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March Madness

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 13.....it's March Madness....the annual SWTU Auction. Our trio of inspired (crazed?) auctioneers....Doctor Sausage, Colonel Mustard and the Honorable Throckmorton will do their best to part us with our hard-earned cash. We do have some great items, including a Scot Stewart guided trip on the Madison Lakes, a grand carved, painted rainbow by H. Haugley and fly sets by the dozen, as well as books, fly tying materials, artwork, etc. etc. Come out early to see what folks are selling.....it's a good chance to pick up a bargain.

We'll also be drawing for a \$40 Madison Outfitters gift certificate, but you have to there to win.

Date Set for Casting Clinic

We'll hold our annual Casting Clinic at Salmo Pond on Saturday, April 14 at 9:00am. We need a lot of casting instructors and other volunteers. At the Fishing Expo, about 60 people expressed enough interest to sign up. Speaking of volunteers, 23 SWTU'ers showed up to staff our booth. Thanks.

Special Needs Day Scheduled

Saturday, June 9th is the date for Special Needs Day at Kalscheur's Ponds. We need help both Friday night and Saturday. Call John Schweiger (238-8062) to volunteer.

A Fitting Memorial

On Saturday, March 31, we'll be installing two memorial benches on Black Earth Creek honoring some of our dear departed members. The benches will be in memory of: Lloyd Riddle, Ray Hovde, Bud martin, Chuck Amacher, Adolf Bieberstein, Larry Knack, and Roy McDonald. This project has been discussed for some time. The benches will be put in along the creek behind the fire station in Cross Plains. Meet at 9:00am. For details, call John Serunion at 277-9295

Calendar

- March 10---Wendelburg book signing at Fontana
- March 31---Project Day: installing memorial benches on BEC
- April 7---Project Day at Culver Springs on Token Creek
- April 10---Chapter elections & John Beth on his Alaska Trip
- April 14---Casting Clinic at Salmo Pond
- May 5---"Day in the Park" at Token Creek
- May 15---Marty Kwitek on "Hex/Steelhead"
- June 9---Special Needs Day at Kalscheur's Pond
- July 14---Annual "On the Stream" meeting, West Fork of the Sugar River
- August---No Meeting

Suggestions for Chapter Awards?

At our April meeting, we'll be presenting various awards to members who have contributed to our mission. If you have any suggestions for worthy recipients, please contact members of our award committee: Tom Ehlert (767-2413), Mark Maffitt (273-2140), Larry Meicher (1-920-992-6612), Greg Vodak (873-5107).

Scot Stewart Honored

At its February meeting, the SWTU Board voted to award a \$200 Fontana gift certificate to Scot Stewart for his years of service to our area fishery. The gift was presented to Scot at a dinner in his honor on March 6th at Quivey's Grove Restaurant. Scot has been promoted within DNR and a replacement is being chosen to handle his responsibilities as area fish manager. He'll be a tough act to follow.

Wendelburg in Print!

Tom Wendelburg's new book is out! *Catching Big Fish on Light Fly Tackle*, written by Tom Wendelburg, with Jeff Mayers, has been published by The University of Wisconsin Press in both hard cover and paperback editions. Tom and Jeff are both chapter members. Although Tom has published numerous articles in various magazines over the years, this is his first book. The book has a forward by Doug Swisher, who writes, "Tom Wendelburg is one of a rare breed that is not only an excellent writer but also a great fisherman. When it comes to short rods and light tackle, he's the best I've ever seen." Tom will be signing his book at Fontana's on Saturday, March 10 from 10:30 til 2:00pm.

Project Days

In addition to the project day installing memorial benches on Black Earth Creek, there are some other projects in store. On Saturday, April 7th, we'll be doing cleanup work around the Culver Springs on Token Creek. Take Highway 51 to Portage Road, north to Egge Road and east about two miles. 9:00am. For details, call John Serunion at 277-9295.

We will also have a fencing project later this year on the West Branch of the Sugar River and a project on Lodi Spring Creek. More details later on.

Chapter Elections in April

Our annual chapter elections will take place at our April 10th meeting. We'll be electing a new president, treasurer, secretary and two new board members. If you're interested in serving in one of these positions or would like to volunteer for other assignments, please call Tom Ehlert at 767-2413.

A Noteworthy Gift

The SWTU board has accepted a gracious gift of \$1000 from the Pielsticker Family Trust. Board member Bill Pielsticker presented the gift in memory of his father Frank, "who taught him to fish" in Michigan, Wisconsin and Colorado.

Auction Alert!!!!

We need fly sets, used books, fly tying material and anything else you can think of for the March auction. We especially need fly sets. Thanks.

Annual Southern Wisconsin TU Casting Clinic

DATE: Saturday, April 14
TIME: 9:00am until 11:30am
LOCATION: Salmo Pond

Our chapter will hold its annual casting clinic at Salmo Pond on **Saturday, April 14th**. The class will start at 9:00am in the parking lot at Salmo Pond. The registration fee for the class is \$5.00 which is refundable if you attend the class. There will be individual sessions on knot tying, entomology (bugs in Black Earth Creek), casting and reading the water.

Bring your own fly rod, reel and line if you have them. There will be a limited number of rods available for those who do not have their own equipment. The early trout season is open and, if time and weather permit, some of the instructors will be glad to accompany you to sample some of our fine trout fishing in nearby streams. If you intend to go fishing after the class, make sure you have a fishing license, trout stamp and waders or hip boots. There is a good chance that midge, blue winged olives and maybe caddis flies will be hatching by then. **The rain date is April 21st.**

Please fill out the form below and mail your check (made out to Southern Wisconsin Trout unlimited) to :

Andy Davidson, 525 Commerce Parkway, Verona, WI 53593

Directions to Salmo Pond: From the West Beltline, go west on Highway 14 about 1.5 miles west of Cross Plains, until you see a sign for Festge County Park. Turn LEFT at the sign and you'll be at Salmo Pond. Park in the lot.