



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

April 2005

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board meetings: Mandatory for board members, chapter members always welcome

Last Tuesday of every month, 6:30pm (come ahead if you can to lie about your fishing) Green Lantern restaurant, (downstairs) 4412 Siggelkow Rd. Mc Farland, phone: 838-4730. Our agendas generally include chapter project updates, requests for project funding, conservation issues and event planning. On occasion, we invite a guest to address a specific issue.

Odd board meetings:

No December board meeting.

No July board meeting.

See notes below regarding the May "On the Stream" board meeting in Avalanche

Chapter meetings:

Second Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm (come early to lie about your fishing and eat...)

Maple Tree restaurant, 6010 Hwy 51 Mc Farland, phone: 255-9206

Dinner from 6-7, speaker from 7-8, chapter announcements/business from 8-9pm

July chapter meeting is our annual "On the Stream" meeting

There is no chapter meeting in August.

SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS/EVENTS

FLY TYING JAMBOREE- January Chapter meeting

Any and all seasoned tyers invited to come with their gear and tie flies for the Icebreaker and the March Auction. This is always an impressive display of talent and innovation. Bring your kids!

NASH WILLIAMS BANQUET- January, Friday before the ICEBREAKER

An evening of celebration before the Icebreaker. Chapter members and their spouses, our featured Icebreaker speakers and a trout (or chicken) dinner. Usually scheduled from 5:30-9:30pm at an area restaurant. This is an especially welcoming event for member spouses, as we ask our speakers to take a less technical approach for their presentations.

ICE BREAKER- January, third Saturday

An all Saturday event at the Park Ponderosa in Mc Farland (just down the road from the Green Lantern), featuring 2 speakers, (2 slide lectures each), phenomenal bucket raffles, fly tying demos, a great chili lunch and about 300 fly fisherfolk ready to be done with winter! Our major annual fundraiser..

FISHING EXPO- February, third Weekend

At the Aliant Expo center. Friday through Sunday event. SWTU is expected to volunteer for staffing various needs, including the TU booth. The Expo is a source of grant monies for stream projects, so our participation is important.

MARCH MADNESS-March Chapter meeting

Another major fundraiser for SWTU, this is a live auction following the usual dinner gathering, featuring great donated gear and our ruthless, entertaining auctioneers. Swap/sell tables set up before dinner. This one often goes late! Need volunteer Auctioneers and folks to keep track of the buyer tallies.

AWARDS MEETING-April Chapter meeting

Our annual awards ceremony, and Board elections. A night to look back across the previous years' accomplishments, welcome home alumni and old friends, and to celebrate our successes!

CASTING CLINIC- April, third Saturday (generally)

Our annual free clinic at Salmo pond. A great opportunity to meet new (and old) members, brush up on your technique or see if you know enough about casting to teach it! Kids welcome, as always!

BEC CLEAN UP- April, date flexible

Home water maintenance. Usually a 2-hour effort. Amazing collection of debris and a great feeling of satisfaction are the major outcomes. Joint event with BECWA.

ON THE STREAM BOARD MEETING-May Board Meeting (second or third Saturday in May)

Mostly camping and fishing at Avalanche, on the West Fork of the Kickapoo. Come Friday and pitch your tent. Board meeting around the fire on Saturday night. Although this is a REAL board meeting, the form of it is more casual and it is a better place to have discussions than to grapple with serious decision making. All members welcome.

SPECIAL NEEDS FISHING DAY- June, second Saturday

John Schweiger and the Kalscheur family are responsible for this wonderful event. A day of fishing for lunker Rainbows in private ponds with kids and adults with disabilities. Tackle set up happens the Friday evening before. We always need lots of helpers for this one!

ON THE STREAM CHAPTER MEETING-July Chapter meeting, usually the 2nd Saturday in July

Location varies, event includes a stream shocking demo by the DNR boys and a great brats and beans lunch courtesy of Mark Rhinerson and Dr. Sausage.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

STREAM WORK- Pretty much year round

Our Special Projects Chair, Tom Ehlert marshals impressive forces throughout the hospitable months to address a wide range of local stream improvements. He's also a great cook and provides lunch. If you like the righteous ache of well used muscles and appreciate the camaraderie of a crew with a purpose, introduce yourself to Tom and give him your phone number!