

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

October 2011

### Prez Sez

I would like to open up with the fantastic 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Banquet, and what a success it was. Since this is our only true fund raiser it was great to see the turnout and all the wonderful support. Also the support from the members who were unable to attend, but donated to the cause was greatly appreciated. A big round of applause goes out to all of the many TU members who purchased sponsor packages and all the people and companies who donated items to make the night what it was. Also thanks goes out to Elward Engle for the invocation, Dan Harmon and Tom Poullette for putting together the second twenty year history portion of the program, and to Laura Tucker, John Tucker, David Seligman, Scott Grady, Bob Haase, Tracy Moran, and Linn Beck for planning, coordinating and taking the time to make it a success. Again **THANKS** to all!!!

As we get ready to go into winter and a lot of our summer programs have wrapped

up, I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated, donated to, or who helped organize and run these programs for making them a huge success again. Without you we wouldn't have had such a successful year. Thanks again. But now on to the rest of the programs we have scheduled for the winter just so you can't get bored. John Gremmer will be having his Fly Tying and Fishing program again, Ira Giese has a great Master Fly Tying program worked out for everyone, and Bob Smaglik has some wonderful programs lined up for after our board meetings. And don't forget Troutfest in February, and watch for the new info for our Fly Fishing School in June. So please watch for announcements, or check the website for dates and details. November's program is how to plan a Western fishing trip on a budget, by Bob Haase and David Seligman. This is scheduled for Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> right after the board meeting. The board meeting starts at 6:15pm and the program will start at 7:30 pm. Stop in early and check out the board meeting as all are welcome, and hope to see you there.

I would like to close with thanks to all who have been getting involved with everything, the support is great. The other thing I would like to let all of you know it is great to be hearing from some of you on

ideas about chapter projects and other things to be involved in. I hope the ideas keep coming and if you feel you would like to get involved in anything just contact myself or anyone on the board, we are always looking for fresh ideas and more help on programs and projects. Thanks again.

**Linn Beck**

### **November Board Meeting Agenda**

November 14, 2011

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:15 pm.
2. Approve Minutes from September Board Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report, September, Banquet
4. Committee reports
5. LTE request
6. Waupaca project update
7. By-law discussion, vote
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Adjourn

### **Small Steps Department**

#### **One Step Forward?**

***DNR to review dairy water use  
Researcher says supply would be reduced***

***By Lee Bergquist of the Journal Sentinel***

***Oct. 13, 2011 8:36 p.m.***

*The Department of Natural Resources said Thursday it will reconsider a key permit for a large dairy farm proposed in Adams County after the agency received an analysis by a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point hydrogeologist who concluded the farm is likely to reduce local water supplies. The DNR had made a preliminary determination that groundwater pumping by the 4,200-cow Richfield Dairy would not harm local conditions.*

*And a spokesman for the company developing the farm also emphasized that the pumping of more than 50 million gallons of water annually won't be more than the irrigation now used for potatoes on the same land.*

*The Richfield Dairy is being developed by Kaukauna-based Milk Source, which owns the state's largest dairy farm, Rosendale Dairy, in Fond du Lac County. It operates two other farms and a third is slated to open early next year.*

*If Richfield Dairy is constructed, Milk Source will own five dairy farms with about 26,500 cows, according to the company. In addition, it owns a separate 9,200-calf operation near De Pere.*

*At Richfield Dairy, the company needs DNR permits for a high-capacity well and wastewater discharge, along with an environmental assessment of the project. Approvals on all three are pending, according to the DNR.*

*The DNR said it is reconsidering the permit for the high-capacity well after George Kraft of UW-Stevens Point said the farm would harm local water bodies and draw down the aquifer.*

*Kraft uses more sophisticated water modeling software than the state agency, the DNR acknowledged.*

*The decision to revisit the issue comes after a Wisconsin Supreme Court case this year involving municipal wells near Lake Beulah in Walworth County. In that case, the court said the DNR has the duty to consider adverse impacts of wells if presented with scientific evidence.*

*Three Democratic lawmakers said Kraft's work shows that the DNR is likely to "grossly understate" the impact of groundwater pumping and urged the agency to more closely scrutinize the environmental effect of the dairy farm.*

*"Seems like a smoking gun," said Rep. Brett Hulseley (D-Madison), who has constituents who own property in the area.*

*Eric Ebersberger, water use section chief of the DNR, said the agency will evaluate the research. Depending on the outcome, the DNR could put conditions on the farm or deny the permit altogether.*

*Environmentalists and some residents opposed Rosendale during its development, and the same has been true with Richfield.*

*In the latest case, the Pleasant Lake Management District asked Kraft to study the effect of Richfield Dairy's water use on local groundwater and surface supplies. He was not paid for that work.*

*The lake is about 3 miles from the two proposed wells that would draw up to 500 gallons a minute.*

*Kraft has studied groundwater in the Central Sands region of Wisconsin for years and in a 2010 study he found that between 2000 and 2008, climate conditions alone could not account for depressed water levels and stream flows where many large wells are located.*

*In his most recent analysis, Kraft said in a letter to the DNR he was taking into account the replacement of an existing well with two new wells.*

*He concluded that the effect of the new dairy farm would increase the drawdown of the water table and divert water from several streams and Pleasant Lake.*

*For example, Kraft said, portions of many streams closest to the wells would experience a 10% reduction or more in recharge from groundwater.*

*Near Pleasant Lake, the well would draw down the aquifer by 11%, thus affecting the lake levels.*

*But Bill Harke, director of public affairs for Milk Source, said Richfield Dairy should not harm local groundwater conditions.*

*In addition to the DNR's work, he said, two other studies supplied to the DNR by the company showed the new wells won't have an effect.*

*Harke said the analysis by Kraft appeared to be little more than a letter to the DNR describing past research.*

*The DNR, he said, is obligated to review data submitted in such cases "and we encourage them to review it."*

## **Two Steps Back?**

*From Kim McCarthy, TU State Council Chair*

*Oct. 25, 2011*

*Dear Senator Hansen:*

*I am writing on behalf of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and its 4500 Wisconsin members. The purpose of this letter is to ask you to vote against SB 24.*

*Simply put, SB 24 is a very bad piece of legislation for trout in particular and the environment in general. It is fast tracking the weakening of statutes that have been wisely put into place over several decades. Of particular concern to Trout Unlimited would be the fast tracking of permits required under SB 24. Requiring permits that may be incomplete or contain incorrect information to be awarded in 20 or 30 days is incomprehensible. Permitting activities like high cap well water withdrawals or dam building based on incomplete or inaccurate applications will almost certainly lead to serious degradation of cold water resources around the state. Are we really in such a rush to award permits that accuracy and completeness are not important? Can permits that protect resources and the common good be issued when the permittees do not even have all the basic information? Is it logical to limit DNR to one request for clarifying information when a permit is incomplete? Wisconsin's citizens deserve to*

*have the permitting process handled in a better manner than what is proposed in the bill.*

*Besides making it almost impossible for agencies such as DNR to do adequate permitting, SB 24 also extends the extension period for permits to 5 years. This increase would guarantee that environmentally damaging activities could not be corrected for 5 years. This will also increase resource damage.*

*Additional provisions in SB 24 would allow mining tailings containing potentially harmful chemicals such as arsenic and lead to be placed in or near waterways. This could lead to both surface and groundwater contamination as well as possible drinking water contamination. Do we really want that kind of situation in Wisconsin? Western States are still struggling to clean up contaminated mine sites close to waterways over 100 years after the mines have been abandoned.*

*Yet another example from the bill that would assuredly create problems is allowing the construction of pellet processing facilities without having to do air pollution modeling. This is a mistake given the fact that pellet facilities are one of the largest sources of mercury contamination in the Upper Great Lakes area.*

*I have cited just some of the issues with SB 24 that are of the most importance to Trout Unlimited. This bill amounts to a wholesale abandonment of Wisconsin's proud history of bipartisan resource protection. Trout Unlimited is certainly in favor of jobs and is not opposed to mining. But our position is that any mining or jobs creation needs to be done in a manner that will not damage resources or public health. SB 24 fails to protect either resources or public health. It is also alarming that sponsors have chosen to try and fast track this damaging legislation through the Special Legislative Session. How can a bill with this kind of*

*possible repercussions be adequately dealt with in just a few days with one joint public hearing? Wisconsin will have to deal with the results of this bill for many many years if it somehow manages to pass.*

*The Wisconsin members of Trout Unlimited would appreciate your support in defeating this bill by asking you to vote "no" on SB 24.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kim McCarthy – Chair – Wisconsin Trout Unlimited*

### **From Kathy Grace on Behalf of the Winnefox Library System**

With the Chapter's generous donation of \$500 I was able to order 25 titles. Except for the five largest libraries (Oshkosh, Neenah, Menasha, Fond du Lac and Ripon) each library in the system will be receiving a book or DVD. Of course inclusion in the automated system allows accessibility to all materials for all the library users in the Winnefox Library System.

A book plate has been included in each item that reads "Generously donated by the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited."

Below is a list of the libraries and the title that they received.

Berlin: *Tomorrow Fly Fishers* (DVD)

Brandon: *Tactical fly fishing*

Campbellsport: *Reading trout water*

Coloma: *Common-sense fly fishing*

Endeavor: *Fly tying illustrated*

Green Lake: *Modern streamers for trophy trout*

Hancock: *Tying flies with CDC*

Kingston: *Advanced streamer fishing* (DVD)

Markesan: *Learning from the water*

Montello: *Reading trout water*

Neshkoro: *The little red book of fly fishing*  
N FDL: *Angler management*  
Oakfield: *Casts that catch fish* (DVD)  
Omro: *Opening day*  
Oxford: *Fishing the film*  
Packwaukee: *The good life* (DVD)  
Pine River: *Learning from the water*  
Plainfield: *An entirely synthetic fish*  
Poy Sippi: *In that sweet country*  
Princeton: *Common-sense fly fishing*  
Redgranite: *Tying and fishing tailwater flies*  
Wautoma: *Charlie's fly box*  
Westfield: *Bugwater*  
Wild Rose: *Charlie's fly box*  
Winneconne: *Trout lessons*

On behalf of Winnefox Library System let me once again thank you for the generous donation to the system libraries.

Kathy Grace  
Head of Technical Services  
Oshkosh Public Library

### Schedule of Even

**Regular Business Meeting, Monday, November 14.** Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI. Program to follow will feature Bob Haase and David Seligman: "Western Trout Fishing on a Budget," a slide show and presentation on recent trips to Wyoming and Montana blue ribbon fly fishing destinations and how to plan and enjoy these "dream" trips without breaking the bank.

Other Dates:

Monday, Nov 14 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

 [Board Meeting and Program](#)

Monday, Dec 12 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

 [Board Meeting and Program](#)

Monday, Jan 16 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

 [TroutFest '12](#)

Saturday, Feb 25 at 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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