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

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I would like to open up with a big thanks to all who participated in our first annual ice fishing clinic. Actually it was our annual Fly Casting Clinic but for those who attended it was pretty close to the opening statement, so thanks again to all who braved the elements and came out and joined in the festivities. We had 38 brave souls for the clinic, and the Kayak fishing program. Thanks goes to **Russ Bouck** for putting this together along with our fine chef **Tracy Moran**, (I don't know how his restaurant survived without him). The evening also had the two most sought after men of TU, **David Seligman** and **Bob Haase** putting on another segment of their kayak fishing seminars.

Thanks guys for the time and effort.

On Saturday April 21st, in Stevens Point, **Bob Hunt** was inducted into the **Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**. We were told that the attendance was the largest they ever had for the event, with CWTU being well represented. Here are a few facts about Bob

Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a week. Give a man a fishing rod, and he'll need a reel, line, backing, flies, waders, boots, net, hemostat, nippers, floatant, leaders, tippet material, etc., and time off from work to go fishing.

from the program. Bob is an expert on wild trout in Wisconsin's streams, and also is credited with building Wisconsin's modern trout program. He led the efforts to develop scientifically sound trout fishing regulations, and is credited for building the understanding about stream restoration strategies and tools. With over 50 technical publications about his work and also his book “**Trout Stream Therapy**”, along with all of his other accomplishments it's fairly easy to see why he was inducted.

Congratulations Bob and **THANKS** for all you have done so we can enjoy what we do.

Looking forward as all of you are reading this, the new trout fishing season has opened and I hope that we all get a chance to get out and enjoy as much of the season as possible. May also is the start of another season, our stream work day season. Saturday May 19th will be our opening work day. We will be working on the White River, just south of Wautoma. For those that are unaware the DNR is planning on drawing the mill pond in Wautoma down which will allow us to work on a few problem areas that have developed on the White River. We will be doing repairs on some braids that have

developed by the river channel cutting through some of the bends and creating a new river channel. The DNR had the boys from Rawhide bundle over 240 Christmas trees for us to use. This also is our joint work day with the Elliot Donnelley chapter from Chicago. Everyone is invited to stick around and go fishing after lunch. It's always a good chance to meet some new people and also find some new fishing destinations. Please either contact **Scott Bahn** or check out the website for directions and times. Hope to see you there.

One last thing, on Monday May 21st is our board meeting and program. Please come out to the Fin-N-Feather in Winneconne and sit in on the meeting or come a little later to enjoy the program. The program for the evening will be presented by Gordy Martin and the program will be "Wisconsin Trout East and West" which will start at 7:30 pm. Check out the website for more info on the program. So come on out and enjoy the evening with us.

Tight Lines

Linn Beck, President

CWTU Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2005, Marble Park, Winneconne

Meeting called to order by Pres. Beck at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report was postponed until the next meeting.

President Beck announced the Tight Lines Open House scheduled for May 19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (same day as chapter first workday of the season). Mr. Tucker and Mr. Haase will be there. Chapter should use the event to promote new membership.

President Beck announced that the Chapter will pursue the naming of the Mecan Springs Natural Area or some portion thereof after Elward Engle, whose efforts brought that and much other great cold

water resource to State ownership of easement for public access. Mr. Haase is pursuing the appropriate contacts. River Keepers organizational meeting will be at the Fin Thursday, April 19 for team renewal and mission reaffirmation. Training day will be Saturday, April 21. Mr. Gremmer's fly fishing/fly tying class at FVTC will conclude with an on-stream day on May 29. See the CWTU website for details on both.

Mr. Bahn announced the first workday to be May 19 on the White River above Duell's Bridge. We will be joined by Donnelly Chapter members, and CWTU members are invited to guide our guests for an afternoon of fishing, followed by a picnic hosted by the Tuckers, at a location to be announced. Under Old Business, Mr. Harmon announced that the Trout School currently has 15 enrolled, with room for 9 more, so keep referring folks to the School. Mr. Harmon also announced that Shawn Sullivan is looking to site some more (Aldo Leopold) benches at selected locations. Mr. Harmon is working on details; funds will come from the Sopkovich and Osborne funds.

Mr. Beck noted that the DNR would like to purchase the Colligan cabin and property on the White River and will need assistance from TU. The Chapter can trigger a stream access grant of \$5000 for the funds by authorizing a \$1500 match, though it may be possible to make the match through volunteer hours at the site. There is no doubt that the Chapter would be able to make such a match with volunteer hours, should the State Council modify the Grant program to allow for it. Mr. Haase moved and Mr. Harmon seconded, that the Chapter authorize the match contingent upon first, whether the match can be made with volunteer hours, and second, should the first contingency not be possible, by funding the \$1500, contingent upon the availability of

such funds in the Chapter budget. The motion was approved. The Chapter will explore the issue of naming rights to the site and a possible plaque, again contingent upon the whole deal going through.

Under additional new business, the Fond du Lac County Invasive Species Coordinator made a pitch for continued attention to avoiding and preventing the spread of invasive species.

Mr. Beck showed around the large CAFO volume that Mr. Engle purchased for the Chapter. Mr. Haase has it now. Members who would like to have it next should contact him. Plans will be made to make it a part of the Chapter's library, accessible to all members.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m with much numbness of limbs and breath visible in the chilly air. Thanks to Messrs Beck (L) and Beck (T), and Mr. Moran, for providing and preparing the vittels to help warm those in attendance. Casting Clinic and Kayak Fishing Clinic followed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Seligman, Secretary

Bob Hunt Inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame

From Hunt's biography for Hall of Fame

"Robert L. (Bob) Hunt's imprint on fisheries management in Wisconsin and well beyond can be found in technical publications, videos and his book, "Trout Stream Therapy,"

More than anything else, though, it is found in healthy thriving streams, many with self-sustaining wild trout populations.

Hunt was a pioneer in efforts to improve stream habitat, trout management and effective regulations based on science and a clear understanding of the capacities of streams and the species they held. er Hunt earned recognition as Wisconsin's top authority on trout stream science and is considered a national leader in those fields.

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His scientific expertise also helped lead to Wisconsin's modern trout angling regulations tailored to zones of the state and the characteristics of streams.

Always willing to share what he learned, Hunt has served on many stat, national and international committees, highlighting Wisconsin's pioneering programs, many of them the result of his work. He has encouraged citizens groups to participate in habitat restoration efforts."

(The full citation is available at the Hall of Fame website: www.wchf.org.)

"Yakity Yak"

By

"Mango Danny"

Kayaks, being highly portable, need to be transported to the water you intend to navigate, unless you are blessed with a stream, pond, or lake just outside the back door. This article will explore how we get our "yaks" to and from water and how to transport them to distant destinations. The solutions are many and varied and this is how I do it.

Roof racks are almost a must, unless you have a trailer or a pickup truck, which makes transport a little easier. In my case, I have a mini- van and this adds another facet to the loading part of the equation; how to keep the "yak" from scratching the rear window during the loading and unloading operations? I am getting ahead of myself, so I will back up to the start. To get the kayak to the van, I use a dolly that is called the "Camel".



It is a unique little wheeled device that folds in the middle and rests on the ground with bottom pads wide open, ready to receive the stern at the seat point, or just behind it. To get the "Camel" open, it is unlatched at the hinged hub, placed on the ground and re-latched. Once in place, the strap is brought around the stern joined and tightened, locking the wheel arms in place. It also helps to lift on the strap a time or two to take up any slack, thereby securing it tightly. I really like this unit because its wide bottom rests make it very stable over uneven terrain. Now, I merely pick up the bow handle and roll my "yak" to the van. Before loading, I unroll what looks like a rug, and secure it to the vans roof rack rear cross member with the attached Velcro straps.



It's called a "water slide" made by Thule. It is ribbed on one side and rubber backed on the other. I added two nylon straps with Velcro at the top of the slide so it could be rolled up and held against the cross member

while traveling. On the road, it has withstood 75 mph winds so far, if you are wondering? I have attached two sets of racks for my kayak made by Yakima. The front yokes cradle the bow and the back racks have rollers on them, which makes loading and unloading much, much easier. These rollers go by the name "Hully", made by Yakima and they are lockable. A point of caution, "Don't wash your car in winter before leaving for the south ". I did, forgetting the rollers were locked in place, which stalled the loading process until I was able to thaw them out. It was most embarrassing and maddening until I figured it out. Here is another point of caution. While your "yak" is in the upright position and leaning on the water slide, or similar configuration as may be in your case, stay on the leeward side if it is windy as these craft are uncontrollable if caught by the wind, either loading or unloading. It happened to me during unloading when a big gust of wind came up just as I was lowering the "yak" to the ground. Needless to say I was relieved when it just missed a brand new Escalade parked next to me. Fortunately, there was no damage to the "yak". For traveling on long trips, I double strap the "yak" with one pair holding it to the Yakima roof racks and the other pair holding it from side to side to the cross members of the van. I also use a "yak" cover for traveling. And to this point, so far, so good!

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.

Upcoming Events

2012 CWTU River Keepers

RESCHEDULED. Training session will be on the Waupaca River at Riverside Park at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 12.

Stream Workday, White River, Saturday, May 19.

Board Meeting and Program, 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 21, Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne. Gordy Martin comes to us from Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, where he is the owner of "Tie-1-ON Guide Service". He focuses his guiding efforts in the Driftless Area of Wisconsin and also guides on the tributary rivers of eastern Wisconsin.

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.

Item	Suggested Donation
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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