

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

**October 2013**

**Prez Sez**

I am pleased to say that the October 5<sup>th</sup> Banquet was very successful, certainly the most profitable in recent years. Gross revenues were approximately \$16,600. All expenses had not been reported as this was written, but indications are that the profit will be close to \$10,000. Once again, I would like to thank Jeff Wegand and Laura Tucker for putting the Banquet together and making it

***“There will be no end to angling controversies for there is no one best way for everyone to fish.” -- Lee Wulff***

work so well, David Seligman for a great job as auctioneer, and Holly from the Farm Market for providing an excellent dinner.

Please keep up your communications with your state Congressmen regarding approval of the Wisconsin TU License Plate Bill, and disapproval of the High Capacity Wells legislation LRB-0823/3 (see below). You are probably sick of all the memos asking for your involvement, but we really do need to keep up constant pressure.

Sadly, inland trout fishing is done for a few months allowing our local trout a chance to reproduce undisturbed, but then there is always lake run fishing and trips out west. You might want to make sure the fishing accesses are open though. Many are currently closed due to the government shut down.

John Tucker

**CWTU's November Program:**  
**Our November 12 meeting, held at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne, will consist of our Annual CWTU River Keeper Buffet, a program, and a business meeting. The buffet will start at 5:30 pm, the program at 6:30 pm, and the meeting at 7:30 pm.**

**Professor Bob Stelzer of the UW-Oshkosh will be presenting a program on the research he has done over the years on Emmons Creek. Graduate student Mike Louisan will present his research on Brown Trout reproduction in Emmons Creek.**

**The program is free and the public is invited to attend all three of the functions. Contact John Gremmer for more information [920-582-7802](tel:920-582-7802) or [jgremmer@charter.net](mailto:jgremmer@charter.net).**

### **September CWTU Board Meeting**



### **Annual Conservation Banquet**

What an impressive year with 107 people in attendance, and \$16,500 in revenues. We had some wonderful donations which made the banquet

special like the Scott Grady Bamboo rod, Richard Osborne painting, Bob Hunt signed book and flies. We will also remember those that have passed this year including Jan Moldenhauer, Robert Hunt and Theron A. "Bud" Meyer Jr. One of the most impressive things to see again was how charitable our members are with their time and money to support our mission. CWTU would like to thank all our individual sponsors and businesses that support us during banquet (see listing below). We think everyone really enjoyed the bucket girls and music by Jake Marks so they will be back next year! If you have any comments good or bad please send them to [jeffwegand@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffwegand@hotmail.com).

### **Donors**

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations. Thanks for all your support that will fuel upcoming year's projects!

### **Sponsor Program**

We would like to thank the following people for purchasing sponsor package this year. Dan Harmon III & Judy Harmon John & Laura Tucker Mike Schaefer  
Jerry & Pat Strom Richard & Leitha Kraus Bob Bechard  
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### **Nostalgia**

A couple years ago this man found some of my Waupaca River pictures on Flickr and asked if I would send him a couple to make prints out of. He grew up in Waupaca. He was born in 1924. He sent these pictures and the message below.

John

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Duane Cronk

**To:** John Gremmer

Hi, John -

I don't remember if I had sent this to you earlier. But came across it again today. I know this spot intimately. It is where the Waupaca River flows through the Waupaca golf course.

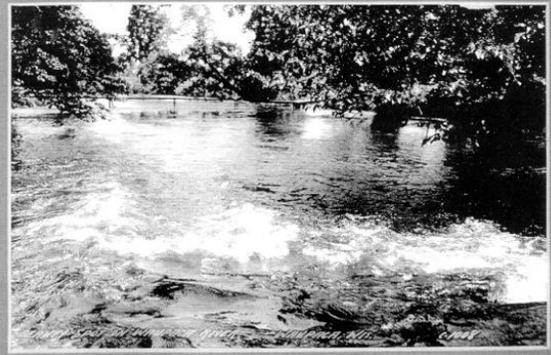
The photographer shot the top picture (which is facing upstream) from standing in this shallow section. Then just turned around and shot the bottom scene (facing downstream).

The bridge got golfers across the river.

A lot of them lost balls here.

I was a 12-year-old caddy here in 1936.

Wisconsin rivers and lakes are absolutely beautiful, aren't they.



Duane Cronk

### **A New Tradition is Born**

At this year's Conservation Banquet, CWTU was pleased to be able to offer at auction an autographed copy of Bob Hunt's ground breaking study, "Trout Stream Therapy," along with a presentation box of Bob's hand-tied flies. Proceeds will go to the establishment of an appropriate memorial to Bob Hunt. The new tradition began when Thomas Rogers

of Princeton whose successful bid won these items, re-donated them to the Chapter to be auctioned again at next year's banquet. The Chapter hopes that successful bidders for the Bob Hunt memorabilia will continue to follow Tom Rogers' example. Thanks, Tom, from CWTU.

### **Groundwater Protection Urgent!**

As you all know, Wisconsin TU was able to achieve a hard fought victory in the *Lake Beulah* litigation before Wisconsin's Supreme Court. That victory was a ruling by the Wisconsin Supreme Court that citizens could challenge high capacity well applications when evidence existed that a proposed well could cause an adverse impact to surrounding waters. As you know, trout angling is dependent on cold waters with strong flows. Trout angling results in a \$1.1 BILLION dollars YEARLY economic impact in the four-state Driftless Area alone. It is elementary that the impact of recreational angling can be extrapolated across all of Wisconsin. Quite simply, cold streams with strong flows are critical to many parts of Wisconsin's economy, and support and create jobs. As such, having sensible permitting rules in place which protect our streams, their flows, and the economy they generate is very important to Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Currently, a bill is circulating in the Wisconsin Legislature which could limit

citizen's ability to challenge high capacity well permits, and which would limit the manner in which the DNR could review permit applications. That bill is known as LRB 0823/3. We urge all Wisconsin TU Chapters to spread the word to their chapter members, and ask them to contact their legislators and tell them to **OPPOSE LRB 0823/3.**

**Henry Koltz, State Council Chair**

### **Project Healing Waters**

PHW classes began Wednesday, October 9, 4:30-6:00 pm, at the UW-Oshkosh Student Union. Fly tying classes, starting the second week, will be on the second floor, room 214. Wednesday, October 16, Jim Murphy will lead the instruction on tying the Woolly Bugger. He will need volunteers. If you are interested in working with Vets as a part of this nationally recognized and highly satisfying program, contact John Tucker.

Parking is the same as last year. Shawn Monroe will meet us at the parking lot across the street (Algoma) from the Union with parking permits at around 4:15. Enter the lot from High St.

### **Brookie News Articles and Features**

Members and friends of CWTU are encouraged to submit articles, notices, and photos for publication in the *Brookie News*. Send electronic submissions to [seligmand@gmail.com](mailto:seligmand@gmail.com).

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