

Newscasts

January, 2002 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Fly Tying Extravaganza

Our January 8th chapter meeting will feature the fly tyers of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Come on out and watch some of our own chapter members tie flies. Observing these tyers is a great way to pick up tips, and learn new techniques. A number of great tyers have already agreed to demonstrate their art at this meeting, but we could always use more. Anyone with a light, an extension cord, and the courage to tie in front of a group, is welcome to tie. This event has become an annual tradition for our chapter because everyone always has so much fun. As always, the meeting will be at the *Maple Tree Restaurant* on Highway 51 in McFarland. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Please come out early for dinner and bemusement.

Ice Breaker 2002

Final preparations are being made for the 2002 *Ice Breaker* at the Park Ponderosa Ball Room in McFarland on Saturday January 19, 2002. The *Let's Talk Trout Dinner* (i.e. the banquet formerly known as the *Trout Massacre*) will be held on the eve of the *Ice Breaker* at *Morel's*. (Follow Airport Road 5 miles west of the beltline then turn left on Chalet.) We don't make much money at the banquet, but we sure have a lot of fun. Come on out and ask Greg Vodak why he has a designated driver (hint: it has nothing to do with alcohol). Tickets will be available for sale at the December 11th meeting or by calling John Schweiger at 238-8062. You must purchase your banquet ticket by Tuesday January 15th.

Ice Breaker Volunteers Needed

Please join us for breakfast on January 19th at the Green Forest Family Restaurant, 925 East Broadway (near Menards on the old beltline). We will meet at about 6:00 AM for breakfast, then head over to the Park Ponderosa to set things up at 7:30 AM. If you don't think that you can face our motley crew on an empty stomach, then meet us at the Park Ponderosa at 7:30. We need a lot of volunteers to help set the room up for our event. Please join us if you can - there are always plenty of last minute details to attend to.

Extension Cords, and Lights Needed

Please bring extension cords and desk lamps with you to the Ice Breaker. The Park Ponderosa Ballroom is dimly lit and we can always use extra lights so that people can actually see the bucket raffle items.

We need flies.

Please tie flies. We need lots and lots of flies. We can use them for *Ice Breaker* door prizes, monthly meeting bucket raffle prizes, and at the auction. Paul Banas has volunteered to coordinate the collection of donated flies for these events. Please bring your flies to Paul and he will see to it that they find a venue. Paul also has a ton of little boxes to house your donated flies.

Membership Renewal Rebate Reminder

Trout Unlimited gives local chapters the opportunity to receive a rebate of \$5 for each member who renews their annual membership dues through their chapter. When your annual dues notice arrives, simply bring it and your payment to the monthly meeting, or to the *Ice Breaker*, or mail it to Bob Selk (2642 Park Place, Madison, WI 53705-3712). Bob will forward the dues to Trout Unlimited and the chapter will receive the rebate. With over 600 Southern Wisconsin Chapter members, this could amount to a sizeable chunk of cash to be used for our cold water conservation efforts.

From the Presidentby Bill Pielsticker

If it's a new year, then the Icebreaker is just a few weeks away! If you haven't been to one yet, drop on by. We have two great speakers, and lots of great items for the raffles, and hundreds of

door prizes. If you're a regular, try dragging a friend along. Now that it has finally gotten cold out, it's a great way to flex the little gray cells while waiting for the early season to open.

Following the appearance by the Village of Cross Plain's president Duane Johnson at our Board meeting in October, I was able to return the favor by appearing before the C.P. Village Board in early December. I was invited to explain the five "stipulations" the SWTU board laid out in regard to the proposed office park near Black Earth Creek. I explained that while we want to see the developer (and/or the Village) make a monetary contribution towards a land protection fund, we will also raise funds from our chapter, TU National, the county, the state, even the federal government if possible, to purchase land or development rights from willing sellers along the stream.

On the issue of our involvement in the planning of future projects, I stressed that we are not looking for a veto over future projects, but hope to work cooperatively with the Village to insure the health of the stream. We were invited to review their stormwater ordinance, as well as the stormwater plans for a conservation subdivision across from the proposed development along Hwy. KP. I will do just that this month. It appears we will be able to agree on adequate setback for any development to allow runoff to be contained and treated. Finally, the Village is agreeable to implementing a non-annexation agreement with the Town of Cross Plains, although we have yet to broach this subject with the Town.

Our chapter's position on the proposed development is controversial in some quarters. Some people fear we will be "rolled" by a Village Board that doesn't care about the stream. Following the December meeting, I am encouraged that most, if not all, members of the Cross Plains Village Board do indeed care about the stream, and want to work with us on this. At the same time, we are keeping our eyes open. We have acquired legal counsel to help in negotiations with the Village over the next few months, and to insure that any agreements we make are as binding as legally possible.

Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp

Applications are now being accepted for the award winning and nationally recognized 2002 *Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp* hosted by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. Founded in 1995, the camp endeavors to educate youngsters with the potential to be tomorrow's leaders, in the field of coldwater conservation. The purpose of the camp is not to create thirty-two aquatic biologists every year, rather the purpose is to instill an ethic and teach the students about the importance of clean water.

The upcoming camp is set for June 16 to 21, 2002 at the *Allenberry On the Yellow Breeches Resort* in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania and is open to youngsters 14 to 17 years of age. Applications must be received by March 15, 2002. The total cost to attend camp is \$275.

The classes and activities are designed to acquaint the students with academics, fishing, and hands on stream repair work. The curriculum consists of college level classes that have been re-structured for this camp. Topics include ecology, hydrology, geology, aquatic biology, fisheries biology, entomology and herpetology. Fly tying and fly fishing instruction will provide a break from the academic work.

For an application or additional information write to *Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp* PO Box 520, Carlisle, PA 17013 or call Dick Darr at 717-249-5089. More information is also available at <http://www.patrou.org/news.htm>.

Groundwater Lectures Available On Tape

Videotaped lectures from this fall's series, "*Will the Well Run Dry? Groundwater Management in Wisconsin*," at the University of Wisconsin-Madison may now be purchased from the University's Institute for Environmental Studies (IES). Tape cost \$17.25 each and can be ordered by

contacting Carol Enseki at (608) 263-3185 or csenseki@facstaff.wis.edu. The following tapes are available:

- Unmasking Wisconsin's Buried Treasure: A Primer on Groundwater Resources (Jean Bahr, Sept. 12, 2001)
- Flow Reversals Under Our Feet: Hydrogeology and Groundwater Issues in Dane County (Ken Bradbury, Sept. 25, 2001)
- Is it Groundwater or Surface Water? Water Management Alternatives for Central Brown County, Wisconsin (Jim Krohelski, Oct. 3, 2001)
- Science, Politics, and the Future Water Supply of Southeastern Wisconsin (John Jansen, Oct.17, 2001)
- Filling in the Blank Pages in Wisconsin's Groundwater Policy: Perrier's Model for Environmental Investigation and Regulation (Robert Nauta and Peter Peshek, Oct. 30, 2001)
- Groundwater in Wisconsin: Whom Should the Public Trust? (Melissa Scanlan and Glenn Stoddard, Nov. 15, 2001)
- The Overall Framework for Wisconsin Groundwater Management: The Good, the Bad, and the Needed (Steve Born, Nov. 20, 2001)

Newscasts Articles Welcome

Please note that *Newscasts* articles or ideas for articles are always welcome. Each issue goes to press as close to the first of each month as is practical. The deadline for submitting articles for inclusion in the next issue of *Newscasts* is always the last Friday of the previous month.

Please submit these items via any means that you are comfortable with. I can be found at nearly every chapter meeting or at:

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Important dates to remember:

January 8: Chapter Meeting featuring the Fly Tyers of SWTU
January 16: Fly Tying Classes begin at East High
January 17: Fly Tying Classes begin at West High
January 18: *Let's Talk Trout Dinner* (formerly known as the *Trout Massacre*)
January 19: *Ice Breaker* featuring Dave Whitlock and Rich Osthoff
February 12: Chapter Meeting featuring author Scott Seymour
March 12: March Madness Auction

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