

BROOKIE NEWS



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

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Fall is here and many good things end in September. The River Keeper do their last water monitoring and take the final bug count. Our last stream work day was Saturday, September 20 on Chaffee Creek where three nice bank covers have been built this year. And, of course inland stream trout fishing ends and we will be moving to western streams or tributaries. Ends and beginnings
New things are arriving like the fine slate of programs that follow our Board meetings, and the Annual Conservation Banquet, Saturday,

CWTU ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, WWII MEMORIAL HALL, WAUTOMA

Special Note: This year's auction items will include several new items for the first time as well as one last chance at winning a Precision Triumph 13 sit-on-top kayak equipped with fly rod holder and anchor. Among the special items are:

20 gauge over/under shotgun

20 gauge automatic shotgun

12 gauge pump shotgun

30-06 rifle

Crossbow with crank

COME EARLY, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND ENJOY THE FUN AND GREAT FOOD

If you have not already purchased your tickets contact Laura Tucker or Jeff Wegand as soon as possible to reserve your place.

NOTE: Sponsor packages are also available. Packages include two banquet tickets, and a Tight Lines Gift Certificate.

October 4 at the WWII Memorial Building in Wautoma. Please come. this our only major fund raiser.

I was informed at the last Board meeting what one of our members, Bob Fellman of Fond du Lac recently

passed away. Our condolences to the family.

Next year's Youth Camp dates have been set, July 19-23. I am sure volunteers will be needed, so please contact Bob Haase or Linn Beck if you are interested in helping. Keep up with CWTU activities through the web site.

John Tucker

**CWTU BOARD MEETING,
9/16/14
FIN 'N FEATHER,
WINNECONNE, WI**

1. Meeting called to order by President Tucker at 6:26 p.m. Mr. Tucker noted that the Chapter sends its condolences to the family of the late Bob Feldman. Subsequently, Mr. Strom noted also the passing of Dr. Warnburg and condolences were offered as well.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.
4. Banquet Status Report from Ms. Tucker and Mr. Wegand. Currently only 25 signups, about on a par with previous years at this time. Great prizes, including the kayak raffle, possibly a purebred puppy, meats from Becks, crossbow, guided trips, rods and reels, artwork, etc. Same location and menu as last year. New logo t-shirts will be given as door prizes.
5. CWTU Objectives reviewed by Mr. Tucker. In the light of the recent court ruling, no immediate action is necessary on the high cap well issue, but we must remain vigilant. Objectives will be reviewed at the November meeting.
6. Mentoring was again addressed by Mr. Gremmer. This has to be something that people want to do. It was suggested that we consider some kind of recognition for mentors. We will continue to review this matter at future meetings.
7. Discussion of emails from State Council. National effort to increase and sustain membership from women and youth. Volunteers are needed to maintain cleaning stations on SW streams and constant need to prevent invasives, especially the NZ mudsnails found on Black Earth Creek.
8. Trout Regs changes were addressed by Mr. Tucker. Four Chapter members attended the DNR meeting in Waupaca. Nothing new since the first notices. Mr. Haase noted that there will be a change from 48 special regulations to 12, but this does not mean a reduction in the number of streams that will be covered by the special

regs. Specific changes will be proposed by the local stream biologists based on scientific evidence.

9. Watchdogs. Mr. Tucker noted that Mr. Poullette will be moving to Florida soon and we should name someone to replace him. We are all watchdogs to some degree. We will devote a future meeting agenda item to educating the membership on what watchdogs need to be concerned with and how to deal with issues.
10. Chapter Historian. Mr. Burke is interested in possibly taking on this responsibility. Scott Grady, David Seligman, and John Tucker have some materials. Mr. Tucker will investigate the whereabouts of the materials that Bob Chamberlain had accumulated.
11. Old Business: The Chapter has received several thank you letters. Mr. Harmon noted that all the benches have been placed. Mr. Bahn noted that work is being done around the Wautoma dam area; Mr. Tucker stated that it appears inevitable that the dam will be again closed and the pond refilled. Mr. Beck stated that the dates for the 2015 Youth Fishing Camp have been set for July 19-23; the enrollment will be limited to 16 to allow for four

groups of four; recruitment of girls is encouraged.

12. New Business: Mr. Seligman requested an allocation to fund the purchase of new logo caps (the logo having been produced from our program free of charge by Cabelas). A motion was made by to allocate \$240. **Motion was approved.** Mr. Haase raised concerns about the proposed boat lift at the Fox Locks, pointing out the the specifications for a 110 degree hot water bath will be insufficient to kill off possible invasives, thus threatening a large portion of our area waters. The Natural Resources Board is set to take a vote on this at the September 24 meeting. **A motion** to have the chapter send a letter of concern to the Board **was approved.** (Mr. Haase will draft, Mr. Tucker will attend and deliver the letter). The State Council is also expected to express concerns on behalf of TU. Mr. Beck indicated that there will be new standards and easier accounting for volunteer hours provided by TU members.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary

**Final Workday of the Year:
Chaffee Creek**



Shawn Sullivan and DNR Crew Give a Stream Shocking Demonstration for the Workday Team



Shocking Produces Some Very Nice Brown Trout



Checking Brook Trout For Gill Lice



Preparing Fish For Measurement and Release



DNR Crew and Volunteers Jetting in Pilings for Stream Bank Structures



Preparing bank for seeding



Finished bank cover



Measuring Fish Prior to Release

CWTU RIVER KEEPERS

The White River monitoring team of Beck, Northway, Kropp, and Seligman concluded this season's work with a final stream quality assessment and biotic index sampling. The team also includes Messrs. Burke and Scamehorn. Below are a few of the "critters" in from the macro-invertebrates in the sample. Also present were numerous mayfly nymphs, snails, midge larvae, and scuds.



Damselfly Larva



Two Kinds of Cased Caddis and Some Mayflies. Note the unusual caddis case in the center of the tray with a case that appears to be composed primarily of green pine needles



Sculpin (a vertebrate). What would you tie on to imitate this tasty bite?



Predatory Water Beetle



Hexagenia

Brookie News Articles and Features

Members and friends of CWTU are encouraged to submit articles, notices, and photos for publication in the Brookie News. Contact the editor at Seligmand@gmail.com.

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