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

May 2012

With the onset of summer and all the great weather that goes with, I am hoping that most of you have had a chance to get out and get a line wet. With the warmer weather the Hex hatch is starting and I know a few of you have had a chance to get out and reap the benefits. And hopefully the trend will continue for the next couple of weeks so everyone will get out and get a chance to enjoy the larger fish that this phenomenon brings. Also, with the summer season our programs are getting off to a flying start. The water monitoring program has 4 new teams, thanks and welcome aboard. We also had our first work day on the White River, with 26 people having a great time (see photo below). With the next work day scheduled for June 16th on the Mekan River starting at 8:00 am, same area as last year, hopefully we will see most of you back and also some new faces. So if you are interested in these programs please get out and enjoy the opportunity to meet

“If you return alive and sane, no one believes a word you tell them; if you stay out too long or too often, you lose your family or your job. If you don’t stay out long enough, he who did will taunt you until your death that ‘they began to bite like mad ten minutes after you left.’” *Nick Lyon*

some new people and also to help out the programs.

We have one of our programs wrapping up, the Fly Tying and Fishing program put on by **John Gremmer** with the help of a few members is “graduating” on May 29th with several of the members taking the students out for a guided fishing trip. Also by the time this comes to print our Fly Fishing school, with **Dan Harmon** in charge, will have resumed and come to an end, last count we were at 22 students and almost at capacity. Again, thanks to all who are involved in making all of these programs a huge success. I would like to invite all of you out to our summer board meetings. These are all summer picnic affairs with a meal before and followed by our business meeting, with some fishing afterwards thrown in by those that chose. Please check out our website at cwtu.org for more info on the board meetings and also contact info for any of our programs. Hope to see you there.

I would like to take some time to present something to you. As Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited grows we need to have more and more members think about getting involved. I know of lot of you are already involved with water monitoring, the work

days, our board, the Fly Fishing School and several other programs I could go on and on with. I thank and applaud all of you who are involved. But with the state of affairs that our state government is in and along with all the cuts to funds available for the DNR to do what really needs to be done on our streams, we will most likely need to step up our part. The quality of our waters and maintaining this quality will come down to the ability of groups such as ourselves to help out where we can and also to maybe get a head of the curve. We are in the planning stages to get a program off the ground that will hopefully help us get a head of the curve. Bob Hunt and Alistair Stewart presented a proposal a couple of years ago call the “The Central Sands Initiative”, since then there have been a number of other groups banding together to protect the waters of the central sands region. Now is the time for us to do our part. We are looking for any individuals to get involved with this initiative and help us develop and really make an impact on the region. Just to give you an idea of what is in the beginning plan. We are putting together a stream inventory list for all the streams that fall into the Central Sands area. With this list the hope is to not only list the streams, but inventory past restoration work, the possibility of new restoration work, indentify problem areas, and then develop the means and possibilities to get these things done. This would entitle putting together grants and working with the DNR with our ideas. So the old adage of many hands make less work would really come into play. Anyone interested please feel free to contact me, my info is in the Brookie or on the website.

And by no means do I want to stop at just the Central Sands Initiative. We are always looking for interested people to get involved with all of our programs on any level and also looking for individuals that would be interested in possibly pursuing the point of

being involved with the board and leadership for the chapter down the line. I would like to stress that any and all of these are equally important to the health of the chapter. If you would like to get involved please contact myself or any of the board members. It really is gratifying to know that your efforts have helped to ensure the integrity of CWTU and the efforts of CWTU to protect our cold water resources.

Tight Lines

Linn Beck, President



White River Workday Photo courtesy of Bob Burke

CWTU Board of Directors Meeting May 21, Fin ‘n Feather, Winneconne, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

1. Minutes: approved unanimously
2. Treasurer’s Report: No formal report, but the Treasurer indicated that there was no substantial change in anything.
3. Outdoor Fest - Wautoma area Chamber of Commerce is having a celebration 8/10 from 4:00-8:00 pm and 8/11 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are looking for volunteers to teach fly fishing techniques, possible casting lessons and fly tying demonstrations. We are going to get involved and we will finalize at future meetings.

4. Watchdogs: Tom Poulette had a watch dog issue. He was contacted by Mike Hendrickson about a ditch that runs along the Petenwell Flowage it needs a lot of work There are Brook Trout in this ditch and Tom and Elward are going to check this out and report back. The Wisconsin River Power Company owns the land, and there are funds and heavy equipment that are available for this from volunteers out there.

5. Programs - Dave Johnson spoke about our summer meetings. John and Laura Tucker have volunteered for the July meeting. We are still looking for June and August. John also spoke on the banquet, it is scheduled for 10/6 and it's looking like we will have another kayak.

6. River Keepers: John Gremmer spoke on the River Keepers, we have 24 teams this year and he is looking for 2 people to help out on the coordinating team. He also spoke on his talk with Don Vorpahl's group on the Mekan River and the CWTU/Fox Valley Tech fly fishing and tying class. There are 20 students and he is looking for help for the Tuesday 29th final fishing meeting at Riverside Park and the festivities start @ 6:00 pm. He also said he was resigning from the VP position because of his workload and also the fact that he has served already and would like to give someone else the chance.

7. Dan Harmon spoke about the Trout School; they have 22 students and possibly more to come yet. He also thanked Scott and Carolyn Grady for their work on the new brochure.

8 The meeting closed with the president acknowledging Bob Hunt on his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame and thanking him for all he's done. This was followed by a solid round of applause and a standing ovation.

We adjourned and enjoyed the program.

Linn Beck, President

CWTU River Keepers

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.



White River Team Examines Macroinvertebrates
Photo courtesy of Bob Burke

Upcoming Events

CWTU Fly Fishing School

Saturday, Jun 2 at 7:00 AM - Sunday, Jun 3 7:30AM

CWTU Work Day - Mekan River

Saturday, Jun 16 at 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

CWTU Board of Directors

Board of Directors Meeting and picnic, June 18. Location to be determined.

CWTU Work Day - Mekan River

Saturday, Jul 21 at 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

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Board of Directors meeting and picnic, Monday, July 16, hosted by John and Laura Tucker

CWTU Work Day - Mekan River

Saturday, Aug 18 at 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

CWTU Logo Wear

Orders will go in shortly for CWTU Logo Tee Shirts. Please indicate if you are interested and what size you would need, so that we can make a reasonable order. This is for information only and will NOT require you to purchase.

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 40th 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 th Anniversary" baseball style caps | \$17 |
| CWTU "40 th Anniversary Columbia Bonehead Fishing Shirts | \$60 |
| Size M (one available) | |
| Size L (six available) | |
| Size XL (one available) | |

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