean. At the Banquet, MC'd by Ye Ed, the Chapter and its members received numerous recognitions.

Special Appreciation Award went to chapter member Alistair Stewart for his recent efforts to raise funds and generate enthusiasm for habitat work on the Mewan River.



Chapter President John Tucker, Vice President Linn Beck, and John Gremmer receiving the Silver Trout Award



**Tight Lines Owner Tim Landwehr Receiving the Corporate Sponsor of the Year Award**



**CWTUs Bob Haase looking over the chapter fly boxes he organized for donation by every Wisconsin TU chapter, on silent auction.**



