

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

March 2012

### Prez Sez

Happy spring to everyone!! I hope all of you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the spectacular weather we have had so far. From what I have heard the early season fishing has been productive for a lot of you and if you haven't had the chance to get out I would really encourage you to so. Unfortunately, I haven't had the chance, but I finally have enough of my "honey do" list done so I can. So hope to see you out there enjoying.

At our March business meeting we held our yearly elections. We had 2 board members relinquish their positions and step into a Director At Large position. They were **Alistair Stewart** and **Bob Hunt**. CWTU would like to thank them both for their time and effort while they served on the board and look forward to their input as time goes on. I would like to thank **Scott Bahn** and **Mike San Dretto** for stepping into the positions that were opened up. Scott is our work day coordinator and Mike has been

***SAVE THE DATE: CWTU ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012***

### Gene West

Gene West, a long time member and friend of CWTU passed away on Sunday, February 26, at the age of 75. Gene was an avid fly fisherman and fly tier. He was very active in CWTU serving in the past as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and also serving on the Board of Directors for a number of years. Gene learned to tie flies from Arling Erickson and became an avid fly tier. Gene love to fly fish for trout, especially the hex hatch and designed a very popular hex pattern that many of us use today. Many people that stopped in the Wild Rose Fly Shop will remember him for the help he provided anglers, and the flies he tied for the shop.

Gene served with the 32nd Red Arrow Transportation Division and was employed by the United States Postal Service in Wautoma for 33 years until his retirement in 1997. He is survived by his wife Nancy.

active in our work days, Trout Fest and other activities. Welcome aboard and thanks for stepping up.

As we get into April CWTU has quite a few things happening early and often. **John Gremmer's** Fly Fishing and Fly Tying class starts April 10<sup>th</sup>, at Winneconne High School. This class will meet for 5 sessions every Tuesday from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please contact John for more info. Check out the website or his contact info. Then we are looking forward to having our first workday

on the Radley creek on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact **Scott Bahn** or check out the website for more info on times and meeting place. On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have our board meeting at **Marble Park** in Winneconne. This is also the night of our annual Casting Clinic and Kayak Fishing Clinic. We will have kayaks on site for examples and also for testing out. Festivities will start at 5:00pm with a picnic dinner and a short meeting with the Casting clinic starting @ 6:00pm ish, please contact **Russ Bouck** for more info.

I would like to remind everyone that is interested that **Bob Hunt** will be inducted into the **Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**. Bob along with his brother Richard will be inducted on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Theater @the Sentry Insurance Building in Stevens Point, with the doors opening at 9:00 am. If you run into Bob and haven't already mentioned it to him, please congratulate him for this well deserved accomplishment.

With such great weather and a lot of exciting things going on, please take the time to check out all that is going on and if not, definitely take the time to enjoy the weather.

Tight Lines

Linn Beck, President

### **CWTU Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, March 16, 2012

Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI

Meeting *called to order* by President Beck at 6:25 p.m.

*Minutes of the previous meeting* were approved as distributed.

*Treasurer's Report* was approved as distributed. Mr. Schaefer reported that Troutfest was a financial success, adding to the Chapter's revenues by nearly \$2000. He indicated that the remaining funds available for the current fiscal year amount to

approximately \$7000. Following discussion, the Board concluded that with anticipated expenditures, there should be sufficient funds without the need for additional fund raising.

*River Keepers*. Mr. Gremmer reported that the Bad River Tribe is interested in starting a water monitoring program to establish base line data, in anticipation of possible future threats to the watershed. He also repeated his call for folks to step forward to leadership positions within the River Keepers group, with assurances that the duties involved were not onerous. He reminded the Board of the forthcoming River Keepers events. See the CWTU website for details,

*Fly Tying Class* at FVTC. Mr. Gremmer reported that the class starts on April 10, and is full to overflowing! The final class will be on Tuesday, May 29, on the water in Waupaca.

*Casting Clinic and Kayak Fishing Clinic*, Monday, April 16, at Arthur Marble Park in Winneconne. Messrs. Beck and Moran will provide the food. Mr. Bouck will provide the casting clinic program, and Messrs. Haase and Seligman will head up the Kayak Fishing program. All members with fishing kayaks are invited to bring their boats for display and demonstration.

*CWTU Board Positions*. Mr. Beck proposed that Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stewart will move to At-large Board positions. A motion was made and carried. He reported that Mr. Stelzer will not continue on the Board at the end of his current term. No action was necessary at this time. A motion was made and carried to renew the Board terms of Mr. Haase, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Northway. A motion was made and carried to appoint Mr. Scott Bahn to fill the Board position vacated by Mr. Stewart. A motion was made and carried to appoint Mr. Mike San Dretto to the Board position vacated by Mr. Hunt.

*CWTU Work Trailer.* Mr. Bahn proposed that the Chapter authorize \$438.61 to pay Appleton Sign for logoing (is that a real verb?) the Chapter's work trailer. Motion was approved, with the notation that the actual cost will remove the sales tax.

*Wisconsin State Council and TU National letters* regarding the Bristol Bay Pebble Mine project. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and approved that the chapter sign on to the letter from Chris Wood at TU National opposing the Pebble Mine. *Motion was made and approved to Table* consideration of the additional letters.

*Old Business.* Ray Piehl spoke in memory of Gene West, and presented the Chapter with a check for \$550 "for the support of fly tiers." The Board expressed its gratitude and will determine appropriate uses for the fund.

*New Business.* None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Seligman, Secretary

### **Bob Hunt to be Inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**

Joining such notable original inductees as Aldo Leopold, John Muir, and Gaylord Nelson, long time member and CWTU Director Bob Hunt will be inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame on April 21. According to the program announcement, "*More than anyone else, Bob Hunt has contributed to knowledge about Wisconsin trout streams and advanced their stewardship. He has played a major role in conserving and enhancing the natural resources that underpin the special experience of fishing in trout streams.*" Details on the induction event are available by calling the Hall of Fame Foundation at 715-346-4992.

## **"Yakity Yak"**

By

"Mango Danny"

In the last article, I discussed things that I felt were essential to the kayak regardless of whether or not it was used for fishing. This article will summarize accessories that apply to both.

**K** Ayak accessories are many and varied. When first I looked into what I wanted on my kayak, I looked into a fishing packages offered by manufacturers, but thought them a bit pricey, so I went the "add on" route to customize it my way. This process encompassed quite a study through various suppliers via the internet and friends, but in the end, I learned a lot and made fewer mistakes as a result. The list that follows suggests things that made my "Yak" more serviceable with ease of operation in mind.

**Rod Holders:** I installed three of them, but primarily use the forward one for fly fishing. When I installed the mounting bracket, I placed it on the forward console indented for that purpose. Much to my surprise, my arms are not as long as I thought and moving forward was not all that easy in reaching for the fly rod. Even though I tried it on dry land, the "Yak" doesn't rock like it does on water and I didn't have on waders nor a wading belt either. I could have moved the bracket to another spot, but would have had to fill the screw holes. Rechecking the reach measurement is essential, but fortunately, the manufacturer had made a 22" extension, which I promptly purchased.



the angled cut open. The light, after discarding the stake, was screwed to first section with a pan head stainless steel screw. This section alone will work, but can be fitted to the second section for greater visibility. I placed the clamp in the rear at such a height as to hold the light section straight and when pushed through the clamp, the angled cut wedges to the side of the hull. Combined with the clamp and the angled cut, the whole system seems to be sturdy enough, but won't take a huge beating. The next article will have more kayak and fishing accessories.

Seems others must have had the same predicament. Luckily, this error in measurement was abrogated. The rear fly rod holder is placed to the left rear behind the seat and can be used for trolling or an extra rod carrier. At the right rear behind the seat, I installed a third, recessed rod holder, which can be used to hold a long handled net or as an additional long handled rod carrier. All brackets have stainless steel screws, sealed with Goop.

Navigational Stern Light: Looking for a suitable light and finding none to my liking, I decided to make my own out of a small 1" pvc pipe, horizontal joint, clamp, and of all things, a small outdoor sidewalk marker light with a recharging solar panel. As I understand it, boats of any size are required to have navigational lights when in federal waters. Regardless, it is a safety factor in any event. My thinking was that the light can be in place all day charging and when it turns dark, automatically turn on. I made the right measurement this time! I made it in two sections and cutting both lengths with slight angles on one end and straight cuts on the other end. The second section has the straight fitting and glued together, leaving



## 2012 CWTU River Keepers

Plans are being made for our 2012 CWTU River Keeper season. Last year we had 20 teams with a monthly monitoring success rate of around 99.99%. In 2012 we hope to make our current teams stronger while adding a few new teams. The strength of this program is the team leader. We thank all of last year's team leaders for their leadership and positive contributions.

During the year River Keepers have three meetings—a Spring organizational meeting,

an on-stream training session, and a end of the year buffet/program/wrap up session. By attending and participating in these meetings you make our organization stronger.

Our organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne at 6:30 pm. At this meeting we will explain any changes in procedures, form new teams and add members to old teams, and provide other information that will make your monitoring my efficient and rewarding.

Our training session will be on the Waupaca River at Riverside Park at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 28.

The year-end wrap-up/buffet dinner/program will be on Tuesday, November 13.

Being a CWTU River Keeper is a great way to learn about our streams, help protect our streams by gathering important environmental stream data that the DNR and others can use, make new friends, and have a fun and rewarding time.

Would you like to get involved in River Keepers? Call me at 920-582-7802(home), 920-379-9263(cell), or [jgremmer@charter.net/](mailto:jgremmer@charter.net/).

**John Gremmer**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Board Meeting and Casting and Kayak Fishing Clinic Program**

Monday, Apr 16 at 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Program combines the popular casting clinic and kayak fishing clinics into one great event. More information to follow.

**Board Meeting and Program**, 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 21, Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne

#### **CWTU Logo Wear**

Some CWTU logo wear is now available for a reasonable donation to the Chapter.

Quantities are limited for the fishing shirts, so order soon if you'd like to have or give one as a gift. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary design on shirts and caps is only available during 2011-2012.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Suggested Donation</i>
CWTU "Brookie" baseball style caps	\$15
CWTU "40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary" baseball style caps	\$17
CWTU "40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Columbia Bonehead Fishing Shirts	\$60
Size M (one available)	
Size L (six available)	
Size XL (one available)	

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