



2002 Wisconsin Trout Stamp  
By Bill Millonig

# BROOKIE NEWS

Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited  
Conserving, Protecting and Restoring Coldwater Fisheries

August 2017

## Streaming from the Pine

By President Laura Tucker

The CWTU August board meeting was at Ira and Karen Giese's home located on the West Branch of the White River. We were blessed with the good fortune of having their son, Peter, barbecue for us. The table was spread with barbecue roast chicken, brisket and pulled pork with all the fixin's; then dessert. The back drop was blue sky and a nice breeze. A great time was had by all 47 people in attendance.

All are invited to the **5th Annual Ray White Habitat Workshop** - Watershed Assessment **Oct. 25** - Little Plover River Watershed Assessment. The agenda included classroom speakers at UWSP in the morning and field visits to the Little Plover River watershed in the afternoon. The workshop will focus on a watershed assessment of the Little Plover River, including history of the watershed, the formation of the current working group, potential projects, and field tours. It is hoped that information learned from this conference can be incorporated into our trout habitat work. For more information, contact Joanna Griffin -Joanna. Griffin@wisconsin.gov.

The **River Keepers** have been busy monitoring the streams for water quality. There will be an annual wrap up meeting **Nov. 13 at the Fin N Feather Restaurant in Winneconne** starting with a complimentary buffet dinner at 5:30pm and program at 6:30-7:30pm

**Don't forget! The 46th Conservation Banquet sponsored by CWTU** will be held **Sat., Oct. 14** at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel. Jerry Strom will be entertaining us on the piano.

- A Perception Pro kayak Pescador 10 will be raffled off thanks to Adventure Outfitters; Main Street Waupaca.
- Great gifts and prizes. Bring your friends for a great night of fun and laughter.

Once again, thanks to all who make our organization successful. You are appreciated!

## Jerry Gorman

By Bob Haase

Jerry Gorman enjoyed helping kids tie flies at the Outdoor Heritage Expo in Poynette. He had a special skill of teaching others to tie, especially children. He always volunteered to help teach kids to tie a fly at Beaver Dam, Poynette, and other events like that. He was a special person who will certainly be missed!



Jerry Gorman at the Outdoor Heritage Expo in Poynette.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CWTU BOARD MEETING**  
**KAYAK FISHING PRESENTATION**  
BY DAN HARMON III  
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017  
6:15 Board Meeting  
7:15 Program  
Fin N Feather  
22 W Main St., Winneconne

**SUMMER WORK DAY**  
- Saturday, Sept. 16

### **CWTU 46<sup>TH</sup> CONSERVATION BANQUET**

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017  
Best Western Premier  
Waterfront Hotel - Oshkosh

**CWTU BOARD MEETING**  
**STEELHEAD TELEMETRY REPORT**  
BY ERIC WEGLEITNER  
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017  
6:15 Board Meeting  
7:15 Program  
Fin N Feather  
22 W Main St., Winneconne

**CWTU BOARD MEETING**  
**THE WHITE RIVER IN ARKANSAS**  
BY IRA GIESE  
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017  
6:15 Board Meeting  
7:15 Program  
Fin N Feather  
22 W Main St., Winneconne

# Mr. Dry Fly

By John Gremmer

People like Bob Chamberlain are the positive glue that binds our communities and culture together. They serve their country in time of need, acquire an education, become gainfully employed, raise a healthy family, and give back to the community with service and resources. Bob, in later years, after his wife Jane died, moved to Edina, Minnesota to be near his children. Bob was 90 years old when he died on Feb. 4, 2017. Bob and Jane were married for 61 years and they leave behind one son, three daughters, and 12 grand children. Bob was a WW II Navy vet who later became an executive at Giddings and Lewis Machine and Tool Company in Fond du Lac. His job took him around the world. He often took his fly rod and worked in some fishing. Bob was a life-long Boy Scout leader and was active in TU from its beginnings in Wisconsin. He was a long

time member of the Fox Valley TU Chapter and when he and Jane moved to Green Lake, he joined CWTU. He was a board member, vice-president, and president of our Chapter. In later years he was chapter historian.

Bob loved fly fishing for trout and had many interesting fishing adventures. One night in his later years he was fishing on the Mekan and when it got dark he got turned around in the woods. By that time it was totally dark. He told me, "I called on my Boy Scout training and didn't panic, I just laid down on the ground and went to sleep, the next morning I walked out to my car and went home."

A number of years ago Bob Hunt was working on a video that would tell the story of his ground-breaking scientific research on Lawrence Creek the research that led to the establishment of the Wisconsin Trout Stamp. The project soon ran out of production funds. Bob and Jane and their foundation stepped forward and financed the rest of the project.



*Bob Chamberlain receiving an award at the 2008 CWTU Banquet*

Bob and I fished together, dined together, laughed together, and worked on TU projects together. TU could use more like him.

He was a good man. I miss him!

# WITU Youth Trout Fishing Camp

By Wayne Parmley

This July WI TU put on its 4th Youth Trout Fishing Camp. It was big again and this might have been our best so far. No, I am going say it, it was our best!

We had 17 great kids from all corners of the state and 1 from the UP. And CWTU really stepped up this year and sponsored 3 kids, and all 3 were from outside of our chapter. These 3 kids were enthusiastic and all thanked me personally. All three left with fresh knowledge, enthusiasm, new gear and best of all a big smile!

Once again we had an awesome group of mentors, guides, presenters and junior mentors from across the state. These men and women who volunteer are the foundation that makes this event possible. These mentors have been inspiring to many of the youth, who are then asking to come back to help. To me that is frosting on the cake, being able to inspire young volunteers, our future.

The camp includes a wide range of topics and activities; seeing a stream shocking, learning about the entire stream eco system, spin casting, live bait techniques, fly fishing, fly

tying, knot tying, aquatic insects and plenty more. I am already looking forward to next year.

**Here is a letter from one of the kids CWTU sponsored this summer:**

Dear CWTU,

My name is Rayna Hoffman. I am in 7th grade and from Sturgeon Bay. Thank you for sponsoring and allowing me to attend the WITU Youth Trout Fishing Camp this July. The experience has lead to a deeper desire for fishing. Also, the teachers were helpful in all the areas we were learning about. They always answered questions, demonstrated techniques and enjoyed being with us.

The knowledge I gained from this camp will help develop my spin casting technique. I wasn't familiar with fly fishing but the presentation on this topic has made me very excited to start experimenting with this style of fishing. My favorite presentations were the

Invasive Species/Poisonous Plants and Electro Shocking demo. It was interesting how these species and plants got here, plus the hands on experience.

Thank you again for sponsoring me. I really had a wonderful time at the camp. Hopefully someday I can be a junior mentor.

Sincerely,

Rayna Hoffman



*Rayna Hoffman*



# Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Information

By Dennis Drazkowski

Can you identify aquatic invasive species in your riparian corridor? Most of us can ID Reed Canary Grass, but how about Japanese Hops, Japanese Knotweed, Phragmites, zebra mussels and the tiny New Zealand Mudsnail? Do you know when you are at risk of transporting invasive species between waterbodies? Are you tracking New Zealand mud snails or Japanese Hops seeds from one stream to the next or, worse, importing new invaders on your gear after traveling out-of-state?

Thirty-one members of the Central WI and Fox Valley TU Chapters received answers to those important questions during an AIS presentation just prior to the Aug. 19 stream habitat workday on the Pine River. Amanda Perdsock, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Director for the River Alliance of Wisconsin, was the guest presenter. She did an outstanding job describing the threat that these species have to our environment and steps we can all take to decrease their spread. She also gave a demonstration on how to properly clean our waders. Cleaning equipment will be available for use at future stream habitat workdays.

Here are a few links where you can find up-to-date species location and information:

- [http://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Lakes\\_AIS\\_Viewer](http://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Lakes_AIS_Viewer). A lakes and mapping tool maintained by the WI DNR. You can zoom in on a specific area of the state and turn on species specific layers.
- <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/AISByWaterbody.aspx>. At this DNR site you can choose a region of the state and see if specific waterbodies have any AIS listed.
- <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/>. The Nonindigenous Aquatic Species information resource for the U.S. Geological Survey. This site is the central repository for spatially referenced biogeographic of introduced aquatic species.

Please note that the above websites only report populations that have been found AND reported to the proper agency. Some new populations can exist in an area for years before they are reported, so it is always important to clean gear as if species were present, even if they haven't been shown to be present before.

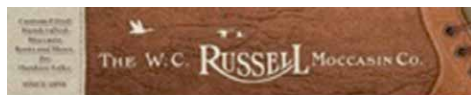
**New findings of AIS should be reported to Christopher Kolasinski at the WI DNR: (920) 252-5053 or Christopher. Kolasinski@wisconsin.gov. <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/>. Website for the WI DNR Aquatic Invasive Species program. [www.wisconsinrivers.org](http://www.wisconsinrivers.org). Website for the River Alliance of Wisconsin. A great AIS resource.**



Aug. 19 stream habitat workday on the Pine River



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# CWTU Board of Directors Minutes 8/12/17

President Laura Tucker commenced the meeting at 6:41 p.m. (BBQ Cookout at Ira & Karen Giese's home)

## Minutes Meeting July 11, 2017 approved as in the Brookie news

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Peikert handed out the report and it was approved

**Work Day Update -Dennis Drazkowski:** The next workday is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Pine River at Aniwa Road with a guest speaker on aquatic invasive species and also how to clean waders. We discussed the need for and approved the purchase of first aid kits for the workdays, one large one for the base CWTU trailer and 4 smaller ones for the stream work teams at approximately \$110.

**Banquet Committee:** Report submitted from July 2017. Next committee meeting last week in August

**Recap of Conservation Carnival:** Grace and Dave Pable, along with Ron Neuman, participated at the event at Menominee Park Zoo in Oshkosh on July 22. This is an annual event. There were a lot of interested and enthusiastic adults and children tying flies and learning about stream restoration, river keeping, aquatic insects and Trout Unlimited in general.

**New Business:** Dan Harmon III donated to the John Wilcox fund.

**Stan Cichoski:** Proposed to continue to be involved in meetings (along with the City of Waupaca, the Rotary Club and Kyle Kossel of the DNR) for improvements to Riverview Park on the river in Waupaca.

### Positions Open:

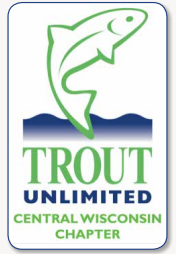
- **Educational Program Chairman/Committee:** Needing to replace Jeff Treu, suggestion for Program committee to consist of 3 people
- **TroutFest Coordinator:** Bob Smaglick will chair the 2018 Trout Fest but will then be resigning from this position. He would like to train the next program chair.

**Dan Harmon III Report:** The Wisconsin TU Youth Trout Fishing Camp at Pine Lake Camp; Waushara County. There were 17 attentive and enthusiastic students.

**Old Business:** none

**Motion to Adjourn**

*(Minutes respectfully submitted by Grace Pable)*



## 46th Annual CONSERVATION BANQUET



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**October 14th 4:30 - 9:30pm**

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Guided Trout Fishing Trips: Big Horn River, MT and local WI trips, Artisan Wooden Bowls,  
Jewelry, Russell Moccasins, Beck's Meats Packages & More!**

**You Do Not Need To Be A Member To Attend**

Proceeds support CWTU's  
projects & programs

## TICKETS

**Adult Tickets \$40.00  
if purchased before  
Oct. 4, 2017**

**College Students & Youth  
\$15.00**

**Chance to win a \$500 box of flies  
with tickets purchased in advance!**

**For advance tickets call John  
Tucker 920-475-2271 or email:  
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