

Newscasts

January, 2004 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Annual Fly Tying Extravaganza

Our January 13th chapter meeting will feature numerous gifted fly tyers from our very own chapter. This is a great opportunity for us to share fly tying insights amongst ourselves. It is sure to be educational for novices and experts alike. If you can tie you're your own shoes, then there is probably at least one fly that you tie better than anyone else. Bring your vise, and come show us how **you** do it. The ambient lighting at the *Maple Tree* is less than ideal for fly tying (i.e. it's darker than the inside of a cow) so, please remember to bring a light and an extension cord. The bucket raffle prizes for the night will consist of flies tied during the meeting.

Many of us will meet for dinner around 6:00 PM. Please join us. The fly tying will begin around 7:00 PM. As usual, we will meet at the *Maple Tree Restaurant* located at the stoplight on Highway 51 in McFarland.

Order Your Tickets Now

The *Nash Williams Memorial Banquet* will be held on Friday January 16th at *Morel's Restaurant*, located at 4635 Chalet St. To get there; take the West Beltline Highway to Airport Road in Middleton. Go west on Airport Road about 4 miles then turn left on Chalet St. Tickets are \$20.00 each. When placing your ticket order, please indicate whether you would prefer chicken or trout. To reserve your banquet tickets, call John Schweiger at 238-8062. Payment should be mailed to him at:

5541 Dahlen Drive
Madison, WI 53705

Tickets for Saturday's main event *Ice Breaker* will cost \$10 at the door, but you can save a buck by purchasing them in advance. Contact John Schweiger to get in on the advance sale deal. The easiest way to do that is to meet him at the chapter meeting on January 13th. Failing that, contact him at the address shown above.

We Still Need Flies....

Lots and Lots of Flies

Please tie lots and lots of flies. We need flies for *Ice Breaker* door prizes, monthly meeting bucket raffles, and the March auction. Mike Philipps has graciously volunteered to coordinate the collection of donated flies for these events. Please bring your flies to Mike and he will see to it that they find their way to one of these events. Tiny plastic boxes will be available at the January 13th meeting. Please take as many of those boxes as you feel motivated to fill with flies.

Ice Breaker Volunteers Needed

Please join us for breakfast before the *Ice Breaker* at the *Green Forest Family Restaurant*, 925 East Broadway (near the Menards on the Old Beltline Highway). Meet us there at 6:00 AM for breakfast. If you can not bear the thought of facing us on an empty stomach, then meet us at the *Park Ponderosa* at 7:30 AM. We need volunteers to help with numerous setup tasks.

Directions to the Park Ponderosa Ballroom

Veteran *Ice Breaker* attendees will flock to the *Park Ponderosa* like salmon to their spawning grounds. However, if this is your first *Ice Breaker*, then you will need to know that the *Park Ponderosa Ballroom* is located on the north side of McFarland at 5100 Erling Avenue. Take the Siggelkow Road exit from Highway 51, and go west. Turn left just past the railroad tracks. The *Park Ponderosa* will be on your right. Our chapter signs will be placed at strategic intersections along the way – you can't miss it.

You Must Be Present To Win

There was a winner of the *You-Must-Be-Present-To-Win-Drawing* at our December meeting. Condon Vander Ark took home a \$60 gift certificate to *Madison Outfitters*. Please come to our January 13th meeting if you would like to be eligible to win a \$20 gift certificate to *Fontana Sports Specialties*. Though no purchase is necessary, you must be present at the meeting to win, and you must be a SWTU member. Please join us.

From the President

By Bill Pielsticker

It's banquet season again, and SWTU leads off with our Trout Dinner on Friday, Jan. 16, and another great Icebreaker on Jan. 17. All this is preceded by our annual fly tying meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Mapletree in McFarland. Come on by to see some rather clever tiers and learn a few tricks, or just drop off a few flies you've tied to donate to the Icebreaker.

I'm always surprised at how few members and spouses show up for the Trout Dinner in January. Unlike most chapters, our "banquet" is a low-key, family-friendly affair. While our featured speakers will focus on hard-core fishing subjects the following day, we ask them (and they generally agree) to make a presentation that appeals to folks who don't pine away the winter waiting for the early season. It's a nice break from the ALL FISH – ALL THE TIME mentality only a few of us will admit to, but many others show troublesome signs of. It's a short drive west of Middleton, and a friendly crowd. I hope you'll join us!

I won't get started on politics this go-round, but the economy has claimed another victim. Madison Outfitters has closed their doors, after five years of bringing Orvis fly rods and gear to the area. Starting a business is always a risky venture, and retail even more so. The recent recession and jobless recovery couldn't have come at a worse time for a young retail operation, and the owners decided to take down their shingle. The owners, management, and employees were all supportive of our chapter, and we are going to miss them. We wish them well on future ventures, and thank them for their generosity towards the chapter. And best of luck to any of you who find yourselves in similar straits.

Fishing Expo Volunteers Still Needed

As mentioned in the December issue of Newscasts, volunteers are needed to help make the *Madison Fishing Expo* a success during the weekend of February 27th. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at the door, and to staff the SWTU booth inside. Mark Rhinerson is recruiting volunteers for both activities. Please contact him if you can help out with either (or both) job(s). Come to the next chapter meeting or the *Ice Breaker* and he will find a place for you on the signup sheet. You can also call him at 249-7250.

Outdoor Writer Michael Furtman Featured at State Council Banquet

Award winning writer Michael Furtman, author of *Trout Country* and recently named "Communicator of the Year" by Duck's Unlimited, is the featured speaker at the Wisconsin State Council 19th Annual Banquet. The banquet will be held the evening of Saturday, February 7, at the Park Place Convention Center in downtown Oshkosh. Preceding the banquet, you can watch master fly tier Tim Landwher as he works.

Writing the conservation column for *Midwest Fly Fishing* magazine, Furtman recently critiqued the energy policies of the Bush administration, as well as the 2001 Supreme Court decision that removed federal protection from critical wetlands throughout the United States. He has published several books including *A Boundary Waters Fishing Guide* (1984, available through the author), and hundreds of articles in magazines including *Fly Rod and Reel*, *Field and Stream*, *Sports Afield*, *CANOE*, and *Boy's Life*. In line with his column in *Midwest Fly Fishing*, Michael Furtman is expected to address the conservation record of the current administration in Washington.

Tickets for this year's annual banquet are \$35 and can be purchased at the door, or ordered in advance from Larry Meicher by mail. Pre-paid tickets will be held for pick-up at the door. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with cocktails beginning at 5:30, and the dinner and program starting at 7:00 p.m..

We Want You!

SWTU has a long and distinguished tradition of volunteer commitment. We are a chapter rich in expertise, skills, experience and dedication. Our volunteers have literally changed the landscape of Southern Wisconsin, shaped public and conservation policy and mentored generations of new fly fishers. We invite you to become a part of this remarkable tradition by telling us where your skills and interest lie. Please complete the *Volunteer Skills Inventory* found on page 5 and return it to us as soon as possible. Consider it an invitation to a great experience.

Send completed form to:
SWTU
c/o Mark Maffitt
PO Box 7051
Madison, WI 53707

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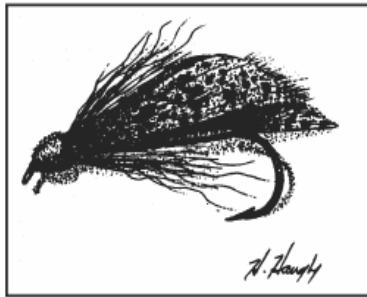
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A what? . . . The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of TROUT UNLIMITED invites you to learn to tie these and other fly-patterns proven effective in local waters for trout, game- and panfish. The ten-week sessions begin mid-January and end late-March.

MEETING TIME:

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

CLASSES OFFERED AT:

EAST High School on WEDNESDAY evenings – First class: January 14th

WEST High School on THURSDAY evenings – First class: January 15th

Beginner and Advanced Classes are offered at both locations. The Intermediate Class is offered only at West High School. Two Beginner's Classes are offered at each location with class size limited to fifteen (15) students. Only one Intermediate Class is offered, and enrollment is limited to fifteen (15). There is no limit in the Advanced Classes. Register soon!

The Chapter provides experienced instructors, an instructional booklet, and all tying materials. You provide the following tools: vise, scissors, bobbin, hackle-pliers, hair-stacker, whip-finisher, thread, and head-cement. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? These tools and any additional supplies are available at: DORN Hardware-Nakoma, Fontana, Gander Mountain (East & West), Madison Outfitters, MC Sports and Vern Lunde's Fly-fishing Chalet.

A \$5.00 room rental fee is required of all participants and is payable to the instructor at the first session.

Advanced Registration is required for all classes. The registration deadline is WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2004. Enrollment shall be determined by date of post-mark on your registration form, and will be confirmed by mail. Register soon!

Registration Form: 2004 TU Fly-Tying Classes

Please print clearly. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY** with this form.

Mail your registration to: Y-2-K-4 Fly-tying P.O. Box 11, Black Earth, WI 53515

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Location (check one): Madison East _____ Madison West _____

Class (check one): Beginners _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Important dates to remember:

January 13 Chapter Meeting Featuring SWTU Fly Tyers
January 16 Nash Williams Memorial banquet at Morel's
January 17 2004 *Ice Breaker* Featuring Bob Krumm and Nikki Seger
February 7 State Council Meeting and Banquet in Oshkosh
February 10 Chapter Meeting Featuring *The Nail Knot* Author John Galligan
February 24 SWTU Board Meeting to include a discussion of the Nash Williams bequest
February 27–29 Madison Fishing Expo
March 9 March Madness Auction
April 13th Chapter Meeting Featuring Cajun Angling Wisdom from Greg Vodak

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