

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

August 2013

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The Summer Picnic/Board meetings are complete and we are ready to move on to the Fin 'N Feather for the September meeting, a sure sign that summer is about over. We had our Picnic/Board meetings at city parks in Red Granite and Berlin, and at the Tucker home on the Pine River. It would be great if we could have volunteers now to host next summer's meetings. Laura and I will again host the July meeting, but we need hosts and sites for next June and August. Anyone want to share their lake or river cottage?

**CWTU Annual Fall Conservation Banquet, Saturday, October 5, 2013. WWII Memorial Building, corner of Highways 21 and 22, Wautoma. Check the [cwtu.org](http://cwtu.org) website for further information.**

Our fall banquet is gradually coming together under the leadership of Jeff Wegand and Laura Tucker. It will again be at the WWII Memorial Building in Wautoma at the corner of Highways 21 and 22, on Saturday, October 5. There will be great food and many wonderful auction and raffle items, including a 13' Perception Triumph sit on top kayak with paddles. Tickets and other information will be available shortly. Check the CWTU website! We discussed committees at the last Board meeting. Good leaders are running our committees, but they all could use help. One key leadership position is still open, and that is for the Membership Committee. We have people willing to work on this committee, but still need someone to be the chairperson. Still to be

discussed are committee plans and objectives at future board meetings. As part of our advocacy training, Mike San Dretto and I had a meeting with State Representative Dean Kaufert at a restaurant in Neenah. We discussed issues with the proliferation of high capacity wells, especially in the Central Sands area within our chapter boundaries. Of particular concern is Motion 375 which had been included in this year's Joint Finance Committee budget but is now delayed until June 2014. If this motion becomes law, a citizen or organization will not be able to challenge a high capacity well permit on the basis of the cumulative effect with surrounding wells on area ground water. This was our first meeting with a legislator, and we believe it went well. We were respectful in our presentation of issues and concerns. Representative Kaufert was interested in our positions and treated us with courtesy.

**John Tucker**

**August Board Meeting and Picnic  
CWTU Board Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2013**

**Riverside Park, Berlin**

1. Meeting called to order by President Tucker at 6:20 p.m.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.
3. Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.

4. Programs: Mr. Gremmer outlined the program schedule for the coming year. Rich Osthoff in September (see below for full description; Annual Banquet in October; combined Riverkeepers/CWTU meeting with a program by Bob Stelzer; Bill Scheer in December; Night of the Stoneflies with Tom Lager and Charlie Piette in January; Troutfest in February; Bob Haase and friends on rigging techniques in March; Scott Grady, "A Mekan River Runs Through It" in April; Casting and Kayak Clinic in May; and summer picnic meetings in June, July and August, with Tuckers hosting in July and Haase hosting in August. Hosts still needed for June.
5. Mr. Wegand gave a brief summary of the situation regarding the Wautoma dam. Mr. SanDretto offered a number of suggestions on how CWTU might address the issues. Mr. Seligman agreed to contact the River Alliance. Chapter sentiment is strongly in favor of improving the river system by not replacing the dam.
6. Mekan River funds remaining must be used for "stuff," not labor. Chapter will continue to work with Shawn Sullivan in

hopes of encumbering the funds this year.

7. Banquet Update from Mr. Wegand and Ms. Tucker. This is our chief fund raising opportunity during the year and promises to be a great affair, with lots of good stuff at auction and raffle. Mr. Gremmer should send out a “Save the Date” to all email members.
8. Committees: Mr. Tucker briefly reviewed the current status of Chapter committees and asked for members to step up to serve on Membership and Public Relations committees. Discussion followed regarding the importance of mentoring new members as a way of assuring greater participation. Some interest was generated in finding students from area colleges to intern on committees as a way of gaining help for the committees and providing work experience for the students. Mr. Tucker will summarize the discussions and email to members.
9. Old Business: Mr. Haase continues to work on the Bob Hunt Memorial progress. He will meet with the DNR Regional Director soon.
10. New Business: Bill Vance spoke about the Central Sands video and continuing lawsuit regarding high capacity wells

and the proposed CAFO. A link to the video is available on the CWTU website.



**Bill Vance of Coloma addresses the August Board Meeting**

Mr. Tucker announced that Project Healing Waters will resume on the Oshkosh campus October 9. Once again, volunteers to help with the Project are solicited.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$500 toward the purchase of media for the area library consortium. Concern and good wishes were expressed for Dr. Tom Poullette.

Mr. Haase reported on Elward Engle’s recent conversation with a DNR representative regarding planned sell off of State land including on waterways. The authorizing legislation allows sale without competitive bidding or public notice. Efforts should be made to inform the public of this threat to the public trust.

Mr. Harmon is seeking the whereabouts of the various CWTU awards plaques; anyone possessing them or knowing

their location should contact  
Mr. Harmon.

11.Meeting was adjourned at  
7:45p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
David Seligman, Secretary**

**CWTU's September 10th Program:  
Rich Osthoff's "Fly Fishing the  
West's Best Rivers On Your Own".**

Rich Osthoff's newest slide presentation delves into strategies for wade fishing many of the West's best roadside rivers, without a guide, and at minimal expense.

The show focuses on three terrific public tailwaters that are particularly conducive to wade fishing, including the **Green River**(Utah), the **Madison River**(Montana), and the **San Juan River**(New Mexico). Over the years Rick has compiled a total of many weeks on each of these rivers and has discovered ways to escape the crowds, even during the busy summer months. Everone who see the show will walk away with valuable insights into fishing these rivers on their own. Camping can cut the cost of fishing the West to \$200 per week, all inclusive. Rick will touch on camping options along each river. Rick will also discuss access strategies, fishing techniques, and camping options on many other rivers throughout the Rockies including: **Idaho's Henry's Fork of the Snake, Kelly Creek, and St. Joe River;**

**Wyoming's Flat Creek and Yellowstone Park rivers;  
Colorado's Gunnison and Frying Pan Rivers; Montana's upper Missouri and Ruby Rivers, plus public spring creeks including Poindexter Slough(at Dillon) and Big Spring Creek(at Lewiston).**

*The program will be held at the Fin 'n Feather in Winneconne and the starting time is yet to be set. Check CWTU.org for the latest information.*

**Hopper fishing on the White River in AR**

**By Ira Giese**

Not a long report, but a quick one before I head out to WY and MT for some Western trout fishing. Jeff Treu and I spent 4 days trout fishing in AR last week. Through the generosity of my friends in Mountain Home, AR, Kurt and Teresa Sleighter, we were able to fish with Kurt in his boat for three of those four days. The hopper fishing is the best when the Corp is running a significant amount of water. One day, they were not going to run much water, and rain was predicted. So, that day, Jeff and I went over to



the Norfolk. Jeff said it is like fishing in a fish hatchery, as you can see many of the trout in the shallow, clear water. However, that is where the analogy ends, as the fish be difficult at times. We both caught a good number of fish, in fact, enough that we headed back there for the morning the next day. (That day we fished 17 hours, and were pretty beat by the end of the evening!) Most of the fish were Rainbows, with a Brown or two thrown in for variety.



We each had good fish on, of 16-18 inches, but failed to land them for a variety of reason, which any good fisherman can imagine. The three days on the White were beautiful, weather-wise. After weeks of rain, we were blessed with mostly sunshine and temps mainly in the 70's. You had to

pinch yourself to realize that it was all fitting together - weather, water generation, and fish feeding on hoppers. Most days of hopper fishing, the three of us caught around a dozen fish, not fast, but some very nice fish. One day we had 19, 20, 22, and 23 inch Browns. Also, one of those days, one of Kurt's best fishing buddies called to say that he had just caught a 30 inch Brown on a hopper, about ½ mile away from us. He was still pretty excited when he pulled up to give us the details. Although there are big fish like that in the White, they are usually caught on streamers more than on hoppers. Sorry I did not take a picture of all the crepe myrtle in bloom. They were really beautiful at this time of year.



## 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).

## Volunteers Needed For Committees

The August Board Meeting was partly devoted to establishing and defining standing committees for accomplishing our Chapter's objectives. ALL Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer for a committee. This is a good opportunity to become involved in a small working group and make big contributions to our Chapter. We have had operating committees in the past, several of which are still functioning. Some guidelines exist for standing committees from State and National TU, as well as those accepted by our board in the past. We will select the best from all available recommendations. Please look at the general categories listed here and decide where you would like to become involved.

Membership Committee – Recruiting and retaining members. Increase member involvement.

Maintain accurate membership lists.

Communications Committee – Website, Facebook, Brookie Newsletter, Public relations, and publicity.

Finance Committee – Fund raising, grant applications, budget development, annual audit.

Programs, Educations and Events – Schools, classes, clinics, monthly programs, TroutFest, picnics.

Watershed Management (conservation) – Work days, Water Monitoring, Watchdogs. Coordination with the DNR.

Banquet Committee – Annual fund raising dinner, auction and raffle.

Executive Committee – Nominations for election of Officers and board members, Leadership development, and other considerations as needed.

The Committees and their responsibilities will be refined, and possibly expanded before receiving approval from the Board. This is intended to give everyone something to think about now. Please consider getting involved with a standing committee. Email one of your Officers and state your preference.

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