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

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Prez Sez

Wow, another fishing season has come and gone, and how fast it goes is amazing. I hope all of you had a chance to really enjoy the season, and were able to get a lot of fishing in despite the weather in July and early August.

With the ending of the fishing season, also brings an end to our work days as we no longer can be in the streams working. However there is one more day planned to do some brushing and clean up at a unique site. In the town of Wild Rose there are some old fish runways that have really seen better days. These are located just north of the mill pond in

CWTU Annual Conservation Banquet Wautoma WWII Memorial Hall Saturday, October 6, 2012 Ticket Purchase Forms and Banquet Information Attached

town and the plan is to clean them up again so everyone can enjoy them. The city has a walking path that goes right by the runways, and with everyone's help they will be enjoyed again. This is scheduled for Saturday October 13th, with the event starting at 8:00. It will be just like any other work day with coffee and doughnuts starting at 7:30 and a lunch will be served. The site location is across the highway from the artesian well and just before you turn east on County A. Watch for the TU trailer and signs. If nothing else come and check out these unique structures. Hope to see you there. Watch the website for further details or contact Scott Bahn at 920-886-9651 or e-mail him at sbahn@new.rr.com.

This is also an exciting time of year for us as we get ready for our only fund raiser. Our Annual Conservation Banquet will be held on Saturday October 6, starting with a social hour before beginning at 5:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:15 pm. We will have a lot of great raffles, silent auctions and a live

auction. Some of the items will be fishing trips, including a smallmouth trip on the Menominee River. There also will be some meat packages, rods and reels, jewelry and much more. Please come on out and help support CWTU and our mission. Please contact Laura Tucker for questions or donations, 920-540-5293.

Our November business meeting and program has been changed to Monday November 13th in conjunction with the River Keepers, starting at 5:30 pm with dinner, and the program starting at around 6:30 pm. This will be followed by our business meeting right after the program. The program will be Mike Miller doing an entomology section and Kris Stepenuck with a section on the water monitoring. Hope to see you there.

Quite a busy schedule going into the fall season, so hopefully all of you can make at least one of our events.

Tight Lines
Linn Beck CWTU President

Minutes of Board Meeting September 17 2012

Meeting *called to order* by President Linn Beck at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting as published were *approved* by voice vote.

The *Treasurer's report* as distributed was *approved* by voice vote. A discussion of liability insurance for

Chapter special events followed. No action was taken. Event coordinators should be sure to obtain copies of event venues certificates of insurance. ***November Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13***, in conjunction with the scheduled River Keepers Banquet. Mr. Gremmer reported that there are now several *new teams of River Keepers* and that the program continues to grow apace. *The 2012 Casting and Kayak Fishing Clinics* will be held on **May 21** at Arthur Marble Park and will also include the *FVTC Fly Fishing Class* in attendance for some on-the-water instruction. Mr. Bouck requested that there be a member willing to run the Casting Clinic event on site, due to a scheduling conflict. Volunteers, please!

Watchdogs: Mr. Krause had identified a potential problem with Cedar Springs at Cty Q. With the assistance of Shawn Sullivan and Dave Algrem, the problem was resolved. Thanks to Mr. Krause for his vigilance.

Ms. Tucker reported on *Banquet preparations* and distributed a sheet indicating the location, agenda, menu, auctioneer, awards and recognitions, and raffle and auction items. A very impressive list of items currently in hand will be supplemented with additional items expected. More Trout Bucks will be printed, and the Ticket Order Form will be made available on the website *and in this issue of the Brookie News*.

Old Business: No action will be taken on distribution of *My Healthy Stream* until such time as TU National makes corrections. The remainder of Ozzie's donated books will be made available for sale at Trout Fest. Mr. Harmon reported that all of the memorial benches and plaques are completed and ready for installation, hopefully by the end of October. Mr. Poullette reported on the Pettenwell West Ditch in Eastern Juneau County. The Chapter was asked to act as the agent for a \$5000 donation and a possible additional \$15000 for restoration work to be done on the property of the power company, using their equipment and manpower. There will be a meeting of interested parties on October 15. *No action was taken at this time*, but the issue will be taken up again by the Board in October.

New Business: Mr Haase proposed a future program on wading and on-stream safety. Mr. Murphy will work with Mr. Haase to possibly produce a video on the subject. This may also be included as a part of the May 21 Clinics.

Mr. Seligman reported that the TU National Annual Meeting will be held next year in Madison on September 20. Local chapters may be asked to provide assistance with the banquet and with fishing guides for out-of-state delegates.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 followed by a slide show and discussion by Messrs. Haase, Beck, Murphy, and Seligman on their recent

Western Trout Fishing Trip. Thanks to Mr. Haase for putting together the slide show on short notice.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

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

Basic, building-blocks guide to tying a fly.

1. Select a hook. I like to tie small flies, so I like to use a hook that I can't really see, like a 20.
2. Drop the hook into the carpet and hope you don't step on it.
3. Get another hook.

4. Put the hook in the vise. Make sure you prick your thumb when inserting the hook into the jaws, otherwise you won't have enough blood to hold the fly together.

5. Carefully wrap size 8/0 black thread around the hook shank. Take care to overwrap the hook shank so that the profile of the fly is way too fat.

6. Examine your materials and organize them carefully.

7. Sneeze.

8. Reexamine materials and reorganize them carefully. Let's try a simple pattern, like an Adams.

9. Take the tail materials (I can't remember what they are, and I can't find my tying guide, anyway). Brown hackle barbs, I think.

10. Take the brown hackle barbs off the hackle, and wrap the thread around the bend of the hook.

11. They should be sticking out .00000009 microns.

12. Switch reading glasses, again.

13. Switch reading glasses, again.

14. Switch reading glasses, again.

15. That's better.

16. Okay, get the dubbing material and rub wax all over the thread. Too much wax will make the fly body even fatter, so just screw the wax.

17. Carefully spin the gray dubbing material around the thread until it gets too twisty and the bobbin spins wildly. Six thousand rpms should work.



18. Now wrap the dubbing material around the hook shank, all the way up to the hook eye. The rear part of the fly will be fatter, even if you don't want it to be. Try squashing that fatter part down between your bleeding thumb and index finger. Good luck.

19. More blood.

20. Good.

21. Now, for the fun part. You need to tie in the wings and wrap the hackle. Clip the wings from the

ends of two too-large grizzly hackle feathers.

22. Tie on the wings.

23. No, this way.

24. For the love of Pete. Please.

25. They have to be like this.

26. No, they need to be at a 45-degree angle and uprightish. Like this.

27. NO, DUMBASS. LIKE THAT.

28. Close enough.

29. Okay, now tie in your hackle. It should be grizzly and brown.

30. Get out your hackle guide to make sure that, again, they are simply too long. You will need to have the profile of the fly way too fluffy to be natural, so be careful. You can lightly trim them later in the process to assure maximum unnaturalness.

31. Now wrap the hackle around and through the wings.

32. Okay, now you have mashed the wings in a completely weird and useless position. Take your bloody thumb and forefinger and readjust them.

33. Oops. You don't need that second wing, anyway. Don't even bother to get on the floor to find it. Keep wrapping.

34. Now tie off the hackle, making sure that you can't tie off the head without having those little points sticking out.

35. Wrap even more thread around the head of the fly. More. MORE THREAD.

36. Now you can't see the points at all, but the head now looks like The World's Largest Ball of String Roadside Attraction in Fromage, Wisconsin.

37. Whatever.

38. Now do a whip finish. Take your whip finisher and get the little wire thing over the thread, rotate it, hold it up perpendicular to the shank of the hook, turn it again, rotate, twist, twist again, drop, loop, hook, and then GENTLY break the thread.

39. Good. Now, as fast as you can before the fly unravels (usually instantaneously, but sometimes you get a break and it will hold for ten seconds, just before you can get the new thread on), tie on even more thread.

40. Forget the whip finisher. Use the hollow thingee needle device.

41. FASTER.

42. Okay, now open the bottle of head cement and inhale.

43. Kidding.

44. Get the needle and dip it in the bottle.

45. Put one to eight drops of head cement on the head of the fly.

46. Compulsively stick the dubbing needle into the hook eye so it doesn't get filled in with cement. No matter how many times you do this, it will magically in-fill when you take the fly to the stream and attempt to put your tippet material through.

47. Now trim the thread.

48. You must have accidentally cut the thread, again.

49. Never mind.

50. Go to fly shop and buy a dozen Adams.

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