

MEETINGS

Members receive updates of chapter business at **monthly meetings**. They may also learn something about river conservation or new fishing techniques from the informative speakers at each gathering. There are door prizes and opportunities to socialize during dinner.

The “nuts and bolts” business of the chapter is discussed during the regular **board meetings**. Board members are expected to attend, but all members are welcome to come and provide their input.

Membership Meetings

SECOND TUESDAY of the month

Maple Tree Restaurant
Hwy. 51, McFarland, WI
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

LAST TUESDAY of the month

Maple Tree Restaurant
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

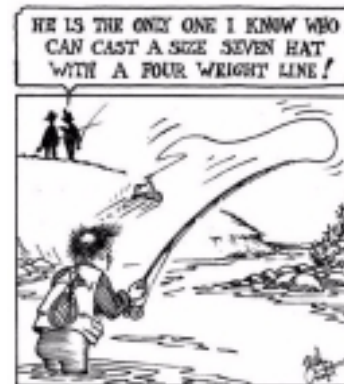
SPECIAL MEETING EVENTS

January	Fly tying meeting
March	March Madness Auction
April	Elections / Awards
July	“On the Stream” meeting (held on a Saturday)
August	No meetings

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN TU YEAR AT A GLANCE

Trout Appreciation Dinner	1/18/02
Ice Breaker Clinic	1/19/02
Fly Tying Classes	January thru March
WI State TU Banquet	2/2/02
March Madness Auction	3/12/02
Casting Clinic	4/27/02
Black Earth Creek Clean Up	4/20/02
Special Needs Fishing Day	6/8/02
Stream Clean-Up Projects	Year round
Chapter Trips	On occasion

For more information please contact any chapter officer, committee chair, or board member.

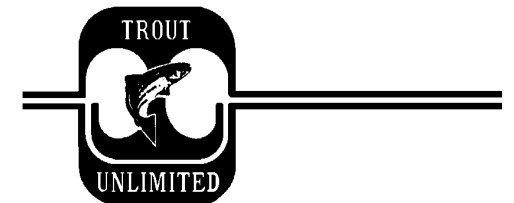


SOUTHERN WISCONSIN TU OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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TO THE SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*A Guide for New Members
or a refresher for all those other
forgetful anglers*



Trout Unlimited: America's Leading
Coldwater Fisheries Conservation
Organization

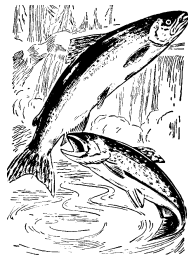
WELCOME

TROUT UNLIMITED'S SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959 in Grayling, Michigan by anglers who were concerned about protecting and enhancing habitat for healthy populations of native trout. TU now has over 100,000 member in 455 chapters nationwide. Its members are dedicated to the conservation, protection, and restoration of North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter was the 2nd Trout Unlimited chapter to form in the state of Wisconsin. Founded in 1969 with only 10 members it has since grown to over 500 members. The group has become a strong and respected advocate of trout streams in the region. If you enjoy fishing or value clean streams we hope you will join us in our efforts to protect these precious resources. This brochure provides a brief introduction to Trout Unlimited and how chapter members can get involved.

For information about the nationwide activities of Trout Unlimited, check out the web site at www.tu.org. Follow the "Chapter news" link to catch up on our chapter (#061).



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: IMPROVING STREAMS IN SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

Members of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter aren't afraid to get their feet wet or speak up to protect trout streams in and around Dane County. Concerned anglers contribute hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" working on stream habitat improvements for trout. They raise thousands of dollars annually to invest in the resource. And they take action when they identify a threat to clean water and healthy streams.

The chapter's long standing commitment to **Black Earth Creek** is a shining example of their dedication. Working with many partners since the 1960s, Southern Wisconsin TU has helped transform Black Earth Creek from an imperiled stream with under 200 trout per mile into a Class I trout fishery with about 1600 trout per mile. Members have:

- encouraged the Department of Natural Resources to focus on restoring Black Earth Creek to a healthy vibrant stream;
- raised thousands of dollars to aide in restoration efforts;
- spent many hours cleaning, brushing, and working along the stream; and
- worked to increase awareness of the importance of this stream through public outreach and angler education.

The chapter's commitment continues. Each year the chapter sponsors a stream clean up day. They continue to watch out for and help prevent potential damage to the fishery. And most take advantage of the stream's outstanding fishing!



The chapter has also become involved in the restoration of **Token Creek**, just northeast of Madison. Opportunities to remove an old millpond and acquire the surrounding property arose creating the possibility for a significant brook trout restoration effort. Local partners joined forces to raise over \$1,000,000 to acquire the property. Southern Wisconsin Chapter of TU exceeded its fund raising commitment of \$25,000 by donating approximately **\$27,000** to the effort! But efforts won't stop here; the chapter will be involved in all phases of developing Token Creek.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Stream Work Projects need many hands. Members contribute "**sweat equity**" spending time to clear, brush, or fence streams like Lodi Spring Creek, Mt. Vernon Creek, and Deer Creek. Of course, there is the annual clean up on Black Earth Creek.



Angler Education is an important part of Southern Wisconsin TU's mission. Members teach and take part in **fly tying classes and casting clinics**. They reach out to the broader community by organizing a **Special Needs Fishing Day** which attracts about 50 participants annually.



Fundraising Events support the work of the chapter. **The Trout Appreciation Dinner**, the **Ice Breaker Clinic**, and the **March Madness Auction** raise thousands of dollars annually. They also offer opportunities for education and swapping fish stories.



Communication is vital for any organization. Members stay in touch by attending the monthly membership or board **meetings**. The newsletter, **Newscasts** also helps keep members up to date on accomplishments and upcoming events.