

Newscasts

October, 2006 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Meet Us at the Coliseum Bar

Our October 10th chapter meeting will feature a presentation by Wisconsin native, and legendary fly tyer George Close. Wisconsin is home to a surprising number of fly fishing icons, and George is definitely one of them. The *Pass Lake*, *Pink Squirrel*, *Hornberg*, *Thunder Creek* and *Carpet Fly* are all great flies with Wisconsin roots. George invented the *Carpet Fly* and it has been around for a long time – its longevity being a testament to its usefulness.

The *Carpet Fly* is a remarkably simple, yet highly effective pattern. It is a beautiful thing when form meets function as elegantly as the *Carpet Fly* does. It belies insightful genius on the part of the designer. Though George will also talk about fishing, it will be interesting just to hear him talk about fly tying and design.

This will be our first ever meeting at the Coliseum Bar. If you go to the *Maple Tree*, you will miss us. The time remains unchanged. We will gather for dinner at about 6 PM and the meeting will start promptly at 7:02 PM. Please join us.

The *Coliseum Bar* is located across the street from the arena formerly known as the *Dane County Coliseum*. The address is 232 E. Olin Ave. Look for us in the spacious (yet secluded) second floor meeting room.

Ice Breaker Revision

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the keynote speaker for our 2007 *Ice Breaker* has changed. If you were looking forward to hearing Tom Rosenbauer, you will have to wait until 2008. Dave Ames will be our speaker this year. Dave is the author of several fabulous books on fly fishing and the foibles thereof. Many of you have probably read, *True Love and the Woolly Bugger* (Dave's masterful inaugural work). Others have certainly read, *A Good Life Wasted: Or Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide* (Dave's second work). Still others may be delighted to learn that Dave has recently published a third book titled, *Dances with Sharks*. If you have laughed out loud while reading Gierach, then you may need earplugs when you read Dave's stuff.

In addition to being a fabulously gifted author, Dave is also a fishing guide (his second work is semi-autobiographical). He operates the *Lodge Pole Inn*, near Elliston, Montana, and the *Little Blackfoot River*.

Dave has traveled to Mexico in order to teach native Mayans how to be bone fishing guides. Anybody that can pull that off could certainly teach us a thing or two. This is going to be our best *Ice Breaker* ever!

Please Note:
Effective October 10th 2006, all
Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
meetings will be held at the
Coliseum Bar, 232 E. Olin Ave.
Madison, Wisconsin 53713.

***REFLECTING ON WATER;
THE BLACK EARTH CREEK
AS A LINK BETWEEN COMMUNITIES***

**The Black Earth Creek Watershed Association
Invites You To Explore
The History of the Black Earth Creek Watershed**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006

- 9:15 AM** Depart by bus from the Garfoot library on Julius Street in Cross Plains.
Introduction by Mindy Habecker of Dane County/UW-Extension
- 9:30 AM** Pope Farm Park: Mel Pope will share a history of the area and the park
- 10:30 AM** Head west past:
- Wilke Gorge
 - Cross Plains
 - Black Earth
 - Lake Marion
 - Mazomanie
- Tour of the Mazomanie Historical Society by Bob Dodsworth
- 11:30 AM** Lunch at the Old Feed Mill: Discussion with Dan and Nancy Viste
- 1:00 PM** Return to Garfoot library
- Panel discussion with: Virgil Matz, Bob Dodsworth, and Bob Saeman
- 2:00 PM** Audience member's reflections, displays from local historical societies
- 2:30 PM** Conclusion of program

Space is limited on the bus so make your reservation soon by contacting Jeffrey Postle: Email: Munozdm@chorus.net, phone: 798 1620 or mail: 2522 S. Elmwood Circle E, Cross Plains, Wisconsin 53528

Thoughts on waders

By John Gribb

The next time that you purchase a pair of breathable waders, consider coating the outside stitching with Aguaseal before using them. Seam failures are usually caused by water seeping under the tape seal on the inside of the waders by way of the thread holes on the outside. I met a fellow out west that routinely coats all of the outside stitching with a narrow ribbon of Aguaseal, thus extending the life of the waders by years. Another trick for reducing stress on wader stitches is to place a plastic grocery bag over your socks prior to putting on the waders. This step makes the chore of putting on and taking off waders a snap- especially in hot weather.

Newscaats Deadline Reminder

Member contributions to newscaats are always welcome. Please consider sharing your ideas with us. Your efforts will alleviate reader fatigue by diluting the editorial drivel that litters these pages. If you have an article that you are willing to share with us, please submit it to the editor before the fourth Tuesday of any month, for inclusion in the next edition.

The editor possesses less manual dexterity than the average chimpanzee, and can type nearly as well as a senator's secretary. That is to say, electronic submissions are strongly encouraged.

You Must Be Present To Win

There was no winner of the *You-Must-Be-Present-To-Win* drawing at our September chapter meeting. The absence of the member whose name we drew caused our jackpot to grow by another \$20. Please join us at our October 10th Meeting at the Coliseum Bar for your chance to win an \$80 gift certificate to *Fontana Sports Specialties*.

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| October 10 th | Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring George Close |
| November 14 th | Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring Timothy Ehlinger |
| December 12 th | Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring Dan Wisniewski (tentative) |
| January 9 th | Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring SWTU Fly Tying Jamboree |
| January 19 th | Nash Williams Memorial Banquet |
| January 20 th | Ice Breaker featuring Dave Ames, Kevin Searock, and Craig Amacker |

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