



Wisconsin Trout

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Proposed land sale generates controversy



Bob Obama

POTENTIAL SALE OF SPRING POND PROPERTIES CAUSES CONCERN

A number of DNR properties containing all or part of a spring pond are among a list of properties under consideration for sale, under a directive from the 2013 State Budget bill.

By Mike Stapleton,
WITU Legislative Committee

Recently, the Department of Natural Resources released a list of 118 parcels of DNR-owned property that were to be evaluated for possible sale in order to meet the requirements of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, the biennial budget bill. On the list were lands located in 40 counties totaling approximately 8,288 acres.

Upon learning of the release of this list, those of our members who began searching through it quickly noticed how many of the listed properties contained frontage on, or were in close proximity to, designated trout waters.

Of particular interest and concern is the inclusion of 13 parcels in Langlade County totaling nearly 800 acres. Of those 13 parcels, eight are listed under a general property name of Statewide Spring Ponds and contain a spring pond either wholly or in part. Anglers who frequent spring ponds are passionate about the unique angling experience they offer, and would tell you that Langlade County has the highest concentration of such ponds anywhere in the world.

Simply put, there is no comparable resource anywhere else. Understandably, spring pond aficionados reacted negatively, putting it mildly,

to the inclusion of the Langlade County spring pond properties on this list. Several news articles and editorials recently appeared in newspapers across the state that were critical of the possibility that these unique and precious ponds might be sold.

Although spring ponds have taken center stage, this is not just a Langlade County issue. Other properties on the list include lands on or near popular streams such as Elk Creek in Dunn County and the South Branch of the Oconto River in Oconto County, as well as lands bordering the Mecan River and White River Fishery Areas in Marquette and Waushara Counties. TU members statewide will want to check this list for these and other lands that may be of concern to them.

Legislative background

2013 Wisconsin Act 20 created Sec. 23.145, Wisconsin Statutes, which states: (1) The natural resources board shall on or before June 30, 2017, offer for sale at least 10,000 acres of land owned by the state, under the jurisdiction of the department, and outside of project boundaries that were established by the department on or before May 1, 2013.

The statute goes on to require

that proceeds of resulting sales be used to pay off existing public debt from the original acquisition of the lands being sold, repay to the federal government any federal funds used in the original acquisition if required by federal law, and adhere to any existing restrictions governing the use of funds from the sale of gifted lands or lands purchased with gifted or grant funds. Upon satisfaction of those requirements, or if none of them apply, remaining proceeds from the sales will be used to pay down existing debt from the state's stewardship program.

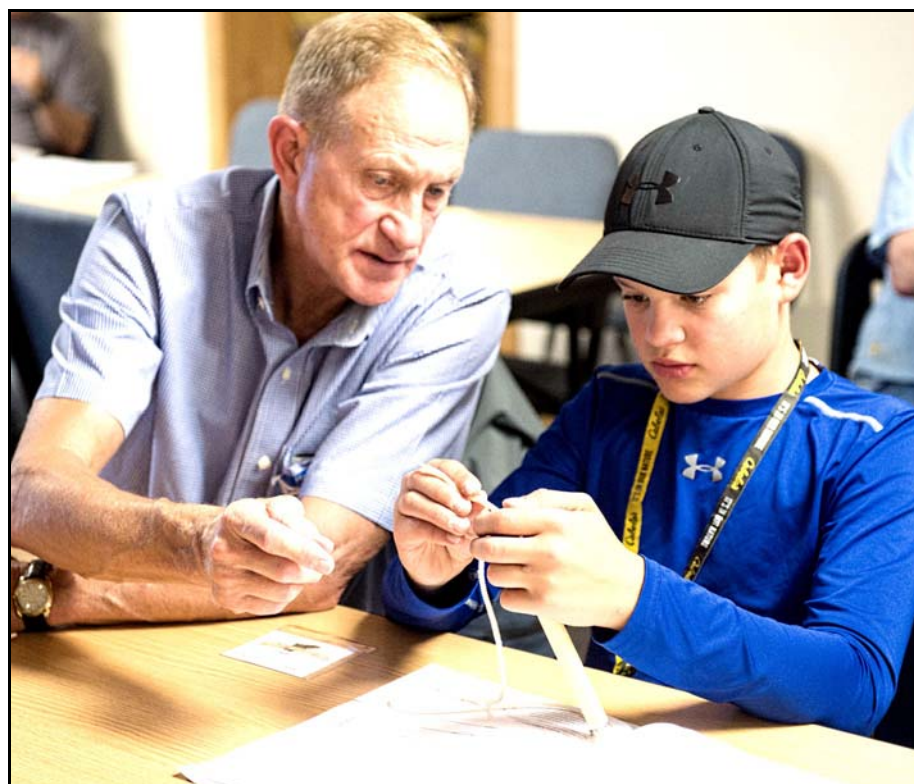
Doug Haag, deputy director for the DNR's Bureau of Facilities and Lands, stressed that staff review of the parcels on the list will be subject to a detailed process contained in Chapter 50 of the DNR Land Acquisition and Sales Handbook. Chapter 50, which was developed by staff and approved by the Natural Resources Board at their December 2013 meeting, is specific to the sale of lands under s. 23.145, Wisconsin

Statutes.

An email recently sent to members by WITU State Council Chair Linn Beck contains a link to a DNR web page devoted to this land sale, including the list of the 118 properties. A link on the right side of the page, "Land Sale Policy and Procedures," will take you to the NRB-approved policies, procedures and evaluation criteria described by Haag.

At least one news article was critical of the lack of DNR contact with counties regarding the potential sale of department lands to them. More than 2,500 acres of the lands on the list are being evaluated for possible sale to counties, where the boundaries appear compatible with existing county forest boundaries. Haag said that recent contact with counties has since taken place, response was positive, and only one county showed no interest. He said that sale of lands to counties was a designated

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Heidi Oberstadt

SHARING KNOWLEDGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

TU volunteer Tom Puralowski provides subtle guidance to 2015 WITU Youth Camp student Noah Ostrowski during the Council's second annual camp in July. Noah was sponsored by the Frank Hornberg Chapter. See inside for all the details, letters from the students and great photos by Heidi Oberstadt.

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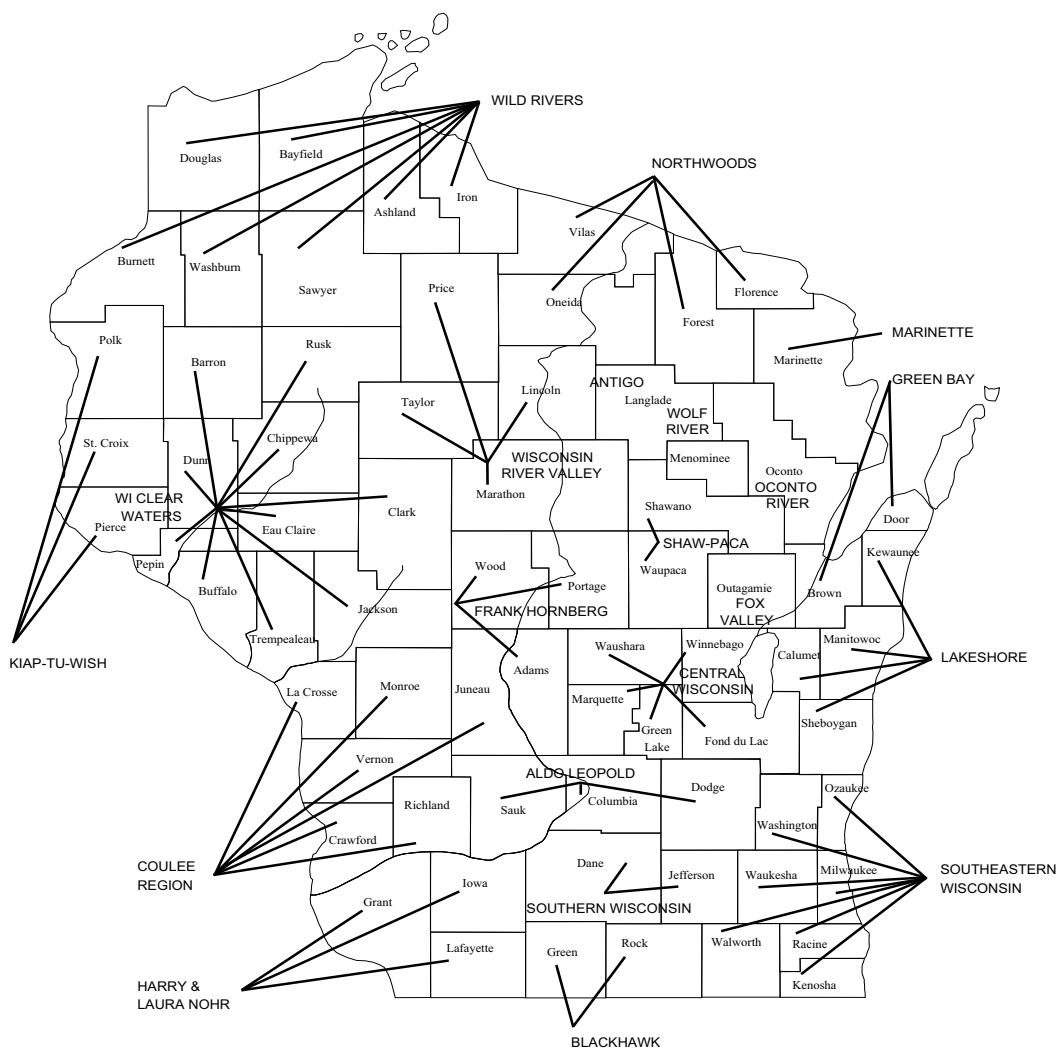
The Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited will hold its next meeting in Eau Claire at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 24 at the Clarion Inn, 2703 Craig Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. 715-835-2211.

Meetings are always open to members, and all chapters are encouraged to have at least one representative at the council meetings.

Although the inland trout season will be closed, the area holds countless opportunities for camping, fishing, hunting, canoeing and so much more. Make a weekend out of it and join us. Lunch will be provided at the meeting.

If you have an item you'd like added to the agenda, please contact Council Chair Linn Beck. His contact information is on page 2.

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Chairman's Column

Fishing methods don't matter

Regardless of how we fish, when it comes to our resources, we are "1 TU"

By Linn Beck, Council Chair

I would like to start off by saying that all members of Trout Unlimited are equally important and that without all of you, TU would not be what it is today. Each and every one of us has an important role within TU, whether it is a leadership role within the chapter or the state council, volunteering at the various events sponsored by the chapters or council, or simply, but most importantly, giving monetarily by donations or keeping your membership current. We are all the same in believing in Trout Unlimited and our mission.

I appreciate the members who have contacted me and asked why there aren't more articles on spinner or bait fishing in *Wisconsin Trout*, or why many articles discuss fly fishing versus other methods. I would like to say that this is not intentional and we are working on ideas on how to appeal to all types of anglers. At this critical junction, with the state of

conservation in our state, we need each and every one of us to come together and make sure we protect what we have as conservationists, taxpayers and outdoor enthusiasts.

You've heard TU leaders say it before, and you'll surely hear it again: there is no TU without all of you, and you are what makes Trout Unlimited the special organization that it is. We are all drawn to the aspect of trout fishing, we all want cold, clean fishable water and we all hope that it will be around for our children, our grandchildren and so on.

Another thing every member of TU can and should be proud of are the youth programs that are happening all the time all over the state. Most of the chapters offer some type of youth program. Several chapters are involved with the TU's Trout In the Classroom program. Other chapters provide youth fly-tying or help at state-wide or regional events throughout the state. We recently offered a very successful sec-



BECK AND A BIGHORN BROWN

Wisconsin State Council Chair Linn Beck enjoys some well-earned vacation time on the Bighorn River in Montana.

ond annual Youth Fishing Camp. We taught the students about conservation, water safety and a host of other programs. Importantly, we offered instruction on spinner fishing, bait fishing and fly fishing. The most important point of this camp is that we cover all of the fishing categories, exposing the students to all types of fishing methods.

We would love to have more members involved with every aspect of TU, from the state level down to the chapter. It doesn't matter how

you prefer to fish. TU's mission is all about youth education, conservation, working with military veterans and so forth.

Wisconsin Trout encourages writers to submit articles about any type of fishing method, and would welcome articles related to spin fishing or bait fishing for trout. I know I am not the only one that would enjoy reading articles of this nature.

Again, thanks for all you do.

EDITORIAL

Another View

Integrated water resources protection – RIP in Wisconsin?

By Todd Ambs

It was a noble effort, the Water Division in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. But like many noble conservation efforts in this state, this too has been eliminated recently.

We are told that the changes are needed for efficiency and better integration. The DNR secretary says that these actions are needed because of the actions of the Wisconsin Legislature. We are told that the current DNR is powerless to change that fact. So the department streamlines, pares back, and works to improve customer service and maintain accountability.

Lost in all of the organizational charts and memos is the most basic of reasons behind the changes. What are they trying to achieve? What is the mission of the DNR related to our water resources? Are they first and foremost functioning to protect our natural resources or are they now restructuring to better serve the businesses and other "customers" who wish to receive permits that could impair and degrade those water-related natural resources?

For nearly 20 years the DNR in Wisconsin has worked to manage the water-related natural resources in this state using a structure that was based on the premise that all water is connected in an ecosystem, especially in a water-rich state like Wisconsin. I was honored to serve as the Water Division Administrator for eight of those 20 years and I have a few observations regarding

the decision in late July to abandon this approach.

The new structure will not be more efficient. Activities that have the potential to impact our water resources will now often need permits from at least two divisions in the agency, rather than one. Further, to the extent that those activities could impact our fisheries, the fisheries staff will not even be connected to either of the divisions responsible for issuing the permits that impact those fisheries.

The new structure will not be more integrated. Bureaucracies are unwieldy beasts in the best of times and respond best when lines of reporting are clear and direct. The new structure creates three divisions with some water-related functions when there used to be one. It will be harder to coordinate activities. Simple human nature makes that reality a given. What is more likely under this structure is that fisheries will revert to the old school of single-species gamefish management, programs that are delegated responsibilities under federal laws like the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act will respond mostly to USEPA, and other programs driven largely by state law will function in a narrow, siloed manner, with little interaction with the aforementioned personnel in the other divisions.

For many years, the mission of the Water Division was four fold:

- 1) Fully enforce the Clean Water Act
- 2) Uphold the Public Trust Doctrine

3) Protect Drinking and Groundwater Supplies

4) Maintain Outstanding Fisheries

Objectives and strategies were developed around those goals. Progress was measured against those priorities. We weren't always successful and it wasn't always as integrated and efficient as we aspired to be, but we knew what we were trying to achieve.

So when I see that the name of one of the new divisions is called Business Support and External Services, I get concerned. It is noteworthy to me that the internal memo developed to announce these changes highlights nine "alignment goals," and the term "natural resource" is not used once in relation to any of those goals.

Yes, the DNR should always be working to issue permits in an efficient and timely manner. They are called permits after all, not prohibitions. But if the driving force behind those permits is simply to issue them as fast as possible, then just move the whole operation to the Department of Regulations and Licensing and skip the pretense of natural resource protection. I am not suggesting that is the intent here, but I am saying that the terminology being used to justify the changes seems to give short shrift to the goal of natural resource protections.

Finally, as the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has already pointed out, the real issue here may well be the sheer lack of resources to do the job. We have world class resources in this state. On the water ledger alone, we find 15,000 lakes, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, 5.3 million acres of wetlands and 1,100 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. We have groundwater resources that are the envy of much of the world, let alone the nation, although they are not evenly distributed and in short supply in some areas. We have water resources of which most of the world can only dream. Those re-

sources need world class protections. To do anything less is to toss aside the bounty that Mother Nature has given us.

The DNR has stated that the next several months will be a time for input and reaction to these "interim" changes. Let's take them at their word and have a true discussion about what is best for our natural resources.

Perhaps we should start with funding. Our neighbors in Minnesota raised their sales tax through a state referendum. Voters overwhelmingly approved a tax that generates nearly \$200 million a year for clean water, parks and wildlife. Why not something similar here? If users are supposed to fully fund activities they desire, such as the recent decision to fund state parks only through fees, then we should look to raise other fees as well. Some candidates should include wastewater permits, which have not been raised since the 1990's, and high-capacity well permits, which were last raised in 2004.

Permit fees for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) were last adjusted when we had a total of 40 of these large animal raising operations. We now have nearly 300 and have roughly the same number of staff to review and approve permits and make sure that these farms are operating in accordance with those permits.

The stakes here are high, not just for our natural resources but for our economy as well. Tourism is the third-largest industry in this state, much of it due to the fact that at this time of year people have beautiful, pristine lakes and rivers to travel to and recreate in.

If we are going to kill the Water Division, let's make sure that our water resources don't die with it.

Todd L. Ambs was the Water Division Administrator in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from 2003-2010.

Strategic planning efforts continue

The council is now a step closer to putting together our strategic plan for Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Thank you to the leaders who replied to our survey. The responses provided us with valuable feedback and confirmed that our preliminary planning was on the right track. It also gave us an insight on a few things that we weren't considering.

With this info we are confident that we will be able to set up a strategic plan that not only will help us put in motion ideas to shore up our shortcomings, but make our strong points even stronger. We are hoping that all will be receptive to our work in strengthening our chapters.

Please watch in the upcoming months for updates, as we hope to begin implementing the first stages of our plan by the first of the year. As we start to implement this plan, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Linn Beck, WITU State Council Chair

Membership Committee Update: Zip Code Shuffle

In an effort to help local chapters better serve their members, the State Council has been working with TU National to reassess several zip codes that are geographically out of place. Several zip codes have been reassigned to different chapters.

Zip codes 53090, 53181 and 53189 have been assigned to the Southeastern Chapter. Zip code 53094 has been assigned to the Southern Chapter and Zip code 54981 has been assigned to the Shaw-Paca Chapter.

As an existing member, you will remain with your current chapter until you renew your membership. At that time, you will be moved to the new chapter. A number of other zip codes were also changed this summer, affecting a small number of members. See the full list on the blogs page of wicouncil.tu.org.

We understand the connection that members have to their local chapter. Some members choose to keep their chapter affiliation even after moving out of the area. With this thought in mind, we'd like to remind you that any member may request to be in a specific chapter, regardless of their zip code assignment.

If you would like to belong to a chapter outside of your zip code assignment, please send an email to trout@tu.org with the following information: name, address, member number, requested chapter name and number. You may also call 1-800-834-2419 and give them the same information. Doing so will permanently keep you a member of your requested chapter.

We're always looking for new members for our Membership Committee. If you would like to help build stronger TU chapters across our state, contact me at mikek.trout@yahoo.com

— Mike Kuhr,
Council Vice Chair

New trout regulations advance

By Mike Stapleton, WITU Legislative Committee

Our membership has closely followed and extensively participated in the rule revision process that, if enacted, will result in changes to trout regulations for the 2016 fishing season. Over the past several years, angler surveys, public information meetings and the Conservation Congress spring hearings have given us all opportunities to weigh in on the shortcomings of current rules and to voice our opinions on proposed changes, and many of our members did so.

On August 25 the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry, chaired by Sen. Tom Tiffany, R-Hazelhurst, held a public hearing on the rule package, CR15-023. Jon Hansen, DNR fish biologist, provided lengthy testimony on the proposed bag limit restrictions on panfish, and responded to numerous questions from the committee. The extent of committee's interest in the panfish rule changes made it appear that concerns about this portion of the rule package were the main driving force behind the decision to call a hearing.

Although no one testified in opposition to the rule package, TU was well represented and prepared to respond had there been objections voiced that the rules were still too complicated or that we should return to the type of "one size fits all" regulations that used to blanket the entire state.

Henry Koltz, in testimony before the committee, commented on the thoroughness of the rule development process which, as stated above, allowed multiple opportunities for individuals to voice their opinions and provide the DNR with solid information on which the rule package is based. Testimony was also given by Mike Kuhr and Matt Krueger, who testified in favor of the proposed rules.

The committee took no action on CR15-023 and referred the rule package to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. That committee has until October 1 to review it, and if no action is taken, the DNR expects to have the rules published and in effect in time for the proposed January 1, 2016 opening of the early trout season.

NE Wisconsin Streambank Protection Program progressing

By Tom Lager, WITU Secretary

The Northeast Streams Team (NST) held a public meeting in August as a continuing step in the northeast Wisconsin portion of the statewide Streambank Protection Program (SBP). The program objective is similar to the easement access and habitat protection efforts in the Driftless Area of southwest Wisconsin.

DNR Trout Habitat and Easement Coordinator Jonathan Pyatskowitz leads the NST and coordinated DNR support. He organized the meeting and initiated invitations to the public through news sources and direct contact with regional communities and conservation groups, including the State Council and chapters in the region.

The goals of the meeting were to introduce attendees to the SBP program and solicit public input to determine where to focus initial SBP outreach efforts in the focus area. The focus area is within portions of nine counties defined by lands having greater than 20 percent agricultural usage, significantly low public access to trout waters and positioned east of the Wisconsin River. Fisheries biologists selected additional watersheds as eligible for inclusion in SBP.

The public was asked to provide input by prioritizing a range of scenarios described as: easement procurement from among watersheds with essentially no public access, watersheds with less than 40 percent public access or from watersheds with more than 40 percent public access. Maps were provided to illustrate the idea.

A policy question was explored: whether to prioritize outreach within a watershed for either habitat protection benefit with fewer fishing opportunities (such as headwater spring sources and spawning grounds) or to focus on areas with better fishing opportunities (mainstream sections with habitat for mature trout). Prioritization of interest among eligible streams was also sought from the northern-most section of the focus area, the mid-section and the southerly section.



STREAMBANK PROTECTION PROGRAM MEETING

Attendees at the recent meeting included landowners, Northeast Stream Team personnel, county land conservation department officials and TU leaders.

Another outreach strategy involves working with TU, county land conservation departments and land trusts.

Outreach will continue in several ways: DNR will use GIS to locate landowners along eligible streams for contact via mail. Landowners who show an interest in the program will be contacted by biologists and land agents. Another outreach strategy involves working with TU, county land conservation departments and land trusts. These groups have valuable contacts and personal acquaintances with landowners, which through collaborative efforts, will lead to procurement of access easements and coldwater resource protection.

During the meeting, connections were made among landowners and NST personnel and between Shawano County Land Conservation Department and TU chapters. Based on the new Wisconsin TU regional alignment, the Central Region and Northeast Regions of Wisconsin TU will be closely working with NST as it implements the SBP programs. Expectations of TU's role are to participate in local outreach teams, funding via grant writing and in-stream field work. The NST is currently analyzing the public input for later sharing among the public organizations and individuals interested in SBP.

For more information about the Streambank Protection Program and the Northeast Stream Team, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Fishing/streambank>

Letter to the Editor

Most trout anglers started fishing trout using worms. Some then graduated to fly or spin fishing while others, myself included, stayed as bait anglers.

Bait anglers like the challenge that bait fishing offers. Bait anglers are stalkers, they don't walk the stream, they move across the stream to fish the riffles, runs, and pools, leaving little imprint in the stream.

The time is ripe for Trout Unlimited (TU) to teach young and new potential TU members the art of bait fishing. TU can start by supporting changes to include bait fishing in fly and spin fishing areas only and make them catch-and-release sites. If that is too much for fly and spin anglers to swallow, then lets create bait-fishing-only areas so bait anglers don't feel like 2nd class anglers.

When was the last time the National or State TU printed articles on the Art of Bait fishing or How to Stream Fish with Bait? I haven't seen any!

Trout Unlimited doesn't say fly fishing or spin fishing unlimited. All trout anglers are equal and TU should be teaching and recruiting all types of trout fishing methods. It may even help out membership.

Bruce Markert, Slinger, Wisconsin.

Relic brook trout in WI glacial spring ponds?

By Bob Tabbert

Scattered over the upper third of Wisconsin, within federal and state forests, are numerous small spring ponds. These spring ponds are glacial relics from the last ice age 11,000 years ago and many contain populations of brook trout. The brook trout in these spring ponds are small, commonly seven to nine inches. Brook trout in spring ponds have a marginal food supply, including mostly midges, scuds and terrestrials. The water temperatures are too cold to support the more common aquatic insects. The rare 12- or 14-inch brook trout taken out of a spring pond would be considered a trophy.

Origin of glacial spring ponds

The last glacier that covered northern Wisconsin was more than one mile thick. As it melted, the runoff rivers flowing out of the glacier deposited a thick cover of glacial rock debris. Within this thick deposit, spring ponds were formed. When the glacial rivers eroded down through the glacial rock deposits and intersected the water table, a spring pond was developed.

Other spring ponds were formed when large blocks of ice calved off the front of the glacier and were buried in the glacial rivers' runoff rock deposits. This unsorted thick deposit of rocks: sands, gravels, cobbles, large rocks, along with blocks of ice, formed a permafrost zone. As the climate warmed, this permafrost zone melted. The melted ice block left a depression or a sink hole in the glacial deposit. If this depression was deep enough to intersect the ground water, a spring pond was formed.

Are there remote spring ponds in

northern Wisconsin that still have ice-age, relic, native brook trout populations? The preservation of a 'relic' population of native brook trout in a glacial spring pond for 10,000 years would require several good things to happen: an adequate depth with clean gravels over cold springs for spawning, continued flushing to prevent siltation of the spawning gravels and springs, lack of beaver activities, as beaver ponds warm the spring waters, adequate cover from predators, a remote location that would discourage stocking, and regulations that would protect the brook trout and discourage overfishing.

Price County, Wisconsin is the largest, least populated county in Wisconsin. It has several thousand acres of cedar swamps within Federal and State Forests, with many spring ponds. Some are accessible only by long and difficult canoe or hiking adventures.

Are there brook trout populations, isolated and preserved in some of these remote spring ponds since the end of the last ice age 11,000 years ago?

Willow Springs in Price County is located in a remote cedar swamp, currently accessible only by a long overland hike. The springs have spawning gravels, water temperature of 55 degrees and dissolved oxygen of 9-11 milligrams/liter. It contains a reproducing population of brook trout. There are no records of Willow Springs being dredged or stocked with hatchery brook trout. Other Price County spring ponds have been dredged and stocked with hatchery brook trout.

In the late 1970s Wisconsin's DNR carried out an aggressive hydraulic dredging program, dredging silted up spring ponds down to their original bottoms and in some cases stocking the spring ponds with



Bob Tabbert

BRILLIANT SPRING POND BROOK TROUT

Christopher "Kit" Deubler, who in 1996 authored a book entitled "Trout Fishing Wisconsin Spring Ponds," displays a brilliantly colored spring pond brook

hatchery brook trout, developing put-and-take brook trout fishing. Other dredged spring ponds were left with their native brook trout populations.

Today many of Wisconsin's glacial spring ponds contain a diverse mixture of various strains of hatchery and native brook trout. However, a few could still contain a population of 'relic' brook trout that are descendants from the original ice-age, native brook trout.

DNA studies could shed some light on this question. The Federation of Fly Fisher's Cold Water Committee, through a cooperative effort with the DNR and the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point, Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research Unit plan to investigate the exciting possibility of finding a relic Wisconsin native brook trout population.

Bob Tabbert is chair of FFF's Cold Water Committee

Legislative Update

High-capacity well bill; mining law change

By Mike Stapleton,
WITU Legislative Committee

Last spring, Sen. Richard Gudex, R-Fond du Lac, circulated a bill draft that would eliminate DNR permit reviews for certain actions regarding a high-capacity well such as repair, reconstruction, replacement and sale of property. Its introduction was withheld at that time in anticipation of the then-expected introduction of a more comprehensive groundwater measure being drafted at the time by Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay.

The Cowles bill did not appear as anticipated and on August 26 Sen. Gudex's draft was introduced as 2015 Senate Bill 239. Although the wells would continue to be subject to any standards or conditions of the original permit, none of the actions described in the bill would be subject to further review and would require nothing other than notice to the DNR of those actions.

A recent news article reported that the bill is largely in response to last year's ruling by an administrative law judge that the DNR has the obligation to consider the cumulative impacts of high-capacity wells on groundwater resources. The bill would appear to insure that cumulative impacts would be a factor only in review of applications for new wells. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism.

Mining law change

Rep. Gary Hebl, D-Sun Prairie, is circulating a bill draft, LRB-1864/1, that would repeal Chapter 925, Subchapter III of the Wisconsin Statutes, adopted two years ago as 2013 Wisconsin Act 1, which created different rules for iron mining in Wisconsin than those applying to mining for other metallic minerals. Co-sponsors are to respond by September 23, so at this time there has been no bill introduction.

The bill would appear to insure that cumulative impacts would be a factor only in review of applications for new wells.

Reduced Black Earth Creek trout population discussed

By Matt Krueger

The Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA) hosted a July meeting in Cross Plains to address concerns about the Black Earth Creek (BEC) trout population. DNR Fisheries Management Bureau staff Scot Stewart, David Rowe, and Kurt Welke presented information that showed BEC trout numbers nearing a historic low. DNR's theory is that a number of different factors, most notably the 2012 drought, followed by two prolonged, unusually cold winters, has reduced the trout population.

In the case of BEC, other factors such as urban development, habitat loss, agricultural runoff and stormwater runoff have likely also contributed to the reduction in the trout population. BECWA also outlined at the meeting the negative impact that the repeal of the Village of Cross Plains' Water Quality Corridor will likely have on BEC.

DNR emphasized that while the population is currently down in BEC, this fluctuation in trout popu-

lations is not necessarily abnormal, and population trend line data from other reference streams/trend sites (three dozen other streams) matched, almost identically, the broadly fluctuating population trend line estimates of BEC over the years. As such, all DNR reference streams in the Driftless Area are showing significantly reduced populations over the last two years.

Matt Mitro of DNR Science Services is currently investigating the impact that prolonged exposure to water temperatures under 40 degrees has on young fish. Sub-40 temperatures also slow down the hatching of eggs, and increase the susceptibility of unhatched eggs to fungus.

Members of BECWA, Southern Wisconsin Chapter of TU, Black Earth Creek Conservation Organization, DNR, and other stakeholder groups will convene in the coming months to determine the best way to protect BEC, in light of this new information.

Matt Krueger is president of the SWTU Chapter.

Streams in the Driftless Area are showing significantly reduced populations over the last two years.

Amazing accomplishments continue in northeast Wisconsin

Paid for by TU chapters, DNR crews in the northeast restore miles of streams each year.

By Kim McCarthy, Past WITU Chair and Current NLC Representative

All around northeast Wisconsin, trout streams are being transformed at a rate no one could have imagined only a few years ago. And the massive amount of work is being done at costs that are amazingly reasonable.

The story began several years ago when chapters in the Northeast Region of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited began looking for ways to increase habitat in the region. Habitat restoration efforts in southwest Wisconsin were becoming well known, and northeast chapters were searching for a program that would be effective on their home waters. At that point in time, stream habitat improvements were limited to what the DNR could do with trout stamp dollars, supplemented by volunteers at TU work days.

Habitat crews in the north realized that they didn't need to use the same type of structures that work so well in the southwest part of the state, not to mention the heavy equipment necessary to place structures like LUNKERS or to create structures like plunge pools and vortex weirs.

The southwest is dealing with many tons of topsoil that washed off of the hillsides years ago, and now needs to be kept out of streams. The southwest is also subject to very

heavy rain events that make it difficult to keep habitat work in place. The north is dealing with streams in which cover was removed by logging activities of a different era, and by excessive growth of tag alder, which was causing a shallowing of streams and making many areas virtually un-fishable. What was needed in northern waters was a lot of low-tech, hands-on manual labor to cut and bundle brush, then anchor the bundles along the banks in an effort to narrow and deepen the streams.

George Boronow, the fisheries supervisor in the Northeast Region at the time, was a trout guy with an interest in trout habitat work. TU leaders approached him to discuss what could be done to increase the amount of trout work in his region. The discussions eventually focused on having Wisconsin TU chapters help pay the cost of DNR employees to work solely on trout habitat. The idea for a hired crew slowly emerged.

At that time, the U.S. Forest Service was using hired labor, and their concept provided a framework for the discussions. Pencil was put to paper and it was determined that for \$15,000 TU would be able to pay the DNR for a two-person crew for an entire work season. That sum would pay a decent wage, cover fringe costs, provide training and cover transportation and equipment.



STREAMWORK MATERIALS ARE READILY AVAILABLE

Trees and brush are the main ingredients for stream work in northeast Wisconsin. LTE crews are paid for by chapters in WITU's Northeast Region.

The first crew was placed in the DNR's Peshtigo office, working under the direction of Mike Donofrio. Because this was a completely new concept, they closely watched their efforts for any signs of difficulties. There were no difficulties. That first crew accomplished miles of trout work and verified that the concept could work very well.

Since that first crew began working years ago, the concept of TU-hired crews has greatly expanded. The 2015 work season included a total of seven crew members operating all over northeast Wisconsin. Two crew members were based in Peshtigo, two more were based at Wild Rose, two others were based in Antigo, and the final crew member was placed with the U.S. Forest Service to work on the Nicolet Forest. The TU-hired crews were augmented by additional crew members hired by trout stamp dollars and the U.S.F.S. budget, so that on any day of the 2015 work season you could find 10-12 crew members doing full days of habitat work around northeast Wisconsin. It was, by far, the largest use of hired crews to this point.

The effort has been made possible by the chapters in both the Central and Northeast Regions of the Wisconsin State Council. The chapters have been coming together each year for an annual regional meeting, and it is at the meeting that the chapters unselfishly pool their funds to make sure that the crews get the necessary funding. The group effort provided \$52,500 to hire the 2015 habitat crews.

While the final mileage of the habitat work has not been calculated because work seasons are just winding down, the hope is that somewhere from 20-30 miles of Northeastern streams will benefit from the efforts. That is a massive amount of work which will benefit trout and trout fishers for years to come.

A recent report from the Peshti-

go crew alone says they have brushed approximately five miles of stream in Marinette and Oconto counties. Specifically they have worked on KC Creek, North Branch Beaver Creek, Eagle Creek and the Second South Branch Oconto River. Additionally they have removed (or helped to remove) eight beaver dams and unplugged a couple of culverts that were impounding or restricting stream flow.

A recent report from the Antigo crew shows that they brushed 4.26 miles and also did touch-up brushing on 3.3 miles of stream, as well as .25 miles of "re-filled brush bundles." This work occurred in Lincoln County's Avert Creek, North Branch Prairie River, Prairie River and Spring Creek. Langlade County saw work done on the East Branch Eau Claire River, Evergreen River, Middle Branch Embarrass River, South Branch Oconto River, Red River, Spring Brook and Stevens Creek.

The Northeast and Central Regions share the hope that future years will again see TU-hired crews hard at work improving the trout waters of northeast Wisconsin.



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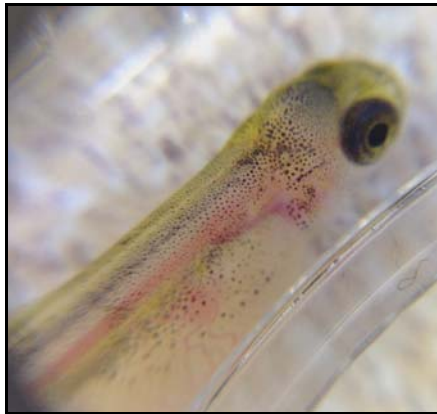
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TU's Headwaters Program is cultivating the next generation



By Mike Kuhr, Council Vice Chair

Picture the headwaters of your favorite river. Cool springs, groundwater seeps, spawning gravel, fry darting around. Headwaters are the key to every healthy watershed. While this concept seems obvious to us, it's not always so evident to school-aged kids.

That's where TU's Headwaters program comes in. It's an ambitious project meant to involve, educate and foster the leadership skills of the next generation of conservationists. Youth education activities serve as a way to introduce TU and its mission to kids and teens. We like to call it the "Stream of Engagement."

Younger kids are exposed to basic concepts through activities like Trout in the Classroom, Stream Girls, family work days, and the TU Stream Explorers membership. Teens can participate in local youth fishing camps and the TU National Teen Summit. Young adults can become leaders by starting their own "5 Rivers Club" on a college campus.

By allowing kids, teens, and young adults access to TU, and providing them with a positive experience, we're mentoring the next generation of active TU members. Search "TU Headwaters" on www.vimeo.com to see a video of these kids in action. It's impressive!

Let's take a closer look at how one component of the Stream of Engagement — the Trout in the Classroom program (TIC) — is taking hold here in Wisconsin.

TIC originated on the east coast more than two decades ago and has been gaining popularity ever since.

The program is simple: Kids raise trout from eggs to fingerlings, caring for them during the school year. At the end of the year, the fish are released into local waterways.

The results are more complex: Scientific investigation, building math skills, understanding life cycles, monitoring water quality, art and creative writing projects, developing an awareness for the natural world, and ultimately, making a personal connection to the watershed in which these children live.

Here in Wisconsin, the Oconto River Chapter, Southeast Wisconsin Chapter and Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter have all been successful in developing TIC programs. The Aldo Leopold Chapter, Coulee Region Chapter, Fox Valley Chapter, Harry & Laura Nohr Chapter and others also have plans to support TIC programs in their areas.

Chapters assist local teachers in raising funds to purchase equipment, provide volunteers to help with tank setup, and help coordinate egg delivery and fish transfers. Teachers can access lesson plans appropriate for their grade level on the website www.troutintheclassroom.org.

Equipment is best purchased before the school year. A typical setup for a 55- or 75-gallon tank can run from \$1,100 to \$1,500. A chiller is the main expense, but it's essential to keep the water at a temperature cold enough for trout, 55 degrees.

Local TU chapters often help subsidize the cost of start-up. Local foundations and community grants can also be a good source of funding. The State Council is also looking into ways to help chapters cover the start-up costs associated with TIC.

Once the tank is set up, it's a good idea to let the water cycle thru the system for several weeks before adding eggs or fry. This allows bacteria to grow which aid in the nitrogen cycle, breaking down ammonia and nitrites into less-harmful nitrates. Eggs or fry can be acquired through a private hatchery or from the local DNR fisheries biologist. The tanks may need to go through an inspection prior to the introduc-



Boyd Roessler

CHEMISTRY JUST ONE OF MANY TIC SUBJECTS

This Waukesha STEM Academy student is testing the fish tank's water quality as part of SEWTU's Trout In the Classroom program.

tion of fish.

The eggs will usually arrive in October and take about two weeks to hatch. Then, as the kids quickly find out, the alevin will head for the bottom where they will live off their yolk sac for two more weeks. After this period the fry will rise up and start behaving more like the trout we're accustomed to seeing.

Over the course of a school year, kids have an opportunity to learn about just how pristine a trout's environment needs to be. Students check the water quality daily and chart their findings. In addition to things like ammonia, nitrites and nitrates, students also check water temperature, pH and dissolved oxygen levels. All of these factors play a key role in the survival of the trout.

It's always hard to say goodbye, and that is especially true here in Wisconsin. Ever since the disease VHS showed up in Wisconsin in 2006, the DNR has put a higher priority on testing fish before they get stocked into our waterways. These standards apply to TIC programs as well.

The easiest way around this is to skip the eggs, and get fry directly from a DNR facility that has already tested the fish. The fry are accompanied by a "health certificate," which the local fisheries biologist needs in order to approve the stocking of fish.

Trout raised from eggs in the classroom would need to be tested before being released at the end of the year. Testing requires the sacrifice of about 60 fish and is very cost prohibitive. Because of this, many classrooms are turning to other options at the end of the year.

The Oconto River Chapter has been successful in finding private pond owners to take the fish raised in their area. SEWTU classrooms

have raised rainbow trout to be stocked in public ponds that are part of the DNR's Urban Fisheries Program.

This past spring, the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter was able to get the private hatchery that provided the eggs to take care of testing and providing a Health Certificate for their brown trout. The trout were released by students into the nearby Willow River. This is the preferred outcome, as it allows the children to create a connection to their local watershed.

The State Council is in the process of finalizing TIC Guidelines for Wisconsin TU Chapters. The Guidelines will cover the necessary steps and suggested timeline for starting up new TIC programs. The Council would like to thank Kim McCarthy, Boyd Roessler, Greg Olson, Mike Kuhr and the DNR for their valuable input.

The Council will continue to work with the DNR to improve the process and the experience that teachers and students get from having trout in their classrooms. We'd like to see our kids raising native brook trout, and releasing them into waters cold and clean enough to sustain them.

If you have a young person in your life, we encourage you to help them wade into TU's "Stream of Engagement."

Mike Kuhr is an architectural designer, stay-at-home dad, and vice-chair of the WITU State Council. He resides in Monona, Wisconsin with his wife, Jen, and their two daughters. Mike has formerly served as council secretary, president of SEWTU and program lead for Project Healing Waters-Milwaukee.



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Fifth graders from North Hudson Elementary School releasing their brown trout into the Willow River.



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SEWTU teen member active at home and afar

By Boyd Roessler,
SEWTU Chapter President

The quiet murmur of Paradise Springs Creek in the Kettle Moraine State Forest is 600 miles from the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina. Each of these locations, however, represents an important experience for Logan Ambrookian's summer vacation. The lessons he learned about stewardship, conservation and youth involvement in the Great Smoky Mountains in June were applied at Paradise Springs Creek in August.

Logan, who as a young boy learned about trout and fishing from his grandfather, Joe Valkoun, is a Sussex Hamilton High School sophomore and member of the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter. He was one of only 25 teens to attend the TU National Teen Summit last June at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. SEWTU was proud to have sponsored his attendance at this event.

Being accepted into such a small, exclusive group is not a simple task. Applicants must first complete a comprehensive questionnaire that assesses their commitment and dedication to conservation. Questions determine how involved applicants have been in their local TU chapter, and how they demonstrated leadership in their schools and communities. Questions also inquire about skills and assets applicants could bring to TU. Finalists were interviewed by phone.

While at the summit, Logan and

other attendees learned about and participated in discussions and activities related to stream habitat, biology and fishing. However, the main theme of the summit involved identifying, discussing and planning ways to increase youth and teen involvement in TU, coldwater conservation and stewardship issues. Logan said this was very valuable, and the most memorable part of this experience was meeting other teens that shared these interests.

In August, Logan was able to put some of the skills he learned at the TU Teen Summit into action. He, along with SEWTU member Henry Koltz, and DNR biologist Ben Hussenner, planned a SEWTU Family Day at Paradise Springs Creek. Approximately 20 children, along with their parents and grandparents, attended.

Children participated in a kicknetting activity and identified aquatic insects and forage fish. In addition, children also observed a stream-shocking demonstration by the DNR and were able to handle and measure trout. The enthusiastic group even improved a section of trout habitat by adding gravel to a small section of the streambed. After a busy morning, the attendees enjoyed a cookout under the Paradise Springs park shelter.

SEWTU is lucky to have teens such as Logan represent our chapter. After seeing the enthusiasm at the Family Day, it's clear that the SEWTU youth will continue to be involved in our chapter for many years.



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Nohr leader Chuck Steudel dies

By Todd Templen

Chuck Steudel, who was engaged in protecting the coldwater resources in southwest Wisconsin since the 1970's, passed away in July.

He grew up in the Highland/Montfort area and was engaged with coldwater education at the local Highland schools until his passing. Chuck always made time for the kids. Always stepping up and giving more, Chuck was interested in getting kids into the outdoors.

In the 1970's Chuck was part of the group of engaged citizens, including TU, who were involved in preventing a number of man-made lakes being built on our trout streams. The Blue River system was one of the streams they helped save from becoming a lake. Many of the 15 miles of habitat work performed in the area over the last decade and a half would not have been possible without the efforts of that early group, which Chuck was a part of.

Chuck was instrumental in the transformation of the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter. He spoke with and kept in contact with Laura until the end of her time with us.

Chuck was never satisfied with "good enough." During my time over the last decade and a half with the Harry and Laura Nohr chapter, Chuck was always chal-

lenging us to do better. These were not always easy conversations. Few conversations involving passionate viewpoints are, but they were the right and necessary conversations, and they were initiated for the right reasons.

If there were runoff issues, he challenged us to do something about it. He challenged us to run our finances better. He questioned the results of our habitat work and whether we were getting our money's worth. These questions and challenges caused the group to be ever mindful of what we were doing and to think about how to answer these questions as they related to our projects for TU.

These challenges and questions are part of what makes the research performed by the interns sponsored by the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter so valuable. The research and data helped answer those questions and showed the board members the continued value of supporting the intern program. Chuck was a supporter of the intern program and I cannot recall him missing an intern report in the last 15 years.

Chuck will be missed. He will be missed for participating and stepping up when others could or would not. His passion for the outdoors and our natural resources was unwavering. He will be missed for his stories. He will be missed for asking and pursuing the harder

questions, not just seeing what we all wanted, but challenging us to prove it, and making TU in southern Wisconsin, and all of Wisconsin, stronger for it.

Thank you, Chuck.

Todd Templen is past president of the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter.

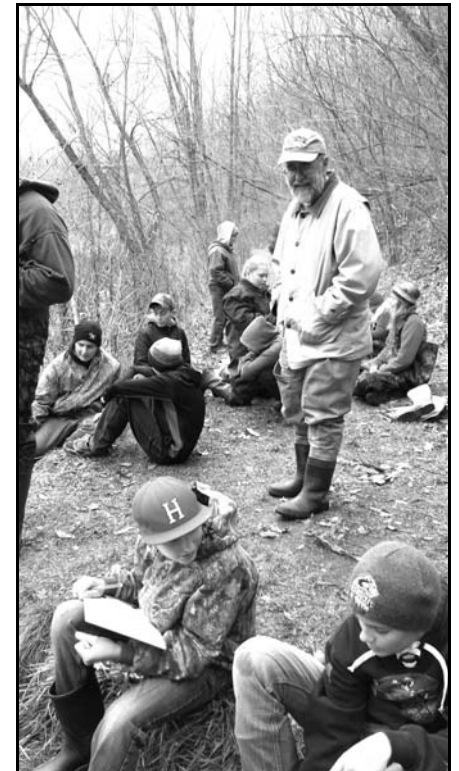


FALL DRIFTLESS BUS TOUR OCT. 13

New projects on the Trimbelle River near Ellsworth, Gilbert Creek near Menomonie and Hay Creek near Red Wing, Minnesota will be featured on the 2015 Driftless Project Bus Tour October 13. The day-long tour will wind through western Wisconsin and nearby Minnesota.

The trip, sponsored by supporters of TU's Driftless Area Restoration Effort, is intended to showcase new restoration techniques and give attendees a chance to question the designers. Lively conversations ensue at every stop. Last year's tour visited sites in northeast Iowa and far southern Minnesota, so this time around we're moving north for the event. The tour is free and lunch is provided.

Advance signups are necessary as seating on the charter bus is limited. To register, email DARE project manager Jeff Hastings at jhastings@tu.org or Outreach Coordinator Duke Welter at dwelter@tu.org. Detailed itinerary and directions will be sent out October 8.



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TU leader, legislative expert Jeff Smith dies

By Duke Welter

Jeff Smith, who played a key role in developing Wisconsin TU's reputation as a conservation leader with state policymakers, died September 22 in Madison. He had been fighting esophageal cancer for some months.

The state would not likely have its Groundwater Protection law and several other legislative initiatives had it not been for Jeff's energy and the respect he was accorded by legislative leaders, as well as the state's conservation group leaders.

Just days before Jeff's passing, he was celebrated by Southern Wisconsin TU with its highest honor, an Award of Merit. In addition to his superb work with the State Council, he was a 20-year organizer of SWTU's spring fly-casting clinics, co-led veterans get-togethers with fellow Vietnam vet Jim Kurtz, and never missed Project Green Teen, which brings high school students to the West Fork Sports Club each May to learn about stream ecology, conservation and fishing.

He was born in New Jersey, grew up until age 10 in Aruba, then in Summit New Jersey until he graduated high school. Jeff tried college but ended up in the U.S. Army as a combat soldier in Vietnam. His experiences in the Vietnam War colored his life ever after. His friend Steve Born remembers him asking, "Born, do you think hanging out of a chopper 200 feet above the ground in a hot landing zone could have any long term effects on your personality?"

He returned to college and excelled and developed an interest in political science. He finished his Masters in Public Administration at UW-Madison. Jeff rose quickly up the ranks in state government, becoming a budget analyst for the Departments of Justice, Local Affairs and Development, Natural Resources, Administration and Transportation. He was well-respected for his financial analyses, and had a key role in developing the state's program on Tax Incremental Financing districts. When I served on the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board from 2004-11, Jeff represented TU as one of the key leaders of the consortium of conservation groups involved in policy discussions at the Capital and state departments. Other groups looked to him for his sharp analysis and plain speaking. He could talk with allies and adversaries in pretty much the same mode, and they all respected him for it.

In 1998, following DNR's 1995 reorganization, the agency was unable to spend the available Trout Stamp money and had built up a multi-million-dollar kitty. I asked several TU members to join a special committee to analyze the problem and make recommendations to get that money into the water. Jeff was especially suited to the task because he had been a DNR budget analyst earlier in his career, and he estimated the backlog at around \$2.1 million. The committee made recommendations to ramp up spending on trout stamp projects, and many of them have been adopted by DNR and TU over subsequent years.

At about the same time, the council's legislative efforts were scattershot and poorly informed. As Madison-area TU members with state government experience and savvy, I asked Jeff Smith and Dan Wisniewski to head a state council legislative committee and build up our credibility with legislators. They added Bob Selk and Tom Krauskopf to the committee and were extremely effective.

Eventually Jeff became one of the people requested by key legislators to



JEFF SMITH, RELAXING AT BOB SELK'S CABIN

get involved in issues such as the groundwater bill and protecting isolated wetlands. The legislative effectiveness that started with that group has led TU to build strong recognition in the State Capitol in the ensuing 15 years.

Jeff served as SWTU's representative to the State Council and liaison between TU and Dane County, and as Wisconsin's representative on the National Leadership Council.

He was also part of a SWTU team that raised \$35,000 from TU to help buy property around the Token Creek Springs northeast of Madison, part of a larger fund-raising effort. The springs are now protected and are being restored as trout water.

Jeff was a masterful teacher of flyfishers. Though he had a craggy look and kind of gruff voice at times, he knew many ways to get through to a newbie and teach them to cast effectively. After he retired from state government, his "Riversmith" Flyfishing School taught many new fly anglers. I referred a couple to him, both who had made no progress at all with my meager teaching skills. One he turned into a pretty good caster, who was ecstatic with the progress he had made. The other, a former NRB chair, he told to take up tennis.

As an angler, Jeff had a patient, elegant, effective casting stroke that he put to good use both around the Driftless Area and the American West, as well as on trips to Argentina, New Zealand and the Caribbean.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Kathy O'Connor, a daughter, Alicia, and a sister.

A small private funeral service was held following Jeff's passing, but a memorial celebration of his life is expected to be held the weekend of October 17-18 in Madison. Watch the SWTU Facebook page for details.

Driftless Rambler

With Duke Welter

TUDARE Communications Director

With season's end fast approaching, let's take time to look back at the season and appreciate all that TU volunteers across the state have done to restore and protect our coldwater resources. It seemed summer gave us a period of doldrums, only relieved in late August with some cooler weather and water temperatures. When those cooler temps came, the trout came alive again. And volunteers took time from their busy lives to raise some heck about the directive to the DNR from our legislature to sell off 10,000 acres of our state's hard-bought public lands, including spring ponds, frontage on class I trout streams and other gems.

Here in the Driftless Area, I find myself cataloging things as I travel around, meeting with landowners and groups and looking for future projects. Sometimes I find myself noting the spots where you can get a great breakfast before fishing. I seldom ask another angler about his or her favorite fishing spots, but I am always on the lookout for a good breakfast. Sometimes, I'm noticing the vistas. I soak up those long-dis-

tance views as I drive on a ridgetop, savoring the contours and the gaps that look across the Mississippi to another state. Maybe it's related to my living down here in "Lost-in-da" Coulee outside Liberty Pole, half-way down a coulee, where I get only a few hours of direct sunlight each summer day and even less in winter. The late author Ben Logan observed that ridgetop-loving people and valley-living people seldom married each other, because they couldn't agree where to live. I get it.

Favorite Driftless vistas

So here is my list of favorite Driftless vistas, and you'll likely find good fishing near each one of them, if you look. In Iowa, it's Highway 76 between Marquette and Waukon, with good 25-mile views to north and south. In Minnesota, State Road 21 from Clinton to Lanesboro is on top of the world, and the gravel roads along Duschee and Gribben creeks offer lovely intimacy.

In Wisconsin, two of my favorites are Grant County Highways T and M between Boscobel and the Blue River valley, centered around the



crossroads of Hickory Grove. Perhaps my all-time favorite is State Highway 95 between Arcadia and Fountain City. Those views, with narrow valleys reaching down to the Mississippi, are as breath-taking as you will find in the Upper Mississippi, at least inland from the river bluffs.

Rustic Roads, too, can lead you on some lovely wanders. Down in Grant County south of Prairie du Chien, right along the Big River, you'll find a little road heading upstream from Glen Haven, snugged in under overhanging bluffs. I don't think it has a name, but between the river and bluffs it's a lovely three-mile ride.

And, finally, a valley-floor sleep-

er: my favorite Rustic Road is a seasonal road running up Pine Creek in Pierce County, starting at County Highway E and ending near Lund, home of a famous pizza farm. Spring, summer or fall, it winds up the valley, the gravel road crossing the stream four or five times-yes, you could road-kill a spawning brook trout here in late fall, if you and the trout are there before they gate off the road some time in October. At one time in the past 15 years, the stream suddenly disappeared into a fissure for a half mile, and nearby springs suddenly expanded their outflows. And then, after six years, it suddenly reappeared in its old channel again.

Don't miss the 2016 Council Banquet



AMAZING ARRAY OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

WITU's annual banquet features many silent auctions items, from fishing gear to wine to fly boxes from each chapter. There are also numerous bucket raffles, live auction items and much more.

By Mike Kuhr, Council Vice-Chair and Banquet Committee Chair

It's that time of the year again. Plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting and State Council Banquet are already well under way. The date and location have been confirmed, the banquet committee is in place, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in Oshkosh.

The 2016 event will be Saturday, February 6, 2016. We will be returning to the site of last year's very successful banquet: the Oshkosh Waterfront Best Western Hotel and Convention Center. Everyone was very happy with the location the last two years and we are excited to return.

We'd like to thank outgoing Banquet Chair Kim McCarthy for his leadership in organizing the event in recent years. Most of the dedicated members who served on the Banquet Committee last year have

agreed to return. My thanks go out in advance to Linn Beck, Todd Franklin, Bill Heart, Henry Koltz, Heidi Oberstadt, and Jim Wierzba for agreeing to once again serve on the committee. Rich Vetrano has also agreed to give us a hand with advertising. The Awards Committee will be honoring worthy members in a variety of categories that evening.

So mark the date on your calendar, and we'll see you there. The goal is to make the 2016 banquet the best State Council banquet yet. All of the pieces are in place. The one thing we need is your attendance. Ask anyone who's been to a recent banquet and you'll realize why it's become a "don't-miss" event. Tickets will soon be available through your chapter president. Contact Mike Kuhr at mikek.trout@yahoo.com or 414-588-4281 for more information.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Oshkosh on February 6!

LAND SALES, Cont. from page 1

priority in the adopted policy statement and that such sales would allow for more cost-effective attainment of common management goals for these properties.

The current list is referred to as Phase 2 of the land sales under 2013 Wisconsin Act 20. Records show that the NRB, at their June 2014 meeting, approved department Phase 1 recommendations for the sale of 22 parcels totaling 1,407 acres. Of 32 parcels initially evaluated in Phase 1, five were found during staff review to be within project boundaries, one was determined to have questionable title, and four were recommended for retention. The current status of the 22 Phase 1 parcels approved for sale can be seen by clicking the "Parcels for Sale" button on the land sales web page.

The web page indicates that completion of field reviews was expected around October 1. However, given the number of parcels on the list, the completion of staff evaluation and development of recommendations will consume additional time, and we may not learn the composition of the final list or the specific recommendations until they are ready for release in advance of the December meeting of the NRB. Doug Haag did indicate that they have a lot of work ahead of them, and that if they have difficulty putting their recommendations together in time for the December meeting, it is possible that it will be held over until the January 2016 meeting.


Members interested in this evaluation process are urged to study the "Land Sale Policy and Procedures"

available on the DNR web page. The process does not call for public commentary; however, there appear to be other ways in which TU members can advance our interests. The Land Sale Policy states that the DNR will solicit commentary from local government units as well as all appropriate DNR bureaus and divisions. Members can contact the appropriate person or persons to submit their comments.

Make sure your comments relate to the specific review criteria listed under Sec. III (B), found on the second page. If you are aware of habitat improvement work that was done on these properties, including projects where TU was involved, be sure to point that out. Also point out established patterns of public use.


You may want to present arguments to the DNR that certain parcels should be retained or, if retention is not to be the department's recommendation, that easements be retained for both public fishing access and department access for habitat management purposes. Send your comments to the DNR staff identified in Chair Beck's September 7 email to the membership.

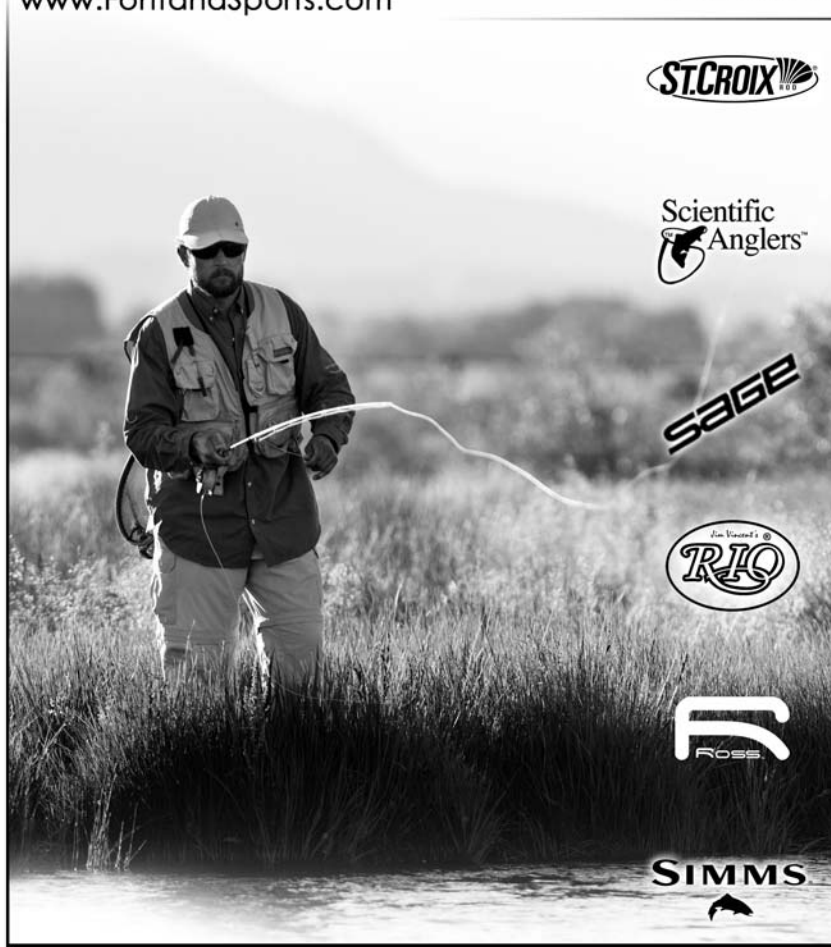
Public commentary will be permitted when the final package is acted upon by the NRB, although that will be late in the process. The status of the Phase 2 Land Sale is likely to be a topic of discussion at the October 24 WITU meeting in Eau Claire, and interested members are invited to attend. For those who may not have received the September 7 email from Linn Beck, the link to the land sales web page is: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/RealEstate/land-search.asp>.









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Youth Fishing Camp is here to stay



RIGGIN' UP

Thomas Lyon and fellow WITU Youth Fishing Camp students prepare their "weapons." See his letter to TU on the next page.

By Linn Beck, State Council Chair

Our second annual WITU Youth Camp was a smashing success. We had 13 great campers, including the first two girls. Campers came from throughout the state, and even a couple from out of state, including Preston Leyo from Menominee, Michigan sponsored by the Marinette Chapter and Natalie Antonetti from Sandy, Utah sponsored by the

SEWTU chapter.

The rest of the youth and the chapters that sponsored them included Samuel Bleich, sponsored by the Aldo Leopold Chapter; Thomas Lyon, sponsored by the Blackhawk chapter; Lucas Gundrum and Gabe Storms, both sponsored by Central Wisconsin Chapter; Noah Ostrowski, sponsored by the Frank Hornberg Chapter; Jonathon Klingseisen, sponsored by the Fox Valley Chap-

ter; Jeremiah Bleich, sponsored by the Harry & Laura Nohr Chapter; Joseph Duncan, sponsored by the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter; Luke Mancl, sponsored by the Lakeshore Chapter; Sarah Klatt, sponsored by the Oconto River Chapter; and Marcellus Stills, sponsored by the SEWTU Chapter. Thanks for all the chapters who sponsored the campers.

This year's camp featured fly casting, fly tying, lure making and some really great breakout sessions.

The DNR's Al Niebur, Steve Devitt and two of their crew put on a great seminar and demonstration on Radley Creek. The seminar explained the dynamics of the stream and the reasons behind stream restoration. The guys then demonstrated stream shocking and explained what they do with the data.

The campers also received instruction on every type of fishing. We had seminars on spinner-bait fishing for trout, lead by Mike Stary, and also live bait fishing for trout and walleye, demonstrated by Mike Arrowood. Finally, Dan Harmon III demonstrated fly casting. All were a big hit as this year's class had diverse fishing preferences and all got a chance to step out of their comfort zone and try new things.

We had two popular breakout sessions. Bob Haase and volunteers led the fly tying group, while Jess Pitter taught his students how to make spinner baits.

There also was a fly-casting contest, won by Joseph Duncan, which featured a "cast-off" between Jo-

seph and Thomas Lyon.

We had an Orvis-donated rod and reel for grand-prize drawing to conclude the camp, and it was won by Preston Leyo. All the youth were winners, and they all had a great time. Meanwhile, TU National provided each student with a free one-year membership.

I would like to send out a special thanks to the volunteers who helped with everything from organizing to guided fishing on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Without all of you this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you so much.

Next year's camp runs Thursday, July 14 through Sunday, July 17. It will be at the same place, Pine Lake Bible Camp. Students must be 12-16 years old. We are shooting for 20 campers next year, but for this to happen we need all chapters to support this program. This is a fun and fantastic way to get recognition for your chapter. I know from talking to some of the parents they couldn't believe this was available to them and their families. It's a great way to recruit new members for your chapter.

With more students, we will need more volunteers to help keep everything running smoothly. Volunteers find that they are learning things at the camp that they can use at their own chapter youth events. If interested in volunteering next year contact me at chlbeck@att.net or 920-216-7408. Thanks for all you do.

Linn Beck has been instrumental in bringing the WITU Youth Camp from concept to successful reality.

Reflections from a volunteer

By Benbow Cheesman

The first time we try anything is scary. We plan as best we can, and check and double-check everything, but still there is the reality of Finagle's Corollary to Murphy's Law: "Murphy was an optimist." It's also known as "The Law of Dynamic Perversity - Things Are Out to Get Us." Despite that, last year's inaugural WITU Youth Fishing Camp was a resounding success, which only made this year's camp all the scarier in the prospect: Can we match or even top what we did in 2014? Answer: yes indeed, we did.

There were some scary moments. As late as June we were six kids short of capacity for the class. Two of our members privately sponsored their respective granddaughters, not only increasing the number of participants but giving us the first girls to attend the camp. They were a delight: polite, interested, fully engaged with the program and, to be honest, a diversion for some of the older boys. 'Twas ever thus.

An improvement over last year was the result of extra work by our two gurus: Bob Haase and Linn Beck. This year, when we took the kids fishing on the Pine River, they had identified and marked with

signs the various DNR put-in spots on the river. Two guides with two kids were assigned to each location, changing on Sunday morning from Saturday evening so that each team fished two stretches of the Pine. There was also the usual panfishing on Pine Lake, with spectacular casting from some of the kids.

Another "plus," obviously not possible in our first year, was the return of three alumni to act as volunteer mentors. The maturity, leadership and - I call it "grace" - shown by these young men was an inspiration. While we older folks did a good job of mentoring and instructing, having these peer-alumni to help the younger kids with knots, fly tying and casting was of great benefit and is something that we will continue in the future.

"Second time's the proof." So it was, and so it is. The WITU Youth Fishing Camp is now an established success, and deserves the full and enthusiastic support of every chapter in the state. It is a wonderful opportunity for kids, and a powerful way to build the future of TU in Wisconsin. Start recruiting your kids for next year's camp now!

Benbow Cheesman is an active member of the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of TU.



A CLOSEUP VIEW OF STREAM INHABITANTS

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FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER

Zach Klingseisen, a student from last year's Youth Fishing Camp, was one of three students who returned this year as a volunteer. Below, he shares his fly-tying knowledge with Presten Leyo. Presten was one of several camp participants to send a letter to TU, which is below.



Heidi Oberstadt

SMILES ALL AROUND FOR STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Among the numerous topics covered, campers received instruction on every type of fishing. There was a seminar on spinner-bait fishing for trout, lead by Mike Starry, and also live bait fishing for trout and walleye, demonstrated by Mike Arrowood. Finally, Dan Harmon III demonstrated fly casting. All were a big hit as this year's class had diverse fishing preferences and all got a chance to step out of their comfort zone and try new things.

Pictured above, in the first row: Natalie Antonette, Sarah Klatt, Joe Duncan, Noah Ostrowski, Luke Mancl, Gabe Storms, Lucas Gundrum, Marcellus Stills, Presten Leyo, Thomas Lyon, Samuel Bleich, Jeremiah Bleich, Clay Parmley, Gabe Stelzer. Second row: Zach Klingseisen, Linda Lehman, Pat Klatt, Matt Salchert, Ed Kosciak, John Antonetti, Mike Stary, Ben Cheesman, Tom Lager, Don Putning, Tom Puralowski, Wayne Parmley, Jim Murphy, Jeff Treu, Linn Beck, Bob Haase

Student feedback says it all

A collection of letters from youngsters who will never forget the summer of 2015.

This summer I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to attend the Trout Unlimited Fishing Camp. It was a magnificent experience. My favorite part of the camp was hanging out with my grampa and learning to cast with him. I also liked fishing with him one morning. The actual fishing experience at camp was especially fun, even though I didn't catch anything.

A second part of camp that I liked was the interactive learning activities, like tying knots, which was fun and useful. Although I realize the lectures were necessary, I found it hard to sit still. Other parts of the camp experience I enjoyed were the nice teachers and the homemade food.

In conclusion, Trout Camp was a great time and I would like to do Trout Camp again.

Marcellus Stills, Racine, sponsored by the SEWTU Chapter.

Trout camp was so much fun! It was such a great learning experience and I am so glad that I had the opportunity to go. There were so many great activities to do while I was there. I learned so much about fishing and how to help the nature around us while playing around and fishing.

The best part was going fishing with the mentors. My two mentors were so nice and patient with my level of experience. They helped me and my partner so much with what we were doing right and wrong. They told us about the currents and the ground and always made sure we were safe while fishing.

My mentors were Heidi and Linda. They were so helpful when it came time for us to go fishing those days. They helped me tie my flies on when I couldn't and were very calm with Sarah and me. They showed us how to tie the knots we needed to know for fishing. In other activities the other mentors guided us in what to do and would walk around and make sure we were getting it. Sarah and I had so much fun. It was such an enjoyable experience I would love to go again!

My favorite things to do while we were there was tying flies and fishing. Those were great activities to do, especially because the beach was just a short walk from where we were staying. Many of the campers went fishing early in the morning because the lifeguard was so willing to come out and watch them.

It was also nice to listen to some of the people talk about what Trout Unlimited is about and to have a presentation on it and what we can do to help. I really enjoyed that talk.

All the talks were very informative about fishing. Also, all the volunteers there were so willing to help with everyone, talk with us, and answer all of the questions we had. Many of the volunteers helped us even when we thought we didn't need it, they saw us struggling and took an opportunity to show us the right way to do things.

Everyone there was very kind, and willing to help. We had a lot of information given to us during the lectures that probably will benefit us in the future. They told us how to respect private property and the volunteers shared some past fishing experiences.

In conclusion, it was a great experience and I am so glad I had the chance to go and learn so much from everyone. Everyone was so nice and willing to help and I just had so much fun.

Natalie Antonetti, Sandy, Utah, sponsored by the SEWTU Chapter

I didn't know what to expect or what I would learn from a fishing camp. But I soon found out that we would be fishing a lot and be taking field trips. One of the places that we went to was a stream where a shocking demo was put on. I learned about where fish like to hide and live. I even learned about the different types of bugs that fish eat. When we went to the fishery I liked seeing how big the trout were. I wanted to catch them.

I never went fishing in the morning, but when I did fish I caught five nice smallmouth bass. They put up a good fight! I also learned a lot about



A GATHERING OF THE GALS

The two girls from camp and their two volunteer counterparts snuck away for some "girl time" during the camp. From left Natalie Antonetti, Linda Lehman, Heidi Oberstadt and Sara Klatt. See Natalie's letter to TU.

tying different flies, knots and making spinners. I really liked the fly tying because I think it is interesting to tie flies that imitate bugs. My dad liked watching me make the spinners.

I missed fishing in the stream the first day, but I was there for the second day. I learned different ways on how to get the fish to bite. I caught a brook trout on garden hackle and saw two bigger ones. Everyone was very nice and understanding.

I learned a lot from all the people who worked with me. The last day I received a certificate and won a fly rod, which rode next to me the whole way home. I was not letting it out of my sight! Overall I had a really fun time. Thank you, everyone, for all your encouragement and support.

Presten Leyo, Menomonee, Michigan, sponsored by the Marinette Chapter

Thank you very much for sponsoring my participation at the 2015 Trout Unlimited fishing camp. This was an incredible fishing experience

that I will never forget.

The camp taught me about more than just fishing. It taught me about respecting nature, staying safe around the water and being a responsible sportsman. It also introduced me to other people that enjoy doing the same thing I do.

I learned more about fishing in those four days than I ever imagined I could have learned: how the DNR shocks the streams, samples the water, and how someone's hand, and what is on it, can harm a fish (which is especially important for catch and release). I also expanded my knowledge of flies, and learned how to tie deer hair flies, ants and more.

From some of the presentations at the camp, I learned about the stream restoration workdays and I am going to join in helping the chapter and the fish.

Thank you for making this unforgettable experience possible.

Thomas Lyon, sponsored by the Blackhawk Chapter.



Chapter News



Todd Franklin

ALDO CHAPTER MEMBERS SAMPLE FISHING KAYAKS

Scenic Devil's Lake played host to the Aldo Leopold Chapter's recent fishing kayak demo, organized by Chapter President Scott Allen. Here, Scott checks out how casting works on these rigs, while Past President Mike Barniskis checks out a pedal-powered model. Rutabaga Paddlesports of Madison provided the kayaks and answered everyone's questions.

Aldo Leopold Chapter

The fifth and final phase of the Bear Creek Habitat Improvement Project in western Sauk County is now completed. Bear Creek now has a contiguous 5.5 miles of improved stream with more than 200 LUNKERS, nine miles of rip rap, numerous plunge pools, rock and log weirs and habitat for non-game species.

The DNR conducted a comprehensive shocking survey in July, headed by Nate Nye and Dan Fuller of the Poynette DNR office. Results of the survey are very promising, with cold, clear water in the July heat. We found many non-game coldwater species, including burbot, a healthy brown trout year-class structure, from fry to 16 inches, and several brook trout, which had migrated from tributaries.

Only fry have been stocked in Bear Creek, so it appears the brown trout are prospering. Additional studies will eventually determine natural reproduction rates. Population densities are still low in Bear

Creek due to the rapid increase of good trout habitat, but in time we are confident that trout density will increase with reproduction and stocking. And if the trend continues, Bear Creek may be a self-sustaining brook trout fishery.

In August we held a fishing kayak demonstration, including test paddling and a barbecue, at Devils Lake State Park. Scott and Valerie Hamstra of Rutabaga Paddlesports in Madison demonstrated a variety of the latest fishing kayaks and answered all of our questions. In spite of the threat of rain and unseasonably cool weather, we had about 20 people in attendance. Thanks again to Rutabaga!

Our chapter will return to the Baraboo Public Library to host the increasingly popular fly-tying classes open to the community and members. The five-week class will be held Wednesday evenings January 27 to February 24.

—Scott Allen

Antigo Chapter

Hello to all. I can't believe that the summer is almost gone. This summer the work crew that our WITU Northeast Region chapters have funded are very busy.

We are working with the city of Antigo to replace the dock at Remington Lake. It has been a work in progress because the dock we initially built has not worked well. The city and Antigo TU will remove the old dock and are now working on a new one to replace it. It will either be a floating or a large wheeled-in dock. It needs to be removed in the winter months. The old dock was not removed in the winter and was damaged by the ice.

Kid's fishing day on June 6 was another great success. With more than 400 kids trying to catch fish in the tank and all the prizes available, it was a fun day. Thanks to the city of Antigo Fire Department for the help and the fire safety trailer to show the kids how to get out of a burning house. Also thanks to the area DNR for running the casting

contest again this year.

I hope you all are starting to learn that the State of Wisconsin has ordered the DNR to place 10,000 acres of land for sale. That includes 13 parcels in Langlade county that surround spring ponds. On four of these parcels our chapter had donated thousands of dollars to help the state reclaim and dredge them. This land could be sold to private persons and the public could lose their access to these ponds.

We need to find out why the state would sell this land. Most of this land is in the state spring pond area and I thought it couldn't be sold. I'm in the process of contacting my state assemblyman to express my concerns. I hope you will too. You should have received email messages from the State Council on how to contact our elected officials and civil servants including guidelines on what to say.

—Scott Henricks

Blackhawk Chapter

Our spring workdays now completed, the hazy lazy days of summer still provided opportunities for the chapter members to do something other than just go fishing in the Driftless area.

In July Jim Bartelt and Bill Enberg from the Southern TU Chapter gave a presentation to our chapter about fly fishing in Alaska for trout and salmon. In August Matt Sment of Badger Tenkara gave

a presentation on this newly popular fishing technique. Both presentations were well done and well received.

Also in July, Chapter President Terry Vaughn provided a report he had received from Paul Krahn regarding the Weister Creek Project. Weister Creek is a feeder stream to the Kickapoo River, and most of it lies in the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Phase I of the project is now completed, and Phase II was begun by the DNR this summer. Additional box elder removal and rock acquisition and placement will take place

this winter. The chapter provided \$5,000 for Phase I last year, and at the July meeting approved an additional \$5,000 for Phase II.

The chapter sponsored Thomas Lyon, 12, the son of one of our members, at this year's TU Youth Summer Camp. In August we received a heartwarming letter from Tom, which appears in this issue of Wisconsin Trout. Read it and you should be able to see the impact all of us "oldsters" can have on youngsters.

—Dave Hinde



Heidi Oberstadt

A UNIQUE CHANCE TO MAKE SPINNERS

Thomas Lyon, who was sponsored by the Blackhawk Chapter to attend the WITU Youth Fishing Camp, gets his chance to create a spinner. The camp covered spinner fishing, bait fishing and fly fishing.

Central Wisconsin Chapter

When opportunity knocks, you have to run with it, even if it scares you a bit. Our opportunity was the Greater Wisconsin Outdoor and Sportsman Festival, held in June at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh. This all-outdoor-sports show is a new event in our area, and provided a chance to tell the TU story to a group of people who already enjoy the outdoors, but probably don't know much about us.

The unknown was that we were entering the world of bass boats, ATVs, all types of hunting and any other way people have found to enjoy the outdoors. The show manager welcomed our inquiry, gave us a nonprofit discount on a booth in the main building and free use of an outdoor field. At the booth we offered free fly tying and outdoors we offered free fly-casting lessons. It worked out well. There was some rainy weather during the show so we saw more people indoors wanting to tie flies and talk. Fly casting was interesting because the people we met were seeking us out. We heard, "I just bought a fly rod and need to learn how to use it" or "I'm having problems with my fly casting, can you help me?" more than once. These people were very receptive to learn about Trout Unlimited.

Planning for this event had us wondering if we would have enough volunteers to staff it. As a new event it wasn't on anyone's "save the date." It was also at a time in early summer when many have family activities. Our chapter members came through, with 15 volunteers who staffed both the booth and fly casting with two or more people for all three days of the show. All enjoyed the encounters they had with people

we met. A big thank you to all who helped.

Also in June was our Casting and Kayak Clinic held at Marble Park in Winneconne. An annual event, it's a great chance to have a picnic, organized by Bob Haase and Jerry Smet, and have some fun. This event is open to the public.

Working with people new to fly casting were Sue Bouck and John Gremmer. Both of them enjoy getting someone through casting basics and students appreciate their effective teaching methods. Those who wanted to work on advanced casting or a casting problem sought out Russ Bouck and Dan Harmon III. They both do this type of instruction well. I know, as both have helped me improve my casting.

Unlike years when we held this event in April or May, the weather this time was warm and sunny, perfect for the Kayak Clinic. Bob Haase and David Seligman from our chapter, along with Steve Heuser of Fox Valley TU, lead discussions and gave demonstrations in the park pond. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to learn firsthand not only basics but the fine points of rigging and using a fishing kayak. Kayaks were available to try out.

Our July meeting was hosted by John and Laura Tucker at their home on the Pine River. They have hosted the July meeting for some years now and it is always an enjoyable evening. This year they had a great idea for the meeting. All past presidents of the chapter were invited to attend, and 12 presidents were able to make the gathering. Many stories were told about the founding and early days of the chapter, which were instructive to current mem-

Chapter News



Coulee Region Chapter



Bob Burke

CENTRAL PRESIDENTS GATHER; MEMBERS HELP WITH SHOCKING

At a recent chapter meeting at John and Laura Tucker's house, past presidents were invited, and quite a few turned out.

Below, Central Chapter member Mike Niemczyk helps DNR staff by guiding an electro-shocking craft recently on the West Branch White River. The chapter is planning a restoration project on the stretch of river.



Mike Sandretto

bers.

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited was founded in the 1970's because of loss of trout habitat. A dam had been placed on a trout stream to form a lake for real estate development in Waushara County. It was interesting to learn that the chapter had been active in trout habitat protection and advocacy from its inception.

June and July workdays finished up restoration work started last year on Chaffee Creek. This involved conventional bank covers in some areas and use of large logs from downed trees to narrow the channel in other areas.

Our Conservation Chair Scott Bahn has managed workday operations for years, with some help from board member Chris Northway. He would get the equipment trailer to the worksite and prepare all meals. Scott will be spending most of his Saturdays for the next few years taking his daughters to traveling soccer tournaments. Those of us who did the set up for the August workday and prepared lunch realizes how much work Scott did planning, preparing a meal and keeping us all safe and hydrated. Thank you, Scott, for all your service on behalf of CWTU. Scott will continue to serve as Conservation Chair, write grants and serve on the board.

Our August workday brought us back to the complete process of stream restoration and how to approach it. We started working on a section of the West Branch of the White River. The property is a new DNR acquisition. The project

length is 3,800 feet and both sides are now public property.

There has never been any restoration done here before. Because of that Shawn Sullivan and Scott Bunde of the DNR concluded the logical place to start is with good baseline data. We rolled up our sleeves and helped them do just that. We assisted in an electrofishing event by helping with data collection and species identification. We were happily surprised by the number and size of trout recorded. Some restoration will be needed as there is much sand deposited in this section. Our workday was a hot one, as temperatures reached 90 degrees, and the water temperature was 58 degrees. This is truly special trout water.

As it gets a little cooler and the Wisconsin inland trout season winds down, are you starting to reminisce about off-season TU activities, like the banquets that happen in late winter and early spring? You don't have to wait, we hold our banquet in the fall. Join us October 10 at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel in Oshkosh for dinner, raffles, door prizes, live and silent auctions. And, of course, there may be a fishing story or two told. This is the same site Wisconsin TU has had a very successful annual meeting and banquet the last two years. They have great accommodations if you want to stay overnight. The ticket price is \$45. For tickets call Jeff Wegand at 920-290-4522 or email lbtucker1953@gmail.com.

—Mike San Dretto

Trout Fest took place on July 25 in Coon Valley. CRTU sponsored the kids fishing event, which saw more than 100 young people participate. We paid for fish that were stocked in the creek and also provided rods, tackle and bait to the kids. We also gave away prizes in the form of tackle, t-shirts and fishing rods. It was a warm and sunny day, but the fish were biting and the kids were smiling. Thanks to these volunteers who helped the event go so well: Eric Rauch, Jim Cox, Bob Hubbard, Steve Miller, Moe Amundson, Chris Amundson, Cy Post, Gavin Rees, and Curt Rees.

CRTU led fly casting and fly tying demonstrations at the Fall Festival for Grow La Crosse on

September 12. Grow La Crosse is an organization that encourages healthy activities for youth with a focus on outdoor experiences and nutrition.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Cozad's Driftless 1 Fly event, CRTU was able to support the purchase of equipment and supplies for a Trout in the Classroom project at the Innovations STEM Academy in the Sparta School District. Chris Amundson is the lead teacher for this project and will work with his students to raise trout in an effort to understand their life cycle and the importance of coldwater conservation.

—Curt Rees



Curt Rees

KIDS ENJOY FISHING AT COON CREEK TROUT FEST

The Coulee Chapter's Trout Fest made plenty of smiles this year.

Fox Valley Chapter

The Fox Valley Chapter has been involved in and with a number of activities this summer. These activities have included introducing youngsters to fishing and how to fish, youth fly tying, habitat work on several streams, and planning for the upcoming fall meetings.

Our June activities were highlighted in the July *Wisconsin Trout*, but there was another important activity that took place again this summer. Chapter member Sara Hans taught a summer school class at the Greenville Middle School that included assistance from our former chapter president Joe Bach. Joe presented information about insect identification and water monitoring. Joe also gave some flytying lessons and had the students tie their own flies.

A number of chapter members assisted with the Wisconsin TU Youth Camp in July. FVTU sponsored Jonathon Klingseisen, who was an enthusiastic student and is just as enthusiastic about fishing.

Habitat days this summer were held at two sites and were joint efforts with Central Wisconsin TU and the DNR. The June and July habitat days were on Chaffee Creek. The construction of overhead structures was the emphasis of the June work day, while the July workday was spent removing a number of fallen willows from the creek. The air temp was a bit warm, but working in the stream made the task al-

most enjoyable.

The August habitat day was on the West Branch of the White River near Wautoma. This is a stretch of river where habitat work may be completed in the future. The day was spent looking over the creek and the bank cover and included a very informative shocking demonstration. Some very nice brown trout were measured and released. There are some nice pictures on the CW-TU website.

Our final habitat day for 2014 was in September on the West Branch of the White River.

The chapter has also worked with the young men from the Rawhide Boys Ranch on Davies Creek. We had habitat days with the Rawhide crew in July and August, and since our first day back in April we have removed 6,640 feet of brush on one side of the creek. The brush was piled about fifty feet from the stream and will eventually be used for brush bundles that will be placed in the stream. The last work day of the year on Davies Creek was September 15, and we enhanced a path that leads from the parking lot to the creek.

Tom Lager and other chapter members attended the initial meeting of the Stream-bank Protection Program in August. The meeting was organized by the DNR and their Northeast Streams Team to answer questions and provide information to the landowners and other inter-



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FOX VALLEY TU MEMBERS HELPED WITH STREAM GIRLS EVENT

TU volunteers came from throughout the state, including the Fox River Valley Chapter, to help with this year's Stream Girls event.

ested individuals in northeast Wisconsin. Maps and detailed information were provided to those in attendance. Jonathan Pyatskowitz is the DNR point person for the program. Follow the progress of the program on the DNR website and on our website at foxvalleytu.org.

Our monthly chapter meetings started in September at the Capitol Centre in Appleton. The event was

a "Social Night," with a chance for members to share stories, pictures and videos of recent fishing trips.

We are planning our annual Cabin Fever Day fundraiser January 23, 2016 at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. Watch our website for details. Also, check out the rest of our website, including the fly-tying section created by Duane Velie.

—Rich Erickson

Frank Hornberg Chapter

Members of the Hornberg Chapter have been on the water this summer, doing rehabilitation work on the Tomorrow River. In June we had our annual river cleanup day, working with the Friends of the Tomorrow/Waupaca River. We re-

trieved many interesting items from the river and cleared the river of downed trees and other obstructions.

In July we had a work day on the Welton Road section of the river near Nelsonville, repairing some

previous stream-narrowing structures. A total of 19 persons attended this work day, so we accomplished much in just three hours. Several members of the local Isaac Walton League Chapter helped us, and we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Loretta Peck provided a hot lunch. She received many compliments from the hungry workers.

In August we had a work evening at the intersection of the Tomorrow River and Stedman Creek, where we removed some remains of a previous rehabilitation effort. We expect to finish this project in another work evening this summer.

Our chapter has a new location for our monthly board meetings. In

June we started using a meeting room in the SentryWorld complex adjacent to the Sentry Insurance headquarters in Stevens Point. We may use the same facility for our 2016 winter public meetings.

The winner of the chapter's \$250 scholarship for the 2015 Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Youth Fishing Camp was Noah Ostrowski of Amherst. James Peck was the winner of a \$95 scholarship for the chapter's own 2015 Fly-Fishing School. We congratulate both of them.

Our chapter's newsletter, Frank Talk, is now available in PDF format from our website, www.hornberg-tu.org.

—John Vollrath

Green Bay Chapter

The last quarterly report Green Bay Trout Unlimited (GBTU) submitted, we were just beginning our work project season by repainting a covered bridge on our Trout Trail in the Green Bay Reforestation Camp outside of Green Bay. In June we held our second work project of the summer. 12 GBTU volunteers teamed with the Peshtigo DNR to brush bundle the Upper South Branch of the Oconto River. This project was particularly special because we worked with two habitat improvement Limited-Term Employees that our chapter helped fund: Colton Zdroik and Ben Thome.

For the third work project of the season GBTU scheduled a two-day event. On Friday, July 17 three GBTU volunteers joined with four members of the U.S. Forest Service, led by Tom Moris, and three members of the Oconto River Chapter for brush bundling, channel narrowing and stream-bank reconstruction on the Upper North Branch of the Oconto River.

In July 11 GBTU members, along with members of the Nicolet Sportsmen Club, Oconto Trout Unlimited and DNR's Jonathan Pyatskowitz got together to build a "point bar" on the North Branch of the Oconto River. This was upstream from Hwy C, on the south side of Wabeno. Nicolet Sportmen Club

members Al Pichotte and his wife supplied lunch.

GBTU's fourth work project of the season was in August. Twelve GBTU members combined with members of the Oconto, Wolf River and Southeast TU chapters, as well as the DNR, for brush bundling on Ninemile Creek in Langlade County, a Wolf River tributary. The creek had gotten overrun with beaver dams several years ago. This caused it to become too warm, stagnant and silted for trout. Projects to improve Ninemile have been going on for more than 10 years. Firmly securing these bundles into the sides of the channel will increase flow, narrow and deepen the stream, lower temperatures and help with the natural flushing of silt.

On June 27-28 GBTU members Dan Simmons and Adrian Meseberg, plus three more volunteers, teamed to up to teach about a dozen Green Bay area youth about fly tying and fishing. The event was held at Dan's cabin on the Pike River. The pattern we tied was Bob Haase's Emu Bugger. Nearly all the kids caught fish on the flies they tied.

In July GBTU Education Chair Dave Ostanek taught an outdoor pursuits class at Green Bay Edison Middle School. The kids learned about coldwater macro-invertebrates, tied wooly buggers and

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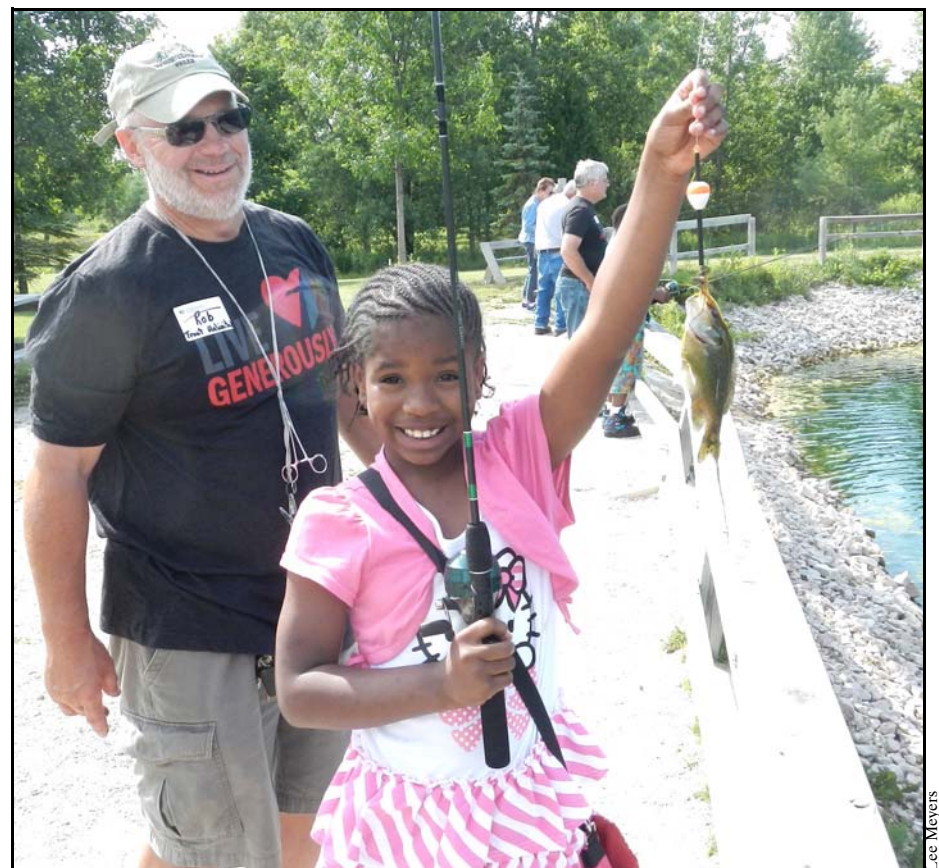
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BLUEGILLS BREED HAPPINESS

Rob Zeratsky and a happy young lady at the Kids Fishing Day July 8, which involved several organizations including GBTU.

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Dan Simmons

TEACHING YOUTH A NEW "VISE"

GBTU President Adrian Meseberg teaches a group of kids how to tie flies during a nice day along the Pike River.

learned how to cast. Dozens of kids were involved. GBTU president Adrian Meseberg was able to lend a helping hand.

Kids Fishing Day was on July 8, and GBTU joined several groups to help 65-70 Brown County Kids learn to fish. About a dozen GBTU volunteers helped with the event. Funding for the fishing bait, refreshments, fruit and snacks was provided via a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant. More than 120 plates of food was served. We went through all 250 night crawlers that were cut in 3 pieces (750 pieces of worms), and then two dozen each of leeches and minnows. Bluegills, sunfish, trout and a turtle or two were caught. GBTU work project chair Lee Meyers was once again the leader of this long-running event.

In August four members of GBTU helped lend a hand on a fishing outing with the Green Bay Squires church group. Bill Walton, Mike Renish, Dave Ostanek and Jack Koivisto shared their knowledge with 10 youngsters. The event was held at the Izaak Walton League Ponds. Lunch was provided.

On July 31, after lots of planning and paperwork, GBTU kicked off its Project Healing Waters campaign. Our project chair is Paul Kruse. His commitment, Mike Kuhr's guidance, a fantastic group of volunteers, several eager veterans and a very supporting cast at the

new Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in Green Bay have us feeling quite optimistic about this opportunity. We have put forth an agenda that includes the teaching of four different fly patterns, casting and possibly rod building. We will have another meeting in a few days before starting the program next month. There will be more to come.

GBTU recently came into an estimated 1,500-1,700 flies through the generous donations of the Larry Gavin and Don Larmouth estates. Several chapter members spent many hours filtering and arranging. Many of these are high quality and our chapter is selling them for half the price you would expect to pay. Please contact Doug Seidl at 920-309-0703 or email him at DougS@corphdq.com to find a time to stop by and purchase some.

Please do not hesitate to visit our amazing website at greenbaytu.org for the latest news, recent stories, an incredible photo gallery and much more. Mike Renish has done an incredible job with the construction and management of the site. Content management is contributed from Randy Rake and Adrian Meseberg.

Last May, newly elected GBTU board member Matt Norem took over as membership chair. With our past two membership chairs in different states, we are experimenting with some new approaches. It will

be fun moving forward implementing new ideas. Thank you Matt for stepping up, and thanks to Randy Rake for his help.

GBTU secretary John Duechert recently moved to West Bend. John was always a very active chapter

member and, more than that, a great friend. We will definitely miss him on work projects and in our chapter meetings. Best of luck, John.

—Adrian Meseberg

Harry & Laura Nohr Chapter

We had a work day in July on the Blue River at Snow Bottom Road, installing two stiles and trimming out many box elder trees.

Long-time member Chuck Steudel passed away on June 29. Chuck was a founding member of our chapter and for decades was a leading voice for the protection of the coldwater resources in southwest Wisconsin. In August we dedicated a bench in Chuck's memory at the Big Spring parking area. There was

a lunch provided and time to meet the family and share memories of times spent with Chuck.

The Six Mile Branch stream restoration project is approximately half finished. We will be moving on to the section of Blue River off She-mack Road by the end of the month. Work on Pompey Pillar Creek may be delayed until next year due to timing delays in permitting.

—Brian Larson

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter

This past summer Kiap-TU-Wish continued its engagement with regional dam-related issues and stream restoration projects, sponsored the chapter's first-ever participant to the WITU Youth Fishing Camp, and strengthened its community connections.

For several decades, Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers have been monitoring the water temperature downstream of the Little Falls Dam in Willow River State Park. Due to the recent dam evaluation and draw-down, Kiap decided that it would be a good time to install new temperature loggers in the Willow River. Chapter members Gary Horvath and John Kaplan installed the loggers at three sites originally established by long-time member Chuck Goosen.

The loggers will capture the current water temperature and the data can be compared to the data originally gathered by Chuck. These monitoring efforts are all the more pertinent as the existing dam is now scheduled for replacement. Evaluation of the existing dam began this past spring, and due to issues such as inoperable gates, seepage and poor foundations, it has been scheduled for removal.

A new dam that will release cold, sub-surface water is scheduled for construction on the same site. In preparation for the new dam, the flowage is being drawn down slowly. Frequent rain events have caused the water level behind the dam to fluctuate, however, and so a section of the dam will be removed in order to help the lake bed behind the dam firm and stabilize.

In addition to Kiap's monitoring efforts on this popular trout fishery within the St. Croix River basin, the USGS has begun to monitor the Willow River's flow rate. The USGS flow rate information can be found on the USGS website: <http://water-data.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=flow>.

On the Kinnickinnic River in River Falls, we continue to follow the city's hydropower facility relicensing effort. As recommended by the chapter and other community groups, the city solicited stakeholder input to help select a firm that will analyze sediment deposited behind both dams that comprise the hydropower facility. The city decided to go with the stakeholder recommendation of Inter-Fluve, a company with experience in multiple dam removals.

Work is under way, mapping the sediment and calculating its volume. Once this data is complete, Inter-Fluve will meet with the DNR to work out a sampling plan. Samples will be used to characterize and quantify any contamination that may be present. This plan will be presented to stakeholders prior to taking any samples. The city also submitted a relicensing extension request and took public comments until September 21.

Restoration project efforts continued throughout the summer, despite torrential rains and some equipment problems. The upper



Maria Manton

CASTING AT THE SHINDIG

Kiap TU's Margaret LaBien offers casting instruction to an aspiring angler at the recent "Old Martell Schoolhouse Shindig."

Trimbelle River watershed, the site of Kiap's multi-year restoration effort, received more than two feet of rain from May through August, including numerous rainfall events with more than two inches in one day.

While the heavy rains delayed the start of work on the Trudeau stretch of the Trimbelle, the chapter was pleased to see that previous Trimbelle project efforts held up well. Since the rains have eased, more than 500 feet of stream work



NORH CHAPTER PLACES STEUDEL MEMORIAL BENCH

Chuck Steudel's daughter and wife joined members of the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter place a memorial bench at the Big Spring parking lot.



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Tom Schnadt

KIAP'S WORK CREW NETS A HAUL OF TIRES ON THE TRIMBELLE

Randy Arnold, Kiap's volunteer coordinator, organized a crew to pick up tires on the Trimabelle River. Two canoes and three hours of work yielded 42 tires (1200 lbs). Chapter member Dan Wilcox donated his truck and trailer to haul the tires to Pierce County Recycling Center.

has been completed on the Trudeau stretch.

DNR Fisheries Biologist and Trout Habitat Coordinator John Sours and the DNR stream crew incorporated rock, LUNKER structures, boulder clusters, logs and root wads into the stream habitat. LUNKER structures were built by chapter volunteers, while a crew from Fairmount Santrol helped with mulching and seeding. John expects the Trudeau stretch to be completed this fall.

The chapter is also happy to report that the native prairie seed planted on the 2014 reach of the upper Trimabelle project germinated and is growing well. Many milkweed plants grew from seed donated by Monarch Watch in order to provide increased habitat for Monarch butterflies.

An unexpected project effort took place in mid-July when chapter member Mike Spittler alerted us about tires that appeared in the Trimabelle after the spring rains. Randy Arnold, Kiap's volunteer coordinator, organized a crew to pick up the tires. Two canoes and three hours of work yielded 42 tires weighing 1,200 pounds. Chapter member Dan Wilcox donated his truck and trailer to haul the tires to Pierce County Recycling Center.

We were proud to sponsor a student at the WITU Youth Fishing

Camp. Fourteen-year-old Joe Duncan attended the July camp in Wild Rose. He was very positive and enthusiastic about his camp experience and was asked to attend next year as a youth instructor.

On a sunny day in August, Kiap-TU-Wish teamed up with Friends of the Old Martell Schoolhouse for a day-long event featuring fly-fishing demonstrations and instruction combined with poetry readings and performances by local musicians. Thirty-two participants completed the four fly-fishing segments and earned a set of flies.

A hearty thanks to Loren Haas for organizing the clinic and to chapter volunteers who introduced a new audience to coldwater conservation and fly fishing. Friends of the Old Martell Schoolhouse raised \$600 from the event, which will go toward the restoration of the schoolhouse.

Upcoming Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Junior's Bar and Restaurant, 414 South Main St., River Falls. Check our website for scheduled speakers and presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please join us if you can.

Thanks to Tom Henderson, Tom Schnadt, Dan Wilcox and Gary Horvath for their contributions to this article.

—*Maria Manion*

Lakeshore Chapter

The Lakeshore Chapter has some very exciting news for both the Onion River, as well as the Mullet River dam removal project. Big news first. The Mullet River dam at Camp Evelyn is being removed in December or January, if all goes as planned. Lakeshore TU and various groups have secured more than \$50,000 for the project and it will begin once the millpond is drained. Drawings and other engineering work is in progress. Once the dam is removed, we will wait a full year to allow the river to find its natural path, and we will then make an assessment of what work will be done.

Lakeshore TU has installed temperature gauges to monitor water temps and they will be in for an entire year. Larry Doebert is Lakeshore's wizard with stream restoration and has informed me that plunge pools and other minimal work will be all that's needed for the project. It will still take money and a lot of hard work. All projects of this

magnitude take time and patience.

One of the challenges with the Mullet will be securing easements with private landowners. Larry and I have discussed the idea of creating an informational binder that we can give to landowners, so they will understand our plans.

Sir Lancelot Golf Course is completely on board with the project, and have offered us basically everything from access to the river to boulders and rocks for the river. They even told us not to worry about any damage that might occur from machinery. They said they will fix it.

We owe a huge thanks to Larry Doebert, who has been working on this for more than 20 years. He has made all the contacts and made this entire project possible. Thank you, Larry. You are an amazing steward for Trout Unlimited. Want more info? Want to get involved? Feel free to call me at 773-308-6156 or Larry Doebert at 920-917-4389.

In the second bit of good news, Travis Motl has informed me that he has some set-aside funds for brushwork below the Highway U bridge, essentially where the Onion River Project stops. I've heard rumors of some big fish down there. Once the brushing work is done in the spring of 2016, those trout will have a few more places to live.

The Onion River stream work done during the past few years has greatly increased fish populations in the areas restored. We've heard rumors of some very big fish being caught this year.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who has helped me with my job as president of Lakeshore TU. No, I'm not quitting or going away just yet, but I want to

thank all the chapter members, as they are tireless and very helpful and open to ideas. Thank you, Lakeshore.

I would also like to thank SEWTU. Jim Wierzba and his entire chapter are beyond amazing. During the past few years Lakeshore and SEWTU have developed a much closer relationship with projects and issues that face our chapters. I'm sure SEWTU will be instrumental in the Mullet River Project. An example of their dedication was last year when they showed up for an Onion River work day with about 40 volunteers. Thank you, SEWTU.

I hope everyone had a great season and caught lots of big fish.

—*Gordy Martin*

Marinette County Chapter

Several kids fishing days were held in the Marinette area this summer. A youth fishing day was held in May at the Coleman-Pound Area. The Marinette City Recreation Department and our chapter teamed up with the local Wings Over Wisconsin chapter to host their Kids Fishing Day in June. The Peshtigo Kids Fishing Day was supported by the Peshtigo Recreation Department, Peshtigo Lions Club, Marinette County Trout Unlimited, and Strike King Fishing Lures. All of the youth fishing days were well attended. The events were considered a success and partnering with other groups will most likely continue in the future.

In June members of our chapter participated in the 1st Annual Family Recreation Day in Menominee, Michigan. We gave presentations on fly-fishing equipment, fly casting, and fly tying. The public enjoyed the opportunity to cast their first fly rod. More than 4,000 people showed up for the event.

In August our chapter gave a presentation to the Stephenson Public Library for its Family Night Program: "Environmental Heroes." Topics included: What is Trout Unlimited and what do they do? Why are coldwater resources important to all of us? What do trout need to survive? The highlight of the night for the children was looking at macroinvertebrates that were collected from a local stream. About 20 people attended.

For a second year, our chapter will sponsor TU memberships to local libraries, including Spies Library in Menominee, Michigan, the Peshtigo Library, and the Wausaukee Library. The Stephenson Public Library in Marinette reported sufficient utilization of the Trout magazine to purchase their own membership. Our hope is that we continue to reach people that might not otherwise know about Trout Unlimited.

—*Doug Erdmann*

Northwoods Chapter

This summer, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Wisconsin DNR, the Northwoods Chapter improved more than a half mile of Alvin Creek, a tributary of Brule Creek. This creek was identified as a priority by the resource agencies last fall after an assessment of the stream was conducted following the removal of a waterfowl impoundment.

It was determined that with a little work, our partnership could improve the spawning habitat and increase the carrying capacity of the creek and, in turn, improve the water quality in Brule Creek downstream. Over the course of three days in July our volunteers assisted USFS and DNR biologists and technicians create brush bundles to narrow the stream. This increases



NORTHWOODS CHAPTER ALVIN CREEK WORK CREW

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velocity and deepens the channel to reduce water temperatures.

This project was funded in part through a grant provided by Friends of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Thank you to Friends of Wisconsin TU and our dedicated chapter members.

With summer coming to an end, the Northwoods Chapter will re-

sume monthly meetings in Eagle River at the Blue Heron Restaurant/Wild Eagle Lodge. If you wish to receive updates and invitations to our events, please contact Laura MacFarland at lauramacfarland@gmail.com to be added to our e-newsletter mailing list.

—Laura MacFarland

Oconto River Chapter

Our chapter continued to work on stream projects with the Green Bay, Marinette and Wolf River chapters. This year's projects include brushing, bundling and structure rehab work on the South Branch of the Oconto, North Branch of the Oconto and Nine Mile Creek.

We manned a booth at the Oconto County Youth Fair in August, displaying a "Trout-in-the-Classroom" setup, complete with chiller and live trout, which was donated by the Lakewood Fish Hatchery. The TIC setup will be taken to Pulaski High School, which is the seventh school in the area to install and utilize the Trout in the Classroom curriculum. Green Bay Chapter will share in the costs and administration of the Pulaski TIC. The chapter ran a summer cash raffle to help pay for the equipment.

In September we held a fishing day at Woodlands Village, a nursing facility in Suring Wisconsin. Residents were treated to a couple hours of fishing fun. Chapter members, along with the Suring Fire Department set up a portable fish tank. Members help the residents fish, then clean the trout for a fish fry at

a later date.

In August, chapter members participated in a northern and small mouth eradication event on the Oconto River. Eleven adults and grandkids enjoyed a morning on the river trying to catch northern, the biggest enemy of small trout in the lower reaches of the Oconto system. Members clean the catch and everyone shares in a fish fry afterwards. Bluegill fillets were served to those who didn't catch a northern. Tom Klatt organizes the event and is the official in charge of weighing and measuring the entries.

The annual handicapped fishing day was in September at Brunner's Pond in Underhill. Participants were treated to a picnic lunch before fishing for "the big one." Fish caught are cleaned and sent along with the anglers for a fish fry at their home. Details of the event will be shared in the next *Wisconsin Trout*.

Our membership meetings are held monthly, excluding May and November, on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Lone Oak Gun club just North of Gillett starting at 7 p.m.

—Dale Halla

Shaw-Paca Chapter

After a summer that seemed to zip by way too fast, the ShawPaca Chapter is excited to resume meetings and is planning to kick off the season with some excellent presenters. Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/shawpacatu> to stay updated on when and where these meetings will take place.

The chapter is also planning on hosting a couple "themed" tying nights, which will revolve around a

particular fish species. Guests are encouraged to bring their vise and materials for their favorite flies for that night's particular species. Again, more info can be found as the time nears on our Facebook page.

The chapter's meetings will once again be held the third Thursday of each month at Matthew's Supper Club in Clintonville at 7 p.m.

—Nate Sipple

Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter

It's been a busy summer for the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter. We've had several productive workdays, and we've also been very active running educational workshops, classes and clinics. As the summer winds down we will continue to organize workdays and outreach opportunities for members and the general public. Our monthly chapter meetings resume in September after the summer hiatus.

SEWTU Chapter meetings are held at Thunder Bay Grill, at the intersection of I-94 and Highway 164 in Pewaukee. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. In September our guest speaker was Hank Patterson, the nationally recognized fly-fishing humorist. It was nice to kick off our fall schedule with a few laughs. Thanks to Taylor Todd, Abby Mertz and our membership committee for their hard work planning this evening.

Our SEWTU Habitat Fundraiser is Tuesday, October 27 at the New

Berlin Hills Golf Club, 13175 W. Graham Street in New Berlin. The event starts at 6 p.m. and will take the place of our October chapter meeting. There will be food, plenty of opportunities for socializing, raffle prizes, a door prize and a silent auction. All of the funds raised from the evening will be used for future stream restoration projects. Thanks to Stan Strelka, Jim Weirzba and our fundraising committee for organizing this event.

SEWTU members also organized, participated in, and assisted with several workdays this summer. In June, SEWTU joined the Aldo Leopold TU Chapter for a workday at Tainter Creek in Vernon County. Scott Allen of Aldo Leopold TU, and Jason Freund of SEWTU organized this day. Members from both chapters cleared willow saplings and brush from the stream banks. These efforts were part of a beaver dam removal project and will provide stream access and discourage future beaver colonization of the stream.



Boyd Roessler

SEWTU'S SECOND FAMILY DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

SEWTU held its second annual Family Day at Paradise Springs Creek in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Approximately 20 children, along with their families, participated in a variety of activities that included kick-netting, aquatic insect identification and streambed improvement.

This workday was combined with the SEWTU Driftless Region fishing trip. Many members from the Aldo Leopold TU and SEWTU chapters camped at the West Fork Sports Club at Avalanche and spent the weekend fishing the many streams of the area.

Our July work day, planned by Rick Larkin and Ken Rizzo, was held at Rosenow Creek near Oconomowoc. A large group of volunteers raked elodea from the stream channel and removed a large logjam to increase stream flow. Several DNR personnel, led by Ben Heussener, were also on hand to assist with the stream work. The DNR conducted a demonstration of a stream electro-shocking survey. Many native brook trout representing several age classes were discovered in the stream.

In August we held our second annual SEWTU Family Day at Paradise Springs Creek in the Southern Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest. SEWTU members Henry Koltz and Logan Ambrookian, along with DNR biologist Ben Heussener, organized this event.

Approximately 20 children, along with their families, participated in a variety of activities that included kick-netting, aquatic insect identification and streambed improvement. Families also observed a stream-shocking demonstration by the DNR and enjoyed a cookout at the park shelter after the busy morning. This was a very successful day and it was great to see the enthusiasm and engagement displayed by the children and their families.

Jason Freund of our habitat committee organized our September workday at Whitewater Creek, where we cut and removed brush and installed "biologs" to narrow the channel of the stream and increase flow velocity.

SEWTU members have also been busy with education and outreach this summer. In July Education Committee Chair Rick Frye organized and led four classes that were sponsored by the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee. Several members assisted Rick in classes that covered casting, stream entomology, fishing and fly tying. For many of the attendees, it was their first experience fishing and casting and several inquired about becoming SEWTU members.

SEWTU also sponsored its annual Casting Clinic at Greenfield Park in July. Stan Strelka, Jay Zawerschnik and Chuck Beeler provided beverages and prepared food. Other members provided casting instruction. It was a great way to spend a summer evening.

Other summer events planned and led by SEWTU members include a fishing clinic at Rushing Waters Trout Fisheries in July led by Jay Zawerschnik, Pete Pritzloff, and Larry Wirth. In addition, George Batcha continues to lead SEWTU Project Healing Waters outreach programs. These efforts include fishing outings and fly-tying classes and workshops for area veterans.

Our chapter also has some early fall education opportunities planned. The Oak Creek Community Center fly-tying classes resume in



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September. Greg Schick organizes this for our chapter. Cory Widmayer and other members of the 5 Rivers Council for TU at Carroll University held two afternoon casting clinics in late September. The casting lessons are open to anyone college age or younger.

SEWTU is fortunate to have so

many members that are active and willing to take leadership and organizational roles for workdays, education and outreach events. We also have many wonderful volunteers that are willing to donate their time helping these events run smoothly.

—Boyd Roessler

Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Summer! Full of vacations, travel, fishing trips and fun. SWTU and its members had plenty of that, but it all kicked off with a terrifically busy June. The second Saturday in June was our annual Special Needs Fishing Day. John Schweiger once again led this effort to organize volunteers, equipment, food and more so that our guests, caregivers and family members could enjoy a lovely day on the water, catching fish.

June also saw another set of Wisconsin Women's Flyfishing Clinics, which we are so proud to support. We had a great turnout for both the beginner's clinic and the more advanced "on the water" session. These clinics make a huge difference for the attendees and we are so thankful for the passionate leadership of Tina Murray in making these a wonderful reality. The clinics for 2016 are already set, so visit swtu.org and click on "Activities" and then "Women's Fly Fishing Clinics" to learn more and register. You can

also join the community by searching for "Wisconsin Women's Flyfishing Clinics" on Facebook.

From looking back to looking forward, it's going to be a busy fall and winter, starting with some terrific events in Mazomanie on September 19 that we'll share much more on in the next issue. We also have regular chapter meetings and four stream workdays we'd love to see you at. And looking just a bit farther ahead, be sure to mark January 16 for our annual Icebreaker event. We're excited to have Jeff Currier as our featured speaker. Jeff, a noted angler and expert, has caught 300 species of fish on the fly and you've probably seen or heard him on your TV or radio.

Stop by swtu.org for more, including news of our fall stream workdays. You can also stay in touch by finding us on Facebook.

—Drew Kasel



Project Green Teen

PROJECT GREEN TEENS LEARN AND EXPLORE

Project Green Teen students from Shabazz High School in Madison spread out on a beautiful slope for streamside ecology and exploration. The kneeling gentleman helping examine stream samples is Mike Miller, stream ecologist with the Wisconsin DNR.

Wild Rivers Chapter

The Wild Rivers Chapter was involved with some great events this summer, beginning with participation at Kids Fishing Day at both the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center and the Pike River Hatchery in Bayfield. We helped the kids cast to trout in the ponds at both facilities. There were demonstrations of laughter and excitement from the kids, and lots of ducking from backcasts and untangling of lines and helping kids get fish off the hooks by the volunteers.

I think all the volunteers enjoyed the event almost as much as the kids, because it's so great to see kids get excited about catching fish. Plenty of fish were caught and re-

leased back to the ponds, and no hooks found their way into anything but fish jaws. That's a successful day by any measurement standard.

Volunteers at the events included Dick Berge, Bill Heart, Chuck Campbell, Jim Emerson and Rolland Kiel. Bill Heart demonstrated mad skills at untangling multiple bobber and hook outfits in record time.

We've had a couple nice chapter meetings in the southern part of our geography. We had a bratwurst roast and trout fishing outing on the Namekagon, and recently had a day of bass and musky fishing before our chapter meeting at Farmstead Creamery near Hayward, which was

so far off the beaten path that few of us could find it again if we had to. Thanks to Kelly McKnight for planning the Namekagon Meeting and Jason Stewart for putting the bass/musky/Farmstead Creamery meeting together.

On a side note, member Peter Freiburger caught a nearly 40-inch musky in an unusual circumstance. As the story goes, Pete was retrieving an 11-inch bass on six-pound test line on an ultralight setup, and the musky decided he wanted the bass more than Pete did. The musky never felt the sting of a hook, but thanks to the stealth of net man Jason Stewart, the musky and bass were landed in short order.

Members of the chapter also met with Allison Werner of the River Alliance of Wisconsin in August. Allison is helping the chapter develop a strategic plan for how we will move ahead in conserving, protecting and restoring coldwater fisheries and their watersheds within the geography of the Wild Rivers Chapter. We are still in the process of forming our planning committee, and Bob Traczyk has agreed to serve as chair.

Wisconsin Clear Waters

On October 1 Bob Swanson, our president for the last three years, retired into his next career. We want to thank Bob for all the effort and talent he donated. We wish him the best in his future, including his favorite activity — walleye fishing.

Al Noll of Menomonie took over as president. His past involvement in TU includes six years as a member and three on the board of directors. He has worked on restoration projects, emphasizing the idea of maintaining trout streams after restoration work is completed.

Other officer positions expected to be nominated at the October 6 meeting include nominating Treasurer Dave Zoellick to another term and Mike Shanley to the position of secretary. Gib MaGaw is resigning his position as a board member and secretary, while Rick Bauer will also be resigning from the board.

In July the big earthmoving equipment came back to Gilbert Creek. This project has been in various phases during the past five years, starting with removal of box elder trees. Rock has been staged for about a year. By the end of July the digging and restoration work had again been initiated. In August chapter members worked on the LUNKER structures. This included assembly and placement in the stream bank. By the time you read this, we hope this phase of Gilbert Creek restoration is completed.

The good news is two adjacent easements have been initiated to provide a network of trout water connected to the section just completed. These sites will also be south of Highway 29, downstream from the highway bridge.

Our chapter has had ongoing concerns regarding deterioration of previously restored streams. To maintain prior Gilbert Creek improvement efforts, chapter funds were provided to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that support the mowing of stream banks on previously improved sections.

We have funded approximately \$2,400 for the DNR to catch and relocate trout in western Wisconsin. The process is to shock the trout and move them to more desirable

TU national is encouraging chapters to develop strategic plans, so we are excited to be working with Allison in developing ours.

Several chapter members have been working to engage with DNR fisheries managers to get connected to habitat projects in the area. Chuck Campbell and Rolland Kiel toured a severe log jam on the upper Pikes Creek in Bayfield. The log jam is so severe that fish passage is severely restricted. We are eager to see how our chapter can help with the removal of the log jam as the DNR takes action.

Jason Stewart has met with Max Wolter, DNR fisheries manager in Sawyer County. Max has some beaver dam removal work that our chapter can get involved with. The dams were removed this year, but the next steps of habitat work are in the plans for 2016, and Max is excited to have Wild Rivers chapter partner in this work. Thanks to Jason and to Chuck Campbell for reaching out to these fisheries managers for habitat projects.

—Bob Rice

locations. In general, trout that are stunted and overpopulated are moved to a location where there is room to grow.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout was privileged to provide a three-week workshop focused on fisheries science and aquaculture to four undergraduate students from Shanghai Ocean University in China. They were provided hands-on introductions and field research throughout Wisconsin. This included a visit to Gilbert Creek in Dunn County.

With the students was an intern from Brazil, their mentor from the Shanghai Ocean University in China, Dr. Li, and their Stout coordinator, Michael Bessert. Dale Dahlke of WCWTU toured the restoration site with them. He was able to demonstrate searching for insects and pointed out the construction and location of the LUNKER structures. The DNR's Nate Anderson discussed the planning and process of excavation at the site. Although these were students in fisheries, they are not learning this as a recreational subject. None of them had ever picked up a rod and reel.

Gary Welch, Joe Knight, Dale Dahlke and Mike Shanley conducted fly tying, fly casting and fishing for the Beaver Creek Youth Fishing Event. Mike Shanley also represented WCWTU at the WITU Youth Fishing Camp held at Pine Lake, Waushara County.

Monthly meetings will be held again at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club, which include presentations and discussions regarding the chapter. October 8 will be the first monthly meeting of the chapter's 2015-16 meeting season.

An opportunity is available to WCWTU members as the State Council will hold their quarterly state meeting on Saturday, October 24 in Eau Claire.

The WCWTU annual banquet will be held in Eau Claire on March 31, 2016. Please consider attending, as we again will be offering a silent auction of fishing gear, live auctions of guided trips and a bucket raffle. We again want to highlight the potential for members to donate previ-

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ously used trout fishing equipment. This provides funds to the chapter and the opportunity for new anglers

to pursue fishing.
—Al Noll

Wisconsin River Valley Chapter

The second half of summer was fairly quiet for the chapter, besides the Prairie River project. This past winter, a considerable amount of rock was staged for placing this summer and into 2016. The project got going once the weather cooperated and results were quickly noticed with deeper holes and winter holding areas. Silty areas have been scoured, improving habitat.

Our chapters' formal board meeting reconvened in September. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the VFW Hanger

Lounge in Wausau.

In September we hosted a Prairie River Brushing work day on the County "H" section, not far outside the hamlet of Parrish, in Langlade County. Big thanks to John Meachen for handling the bulk of the logistics and food preparation for the hungry crew. Another thanks goes to Joe Krznarich for the initial work in setting up this work day.

We hope you all had a wonderful fishing season. Tight lines.
—Doug Brown

Wolf River Chapter

Our General Membership Meeting will be held at the White Lake Community Center October 10 at 10 a.m. Please visit WolfRiver-TU.org for our agenda.

In August chapter members Andy Killoren and Tim Waters hosted our Nine Mile Creek work day, along with the Green Bay Chapter. Numerous chapters from throughout the state were represented. We started at East Hollister Road. A small crew worked downriver cleaning up past brushing, and a large crew worked upriver. When the work was finished, we met for a fine lunch of brats in Langlade.

We are closely monitoring the potential for DNR land sales in eastern Langlade County. There are 13 properties for sale in Langlade County, including five in the Hunting River watershed and one each on the Evergreen River, Spring Creek, South Branch Ocotno River, and Rabe Creek. The Hunting River has documented naturally reproducing browns and brookies, and this news poses grave concerns for our coldwater resources in the Wolf

River watershed.

I talked at length with Doug Haag, deputy director of the DNR's Bureau of Facilities and Land/Land Division. The DNR is in the process of reviewing these lands. It is important to note that the springs offered for sale will be offered to the county. If the county refuses, the DNR will retain those parcels. If they are sold to the county, there will be deed restrictions to keep those lands public.

Explorations of Wolf River feeder streams has uncovered four sizable creeks that are currently dammed by beaver. Two of these are on state land. Brook trout have been documented on all four, and brown trout on two. The DNR has been notified.

We are currently working with our trapper Duane Fronick to clear two new beaver colonies on the upper reaches of Nine Mile Creek. We are hoping to get the remaining beavers trapped before November.
—Tim Waters



Tim Waters

GATHERING FOR A WOLF RIVER CHAPTER WORK DAY

Volunteers from several chapters helped Wolf River TU with its Nine Mile Creek work day. They started at East Hollister Road. A small crew worked downriver cleaning up past brushing, and a large crew worked upriver.

Oak Brook Chapter (Illinois)

The Oak Brook Illinois Chapter of Trout Unlimited (OBTU) approved the chapter's proposed 2016 conservation activities at the August board of directors meeting. "Besides continued TUDARE funding, we plan to return to Farmers Valley Creek in Sparta, Wisconsin, and to begin support of Weister Creek in the Driftless Area," said Conservation Committee Chair Rick Ralph. "The Conservation Committee is also stepping up to lead conservation

advocacy and identify work opportunities for chapter members."

The chapter recently decided on 2016 conservation activities and funding because our 2016 fiscal year actually begins in October, 2015. We also need to make commitments now so the various project managers can commence their planning for next year. OBTU's support is in the form of money donated to directly support TUDARE general operations.



Oak Brook TU

OAK BROOK CHAPTER SUPPORTS FARMERS VALLEY CREEK RESTORATION

This section of the Farmers Valley Creek near Sparta was restored in 2014 with the support of Oak Brook TU volunteer and financial support.

Farmers Valley Creek in Sparta, Wisconsin will continue to receive both OBTU volunteer and financial support in 2016. Stream restoration work began in 2014 will continue next year with the installation of LUNKER structures and bank restoration work to reduce both soil erosion and phosphorus discharge within the city. Our financial contribution will be leveraged to get a large government grant. We also plan at least one work day for this project in 2016.

Weister Creek begins a new and

expanded role for OBTU in Vernon County, Wisconsin. The project is a long-term effort that is expected to quadruple the fish population in this important tributary to the Kickapoo River, in the heart of Wisconsin's Driftless Area. Our contribution is financial. All work is done by contractors on government-owned land that comprises the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Government funding is leveraged by private funding such as that from OBTU.

—Jim Schmiedeskamp

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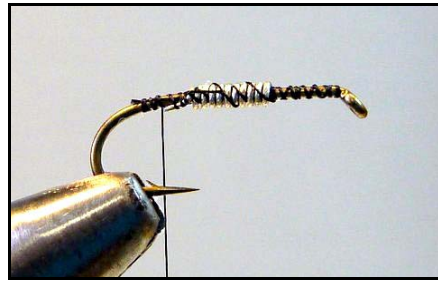
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Legendary Pass Lake a great pattern

By Dick Berge

The Pass Lake, popularized by former WITU leader Larry Meicher, can be fished as a dry fly or a wet fly. The pattern used here is wet, in that it is a weighted fly. It works best when cast toward shoreline cover or sweepers in the stream and then worked back with short jerks. You should keep the rod tip low and pointed at the fly to be ready for the strike and immediate hook set. This is an excellent brookie fly for the Upper Brule River. The white wing is important for visibility but should be kept sparse. You can also fish it downstream as a streamer along cover. Though principally a brookie fly, don't be surprised if a wise old brown trout whacks it.



Step 1: Wrap hook shank with thread



Step 2: If weighted version, wrap shank with .010 or .015 lead wire. Wrap thread over lead and back to bend. Tie in tail.



Step 3: Tie 3-5 strands of peacock herl to the top of the hook shank and move thread to the front quarter of the hook.



Step 4 - Wrap peacock herl forward, building up the body. Tie off and snip off waste.



Step 5: Tie in the wing of calf. Keep the wing sparse and allow plenty of room for the hackle and head wraps.



Step 6 - Tie in the brown hackle



Step 7 - Wrap the hackle, tie off and trim. Whip finish the head and glue it

There is such a place

It is one of life's Greatest challenges: To find a place Where we belong. There is one place I find that feeling: Standing in a river, The pull of current Upon my legs, The contact of gravel Beneath my boots... Everything assuring me Here I truly belong

From the book "A Poet's gift to Anglers," by Dan Holland. For copies contact Dan at dholand@coredcs.com

MATERIALS LIST

Pass Lake

- Hook: Mustad 9761 #8-14 (or equivalent)
- Thread: black 8/0
- Weight: .015 lead-free wire
- Body: peacock herl
- Tail: brown hackle
- Wing: white calf tail or calf body hair
- Hackle: brown

Watershed Access Fund

Fall 2015 update

By Doug Brown

The 2015 fundraising campaign is half over and the financial support has been terrific! Contributions to this year's fundraising campaign have reached nearly \$8,300, thanks to donations from 79 individuals and three of our chapters. Thank you so much for your support!

With the recent political climate and uncertainty over the state's Stewardship program, which is used to purchase critical lands and easements for fishing access and habitat work, the Watershed Access Fund is as important as ever. The program ensures that we do not lose an opportunity to secure an available permanent easement. All contributions will be used solely for Wisconsin easement acquisitions.

The current grant request limit is \$5,000. Because two chapters may each request a grant for a single acquisition, and each chapter would have to match 50 percent of the grant, the fund could provide as much as \$15,000 for a single purchase or easement. Chapter matches can be in the form of volunteer hours.

Please consider a generous contribution to the 2015 Watershed Access Fund. The need for access is critical for anglers to continue their passion for trout fishing. Access is also critical for Trout Unlimited to continue its successful stream improvement work.

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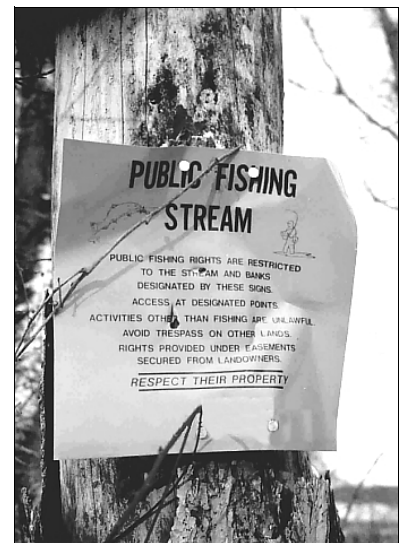
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CHAPTER PRESIDENT PROFILE**Gordy Martin of Lakeshore Chapter TU***Gordy Martin's passion for fishing steered him toward a passion for TU***EQUALLY COMFORTABLE WITH INLAND OR GREAT LAKES SALMONIDS**

Lakeshore Chapter President Gordy Martin's fanaticism about fishing steered him onto a path toward TU leadership.

By Todd Franklin,
Wisconsin Trout Editor

Although Gordy Martin chased fish since he was a kid, including family visits to Wisconsin, and deep-sea fishing with his grandfather in Florida, it was a fateful moment at his wedding 21 years ago that really set the hook.

His wife Betsy's family fly fished, which likely affected their choice of Sun Valley as their wedding destination. His brother-in-law handed him a fly rod and said "Welcome to the Family." Besides catching his first trout on a fly rod, he also caught a severe case of fly fishing mania, and that's hardly an overstatement for this upstate New York native.

"I subscribed to every fly fishing magazine. I went to every trade show and event I could find. I fished every river I could."

He was working in Chicago at the time, and wouldn't think twice about getting up at 4 a.m., driving 2-3 hours to places like Paradise Springs, fish a couple hours, then be back to the city in time for mid-morning meeting. "I just couldn't get enough of it. My wife thought I was insane," he explains. "I'd drive six hours to the Pere Marquette for a day of fishing, or fish among the refineries on Trail Creek in Indiana. And I would go to the ends of the earth to fish for steelhead. I was completely addicted. I still am, but I've mellowed out a bit."

Part of that mellowing process might be due to exposure to small stream trout fishing in places like the Driftless Area. "I now find more pleasure in catching an 18-inch brown trout on a hopper than an 18-pound steelhead."

Nearly everyone who considers themselves a serious angler has at least once in their lives considered the often-overly-glamorized prospect of being a fishing guide. But as anyone who's tried it knows, any bits of glamour are precious few, and it's more like a job, albeit a really cool job. But years of hard work and perseverance, and a few lucky breaks, means Gordy is one of the few guides in these parts who makes a tough-but-honest living taking people fishing.

It only seems logical that a fanatical angler would figure out how to turn his passion into his career. But ironically it took a struggling young trout angler who fatefully ended up

on the receiving end of one of Gordy's infamous streamside "let me show you" moments to pester him into doing it.

Gordy had been fishing the Onion River one afternoon and had one of those epic days when the trout were "killing" his caddis pattern. Later, back at his car, he ran into a couple of younger guys who were clearly down and crabby about their fruitless trout outing. In true Gordy style, he showed them the caddis flies, which they couldn't believe would catch fish.

"I offered to show them how to do it, and I could tell one of the guys really wanted to try it, so I took him down to the river and showed him how, and within 15 minutes caught his first fish on a fly rod," Gordy explains. "This was a right of passage for him."

But Gordy couldn't foresee that this young man's right of passage would become a life-changer for himself as well. A year goes by, and Gordy's in a local restaurant when a young man approaches him. "You're the guide," he said to Gordy. "You showed me how to catch fish that day."

"I explained that I wasn't a guide, but he thanked me profusely, bought me a beer and kept telling me that I should be a guide." Gordy still didn't get it right away, but every time he ran into this young man, they would tell him he should become a guide.

Over time, Gordy eventually took the young man's words to heart and started Tie-1-On Guide Service. Along the way he and that young man became best of friends. "I stood up at his wedding," Gordy exclaimed.

Lakeshore TU

By this time Gordy had grown to truly appreciate all the efforts and money that the Lakeshore Chapter and its members had put into the Onion River over the years, and he made a point to call then-president Wayne Trupke to let him know he appreciated and respected their efforts. Wayne's reply? "Well, if you truly respect it, then why don't you come to our next meeting."

He started giving time at chapter work days and showing up at other chapter functions, becoming a regular face at chapter activities. But his involvement took a giant leap about

four years ago when chapter leaders, recognizing a need to infuse some younger blood into their leadership, told Gordy they wanted him to take the reigns as chapter president. "They said they wanted some new blood...some new ideas."

Gordy admits when he took over as chapter president that there were many things he just didn't know or understand about leading a TU chapter. But he credits his success thus far on long-time chapter leaders like Wayne Trupke, Jeff Preiss, Jeff Yax and particularly Larry Doeber, who Gordy says has been a great mentor. Gordy also found great support from other chapter leaders and state council leaders like Kim McCarthy and Henry Koltz.

"Those guys are like mini think-tanks with lots of new ideas," he said of the State Council leaders who've provided assistance and advice. "I think the chapters would be at a great disadvantage without the State Council and the opportunities and information it provides in areas ranging from regulation to promotion ideas."

"These guys have given me some great ideas, such as aligning ourselves with other chapters," he said. That single strategy alone has really opened Gordy's eyes, as his chapter joined up with SEWTU last year on a hugely successful Onion River work day. He also hopes to improve cooperation with the Green Bay Chapter.

Gordy has also worked to build relationships with other conservation groups in his chapter area, and participates in the Sheboygan County Conservation Association's meetings for presidents of local conservation groups. When he's had a chance to talk about Lakeshore

TU to the group, people have caught up with him afterward to find out more about TU and the Lakeshore Chapter.

Mullet River dam removal

Gordy is excited about his chapter's involvement in a forthcoming dam removal at the Camp Evelyn Girl Scout camp on the Mullet River, which is just north of the Onion River. Decades ago the camp had dammed up some of the significant springs that formed the headwaters of this river to form a pond atmosphere. "I'm sure it initially added some value to the camp, but it is now more of an eyesore, so the camp agreed the demolition of the dam would be a good idea." Gordy credits longtime Lakeshore TU leader Larry Doeber for his persuasive efforts to convince the camp to do this.

"This is a class 1 trout stream with wild brookies and some nice browns," he said. "It won't be a mega-project. We just want to tear that dam down and go from there. It's going to be such pretty place for the girl scouts, and I'm thinking maybe we should offer some type of girl scout fly fishing camp. The camp didn't have to agree to this, but they did, so I'm also planning to thank them with a plaque or some type of acknowledgement," he said.

The dam is scheduled to come down in December or January. Seeing that dam go down on the Mullet will be a proud accomplishment for Lakeshore TU. For Gordy, that effort fits well into his overall goal of sustaining and growing his chapter for future generations of TU supporters in Sheboygan, Calumet, Manitowoc and Kewaunee counties.

TU National Meeting report

Developing chapter/council youth coordinators, new Chapter Effectiveness Index among key topics discussed at September meeting.

By Kim McCarthy, NLC Rep.

Myself, along with Linn Beck, Henry Koltz and Jon Christiansen, represented Wisconsin at TU National's 2015 annual meeting in Scranton, Pennsylvania in September.

Thursday's meetings were primarily National Leadership Council meetings. Those meetings included plans to increase chapter and council participation in youth initiatives by trying to place youth coordinators in all states as well as all chapters. Right now only about 1 chapter in 10 has a coordinator.

Another decision was made to approve the updated Chapter Effectiveness Index form. It was approved and when chapter treasurers begin working on the 2015 fiscal year CEI, they will be using the new form. The new form promises to be an improvement over the old form by better reflecting what chapters are currently engaged with.

If you begin working on the new form and have a question please don't hesitate to contact Kim, Linn, or Henry. The new form is very similar to the old one, so we don't anticipate many problems.

TU President and CEO Chris Wood delivered the feature address. He highlighted the stories of several great members and left us with the thought that we do what we do for TU because it is a labor of love. I couldn't agree with him more.

The other announcement that came out of the meeting and will need to be implemented by all of the chapters will be new requirements on how chapters keep an eye on their finances. There has been some abuse of funds around the country that was entirely preventable, had some of the new policies been implemented sooner. In short, National TU will start insisting that two sets of eyes be focused on funds that pass through chapters and councils. Watch for more information in the near future.

Attending a national meeting is an inspirational experience. You leave the meeting with a much greater appreciation for the many issues and activities that TU is involved with all over the country. You also come away with an appreciation for the great amount of incredibly dedicated people hard at work at all levels of the organization.

Trout Recon 2.0:

Online resources for finding productive waters

By Tristan Kloss

A couple of years back I was fishing Confidence Creek. You can put away your gazetteer right now, because that's not the actual name of the stream. Much like the idea of the "confidence" fly, I use the same term for a stream that I know will always produce. I was doing fairly well when I decided to go off-script and check out a nearby feeder stream. I put in at a small one-lane bridge, bushwhacked upstream and had one of the finest days of nymphing that I can remember.

That day I learned something: Finding good trout water need not always be a boots-on-the-ground thing. That stream was put on my radar not from a map, or a fly shop, or by word of mouth, but instead through online scouting. I had a pretty good hunch that I would find fish long before I even left the house, thanks to the nearly limitless resources now available to the armchair angler with access to a laptop and good WiFi connection. While I may not be willing to name (stream) names, I am here to give away some of the more effective online tools that you can use to help locate productive waters.

DNR Publications

A decade ago it may have been more difficult to find physical copies of DNR special publications; today most publications related to fisheries management are readily available online. If you're willing to slog through dense and dry text you can discover all sorts of interesting things about potential fishing spots. Here's a sample passage discussing a small trout stream that I'll call "Example Creek":

"Example Creek is a small, low gradient, coldwater, Class II tributary... the stream is capable of supporting brook trout... natural reproduction occurs in the upper stream while the lower half depends on stocking... dense tag alder growth along some sections and beaver dams are the biggest management problems."

So what did I learn here? I can expect brook trout; if I want wild fish I should focus on the upper section; and I can anticipate having to work my way around some dense shrubbery streamside. I already have a decent picture of this stream without ever having fished it.

Two great online publications to start with are the Driftless Area Master Plan (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/masterplanning/driftlessstreams>) and DNR's comprehensive set of Watershed plans (<http://dnr.wi.gov/water/basin>). Do keep in mind that the Master Plan (2014) is significantly more recent than the watershed plans (2002), and therefore there is minimal information overlap and some descriptions may be out of date. The Master Plan is better at offering hard data for overall watersheds, such as whether it's a "big fish" or a "numbers" stream, but has little information on individual streams. Conversely, the Watershed plans offer general descriptions of individual streams but almost no population data. I've found they're best used together when possible.

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Social Media

Considering how much anglers love telling tall tales, it's not surprising that many have taken to using social media to spread their fishing stories.

Many individual anglers now chronicle their adventures in their own blogs, myself included. Every writer has their own style, and some are more willing to give up streams than others. Some blogs are updated almost daily, while others may appear static for months at a time, essentially abandoned by their owners.

As long as the blog still exists, you're likely to find some good tidbits of information by sifting through previous posts. The Illinois-Wisconsin Fishing blog (<http://illinoiswisconsinfishing.blogspot.com>) collects links to the most recent posts from other local blogs, making it easy to find relevant content.

Message boards for trout and fly anglers are another goldmine for those willing to do some digging.



"CONFIDENCE CREEK"

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One of the most active local boards is Driftless Trout Anglers (DTA) (driftlesstroutanglers.com), which has plenty of information regarding specific streams and access points. Searching for the name of a specific stream will often produce numerous posts related to that body of water, and genuine inquiries usually result in helpful responses from the forum. DTA is like listening to scuttlebutt at your local fly shop without having to put on pants.

Don't forget Facebook and Instagram. Many fly shops, professional guides, and hardcore trout bums have their own accounts and regularly post about their fishing adventures. Give them a follow and you may be rewarded with some timely fishing information.

Google, DNR, County

Alright, so by now you've identified some promising stream by name. Time to give it a look-see from the ground, and the air.

Google Maps and Google Earth provide great, high-resolution images that allow you to gather information on the physical nature of stream corridors. Where are the access points? Are there public parking areas? Where are the nearby private properties? Is the stream corridor open for easy casting, or is it overgrown? Can you see any good riffle-pool-runs? Some (but sadly not all) roadways also offer Street View, allowing you to see exactly what the waterway looks like from potential access points.

The DNR now offers their own version of Google Maps with a twist, overlaying all public access lands on their interactive map to make it easy to see stream easements and other public lands open to fishing (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/PAL>). Unfortunately, I've discovered the PAL map to be a bit buggy, sometimes being difficult to load. Luckily the DNR also offers high-resolution PDF versions of the same map, though without the interactive component.

Also, there are no guarantees that the easement and public land borders are 100 percent accurate, so double-check them on the ground before heading off in the wrong direction.

At a more local level, Dane County offers a set of public ease-

ment maps for county trout streams (<https://www.countyofdane.com/lwr/parks/fishing.aspx>).

What's Biting?

So you've found your new honey hole, but you have no idea what they're biting on and you're two hours from the nearest fly shop. If you have WiFi you're still in luck, as most of our local fly shops keep up-to-date online fishing reports. Orvis Madison maintains weekly reports for the West Fork of the Kickapoo and Black Earth Creek during the season, and Orvis Milwaukee keeps a report for the Milwaukee River (orvis.com/fishing-reports). The Driftless Angler is like 'Ol Faithful in their daily updates (driftlessangler.com/fishing-report). You can also sign up to receive weekly fishing reports by email from Tight Lines Fly Shop (tightlinesflyshop.com).

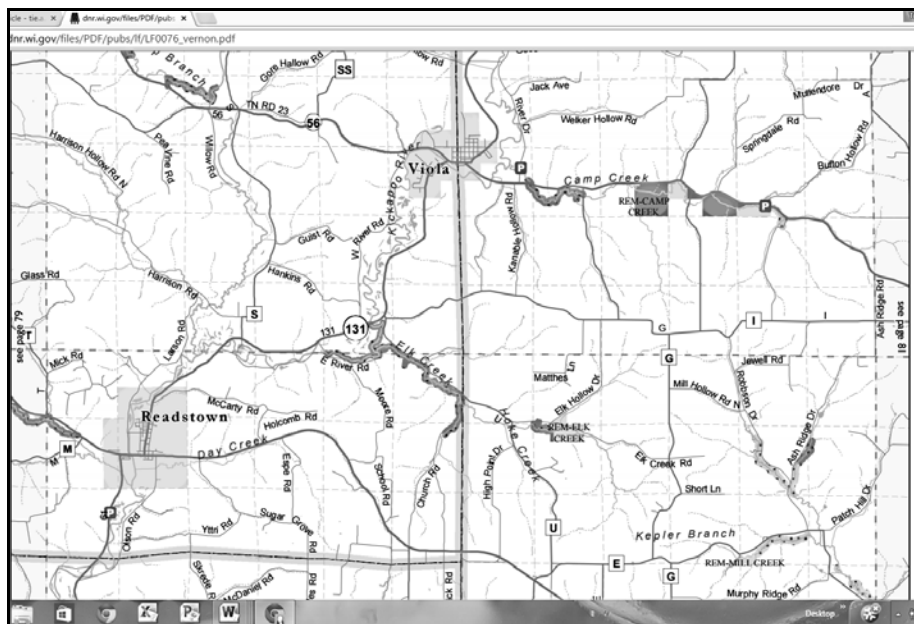
TU chapters

Finally, let's not forget that most of our Trout Unlimited chapters maintain their own websites and provide a wealth of information about their activities. Learn about previous or upcoming work days to clue you in to improved areas that might be worth your time. Download and peruse the current newsletter. Find out when the next public meeting is held and make it a point to show up. You never know what you'll learn and who you'll meet, and if you make yourself a familiar face you'll be surprised at how much trout intelligence you'll receive in kind.

There is also one place where you can read what all Wisconsin chapters are doing, including their stream projects and workdays, and that is the Chapter Reports section in *Wisconsin Trout*.

And remember, the internet should be your starting point, not your end game. Get out there, meet your fellow anglers, find that next Confidence Creek, and fish on.

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DNR PALS MAPS COME IN INTERACTIVE AND PDF FORMATS

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Trout committees serve important function

Members of two important trout committees in Wisconsin focus on our coldwater fisheries.

By Bob Haase, WITU Education Chair

There are two major trout committees in Wisconsin, which function independently, but often work together. The two committees are the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Trout Management Team and the Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee. The good news is that Trout Unlimited has representatives on both of these committees.

The DNR Trout Management Team is chaired by DNR Trout Coordinator Joanna Griffin, and the team is comprised of DNR fisheries staff such as fish managers and regional managers, most of whom are directly involved with trout management. Also included on the team are representatives from Trout Unlimited (Jim Wierzba) and the Conservation Congress (Bob Haase).

Anything to do with trout rules and regulations, trout management, development of strategic plans, stocking, habitat improvement, beaver control, and any other thing that affects trout propagation is included as part of the team's responsibility. Public outreach and communications, signage, invasive species, research, angler education and other related issues are also included. At the last meeting there was discussion on the approval and implementation of the new trout rules and regulations, and what might be needed for signage on the streams. The use of cell phone apps for distribution of information such

as public access was also discussed.

An important part of being involved as a representative to this committee is that we receive frequent emails and notification of things that are happening related to trout management in the state. For example, I just received notice that the new trout rules were passed on from the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry to the next committee and that the new rules might be in place by January 1, 2016. I would like to credit former Trout Coordinator Scot Stewart and current Trout Coordinator Joanna Griffin for including representatives from the public to be included as part of the team, as that was not the case prior to their involvement.

The Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee is chaired by Dennis Vanden Bloomen, who is also a TU member, as are many of the Conservation Congress Delegates that serve on this committee. The Conservation Congress is comprised of five delegates from each of the 72 counties in the state and serves in an advisory capacity to the DNR and the Natural Resources Board. Wisconsin is the only state that has a Conservation Congress with the delegates elected by the people to represent them on hunting, fishing and conservation issues.

Most people are aware of the Spring Conservation Hearing that take place in each county in April every year, but most do not realize that the delegates are available all year long to represent

them if they have questions or issues that they would like more information on. Search the internet for "Wisconsin Conservation Congress" and you will find all kinds of information about the Congress. Included are the names and contact information for each delegate, and a list of all study committees. This includes the Trout Study Committee, with the names and contact information for the delegates that serve on it. Former SEW-TU President and WITU Southern Region Vice Chair Jim Wierzba and I serve on both committees, so we can carry information back and forth between the committees and the organizations that we represent. The Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee is assigned to inland streams only and the Great Lakes and Tributary Trout and Salmon fishing is assigned to the Great Lakes Committee of the Conservation Congress.

Both the DNR Trout Management Team and the Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee act in an advisory capacity, in that neither has the power to change a rule or regulation. They are both dedicated to improving trout fishing in Wisconsin and work hard to protect and enhance our coldwater fisheries. Serving on both the DNR Trout Team and the Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee, I have been impressed with the quality and dedication of those involved and have a much better understanding of all the issues that affect trout fishing in Wisconsin.

Eggs of Autumn

Egg patterns are essential on Great Lakes tributaries where spawning occurs.



Words and photos by Tom Lager

Tributary streams and rivers are one of the principle travel destinations in autumn, whether you are a fisher or a salmonid. Stimulus to fish tributaries can be augmented by caffeine in the morning's wee hours spent driving through sleeping towns and wading-up in cold darkness at the stream bank. In other cases, it is the freshet of rain, filling streams carrying imprinted scent, that draws salmon and trout to rise over obstacles and thrash through debris-filled currents to reach home headwaters.

No matter the stimulus for migration, the evidence is expressed in the shape of redds, wakes of bolting salmon cruising gravel bars, feeding trout and trucks parked stream-side before sunrise. At the focal point of these migrations is a small spherical miracle; a shelled complex of nucleobases arranged in specific se-

quences anticipating coupling with a partnering code of nucleobases to form parentage and the promise of a future. These are the eggs of trout, salmon and suckers that are carried at great cost to spawning grounds, where they have the potential to be fertilized and transform into progeny or by mishap be consumed to energize other fishes. As fishers we participate in the fracas by floating our colored yarn imitations.

Eggs are not all the same and are not only available during autumn. Eggs differ by origin, age and season of the year. In autumn, eggs of salmon, such as pinks, chinooks and coho, are most common, as are eggs from brown trout; in spring steelhead and sucker eggs predominate. The table below categorizes some of the most relevant characteristics associated with salmonid eggs. The presence of lake-run fish in tributaries is usually associated with spawn-

ing. Steelhead strains from Lake Michigan are the exception, in that spawning does not immediately follow migration. For the Chambers Island and Ganaraska strains, spawning migration extends from November to April, with the latter strain continuing into May. The Skamania strain, when stream conditions permit, will migrate as early as mid-summer and spawn December through March, with peak activity in mid-winter.

Salmon eggs are typically 6mm to 7mm in size and an orange-red color; trout eggs are smaller and variable in color. Suckers have the smallest eggs and tend to cluster together, making it possible to create flies mimicking yellow clusters. The numbers of sucker eggs are truly impressive and attract both mature steelhead and immature steelhead that enter rivers to take advantage of the food source. The age and condition of eggs affects their appearance. Apparently strange colors like black and blue are reasonable when considering embryonic development showing through the shell in weeks after fertilization and when eggs suffering mortality begin to break down and become fungus covered.

The most striking statistics are associated with chinook spawning. Chinook are the largest fish that run in Lake Michigan tributaries and consequently carry the largest egg masses, since egg mass closely correlates to fish size. An average female can carry four pounds of eggs; the largest can carry up to nine pounds. While chinook females pre-

pare several redds and release eggs over a period of time, each spawning exercise releases pounds of energy-laden eggs that attract a following of coho, brown trout and fall-run steelhead. There is no other food source in the tributaries that rivals that of eggs this time of year.

Trout and steelhead behavior is particularly aligned to take advantage of egg feeding, since they arrive in tributaries as salmon spawn and need an abundant energy source to complete their spawning cycle prior to returning to Lake Michigan. Salmon are on a one-way trip and die after spawning, whereas trout and steelhead live through multiple spawning cycles and feed while in tributaries.

Consequently, egg patterns are essential fly choices whenever fishing Great Lakes tributaries where spawning occurs. These small jewels of creation are the most significant element affecting fishing success, from the very moment of fishing to that of future generations of salmonids and fishers to come. Sift through a few of the riffles to see those that tumbled from their redds, into drifts you try to imitate.

Tom Lager is a 26-year member of TU's Fox Valley Chapter, and is currently secretary of the State Council. With a life-long interest in all things living in streams and lakes, Tom Lager has a graduate degree in aquatic ecology with an emphasis on macro-invertebrates. Now retired, Lager advocates for coldwater resources, teaching and sharing a passion for our environment and being in flowing water as much as humanly possible.

Salmonid	Egg Size (mm)	Egg Color	Spawning Season	Eggs/female
Pink	6	Orange - red	Fall	1,500 - 1,900
Chinook	6 - 7	Orange - red	Fall	4,000 - >10,000
Coho	4.5 - 6	Orange - red	Fall	2,000 - 3,000
Brown	4 - 5	Amber	Fall	2,000
Steelhead Strains	3 - 5	Pink to orange	Fall - Spring	4,000 - 5,000
Sucker	2 - 3	White to yellow	Spring	20,000 - 50,000



Wisconsin TU 2016 State Council Banquet

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016
Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel
and Convention Center
1 North Main Street, Oshkosh WI 54901

Cocktails 4:30
Dinner Seating 6:30

For more info, contact
Mike Kuhr at mikek.trout@yahoo.com



Nominations sought for 2016 State Council awards

The Wisconsin State Council of TU believes it is important to recognize the outstanding efforts of our members and the broader conservation community and has presented a number of awards since 1983.

Nominations are now being taken for the awards to be presented this February at the annual meeting and banquet in Oshkosh.

Award nominations come from the WITU general membership, so please take time to tell our awards committee of individuals, groups, or others you feel qualify for one of our awards.

Nominations, including a short narrative, should be submitted to the committee at least 60 days before the annual banquet. Successful recipients will be notified by the committee at least 15 days prior to the banquet.

If you have any questions about an award, feel free to contact an award committee member.

The awards committee is chaired by Bill Heart and includes Mike Kuhr, Todd Franklin and Henry Koltz.

Send nominations to Bill Heart at wwheart@centurytel.net or 29450 Verners Road, Ashland, WI 54806.

Wisconsin TU State Council Award Criteria

Resource Award of Merit

Recipient can be a person, corporation or organization and may be a nonmember. Award can be presented posthumously. Award is given for outstanding contributions to conservation (does not need to be given for trout or salmon contributions).

Gold Trout Award for Service

Recipient must be a member in good standing of Wisconsin TU. Award will be presented to any person who has been an officer of the State Council, a national director, or any committee chairperson. This individual must have served at least one year of his or her term.

Silver Trout Award for Chapter Merit

Recipient must be a WITU chapter that has restored, enhanced, or protected Wisconsin's trout or salmon resource. The end result of the project must demonstrate a long-term commitment or benefit to the trout or salmon resource.

The total value of the project, including the value placed on man-hours and materials, must total at least \$3,500.

The project must involve trout and salmon resources available to the public to fish. Projects for private use only do not qualify.

Gold Net Award

Recipient must be an individual who has been a member in good standing of WITU for a period of at least five years.

Recipient must have participated in at least one major state or chapter fundraising event in the last five years.

Recipient must have worked on or attended at least five TU resource projects in the last five years.

Joan and Lee Wulff Award for Outstanding Conservation Leadership

Recipient to be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service in the field of conservation. WITU's Executive Committee will choose the recipient. The traveling award, a framed collection of flies tied by Lee Wulff, remains with the recipient for one year.

Robert Hunt Resource Professional Award

Recipient must be a state fish manager or other conservation professional who has shown concern for the trout resource over and above his or her normal duties.

Corporate Sponsor Award

Recipient must be a business or corporation that has shown outstanding support of the State Council through financial contributions or by providing other support for TU's activities.

Certificate of Appreciation

Recipient can be a member of Wisconsin TU or be someone indirectly related to the trout and salmon resource. Recipient can be someone in an organization for his or her efforts within that organization.

Tomorrow's Angler Award

Individuals who have significantly contributed to youth education.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award

Recipient must be a WITU member who, following the example of Jeff's work over many years on coaster brook trout restoration, has taken a leadership role on a major stream project, or preserved or restored a species in a body of water.

Unsung Valuable Trout Reel Partner Award

NOTES: All award nominations must be submitted to the awards committee as a written narrative describing the candidates' accomplishments, be that nominee an individual, chapter or other. All award recipients will be asked to be present at the awards banquet. The judgment and selection of all award recipients will be made by the awards committee, and their selections will be final.

YEAR	AWARD OF MERIT	GOLD TROUT	SILVER TROUT	GOLD NET	JOAN & LEE WULFF	PROFESSIONAL	CORP./BUSINESS	CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION
1984	Harold Starkweather	Roger Fairbanks	Ojibseau	Bob Brunzell		Duke Andrews		Tom Flesch, Bob Maier, Tom Mertens, Bob Burnham, Bob Brunzell, Wally Cooper, Duke Andrews, Jim Spalding, Cap Buettner & Green Bay Chapter
85	Jim Addis	Ron Koshoshek	Shaw-Paca	Mitch Bent		Prof. Jack Heaton		Arling Erickson, Lee Parker, Cy Sendalbach, Tom Poullett, Tom Sopkovich, Phil Orth, & Sheldon's (Mepps)
86	Bob Zimmerman	Larry Meicher & Bob Retko	Green Bay	Jim Bereza		Frank Pratt		Rep. Sharon Metz, Frank Pratt, Walli Arts, Larry Worth, Earl Little, Glen Cox & Tim Johnson
87	Tom Flesch	Dan Harmon	Antigo	Lowell Genrich		Max Johnson		Connie Rohlman
88	Richard Osborn	Kim McCarthy & Jerry Weatherwax	Fox Valley	Jim Bereza		Jim Larson		Rep. James Holperin, Jim Curray, Bud Jordahl & Joe Knight
89	Mitch Bent	Bob Hedding	Southern WI	Bob Worth		Gene VanDyck		Jim Bereza, Herb Hintze & Gordon King
90	Bob Hunt	Jim Bereza	Aldo Leopold	Dick Krays		Scott Stewart		
91	Larry Claggett	Rich Wachowski & Steve Born	Green Bay	Dennis Orgemen		Duke Andrews		Anne Dirkman & Tip Bagstad
92	Nash Williams	Herb Buettner	Wolf River	Marlin Spindler		Dave Vetrano		Mike Syverson, Carrol Besadny & Forrest Grulke
93	--	Jerry Weatherwax	Aldo Leopold	Jim Bereza		Tim Larson		
94	[No banquet this year]							
95	George Vukelich	Bob Eastlund, Harley Erbs & Jim Hlaban	Frank Hornberg	John Cantwell				Bob Boucher
96	Richard Knitter	David Newhouse	Kiap-TU-Wish	Forrest Grulke	Bud Jordahl	Marty Engel		Bob Reynolds & Sen. Robert Cowles
97	Lee Kernen	Bob Heim		John Bethke	John Bethke	Duke Andrews		
98	Herb Buettner	Bill Sherer	WI River Valley	Herb Hintze	Kathleen Falk	Scott Stewart, Andy Morton & Ken Johnson		
99	Dr. Christine Thomas	Jeff Smith	Kiap-TU-Wish	Jeff Preiss	Jeff Carlson	Jim Holzer, John Nelson & Al Niebur		Stu Grimstad
2000	--					Roger Kerr		
01	Terry Kohler	Tony Tremel & Fred Young	Harry & Laura Nohr Central WI	Larry Doebert	Martin Hanson	John Welter		Sen. Kevin Shibilski, Dick Prine, David Beckwith & Ron Seely
02	Elward Engle	John Bethke & Stu Grimstad	Coulee Region	Gary Stoychoff	George Meyer	Larry Kreise		John Sauers, Scott Watson, Steve Galoff & Connie Walker for WI Public Radio
03	Dave Ladd	Chuck Stuedel	Ojibseau	Bill Pielsticker	Dan Flaherty	Jeff Hastings & Jim Radtke		Kris Stepenuck, Peggy Compton & Mike Reiter
04	Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa & Forest County Potawatomi	Dave Fritz	Wild Rivers	Gordon Braun	Dale Druckrey	Al Stranz		Eric Schubring for WOJB-FM
05	Larry Meicher	Jeff Smith	Harry & Laura Nohr	Bill Heart	--			Rep. Du Wayne Johnsrud & Sen. Neal Kedzie
06	Herb Behnke	Larry Kriese	Lakeshore & Ocooch	Don Pluemer	--			Ed Culhane
07	Dennis Vanden Bloomen	Bill Pielsticker	Blackhawk	Del Schwaller	Peg Lautenschlager	Scott Toshner		Green Bay Chapter, Cindy Koperski, & Rep. Tom Petri
08	--	Dan Wisniewski	Southeastern WI	Dave Patrick	Herb Hintze	John Sours		Jeff and Jenna Phillips family
09	Clint Byrnes	Todd Hanson	Southern WI	Tim Meyer	Jim Hlaban	Tim Larson & Dave Brum		Kathleen Falk & Ken Anderson
10	WI League of Conservation Voters	Bill Heart	Kiap-TU-Wish	Steve Hill	Chuck Beeler	Rob Herman		Paul Smith, Paul Krahn, & Greg Wahl
11	John Welter	Bob Haase	Central WI	Rick Kyte	Topf Wells	Henry Quinlan & George Boronow	Tight Lines Fly Fishing Co.	Alistair Stewart & Fairmount Minerals Co.
12	Dan Wisniewski	Henry Koltz	Aldo Leopold	John Gremmer	Paul Kruse	Shawn Sullivan	Fontana Sports Specialties	Save Copper Creek, Al Niebur, & Bob Micheal
13	Kim McCarthy	Dale Lange	Southern WI	Rich Vetrano	Scott Grady	Cliff Sebero & Brent Bergstrom	Hayward Fly Fishing Co.	Tom Gawie, Sen. Bob Jauch, & Sen. Dale Schultz
14	Bill Heart	Winston Ostrow	Oconto River Watershed	Rich Erickson	Tina Murray	Todd Mau & Pat Sutter	Cabelas	All Noll, Rick Bauer, & Brian Larson
15	Henry Koltz	Doug Brown	Northwoods	Dave Seligman	Stu Grimstad	Tracy Hames & Tony Pillow	WI Orvis stores	Jim Ott, Brandon Scholz, Dale Dahlke, & Dave Carlson

OTHER AWARDS

- 1985 Scientific Contribution Award -- Steve Field
- 89 Scientific Contribution Award -- Eddie Avery
- 91 Headwaters Award -- Clint Byrnes
- 96 Aldo Leopold Leadership Award -- Todd Hanson
- 98 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Forrest Grulke
- 99 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Mitch Bent
- 2003 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- Roger Widner; Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Jim Bereza
- 04 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Jim Hlaban; Reel Partners Award -- Oakbrook Chapter TU & Elliott Donnelly Chapter TU
- 05 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- Pete Esser
- 06 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Dan Holland; Reel Partners Award -- River Alliance of WI
- 07 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- Bill Heart; Aldo Leopold Leadership Award -- Bill Pielsticker
- 08 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- John Welter; Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Sarah Sanford
- 09 Lifetime Achievement Award -- Larry Meicher; Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Bob Gennrich
- 10 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Randy Arnold
- 12 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Eric Rauch
- 13 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- Kent Johnson
- 14 Jeffrey Carlson Leadership Award -- Mike Barniskis; Reel Partners Award -- Steve Born, Tom Krauskopt, Bob Selk, Fred Wolf, & Scott Stokes; Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Ivan Nohavica
- 15 Most Unsung Valuable Trout Award -- Stan Streika and Jim Wierzb; Tomorrow's Angler Award -- Bob Haase, Todd Templen, Linn Beck

Friends of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Fall 2015 Update

By Doug Brown, Friends of Wisconsin TU Chair

The 2015 Friends campaign is half way through, and nearing \$15,000 in donations! A huge Thank You to the 128 individuals and seven TU chapters that contributed. This is the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Wisconsin Trout program, and the support remains as strong as ever.

Streams throughout the state are being worked on, improving critical cold-

water resources and providing excellent fishing opportunities, thanks to financial support from this program. The monies raised during this fundraising year will be used for grant requests we receive during the upcoming winter.

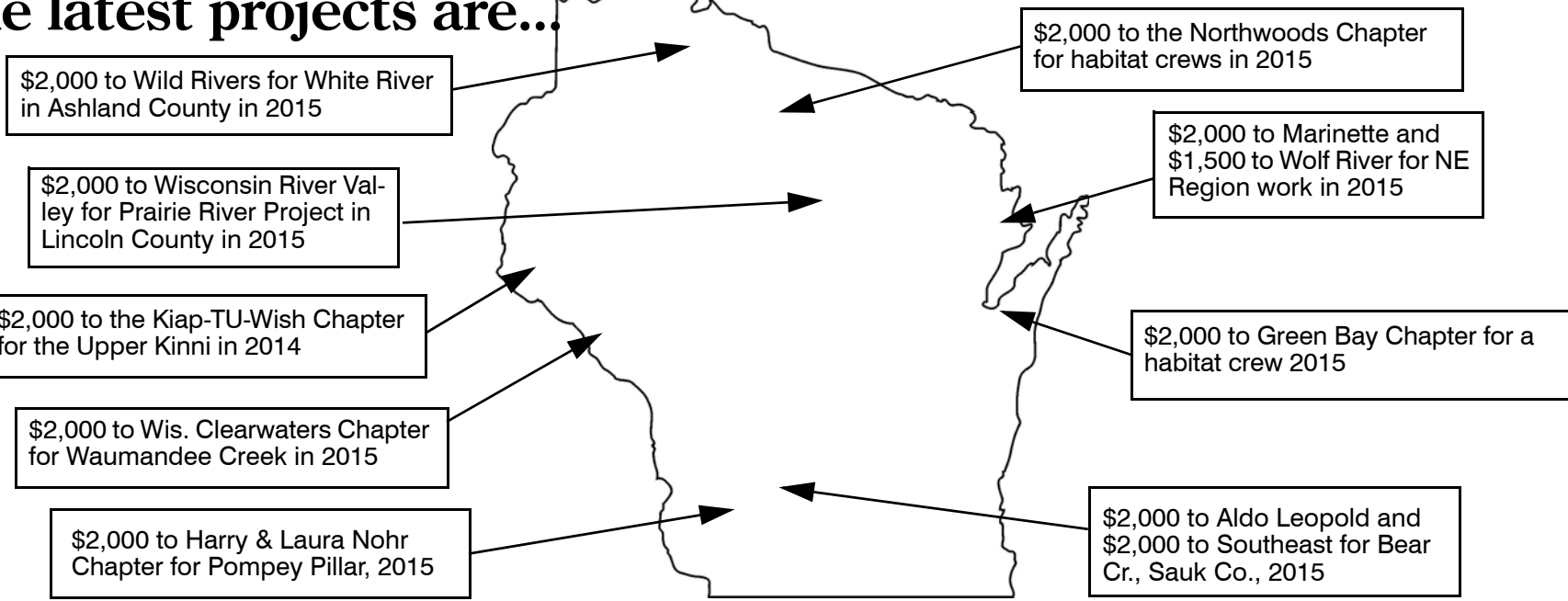
Thanks again to all of you who have financially supported this program.

We hope you're having a great 2015 trout fishing season. Tight Lines.



FRIENDS GRANTS SUPPORT HABITAT CREWS
Chapter funds, along with Friends grants, support LTESs like Ben Thome and Colton Zdroik.

Providing habitat improvement grants since 1991. The latest projects are...



Here are our Friends of Wisconsin TU

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| Scott Geboy | Fox Point WI | John Shillinglaw | MadisonWI | In memory of Roger Moon by Peggy Yessa of Madison | |
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