

Newscasts

October 2017 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Tenkara Road Trip Our October 10 Chapter Meeting

Matt Sment (our trusty President) had this to share about the presentation he'll be giving on Tuesday:

In which we fish Utah's Provo River with a Japanese Tenkara Master, work the Eagle River for Colorado rainbows, backpack Rocky Mountain National Park to remote lakes in search of Greenback cutthroats, and stalk North Carolina's scenic waterfalls in the Wilson Creek drainage.

September was a busy month full of tenkara fly fishing adventure and I'll share the stories, pictures, and video!

I don't know about you, but that sounds like an amazing adventure and well worth your time.

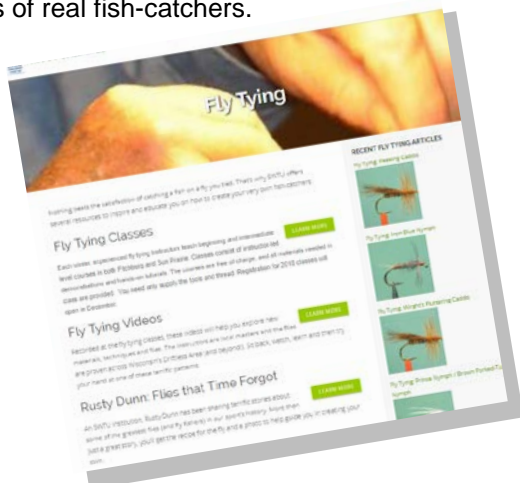
As usual, the meeting is upstairs at the [Coliseum Bar and Grill](#) on East Olin Avenue at 7 p.m. but please join us earlier for dinner and a few stories.

You Must Be Present to Win

Michael Burda (way to go, Mike!) won at our last meeting and so our drawing is reset to \$20. Please join us at our next Chapter meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to *Fontana Sports Specialties*. *(This item corrected from the initial publication.)*

Have you checked out [the Fly Tying section of swtu.org](#)?

You'll find Some terrific patterns and history lessons from Rusty as well as superb educational videos of real fish-catchers.



Icebreaker update! Save the date for January 13, 2018

We are excitedly looking forward to our keynote speakers –Tucker and Jacquie Nelson from [Nelson Spring Creek Ranch](#) in Livingston, MT.



Their [Facebook page](#) (viewable even if you don't have Facebook) has some great photos and videos that give you a good idea of why you will want to attend our 2018 Icebreaker!

Icebreaker Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a way to give back to the chapter and help raise funds for stream restoration? Volunteer for the Icebreaker! Current opportunities are below. Contact [Amy Klusmeier](#) for more information.

Kid's Activity Chair

We would like to offer activities for kids from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Icebreaker event on January 13, 2018. A volunteer is needed to plan activities, recruit additional volunteers (if needed) and coordinate day-of events. Estimated time commitment: 20 hours between October 2017 and January 2018.

Icebreaker Committee Chair

This volunteer serves as the liaison between the SWTU Board of Directors and the event venue, and is responsible for overall event planning and management. Play a key role in selecting the featured speakers, event activities, and fundraising. You will work with a great team of volunteers that assist with activities and bucket raffles, and receive guidance and support from past committee chairs. Please consider volunteering for this important chapter leadership position! Ideally the new chair would shadow the 2018 event chair and take the lead on the 2019 event. Estimated time commitment: 10 hours between October 2017 and January 2018 and 50 hours between September 2018 and January 2019.

If you have questions about the Icebreaker, contact amy.klusmeier@gmail.com.

Our Fall Stream Workday Schedule

Mark your calendars!

Please join us for any or all of our three fall workdays. Absolutely no experience necessary ... the work isn't complicated and is a great way to make a difference for our streams and meet some great people!

October 7 – Mt Vernon Creek

When: 9am to 12 noon (Chapter Approved Sawyers please arrive at 8:30).

Where: Mt Vernon Creek, starting at the bridge on Cty. Rd. U and working upstream toward Mt. Vernon. Cty Rd. U is located about 1/2 mile south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy 92. Here is a [map](#) to this location.

What: Extensive clearing of brush and box elders. There is a lot of work that needs to be done at this location. Just getting into the site will require clearing work. So, get a good night rest for this workday. Rather than creating burn piles, the DNR will be bringing a wood chipper to deal with the slash. They will operate this equipment. Haulers should consider bringing ear protection. Dan Oele, the new Fisheries Biologist with the DNR will be joining us for this workday.

Bring: Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and loppers; otherwise the chapter has equipment you can use. Also bring reusable water bottles that can be re-filled from our 5-gal water jug. Reusable coffee mugs will also be available. ***In addition to the above, people should consider bringing ear protection, as there will be a wood chipper on site.***

October 28 – Gordon Creek, Kriss Marion's Easement, Blanchardville

When: 9am to 12 noon (Chapter Approved Sawyers please arrive at 8:30).

Where: Same location as the May 6, 2016 workday last spring. Driving west from Madison on Hwy 151, take Hwy 78 south out of Mt. Horeb toward Blanchardville. The worksite is on the north side of Blanchardville. There is no parking available on Hwy 78, you will need to park on Baker Street, also known as Iowa Cty. Rd. F. Here is a [map](#). If you get lost, call Jim Hess at 608-288-8662 for directions.

What: This is a newly acquired DNR easement on Gordon Creek. The DNR is wanting to add more easements in this area and clearing out this section will help to convince other land owners to sign up for an easement.

At the last workday on this site, we cleared the invasive brush and some box elders. At this workday,

we will be removing larger box elders and bucking them up for burn piles, but the trunks will be left intact. The Blanchardville Volunteer Fire department will be doing the burn piles.

Again, Kriss Marion will be providing lunch and refreshments after the workday at her B&B.

Bring: Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and loppers; otherwise the chapter has equipment you can use. Also bring reusable water bottles that can be re-filled from our 5-gal water jug. Reusable coffee mugs will also be available.

Do not park on Hwy 78. Park on Baker Street (Iowa Cty. Rd F), which is on the north side of the cemetery, across the street (west) from the work area.

December 2 – Mt Vernon Creek

Same location and work as the October 7 workday. Hopefully, we will finish the job.

Remember, every workday you attend earns you an entry into the drawing for the Stream Keeper fly rod, custom-built by Jim Bartelt.

Jim Hess
Conservation Committee Chair

Lose a Fly Box?

One large Orvis fly box buried in the mud on Bear Creek in the upper pasture. Contact patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com with a description and the collection will be returned. If not claimed within three months, flies will be donated to SWTU kids/womens/vets programs.

[Pro tip: stick a mail label in the cover of your fly boxes.]

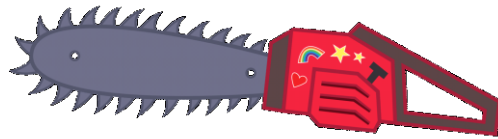
Lost & Found

Chainsaw Training

Dane County is offering a Chainsaw safety Training – Level 1 on Saturday November 11.

Space is limited. SWTU will support your attendance if you commit to putting the newfound skills to use at our stream workdays.

Pre-registration is required. If interested, contact our workday chair, Jim Hess, at jim.hess@tds.net for more information.



Stay Connected



Know what's happening by connecting to our [Chapter Calendar!](#)



Check out [Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited on Facebook](#) to connect to activities, discussions and friends. (You should be able to view the page without a Facebook account.)

If you know of a member not receiving emails from SWTU, please have them email madkasel@gmail.com

Fountains of Youth

Classic trout flies that have withstood the test of time ... flies that remain "forever young"

by Rusty Dunn

'Stoneflies' are named for the stony-bottomed, well-oxygenated streams that the insects inhabit. 'Mayflies' for the month of May, during which hatches of historically famous English species reach their peak. But what of 'caddisflies'? How were they named? Today's term 'caddis' originated in the middle ages from the root word 'cod', which is a husk, bag, or pouch. Larvae of many caddisfly species live within such cods, known today as 'cases'. Dame Juliana Berners recommended use of cased caddis larvae as live bait when she wrote in 1496 "*put on thyn hoke a cod-worme*" in *A Treatyse of Fishing with an Angle*. 'Cod' and 'cad' were often used interchangeably in Middle English, and by the 1600s, common names for cased caddis were various permutations of both words, including 'cad bait' (1620, *Secrets of Angling*), 'cados worme' (1634, *Theatrum Insectorum*), 'Cadis-worme' (*The Compleat Gentleman*, 1622), and 'cadice' (*The Art of Angling*, 1651). The modern spelling 'caddis' appeared as early as 1653 in the first edition of *The Compleat Angler* by Isaac Walton, whose entomological naiveté was evident when he wrote that a trout "*especially loves the Mayflie, which is bred of the Cod-worm or Caddis*".

Caddisflies inhabit all trout water and are especially important in streams whose water quality is compromised. When water quality declines, the number of aquatic insects declines similarly. Stoneflies are the first to dwindle in number, followed by mayflies. As the food base shrinks, so does the sustainable population of trout. The good news is that caddisflies are a hardy lot, persisting in the face of most human insults. You'll find varying numbers of stoneflies and mayflies during your trouty travels, but caddisflies will always be there. A well-stocked box of caddis patterns is perhaps your best angling companion.

Most caddisfly species build cases of sand, gravel, or

foraged vegetation glued together with a sticky secreted silk. Larvae live within such protective cases, which are attached to rocks or wood on the stream bottom. Many caddis species carry their cases like travel trailers as they forage and move about the bottom. Trout feed on cased caddis by plucking cases from rocks or taking them adrift in the current. A few cased caddis probably drift throughout the day, but greater numbers are available during times of behavioral drift. Like many aquatic insects, cased caddis exhibit a daily behavioral drift, during which occupied cases detach from the bottom at reproducible times and drift downstream before reattaching. Behavioral drifts of most aquatic insects peak at dawn and dusk, but those of several important cased caddis species occur in mid-day. Trout feed readily on drifting cases, especially when little else is hatching.

Many generic nymphs are reasonable imitations of cased caddis, but the Strawman nymph, designed by Detroit's Paul Young, was the first explicit imitation of the group. Young, who is most famous for his delightful hand-made split-bamboo fly rods, offered Strawman nymphs in his tackle catalog as early as 1927. The pattern was later published in his 1934 book *Making and Using the Dry Fly*.

Today's most popular cased caddis pattern is probably that of George Anderson, owner of a well-known fly shop in Livingston, MT. He designed the 'Peeking Caddis' in the 1970s to imitate Mother's Day caddis of the Yellowstone River. Quoting Anderson, "*The key to tying an effective (cased caddis) imitation lies not only in imitating the case but in convincing the trout that it actually contains life*". His pattern imitates a caddis larva protruding from the open end of its chimney-like case. A band of brightly colored dubbing imitates the abdomen, and a collar of ostrich herl imitates the protruding thorax and head. The fly catches trout wherever they are found. If you've ever been puzzled by the seemingly inexplicable effectiveness of John Bethke's Pink Squirrel, look no further than George Anderson's Peeking Caddis for inspiration and guidance.

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----- Peeking Caddis -----

Cream and bright green are the most frequent body colors of chimney-cased caddis larvae.

Hook: 2X-long nymph hook; #10 - #16

Weight: An underbody of lead or non-toxic wire

Thread: Black, 6/0 or 8/0

Rib: Oval or flat gold tinsel

Body: Natural hare's mask fur, tapered slightly

Thorax: A band of cream or bright green fur dubbing

Legs: Brown partridge feather barbs, tied either as a collar (Anderson original) or a beard (most popular today)

Head: Black ostrich herl



Welcome New Members

We're pleased to announce the addition of the following new members to our ranks!

Jennifer Everson
James Brodzeller
Jayson Moyer
Paul Lanz

We are honored to have you among us. Please join us for a Chapter meeting, and we will give you **FREE** raffle tickets, flies and "an offer you can't refuse" from some of our most experienced fisher-folk! Try to get there at 6 p.m. for dinner and to sit with one of our board members to learn more about us. **If you will be attending your first meeting**, please contact [Tristan Kloss](#) so we can expect you.



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