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

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Even though this winter hasn't been too tough on us yet, it is still winter!!! The good thing is early season is right around the corner and I know this is the time of year to start getting ready for it. We all prepare differently and I usually like to brush up on my reading and get some new and innovative ideas for the coming summer, but with the weather not cooperating and letting me get outside more I have fallen behind. Who would ever think you could say that in Wisconsin? I guess I just jinxed it and we will now get pounded with weather so I will most likely get the chance to catch upon my reading. Sorry about that.

The year has started out on a good note and promises to get better. Our January board meeting and program was well attended and turned out to be a great night. "The night of the Terrestrial" was a great and informative program attended by a little over 60 people with one lucky person

Editor's Note: This issue contains what we hope to be the first of a series of articles on kayaks and kayak fishing from "Mango Danny," in response to the Editor's plea for contributions from readers on subjects that may be of interest to readers of the Brookie News. We know that there is a lot of knowledge and expertise, not to mention opinion, out there that you are generous about sharing with friends, fishing pals, and anyone who will listen, on the stream, over dinner, or with a beverage of choice. Now we ask again that you take a few minutes to commit some of those ideas to paper, and send them to the editor so that they can be shared more widely. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, or style. That's what the editor gets paid so handsomely to take care of for you.

-Ye Ed

evening (would have been great if I had won the fly box). Just kidding; it was a great evening and a job well done by Bob Haase coordinating it all. Thanks Bob

February should have a wonderful ending as well. We will have Trout Fest on Saturday, February 25th at the Fin-N-Feather in Winneconne starting at 9:00 am. There will be our great mini seminars, along with the fly tiers and also a youth fly tying table. We also will have several informative booths and the rummage and consignment table with a lot of great stuff. Come on out and join us for fun and excitement, and the best thing is it doesn't cost anything. Any questions contact Bob Smaglik or Dave Johnson. Hope to see you there.

Take some time and check out the website for more upcoming events and updates.

Linn Beck
CWTU president

Board of Directors
Central Wisconsin Chapter
Trout Unlimited
Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm, with 9 board members present. Mike Schaefer was not available for the treasurer's report. There were 4 new items on the agenda with Trout Fest leading off. Dave Johnson reported that the program committee was ready with the mini seminars and everything was pretty much in place. Russ Bouck will present the Fly Fishing school seminar, and everything else should be in place and ready. The possibility of contacting Channel 5 for a public service announcement is being checked into. This was followed by membership building ideas. One of the ideas suggested was for present board members mentoring one person each and trying to get them involved. Another idea was father/mother/son/daughter outing with an informative and fishing session. The next agenda item was the WI state council banquet. Bob Haase confirmed the prize donation needed a little more from CWTU. Each chapter had a suggestive \$500.00 limit per chapter. Bob felt we would hit this by donating a rod, all agreed that this would be the best option to fulfill our commitment. Our last agenda item was fund raiser ideas. After several ideas, the board thought instead of picking an item and having a raffle, it was best to determine how much money would be needed for a project then concentrate on an item. Under old business the subject of the Central Sands came up and

Linn explained where we are with the project. It is in the formative stages and developing a five year program with a stream inventory list almost complete. The new layout for the brochure on the Fly Fishing School was presented by Dan Harmon and the final layout is going to be ready Wednesday January 18th. John Gremmer suggested that there may be some monies needed for new water monitoring teams and they were working more grants, but may need some money from the chapter. There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Beck

FVTC/CWTU Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Class

Again this Spring I will be teaching the FVTC/CWTU Introduction to Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Class at Winneconne High School. This will be the twelfth year that I have taught the class. A number of CWTU fly fishers assist in the instruction. Over the years this has been a lot of fun for me. I get to make new and interesting friends and turn them on to the most interesting and rewarding sport that I know of. This is the way the class is listed in the FVTC course catalog:

Fly Fishing & Tying, Intro

Allows participants of experience hands-on time to tie eight different flies, a casting instruction session and an on-stream instructional experience. Content will include equipment selection, fly types and selection, knot tying, fly presentation, fly fishing organizations and resources, where to fish, fly fishing the Internet, leader making, stream biology, hatch charts, casting technique, and warm water fly fishing.

*4/10 - 5/29 Winneconne High School
6:00pm - 9:00pm*

To be more specific, we have six, three-hour classroom sessions, one on-the-water casting session, and one evening session on a local trout stream for a total of eight sessions. The first class is Tuesday, April 10, starting at 6:00 PM. The costs are \$90.12 for those under 62 and \$81.60 for people over 62. There is also a \$15 materials fee that pays for feathers, hooks, leader material, etc. Overall the participant will receive 25 hours of instruction at a cost of around \$4.00/hour.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this class, please have them contact me at 920-582-7802(home), 920-379-9263(cell), or jgremmer@charter.net/. To sign up for the class contact FVTC's Marie Thull at 920-582-4025.

John Gremmer

“Yakity Yak”

By

“Mango Danny”

Several months ago, I was talking to David Seligman and the conversation centered around the current vogue, “Kayak Fishing”. We discussed various subjects and what each had done to modify their “yak”. He said, “Why don’t you write an article or two about what you did to modify your kayak and submit it for publication in the “Brookie”? Without hesitation, I said “Maybe I will”? The “hesitation”, “maybe” are over and the “will” is about to begin. I should say that these modifications are for my purpose and are not the only ones available, but the ones I thought best for me, being a gadget nut. I guess I am never satisfied with an “as is” condition.

K Ayaks - I chose a Wilderness Systems Tarpon 120 sit on top kayak from the many varieties on the market and it will be the center of discussion and modification.

It weighs approximately 62 pounds, is twelve feet long and 28 inches wide. I chose it because I felt that the length would be maneuverable enough for trout streams and stable enough for longer trips on larger water. It does not have a rudder, although one is available, but because of its hull configuration, I felt that one was not necessary. The \$200.00 price tag for one also made the decision easier. Most of the fittings/accessories added are either, plastic, nylon, or stainless steel and usually sealed with marine waterproof “Goop” where necessary. All other fittings of the non stainless variety are spray painted flat black. This particular model has an adjustable comfortable seat, which is an important feature when considering how long you will be in it, either fishing or just plain paddling.

P Addles – There is a large selection and type of paddle for a variety of uses on the market and I found that the lighter they are, the more expensive they are.

This has a lot to do with the material of which they are made and their use. There is a general guide that is used to determine length for each individual which can be obtained using google on “How to fit kayak paddles”. I have two paddles and I use a shorter graphite paddle of 220 cm made by Carlisle for streams and a longer graphite paddle of 230 cm made by Bending Branches for larges water, both of which fall within the sizing guide perammeters. The blade is shorter and wider on the 220 cm paddle and longer and narrower on the 230 cm paddle by comparison. This all makes sense because the stroke for maneuvering is deeper and the stroke used for long trips is shallower. Paddles generally come with drip cups located at the point where the shafts meet the blades and I have added cushioned hand grips at the hand locations. It makes paddling easier because of the larger diameter created by the grips.



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 an 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 12 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/.

John Gremmer

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin TU State Council Banquet

Saturday, Feb 4 at 4:30 PM - 9:15 PM

The Wisconsin TU State Council Banquet will be held on February 4, at the Holiday Inn in Wausau. All TU members should be interested in attending this banquet. For more information check with your local TU chapter. Tickets are \$35 and CWTU members can call President, Linn Beck for tickets. Anyone else looking for tickets can call State Council Chair Kim McCarthy at 920-434-3659. The Banquet is being held at the Holiday Inn & Suites located at 1000 Imperial Avenue, Rothschild, WI. Cash Bar opens at 4:30pm, Awards Ceremony at 6:30pm, and Dinner at 7:15pm.

TroutFest '12

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

Board Meeting and Program

Monday, Mar 19 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Wildflowers found along the Trout Stream presentation by Elward Engle. Presentation at 7:30pm. Don't miss this very enjoyable program as Elward reveals the early spring wildflowers that we walk past each early season trout fishing trip. Elward will draw from his over 40 years of notes that he has collected and steer you in the right direction to make discoveries yourself. Not many know our central sands area better than Elward, so come on out and learn the names of those plants you always wish you knew.

 **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.

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 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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