

BROOKIE NEWS



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

February 2015

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February is for me the worst month for the winter doldrums, but it always ends with a hope and prayer that there will be open water the first Saturday in March. Fortunately, there are many activities to keep us occupied. The Masters Fly Tying program provided challenging flies and fun

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conversations on Thursday nights, thanks to Ira Giese.

The Wisconsin State Council meeting and banquet was Saturday, February 7. Congratulations to our own Linn Beck for being elected State Council Chairman. We are looking forward to his leadership for the next two years. Four chapter members received awards at the evening banquet, The Gold Net was awarded to David Seligman. Mike Schaefer received the Unsung Hero award for our chapter. Linn and Bob Haase each received the new Tomorrow’s Anglers award for their leadership and work to set up the first Wisconsin State TU Youth Fishing Camp. Three of us attended a Richford Town Hall meeting to hear a DNR presentation regarding a proposed timber sale from the Mecan River

Fishery. The logging contracts have all been sold, but timber harvesting has not begun. The Richford residents are very concerned and requested that the logging be delayed a year for additional planning. That issue was not resolved at the meeting.

I hope that most of you had a chance to attend TroutFest 15 at the Fin 'N Feather on Saturday, the 28th.

Attendance appeared to be strong, and the programs, fly tying demonstrations, raffles and displays were appreciated, judging from the many smiles. Another good job by the event coordinator, Bob Smaglik.

More good news for our Stream Work Days. We were just awarded a \$2,500 Embrace-A-Stream grant for use on the White River. This follows our recent Trout and Salmon Foundation matching grant for the White River. Congratulations to Scott Bahn for writing the grant request. Also, please remember that our Stream Work Day Fund Drive is underway and that the donation forms are on the web site. The grants are for materials to be used for restoration. The fund drive donations are available for any stream work activities.

A very important action at the March 10 Board Meeting will be the election of Dr. Mike San Dretto to the Chapter Presidency. Thus ends my second two year term as president. The chapter could not be in better hands. Thank you all very much for your patience with me.

John Tucker

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At the State Council Banquet, Tracy Moran wins tying bench hand crafted by Randy Arnold



Mike Schaefer receives the Unsung Hero Award at the State Council Banquet



Linn Beck and Bob Haase accept the Tomorrow's Anglers Award at the State Council Banquet



Julia Sullivan draws another winning raffle ticket at Troutfest '15, as MC David Seligman announces a winner, with Raffle Master Chris Northway and recent winner, Brian Van Erem looking on



David Seligman MC and Auctioneer at the State Council Banquet



Artist Charles Mitchell with some of his work at Troutfest



Norm Christnach, Joe Bach, and John Tucker at Troutfest



DNR's Al Niebuhr speaks with a Troutfest attendee



CWTU Troutfest Organizer, Bob Smaglik



Future Troutfishers enjoying Troutfest

CWTU HABITAT RESTORATION

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited is part of a National Organization that has as its mission "To conserve, protect, and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds". TU accomplishes this mission on a national, state, and local level through its dedicated staff and network of volunteers. CWTU is one of approximately 500 chapters nationwide that are actively involved in various conservation issues aimed at protecting our environment and natural resources.

We are an active group of TU members from the central sands area of Wisconsin with over 300 members who all share in a common goal: to conserve and protect our cold water resources. Our work days are a vital part of our mission and volunteers like you help make the difference.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Making a difference one project at a time! Come join us for a work day the third Saturday of the month May through September and help restore and conserve our natural resources.

Workdays are an important activity of CWTU. This is an opportunity to help make stream improvements and also an opportunity to get to know

more about our area streams. Stream improvements help provide cover and spawning habitat that result in increased trout populations.

Workdays are open to both members and non-members and you can come and observe as well as assist in the workday activities. Electro-shocking is often done before and after doing major stream restoration work to assess the number and size of fish present. We know from the work we have done and the results of the electro-shocking that our work has resulted in increased trout populations.

Proven results from our work days are reflected in DNR shocking studies done before and after habitat improvements.

Make a Difference by Being a Donor

The money used for our work days is 100% funded through donations, and all of those donations go directly to habitat restoration. It is volunteers like you that help restore our habitat. Please consider a donation to our work day fund to keep this work going so that future generations can benefit from the clean water and habitat we are creating today!

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