

BROOKIE NEWS



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

February/March 2013

Prez Sez,

Wow, what a winter is all I can say!!! But all was not bad even if Mother Nature wouldn't cooperate. As the winter draws to a close and with the open of the early season things are looking up. We had a great Trout Fest with a banner turn out and a lot of great comments on everything. Kudos and thanks goes out to **Bob Smaglik** and **Dave Johnson** for working hard and pulling it all together, and also thanks to all who chipped in and helped out.

Going forward as the weather gets nicer and we start to lose all this white stuff, there are a number of things to look forward to. Our board meeting

and program on Tuesday April 9th will have **Tim Landwehr** from Tight Lines presenting a program on his fly fishing trips to the Amazon. The business meeting will start at 6:15 and the program at 7:30 pm. Monday April 22nd will be the kick off evening for our summer water monitoring. The River Keepers, led by **John Gremmer** and **Rick Fahrenkrug**, will have an organizational meeting at the Fin-n-Feather to reacquaint everyone and to welcome any new monitors. Please check out the website or watch for John's e-mails for more details. Also in April starting on April 2nd, the Introduction to Fly Tying and Fishing class will start at FVTC with this running through May 21st from 6:00pm-9:00pm each night at Winneconne High School. You can sign up for this class through the tech or contact **John Gremmer** for more info. And looking farther on down the road to May, will find us doing the Casting Clinic/Kayak class and also our first work day. May 14th will be the date and Marble Park in Winneconne the site for the casting clinic/kayak class put together by **Russ Bouck**, with **Bob Haase** and **David Seligman** putting on the kayak portion. We are having this at a later date this year hoping to get a little better (warmer) weather so we won't need to wear our snow pants and maybe get Bob to show us how stable the kayaks are when you stand up on them. And then the following Saturday May 18th will be our first

work day. This is scheduled on the White River just south of Wautoma. Again, please check out the website for times and directions. If you would like to get on the e-mail chain for the work days, please contact **Scott Bahn**. Don't forget our June, July, and August board meetings and programs will be summer picnics. To make it easy to remember, all board meetings and programs are on the second Tuesday of each month.

So if you would like to see what our chapter does for activities please mark down some of the dates of the things that may interest you and come and check it out. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission with the exception of the Fly tying/fishing class at the FVTC.

A special thanks to all the members that are taking time to make these activities possible for everyone.

Tight Lines
Linn Beck

The Future of the Brookie News **(Final Notice)**

In accordance with the consensus of the CWTU Board of Directors (see the Minutes of the December Board Meeting below), the regular print edition of the Brookie News will begin to be phased out, starting with the December issue. The Brookie will be offered in print edition as well as electronically on-line at the CWTU.org website only for December 2012, and January and February

2013, and then cease publication as a print edition for general distribution following the February/March edition. However, the Chapter will maintain a mailing list and will distribute a print edition to those members of the Chapter who do not have electronic access via the internet or who, for whatever reason, cannot or choose not to receive the electronic version. If you wish to continue receiving the print edition of the Brookie, it is important that you notify the Chapter by March 28 by sending a note requesting continued print mailing, to the Chapter Secretary and Brookie Editor at CWTU, P.O. Box 3041, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3041. The current plan is to send an email notification to all chapter members upon publication of each month's Brookie News, with a hot link to the Chapter website where each month's issue will continue to be published as they have been in the past. When you receive the email notice, you will merely click on the link and it should bring you directly to the month's Brookie as well as providing easy access to prior issues. Thus it is also important that the Chapter have a correct email address for each member. If you have not been receiving periodic mailings from the Chapter, chances are that we do not have a correct current email address for you. You can remedy that by simply sending an email to Mike Schaefer at: Mikeschaefer@gmail.com and your

email address will be corrected in the Chapter data base. It is hoped that this policy change will provide significant cost savings to the Chapter so that we can fund the important on-stream goals of the Chapter as well as increasing the traffic to the website where a wealth of useful and important information can be found. Thanks for your continued support.

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CWTU Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2013 Fin n Feather, Winneconne, WI

The meeting at the Fin n Feather in Winneconne, WI was called to order at 6:20 PM by President Linn Beck with a quorum of the Board present. On Motion, second and vote the Minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting, as published in the Brookie News were approved.

On Motion, second and vote the January and February 2013 Treasurers Reports were approved.

On Motion, second and vote approved the following officers and board positions for 2013-2014:

President-John Tucker

Vice President-Mike San Dretto

Board Member- John Gremmer

There is still a board position open.

John Gremmer reported on the on the activities of the Executive and Membership committees:

Creating a Facebook page for the chapter

Printing business cards to handout

Updating email list of chapter members and contacts

Developing a mentor program
FVTC flyfishing class

John Gremmer reported on upcoming River Keepers organizational meeting April 22, 2013.

Jeff Wegand reported on the upcoming banquet plans and requested anyone who would like to assist in planning the banquet to contact him.

Other reports and discussions included:

A very successful Troutfest

Workday plan for summer 2013

Update on Project Healing Waters
River Alliance

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Mike Schaefer, Treasurer**

Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Class

Fox Valley Technical College, in collaboration with Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, is offering an introduction to fly fishing and fly tying class that will feature a casting seminar, and an on-stream, guided, fly fishing experience. Introduction to Fly Fishing and Fly Tying will be held in Winneconne.

John Gremmer, Jim Murphy, Bob Haase, Tracy Moran, Mike Sandretto, Bob Smaglik, David Seligman, Ira

Giese, and many other CWTU members will be helping instruct this class.

Approximately two hours of each class will be spent on fly tying. Remaining class time will feature equipment selection, fly types, knot tying, fly presentation, fly selection, fly fishing organizations, and where to fish. Additional features include fly fishing resources (books, magazines, videos, etc.), fly fishing the Internet, leader making, stream biology, hatch charts, casting technique, warm water fly fishing and “why fly fishing”. An April, on-the-water, fly casting session, and a May evening of guided fly fishing, on a local stream, will be included in the class activities. The Winneconne class (Class # 63716), meets once a week, starts on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, ends May 21, 2013, and will meet at Winneconne High School. The Class meets eight times, beginning at 6:00 p.m., for a duration of three hours. Class fee is \$94.01 for students under age 62 and \$85.13 for students age 62 and over. All participants will pay a \$15 materials fee and have the option of purchasing their own fly tying tools.

To learn more about the class, contact John Gremmer at jgremmer@charter.net or 920-582-7802, or check our CWTU website at www.cwtu.org/(click on activities). To enroll in the class, call the FVTC at 920-735-5645.

Know anyone who might benefit from this class? Please pass the information on to them.

John Gremmer



River Keepers Training Session

CWTU Is Looking For River Keeper Volunteers

Last year CWTU’s River Keepers monitored over 25 streams in our area. This was done by over 20 different teams. Teams consist of three or more people (who do not have to be TU members) who go out once a month, May through September, and monitor streams. The process takes less than an hour. Teams collect data on water temperature, how much water is flowing down the stream, water clarity, habitat health, dissolved oxygen, and the types of bugs (macro invertebrates). This data is then posted for the World to see on the Water Action Volunteers(WAV) website (<http://watermonitoring.uwex.edu/wav/monitoring/>). Check it out!

This data is important because it protects and preserves our streams. First, it provides benchmarks related to the quality of our streams through time. This data would not be available without our efforts. Secondly, the act of water monitoring teaches monitors about the biology and physics of our streams. Thirdly, data collected is used by the WDNR to make scientific decisions concerning these streams. Fourthly, River Keepers ultimately become advocates and watchdogs for their streams---helping to protect them from harm that can come in many forms. CWTU River Keepers needs volunteers to maintain our program. We take all ages and welcome youth and senior citizens. Our goal is to have fun at this activity. We have two meetings a year at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne. April 22 is our organizational meeting. It starts at 6:30 pm and lasts an hour. Our second meeting is in November where we celebrate our year's accomplishments. New River Keepers are provided a two hour training session---this year it is on April 27. To learn more about our CWTU River Keeper program go to www.cwtu.org and click on the "River Keeper" button on the top menu bar. To sign up for the River Keepers call John Gremmer at 920-582-7802 or eMail at jgremmer@charter.net, or do both.

Project Healing Waters

Under the leadership of John Tucker, Chapter members have been working with military veterans at the UWoshkosh, teaching the basics of fly tying and fly fishing. If you would like to help out with this endeavor, contact John Tucker.



Chapter Member David Seligman assists with fly tying at a Project Healing Waters Session

CWTU Members Tie and Fish at Arkansas's Sowbug

Four CWTU members took a break from March's snow and ice and traveled to Mountain Home, Arkansas, to attend the Sowbug fly fishing and tying conference/show and dosome fishing. Ira Giese, Bob Haase, Gary Herlache, and I split time between the showand fishing. The Sowbug brings together fly tiers and vendors from all over the country for a three day event. Hundreds of tiers participate. During the event, raffles, silent auctions, and other fund- raisers took place. It was great to spend time talking to Dave Whitlock, Davie Wotton, and other notable people in the fly fishing world. I attended a Davie

Wotton seminar on midge fishing which was particularly interesting. Bob Haase and I spent one whole day tying and interacting with the hundreds of attendees. Each year the people who run the event pick 24 of the best flies submitted (each tier submits at least three flies) and put them in a large shadow box as the Sowbug's best of the year. Haase must be doing something right because the judges selected three of his to go into the collection of 24. This is out of 100's of tiers. Good job Bob! Ira, while attending the Sowbug some time each day, spent most of his time fishing. He has adapted well to the White and Norfolk River's special characteristics. Using a 10 foot, flexible tip, fly rod, and a three fly nymphing rig, he caught many nice sized browns and rainbows over the three days. For Haase and I, our big moments came when the afternoon tan caddis hatch kicked in. Even though few fish were taking off the surface, the fish eagerly took our offerings. Haase had a once in a lifetime experience of catching 21 rainbows on 21 consecutive casts. He was at the honey hole! On Friday night, Bob and I took advantage of the opportunity to tour the Wapsi fly fishing supply wholesale company. It seems that this is where Orvis, FeatherCraft, Cabelas, LL Bean, and just about every catalog company gets their fly tying offerings. Our guide was open and candid about the whole operation-

---we saw piles of deer skins, bucktails, dubbing, fly tying tools, feathers, etc. If you tie flies---you have stuff from Wapsi. Gary and his wife Pat were there for a week and did some sight-seeing as well as fishing. Pat liked it so much she would like to go back next year. Bob, Ira, and I are planning on attending next year too. My thanks go to Haase for driving and Ira for arranging the accommodations. These are two great traveling companions.

John Gremmer



John Gremmer at his fly tying demonstration table at the Sowbug fly fishing and tying show in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Notice the guy to my left has no vise. He tied beautiful flies without a vise.



Bob Haase talks to a visitor at the Sowbug fly fishing and tying show in Mountain Home, Arkansas.



Ira Giese hooks up with a nice White River brown trout on his recent trip to Mountain Home, Arkansas to attend the Sowbug

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