

Newscasts

December, 2006 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Our Connection to Something Big

Have you ever looked at the title page of *Trout Magazine* – where they list the names of editors, staff, trustees, and the National Leadership Council, and wondered, “Who are all of these people”? Or

, “What the hell is a *National Leadership Council*?” Even if you have never pondered such enigmas, you will not want to miss our December 12th chapter meeting at the *Coliseum Bar*. Our speaker will be none other than *Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited* member and *National Leadership Council* member Dan Wisniewski.

Dan has been an active member of our chapter for nearly twenty years. He has served on our board of directors, and was once our vice president. He also edited *Newscasts* for eight years (then watched in abject horror as his successor committed one grammatical crime after another). Dan has also served on the *Wisconsin State Council Legislative Committee*.

In 2005, he was elected as the Wisconsin representative to the *National Leadership Council*. He currently serves the *NLC* as the chair of the committees on the *Farm Bill* and Land Conservancy, where he is doing his part to insure that there will be money in the next *Farm Bill* for conservation.

Dan will give us an overview of how TU National operates, what the current initiatives are, and how we, as a chapter, fit into the big picture. If you attend, you will probably come away with a better understanding of what you are a part of and how significant *Trout Unlimited* can be.

Many of us will meet at the Coliseum for dinner around 6:00 pm. Please join us in our smoke-free environ for a bite to eat before the meeting. We have been assured that sufficient wait staff will be on hand to handle our dinner requests expeditiously. The meeting will be called to order at 7:02 pm (please note the 60 second time change). The Coliseum Bar is located at 232 Olin Ave – across the street from the Alliant Energy Center.

Meet Dave Ames

When choosing *Ice Breaker* speakers, we strive to include a speaker with a national reputation as well as a speaker with a Wisconsin (or at least a Midwestern) connection. Our nationally recognized speaker for 2007 will be Dave Ames.

Mr. Ames is an author, a fishing guide, and an innkeeper. The sum of these three interests is the perfect solution to our *Ice Breaker* formula. Authors are often entertaining, but occasionally lack the instructive capacity that we crave from our speakers. Guides are knowledgeable teachers, but are often unused to speaking before crowds. Innkeepers that hire themselves as guides while writing fabulous books on the side – well, how many of those are there?

Time will eventually tell, but it seems very likely that Dave’s book, *True Love and the Woolly Bugger* is bound to become a classic in the already distinguished world of fly fishing literature. It is wickedly funny, yet instructive. In a review of the book, Tom McGuane (whom John Gierach claims as his favorite author) described it as, “a thoroughly amusing, manic, and perversely informative book about fishing in several of its most mutant forms.” If I could have said it better myself, I too would be living off of my book royalties. His other books are also veritable masterpieces.

Next month’s edition of *Newscasts* will feature previews of Craig Amacher and Kevin Searock. In the meantime, keep saving your discretionary funds in order to buy raffle tickets.

You Must Be Present To Win

Chuck Valliere was the lucky winner of the *You-Must-Be-Present-To-Win* drawing at our November meeting. This ends a dry spell for Chuck - he hasn’t won that drawing since April 2005. Uffda! What are the chances of the same guy winning twice? Better than you might think - Chuck hardly ever misses a meeting.

We will start all over again on December 12th. Please join us for a chance to win a \$20 gift certificate. Kindly remember, *You-Must-Be-Present-To-Win*.

Fly Tying Classes 2007

By Phil Anderson

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites you to learn fly tying or improve your fly tying skills. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced courses provide general instruction on fly tying techniques and specific demonstrations of fly patterns proved effective in local waters. All classes are free of charge, although voluntary donations to help defray costs will be graciously accepted. Experienced instructors, some of which are accomplished and acknowledged masters, will instruct the classes using a combination of demonstrations and hand-on tutorials. All in-class materials will be provided, including an instructional booklet for Beginning Fly Tying. You must provide the needed fly tying tools. A list of tools and basic fly tying supplies can be found by visiting the website address listed below.

Beginning and Intermediate courses meet on the west side of Madison at the Fitchburg Community Center. Beginning and Advanced courses meet on the east side of Madison at Patrick Marsh Middle School in Sun Prairie. All classes meet each Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM for ten weeks beginning January 18, 2007.

Fitchburg classes meet for ten consecutive weeks beginning 1/18/07. Sun Prairie classes meet for 10 weeks beginning 1/18/07, but classes do not meet on 2/1/07. Thus, the final Sun Prairie classes are 3/29/07.

Advanced registration is required! Enrollment is limited in Beginning and Intermediate classes to approximately 15 students. You may register online at www.swt.org or using the mail-in registration form available on page 3 and at local fly shops. The registration deadline is January 8, 2007. Students will be accepted in the order registrations are received, and classes often fill rapidly. Approximately two thirds of registrations for Intermediate Fly Tying are reserved for those who have not previously taken the Intermediate course.

Beginning Fly Tying: Intended for those with little or no previous fly tying experience. Techniques needed as a foundation for more advanced fly tying are established, and basic but effective fly patterns are demonstrated and practiced in class. Students are expected to

practice at home after receiving hands-on instruction and tutorials in class.

Intermediate Fly Tying: Intended for those who have a solid foundation in fly tying and want to expand their tying expertise. The techniques and materials are more varied, the patterns can be more complex, and the hook sizes are usually smaller than flies of Beginning Fly Tying. Students are expected to practice at home between classes.

Advanced Fly Tying: Intended for those with considerable experience in fly tying who desire advanced instruction in techniques and/or materials. Course curriculum varies from year to year, and guest tiers often visit with expert instruction on specific techniques or patterns.

Questions? Send email to SWTU-FlyTying@sbcglobal.net

eNewscasts Sign Up Continues

Unless you have sent a \$12 check to our Treasurer, this will be the last paper edition of *Newscasts* that you will see. Beginning in January, paper copies will be distributed only to paid subscribers. If you prefer paper editions of *Newscasts*, then please send us a check (see page 5 for details).

Electronic editions are free, but can only be distributed to those who have told us where to send them. If you want free newsletters, then please make sure that we have your current email address by the end of the year. To begin receiving your *Newscasts* electronically, simply send an email to Maffmarkitt@hotmail.com with "Newscasts Opt-Out" in the title of the message, and your name, and snail mail address in the body of the message.

Welcome New Members

Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce the addition of the following new members to our ranks.

Matt Fiedler	Garrett Motelet
Carl Frederick	Jess Schumacher
Greg Johnson	Taylor Waspi

We are honored to have you among us. Please join us at our December 12th meeting, and we'll give you some free bucket raffle tickets

**Registration Form
2007 Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Classes**

Name: _____

Address1: _____

Address2: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Choice of Fly tying Class (Check One):

_____ Beginning Fly Tying – East (Sun Prairie)

_____ Beginning Fly Tying – West (Fitchburg)

_____ Intermediate Fly Tying – West (Fitchburg)

_____ Advanced Fly Tying – East (Sun Prairie)

(All classes begin on Thursday, January 18, 2007)

How would you like to be contacted for registration confirmation?
(check one):

_____ Email

_____ US Postal mail

_____ Telephone

Mail your registration in time to arrive by 1/8/07 to:

Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Organizers
1522 Chandler St.
Madison, WI 53711

Or register online at <http://www.swtu.org>

Southern Wisconsin Chapter Trout Unlimited's 23rd Annual

ICE BREAKER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20  8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Park Ponderosa Ballroom → 5100 Erling Ave. (Off Sigglekow Rd), McFarland, WI →

Featuring



Dave Ames

Premier Montana Fishing Guide

**Author *A Good Life Wasted, or
Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide***

**Plus the critically acclaimed *True
Love and the Woolly Bugger* and
*Dances With Sharks***

**Learn the secrets for fishing
cutthroat trout and mountain
grayling**

**And be enormously entertained by
Dave's experiences as a flats
fishing guide**

Also Featuring



Kevin Searock

**Southern Wisconsin
writer, teacher,
photographer, and
avid fisherman**

**Will be published in
Wisconsin Trails
and *Grays Sporting
Journal* in 2007**

**Kevin knows fishing
and will inspire you
with his love of the
sport and its long
history**

Craig Amacker

**Madison based fly
fishing guide for 10
years**

**Featured in *Flyfishers
Guide to Wisconsin***

**Has fished and led
trips all over the world**

**Learn how to fish
Wisconsin from a
local master**



Raffle Items and Door Prizes including: Quality Fly Rods and Reels, Presentation Quality Flies, Fine Prints, and many other items donated by area businesses.



Advance Tickets \$9 (\$10 at door)
Send SASE with check payable to:
TROUT UNLIMITED/John Schweiger
5541 Dahlen Dr. Madison, WI 53705

INFO: Call Jack Way at
(608) 222-2461 or
www.swtu.org

All proceeds are used for cold water conservation projects

The Giving Season

Trout season is over and the season of giving has arrived. There is no better way to say thank you for our cold water blessings than to make a donation to our Chapter Endowment Fund. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 in year end contributions. The Fund was established in 2005 with the mission of taking advantage of every opportunity to carry out projects that nurture our cold water resources back to health. We need your generous financial support. Please send your tax deductible contribution today!

Yes, I want to help!

\$500 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Make checks payable to: "*Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Endowment Fund*" and mail to: SWTU, PO Box 7051, Madison, WI 53707.

2007 Newscasts Subscription Form

Time is running out. Unless you take action, this will be the last paper copy of *Newscasts* that you will receive. You must take one of the actions listed below.

- Please sign me up for the printed edition of *Newscasts* for the remarkably low price of only \$12 per calendar year. I am enclosing a check, made payable to *Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited*, and mailing it to:

John Schweiger
5541 Dahlen Dr.
Madison, WI 53705-1341

- Thanks no. Being of sound mind and fugal spirit, I will send an email to Maffmarkitt@hotmail.com and request electronic distribution of the newsletter. I promise to include "Newscasts Opt-Out" in the subject line, and my snail mail address in the body of the message.

- None of the above. *Newscasts* is a sorry excuse for a newsletter, and I would probably be a better person if I never saw another copy of the wretched thing. (*Ouch!*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Important dates to remember:

December 12 th	Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring Dan Wisniewski
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
February 13 th	Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar
March 13 th	Chapter Meeting at the Coliseum Bar featuring the <i>March Madness Auction</i>

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