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

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I would like to start by saying thanks to everyone who was able to make our 41st annual conservation banquet. I hope all had as good a time as I did. The food was really good and the event I thought went well with about \$6500.00 income for our projects next year. I would like to congratulate the winners of the gift certificates for our work days and our River Keepers groups, Julia Sullivan for the work day and Jim Murphy for the water monitoring. This year's winner of the fishing Kayak was Ira Giese. Again Congratulations to all of the winners. There were two awards given out this year Jim Murphy was presented the Gold Trout Award for his work with the water monitoring program and Jack Walhers received the Curmudgeon award. Congratulations to both of you. If I could say one more thing, a lot of work goes into

“It is fall now, and on this damp morning the bold colors that mark the thick forest look like an artist's palette that has been left out in the heavy dew, the colors moist, rich, running one into the other so that there is, it seems, no clear definition between the reds and oranges, the soft yellows and burnt oranges, the moody browns.” -- *Harry Middleton* (quoted in Midcurrent Online)

pulling this off. Thanks to Laura Tucker our banquet chair and the rest of the banquet committee, Tracy Moran, Bob Haase, Scott Grady, Mike Schaefer, John Tucker, and Linn Beck for making this possible. Please keep the banquet in mind for next year as we seem to get bigger and better with each passing year. Also any input or ideas are always welcome. Please contact Laura or any of the rest of the committee with your ideas.

This fall and winter will be a good opportunity to get out and see what CWTU is all about if you haven't already. We have some pretty good programs that will be coming up after our board meetings. Please check out the website and get the info for the board meetings and programs. **Please note**, we will be meeting on the third Tuesday of every month through the NFL football season instead of our Monday meetings. The only exception will be February as we won't have a board meeting or program because of Trout Fest. Please come and check out Trout Fest on Saturday February 23rd at the Fin-N-Feather starting at 9:00 am. Trout Fest is a great time to come out and enjoy the seminars and also find out more about some of the programs CWTU has to offer. So please put it on your calendar and hope to see you there.

Our work day crew had one last work day on Saturday October 13th. We had 12 brave souls come out and play in the rain. We were able to brush the raceways along the north side of the millpond in Wild Rose. There is some significant history that goes with these raceways. They were used for years to provide fish to stock the pond and some of the surrounding waters, and also as a food source for the members of the village. Future plans call for a kiosk to provide information about the area. If you get to Wild Rose check it out, they are quite interesting. Thanks goes out to Scott Bahn, work day chair, Chris Northway and Gary Herlache and of course all the people who took time out from their schedules to come out and help us accomplish all we did.

One last thing: THANKS goes out to all of you who have supported and helped CWTU become what it is today. Because without all of you it just doesn't work. If you haven't had a chance to check out all we do, or found some extra time, contact a board member and see what we are about or where you can help out.

Tight Lines
Linn Beck, CWTU president

Images from the 2012 Annual Conservation Banquet



**41st CWTU Conservation Banquet
October 6, 2012 Wautoma, WI**



Jack Wahlers receives the Curmudgeon Award



Ira Giese with his winning raffle drawing kayak



Jim Murphy receives the Golden Trout Award

“Yakity Yak”

By

“Mango Danny”

Accessories are many and varied, and can be most useful at times, when out in your kayak. It could also be said, “What are you carrying that for, you’ll probably never need it”? The point here is, who knows until the situation arises and you could be saying to yourself, “I wish I had my desk with me ‘cause that’s where my GPS is sitting”. What you are definitely going to need has to do with where you are going, what type of water and how long you will be gone? Is this familiar water or is this new to you? What’s the weather like? Have you left word with

someone that answers the questions: who, what, when, where, and why? With safety in mind and assuming that you already have the essential required safety equipment, PFDs and the like, consider carrying any or all of the following in your car and deciding what to carry aboard the kayak as the trip dictates. The variables are infinite and there are probably some items I have overlooked, so let your conscience be your guide. Over the years I have accumulated a lot of “stuff” and have found some of it useful, from time to time, while kayaking.

Cell phone w/emergency numbers, small first aid kit, hand held GPS, hand held marine radio, tide watch, matches, flash light, compass, whistle, NOAA band radio, storm kit (for emergency overnight), emergency light (candle), Swiss army knife, folding hunter knife, small binoculars, water proof camera, emergency strobe light, wind gauge, barometer, f c radio (2), nylon rope w/carabiner, long handle net w/ float, and area “Top Spot” map (s).

I have used the following resources for outfitting my kayak, that you might find helpful too.

Austin Canoe & Kayak www.austinkayak.com.

Spring Creek Outfitters

www.springcreek.com/A/J/

Kayak Fishing Gear

<http://kayakfishinggear.com/> Yakima

Kayak Mounts www.yakima.com

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www.kayakfishingsupplies.com/servlet/StoreFront

Thule Kayak Mounts

www.thule.com Rack Attack Kayak

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Wilderness Kayaks

www.wildernesssystems.com Ocean

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In conclusion, I would like to thank those who helped me in the beginning and made my entry into the sport of fly fishing from a kayak easy and exciting.

Mid-Coast Fly Fishers, Florida - Jim Lenic (Michigan) and Lars Lutton (Ohio). CWC TU - John Gremmer, David Seligman, and Bob Haase.

This sport has really extended my world of fly fishing to new horizons and it hasn't stopped yet. The scenery is beautiful! Hope to see you on the water!

Mango Danny

CWTU River Keepers

Dear CWTU River Keeper,

Thanks again for being a River Keeper this year.

We ask River Keepers to attend two meetings a year---the April organizational meeting and the November end of the year Buffet/Celebration/Program. Both are important because your attendance helps build our community of river keepers.

This year I have asked the DNR's Kris Stepenuck, Water Action Volunteers Stream Monitoring Program Coordinator, and the DNR's Mike Miller, Stream Ecologist, to answer questions that we may have about WAV and water monitoring. Kris and Mike got our program started by training us back about seven years ago.

The event will take place at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The buffet(the cost will be your responsibility) will start at 5:30 pm and the program will start at 6:30 pm. By 7:30 pm you should be on your way home.

Help us build a stronger River Keeper organization by attending!

Please let me know by eMail whether you are coming or not. I need to let the Fin 'N Feather know how many people are coming.

If you no longer want to receive these eMails please let me know!

Thanks for all you have done and I hope to see you on Nov. 13.

John Gremmer

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