

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

**August 2012**

### Prez Sez

I hope all of you have had a very enjoyable summer. With the start of September and the crops beginning to be harvested, time is getting short to fish for trout. I would like to take this time to thank all of you who have been involved with the work days and water monitoring for the time you have donated so far. I hope it has been as benefiting to you as it has to our programs. Without all of you the streams would not be in the shape they are in for all of us to enjoy. Again THANK YOU for time and efforts.

With all the said I would like mention something from this summer that CWTU was involved in. On Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> there was the 1st Outdoor Fest in Wautoma that we were involved with. CWTU had a portion of the exhibition tent and we had a fly tying station, a casting station and an information table. **Ira Giese, Chris**

**CWTU Annual Banquet to be held October 6, 2012 at the WW II Memorial Building in Wautoma.**

### Upcoming Events

 [CWTU Work Day - Mekan River](#)

Saturday, Sep 15 at 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

 [CWTU Annual Banquet](#)

Saturday, Oct 6 at 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**Northway, Mike San Dretto, Scott Krueger, Tracy Moran, Bill Zimmerman** along with myself, all hung around and enjoyed the day tying flies, showing the finer points of fly casting and answering questions about our work days and TU in general. We also raffled off a rod and reel built and donated by **Scott Grady**. Thanks to all for taking some time out and helping out, and thanks Scott for the rod and reel. Look for times and dates for next year and hopefully this will become something to be involved with in the future.

Also with the coming of September, it's time to start thinking and planning on attending our only major fund raiser for the year. On Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> our annual banquet will be held at the same place as last year. We will be having this at the World War II Memorial building in Wautoma. Drinks and socializing will begin at 5:00 with the dinner to follow. If you can attend please plan on it. It's always a good time and it's a great way to meet new people. (It's funny how the tongue starts to wag about fishing spots and directions and access points slip out when you get people talking). So please plan on attending info is on the website, or contact any board member or Laura Tucker @ 920-622-5401.

**Tight Lines**

**Linn Beck CWTU president**

**Minutes of Board Meeting March 21, 2011**

The meeting at John and Laura Tucker's home in Saxeville, WI was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Linn Beck with a quorum of the Board present.

On Motion, second and vote the Minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting, as published in the Brookie News were approved.

On Motion, second and vote the June, 2012 Treasurers Reports was approved.

On Motion, second and vote approved payment of one-half of resident tuition to University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for graduate school student Michael J. Louison, recipient of the chapter's scholarship. Michael provided the board with an oral summary of the work he plans to accomplish in pursuit of his degree.

On Motion, second and vote authorized the purchase of up to 1,000 CWTU letter envelopes.

President Beck reported the following:

We are looking for volunteers for fly tying and fly casting demonstrations at the first Wautoma Outdoor Fest to be held August 10 & 11, 2012. Scott Grady has donated spinning rod and reel for the event.

Chapter is still looking to fill certain leadership positions for the coming year, primarily president and vice-president.

The chapter has received a donation of books from the estate of Richard Osborn. President Beck has a list of the books and will be selling the books on a first come basis to anyone contacting him. Proceeds from book sales will be utilized by chapter.

Watchdog Committee reports:

Tom Poullette reported on the Petenwell ditch and White River silting. Elward Engle reported on Radlee Creek cleanup needs.

New fly fishing reels were purchased for the fly fishing school.

Next months meeting will be Tuesday August 21 at Ira Giese's home.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm

**Respectfully submitted, Mike Schaefer,  
Treasurer**



**Photo by John Gremmer**

### **CWTU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of Board Meeting August 21, 2012**

The meeting at Ira and Karen Giese home in Wautoma, WI was called to order at 6:45 PM by Past President John Tucker with a quorum of the Board present.

On Motion, second and vote the Minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting, as published in the Brookie News were approved.

On Motion, second and vote the July, 2012 Treasurers Report was approved.

On Motion, second and vote approved payment of an annual Trout Unlimited membership for local libraries and schools whose memberships had lapsed. Renewal notices had been sent to library or school rather than to our chapter. We had previously paid for these memberships so Trout magazine would be sent to them.

Other reports and discussions included:

Report by Dan Harmon III regarding constructions of benches and possible permitting required to place on public land.

Deferred decision of purchase of certain books from TU until President Beck returns.

Update on CAFOs.

Report on CWTU Annual Banquet to be held October 16, 2012 at the WW II Memorial Building in Wautoma.

Report by John Gremmer on 2012 River Keeper teams and the upcoming annual river keeper dinner November 13, 2012 at the Fin n Feather.

Thanks to Ira and Karen Giese for hosting the meeting and a wonderful salmon dinner.

On Motion, second and vote approved changing the November, 2012 Board meeting to Tuesday November 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM following the annual River Keepers meeting and program at the Fin N Feather in Winneconne.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

**Respectfully submitted, Mike Schaefer,**  
**Treasurer**

### **CWTU River Keepers**

1. We are now up to 24 teams. We added five new ones this year.
2. We are seeing some inconsistencies with the dissolved oxygen testing. This could be due to a number of things. If you are getting results of 50% or less, you should repeat the test. If you still get those results you may have problems with your chemicals. Please let me know if this is happening.
3. At the end of the year Rick and I plan to collect all the dissolved oxygen kits and restock them for next year. You can bring them to the November meeting.
4. Please get a photo of your team and send it to me. We will be making a final report and you will want your team picture in it. We really appreciate all of your efforts with this worthwhile project. Thanks again for being involved.

**John Gremmer**

### **Almost a year in the making....**

Perhaps I should start by explaining my understanding of Gene West and Arling Erickson.

Gene was a longtime resident of Wautoma, worked in Dan Colligan's flyshop at Wild Rose, and played a very active role in our chapter for many decades. Each year, Gene loved to go out West with a few of our chapter's more seasoned members, but alas no more as he sadly passed away this last winter. Arling Erickson had a fly shop in Poy Sippi, was a chapter president and founding father of CWTU and was quite a character, so I understand. His one natural leg led him to fish often from the front of a canoe, rather than wading the streams. Last summer Alistair mentioned he saw a picture of a plaque commemorating Arling Erickson's life in Gene West's photo album. Over the years, while fishing in the area, Alistair spent many hours at Gene and Nancy's house visiting and looking at Gene's old pictures. One of the pictures was a commemorative plaque of Arling Erickson's life on a UP river, just down from a bridge.

Alistair had taken prior trips up to the Iron River area in the UP trying to find the plaque. Gene recommended an endless number of rivers and bridges, only to have Alistair constantly come up short. While looking in the UP Alistair would call Gene with his cell phone. Gene would ask "did you look on both sides?" Frustrated about not having success, Alistair confided in me and I told him we were going to find it! I discussed it with some of our members, and Dick Krause mentioned he may know someone that could help. Keith Erickson was Arling's nephew and stepson, and was present when the plaque went in. I started calling all the Keith Ericksons with UP addresses, and finally connected. His wife Carol answered the phone and she was a little tentative and curious as to what I was

calling about. After a ½ hour of talking to both of them about what I was trying to do, they gave me the location of the plaque and mentioned that I should come up to visit. I immediately called Alistair that night to convey a sense of impending victory without even going to the UP. This summer, we hit the road.

While up in the UP we some very bad rain storms one night which gave us an opportunity to go find the plaque, rather than go fishing. Keith gave us two possible positions. I pointed the two possible spots on the map and we made our way. When we got close to first spot Alistair mentioned that during a prior bird hunting trip he passed a landmark lumber mill and got lost. It felt like we were going to too, because the road names were not listed on the map, nor on the Garmin - but we kept heading east by feel. We crossed the river and Alistair had a hunch it could be right, so we got out. We trampled on opposite sides and I heard Alistair exclaim "I found it!" We snapped pictures like we were holding a trophy trout then made our way to Keith's. I called him while we were on the road and talked to Carol. She said he was sleeping and insisted we should keep coming and that she would wake Keith up. We had a wonderful time swapping fish stories and looking at Arling's flies. Keith even gave me a dozen and I now have them in my hat for viewing pleasure, good luck and never to fish with. After two hours of swopping fish stories and full of afternoon coffee we said our goodbyes. I really enjoyed learning about one of CWTU's original members who knew that the cold water resources in Central WI were worth fighting for, and helped lay the path for us to follow.

**Jeff Wegand**



Arling Erickson Plaque

**Photo by Jeff Wegand**



Alistair Stewart with the Arling Erickson plaque on the headwaters of the Iron River in the UP

**Photo by Jeff Wegand**



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