

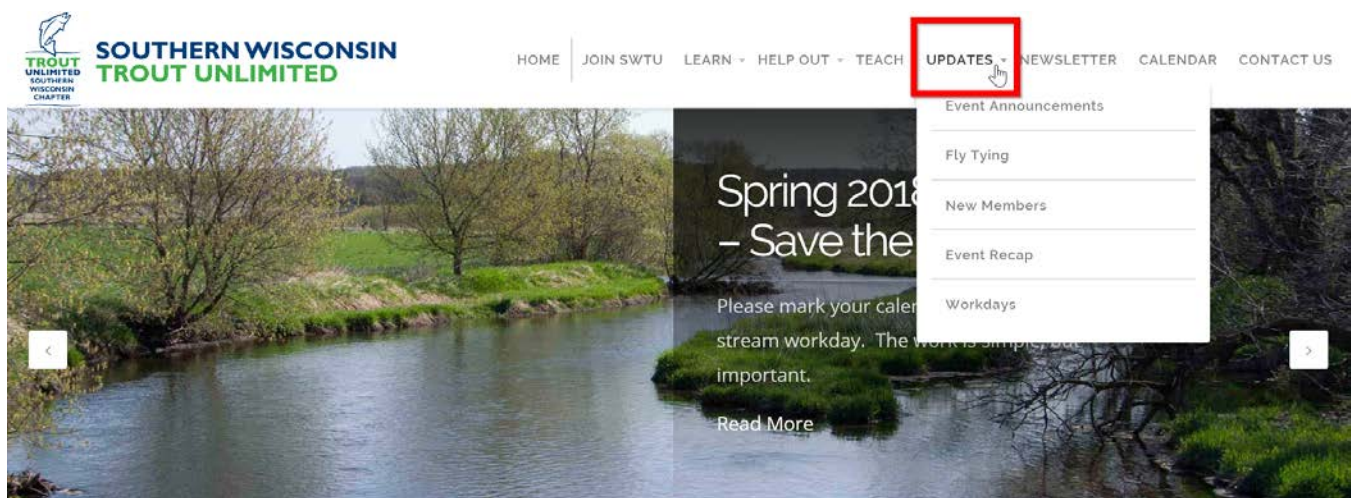
Newscasts



February 2018 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

PLEASE NOTE: We're changing the newsletter format to be primarily full-page, instead of two columns. It's simply easier and our limited volunteer time is shifting to do more with www.swtu.org. The web banners point you to bigger news, and clicking on the "UPDATES" tab takes you to the same news you find in the newsletter.

So bookmark your local Trout Unlimited site and make it a habit to visit us!



It's movie time!

Sit back and take in a cool and original flick at our February 13 meeting

SWTU is excited to share that a movie about our [Women's Fly Fishing Clinics](#) has been accepted in two local film festivals. It's called *Three Days on the River* and there are several opportunities for you to view it, **including at our February 13 Chapter Meeting!**

The movie was created by **Gretta Wing-Miller** of Madison's Downtown Dailies, The Women's Fly Fishing Clinics and SWTU.

The full length feature is 28 minutes, and you can [view the trailer for it on our website](#). You can also learn about the film festivals where it will be shown.

We will again meet on the second floor of the [Coliseum Bar and Grill](#). As usual, the meeting is at 7 p.m. but please join in for dinner and a few stories before.



Somebody will win \$100!!

We had no winner at the last meeting and so some lucky member WILL win \$100 at the February 13 meeting. Please join us for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to *Fontana Sports Specialties*.

Sign up for a rod building class

Dave Fowler is an accomplished rod builder and board member of SWTU. If you have attended the Icebreaker in the past, you've likely come across his work, or stopped to watch him build rods right there on site.

Now Dave is offering a two-day rod building class this April 21-22, at Cabela's in Sun Prairie.

Students will build their choice of a 2-, 3- or 4-weight fiberglass rod, or a 3-weight graphite rod (same as this year's Stream Keeper rod) with Dave's instruction. Class includes all materials and the cost is \$175 per student. This is a steal compared to what it costs to buy a new rod. And on top of all that ... Dave has generously offered to donate all profits back to SWTU!

Class size is limited to 6 persons (first come, first served) so act quickly. For more information or to register, email Dave at dfowler82@gmail.com.

Spring workday schedule

Please mark your calendar to join us for a stream workday. The work is simple, but important, and you're bound to have fun and meet great people! You are also entered into a drawing for a wonderful handcrafted "Streamkeeper" rod that is drawn at the end of the year.

It will be these Saturdays and very likely 9 a.m. to noon. Locations are still TBD.

- March 24
- April 7
- April 21
- May 12

The many benefits of joining the SWTU Stream Team ...

The happy winner of the Streamkeeper Rod for 2017 was **Tom Dosch**. Tom has been attending workdays for a couple of years, and his name was drawn from all workday attendees at our Icebreaker event!



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

Project Green Teen Announcements

We have a great group of 13 students in [Project Green Teen](#) who could use a helping hand. Contact [Tina Murray](#) with questions or offers of help!

Fly tying instruction

- **February 12** from 10:45 AM - 2:30 PM Pizza lunch included ← **NOTE time change from typical.**
- **February 13th** from 12:30 - 3:15 (our typical times)

PGT is in need of (before May 1st):

- Flies for the 13 students ... flies for the driftless in springtime, terrestrials etc.
- Wading boots and waders that still have some life left in them.
(Please patch up known holes / much appreciated!)
- OLD or rebuilt leaders for practice 7 1/2 feet is perfect length
- Polarized Sunglasses, particularly fit overs.
- Old rods / reels for students who cannot afford to purchase the class rods at the end of PGT.



Also ... Shabazz is starting a Nature Photography course to teach students how to be still and observe and capture nature to identify species and appreciate being in Nature. We are seeking financial donations to buy quality digital cameras for this coursework. Donations can be sent to Rachel Schramm at Shabazz, 1601 N. Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704

Tina Murray will be collecting the above items at Chapter meetings or bring them to Shabazz.

Women's Clinics Announcements

Our fabulous [Wisconsin Women's Fly Fishing Clinics](#) in JUNE are full and have wait lists. We try to take as many women as possible off the wait lists, but it leaves our classes full at 22-24 women for each clinic. We need 23-25 Guides June 20th from 4 pm on and June 21 from 10 am on. (On Thursday women go out twice, once from 10 - 1 and once from 3 pm into the eve) Campfire at the campground afterwards.

Items needed for the Women's Clinics (items can be given to Tina Murray at a Chapter meeting)

- Flies for the beginner boxes (See list below ... **we have very few yet.** Please tie 23 -24 flies each.)
- OLD leaders for practice casting (7.5 ft please)
- Items for women's raffles to pay for scholarships and food

Dry's	Terrestrials	Nymphs	Streamers
Sulpher #16 Caddis, varying sizes/colors Adams Stimulators Crane flies	Cricket #14 Hopper #14 Ants Beatles	Scud #12 Pheasant Tail Bead Head #16 – #18 Gold Ribbed Hares Jr's Caddis Larva Copper John	Weighted Wooly Buzzer #12 & 10 Small Streamers #12 & #10 Mickey Finns

Guides contact **Rich Lahti**, lahtirich@yahoo.com (608) 516-4480, OR **Scot Stewart**, scotstewart2@gmail.com (608) 273-5967.

Dane County Continues Wonderful Work on Sugar River: **TU Action Needed**

By Topf Wells

Access to the Sugar River and other natural resources will improve thanks to recent Dane County actions. The County has agreed with the Ziegler family to purchase 60 acres along the river off State Highway 69 between Verona and Paoli. Within the 60 acres are about 2/3 of a mile of river and its two stream banks, an intact wetland, a farm bridge (good for hikers), safe and easily reached access for paddlers, two Native American Indian mounds, and a 19th Century stone house that served as one of the first stage coach stops in Dane County. Many users of

the property will notice that the river is lined with mature hard woods, including some grand oak trees. The purchase also includes public hunting rights on another 120 acres.

The combination of valuable natural resources and unique cultural resources made this a complex transaction, taking several years of negotiation, dozens of hours of County staff time and the strong support of County Executive Joe Parisi and his staff. Laura Hicklin, Jan Zimmerman, and Sara Rigelman of Dane County's Land and Water Resources Department deserve thanks for their combined efforts. We also owe the Ziegler family our appreciation.

This purchase continues the County's strong effort to protect the Sugar River's natural resources and make them available to the public. When approved, this property will be within three miles of almost 500 acres of land and over 4 miles of the Sugar River that is open to the public for a wide variety of outdoor recreation. Those of us lucky enough to fish, paddle, or hike these lands and waters have been grateful for those opportunities. TU has had several work days on these lands and just completed a major stream restoration on one section.

The resolution authorizing the purchase is making its way through County Committees and the County Board. Many of you responded to an email asking that you contact members of the Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee urging their support. It passed unanimously and at least two Committee Members contacted TU members to thank them for reaching out to them.

The County Board will likely vote on this resolution on February 15. Please take time to contact your County Board Member and ask that he or she support this resolution. You can easily find out who your Supervisor is and have several ways of contacting him or her by using the Board's website at <https://board.countyofdane.com/>. While I don't think the resolution is controversial, it's always a good idea to thank the Board for its past excellent support of conserving the Sugar River and ask that its members continue the good work.



Message from the SWTU President

By Matt Sment

Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited would not be a thriving conservation community without the dedication and generosity of its members. Without you volunteering your valuable time and expertise to cold water resource stewardship, our stream habitat would fall prey to increasing neglect and exploitation.

Thank you to all of the people and businesses who contributed donations of your time, skills, or prize items for the Icebreaker, and thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. It is your commitment that shines through in the exceptional results our programs deliver.

Some volunteer's contributions merit special recognition due to their exceptionally dedicated efforts. **Amy Klusmeier** has shown consistent excellence in serving the SWTU board and organizing the Icebreaker fundraiser, and as a result, we are happy to announce that she has been awarded the **Joan and Lee Wulff Award for Conservation Leadership** by the Wisconsin Trout Unlimited State Council. Please join me and the SWTU Board in congratulating her! (And see the next pages for an update and photos from the Icebreaker!)

A successful Icebreaker!!

Thanks to all who attended and donated we met our goal of raising \$5,000! The final net profit is \$5,013.

There are some select photos on the next page courtesy **Jim Beecher** and **Mark Horn**. Many more photos are available in these shared drives: [JIM BEECHER ALBUM](#) | [MARK HORN ALBUM](#)

Be sure to also see page 6 for a list of raffle items, donors and winners!

Lastly, it's not too early to mark your calendars for the **36th annual Icebreaker: Saturday, January 26, 2019**

A few photos from a wonderful Icebreaker



Our expert panel on smallmouth bass doled out laughs and great advice on fishing for smallies.

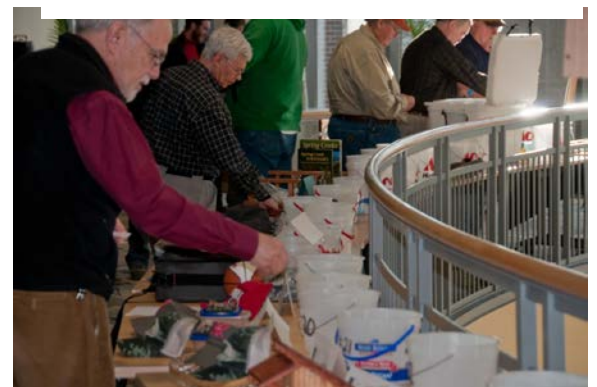


Listening, learning and asking questions in the spacious and comfortable theater during an engaging talk from Tucker and Jacquie Nelson.



At left is one of the fly tying rooms.

Below is a glimpse at the tremendous bucket raffle.



Icebreaker prizes, donors and winners!

A list (and some pictures) of the amazing donated items, donors and winners! Thanks to the donors for their generosity and to the winners for attending and buying raffle tickets! **If you won an item and weren't on hand at the end of the day**, please contact Amy Klusmeier to arrange a pick up: amy.klusmeier@gmail.com or 608-215-1228. Scroll down below the chart for some photos of the raffle!

Donated Items	Donors	Winner Name
Custom Built Bamboo Rod	Paul Douglas	John Wagner
Custom Built 7'6" 3 wt Fiberglass Rod	Dave Fowler	Chris Weber
Custom Built Maple Fly Tying Desk	Greg Erickson	Michelle Anderson
Yeti Tundra 50 Cooler	Drew Kasel, Tim Steines, Steve Wald, Dan Jansen and Kurt Osterby	Carl Ryan
Hand Tied Flies	Tom Mulford	Curt Diehl
Full Day Guided Trip	Fontana Sports	Drew Kasel
Fishpond Sling and Hand Tied Flies	Henry Haugley	Greg Vodak
Remington Rise Reel 5/6 wt	Jim Bartelt	Jeff Watson
Trout Bookends with Books	Henry Haugley & Jordan Konisky	Hannah Matouseu
Custom Built Fly Tying Station	Rich Mlodzik & Central WI TU	Yves Charron
Half-day Guided Trip	Badger Tenkara	Bill Flader
Tenkara Rod	Badger Tenkara	Tom Pellett
Umpqua Vest Pack & Simms Gore-tex Hat	Ed Barnes	Rodney Cain
Spring Creek Flies	Jim Beecher	Topf Wells
Spring Creek Flies	Jim Beecher	Topf Wells
Hand Tied Flies	Scot Stewart	Paul Banas
Simms Gear - Real Briefcase, Hat, T-Shirt	Ed Barnes	Andy Kurth
UW Men's Basketball Ticket Package	Tom Parker	John Gribb
Hand Tied Flies	John Gribb	Dawson Andy Kurth
Hand Tied Flies	John Gribb	Dawson Andy Kurth
Net	Jim Bartelt	Steve Fisher
Custom Built Bird House	Chuck Bayuk	Paul Burczyk
Vortex Vanquish Binoculars + Blue Bird House	Vortex Optics and Leroy Ebert	Dave Sanders
Vortex Solor Monocular	Vortex Optics	Tom Pellett
Fly Tying Kit & Book	John & Rose Schweiger	Steve Fisher
Framed 1992 Trout Stamp Print	Badger Fly Fishers	Yves Charron
Hand Tied Flies & 40% St. Croix Discount	Bill Flader & St. Croix	Tim Regan
Hand Tied Bluegill Flies & Simms Hat	Leroy Ebert	Jerry Sapp
Hand-turned Box Elder Bowl	John Rashke	Tony Weise
Green Bay Packer Gift Basket	John & Rose Schweiger	Jim Hill
Women's Shirt & Hat	Jim Bartelt, Spring Creek Specialties	Vince Cyrns
LL Bean Rod Package	Project Healing Waters	Vince Cyrns
Wisconsin Map Guide	Todd Hanson	Nate & Colleen Howes
Minnesota Map Guide	Todd Hanson	Jim Beecher
Wading Boots Men's Size 11	Ellis Bauman	Jon Cordoun
Kayak Fishing Float Vest	Chris Long	Dave Durrant
Custom Print	Brent Nicaastro	Dave Sanders
Smallmouth: Modern Fly-Fishing Methods, Tactics, and Techniques	Tim Landwehr, Tight Lines Fly Shop	Bob Selk
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Smallmouth: Modern Fly-Fishing Methods, Tactics, and Techniques	Tim Landwehr, Tight Lines Fly Shop	Scot Stewart
Shoebox Gift Certificate	The Shoebox	Susan Fey
Simms Gear	Kim & Tony Ferrie	Andy Kurth
Hand Tied Flies & Book	Bob Haase	Topf Wells

Fountains of Youth

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

by Rusty Dunn

A time-honored Scottish proverb states, "*There are two things a Highlander likes naked, and one of them is malt whisky*". If that Highlander be a fly fisher, the other naked delight is a trout fly. Scottish flies reflect the character of the country ... austere, frugal, and modest. The designs are humble yet graceful. Their short slender bodies, tiny slips of wing, and hint of hackle are tied from nature's palette of silk, fur and feather. Scottish flies may contain few materials, but they hold centuries of streamside observation and skill at the tying bench. G.E.M. Skues described the Scottish approach:

"The artificial fly is a sketch. The slight shred of wing, the slim body, the slight but active hackle. I have known Scottish burn fishers fill bumping creels with just such simple patterns."

The most famous of all Scottish trout flies is a Greenwell's Glory. Indeed, it may be the most widely known artificial fly of all time. The Greenwell's Glory is a winged wet fly whose global popularity from the mid-1800s to mid-1900s placed it in almost every angler's fly box. It even drew attention from non-anglers. People all over the world, including those who had never handled a fly rod and wouldn't know a mayfly from a maypole, recognized a Greenwell's Glory by name as something with which to catch trout.

Angling authors have struggled for centuries to understand why winged wet flies appeal to trout. Their paired feather slips arched over the back imitate the fully elongated wings of adult insects. Winged wets, however, are fished underwater with lots of cross-current movement. Why on earth would winged adult insects be swimming underwater? Several plausible, although not entirely compelling, explanations for this seeming contradiction have been proposed. Perhaps winged wets imitate drowned adult naturals whose emergence at the surface failed to complete. But would a drowned adult swim so vigorously underwater? It seems unlikely. Perhaps winged wets imitate emergers with partially expanded wings. Many

insects rise to the surface during a hatch with such nascent wing buds. Perhaps winged wets imitate small baitfish, whose rapid movements provoke strikes by predatory trout. Entomologists have established that egg-laying females of many mayfly and caddisfly species swim or crawl underwater to lay eggs at the stream bottom. Perhaps winged wets imitate the vigorous struggles of such females when they are swept into the currents.

A Greenwell's Glory owes its name to Canon William Greenwell of Durham, England, who was an experienced and frequent angler on Scotland's River Tweed. Greenwell fished the Tweed one afternoon in May, 1854 when a pale olive mayfly hatched in abundance. Trout rose freely all day, but none of Greenwell's many flies was up to the task. He ended the day frustrated and fishless. He captured one of the naturals and headed straight to James Wright, a renowned professional fly dresser who lived nearby. Wright and Greenwell together designed a fly on the spot in hopes of imitating the captured mayfly. Wright tied a dozen for Greenwell to try the next day. Greenwell reported the result in a letter published in *The Fishing Gazette*:

"Next day I had as fine a day's sport as I ever remember, and going, on my return, to James Wright, he asked me what success I had had. I told him I had filled my creel. 'Why', he said, 'but your creel holds 32 lb'. 'Yes', I said, 'but I have got my pockets full as well'."

Wright and Greenwell organized an impromptu gathering to celebrate the remarkable success of the new fly. The gathering included local regulars of the Tweed and generous quantities of Scots malt, with which the fly was ceremoniously christened to great fanfare as "Greenwell's Glory". Word of the new pattern spread quickly due to James Wright's reputation as a fly dresser and to his influence among affluent British anglers and authors, for whom the River Tweed was an elite destination. Many variations of the pattern have since appeared, but James Wright's River Tweed original remains unmatched for its combination of beauty, simplicity, and effectiveness.

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----- Greenwell's Glory, Tweed Style -----

The wings of James Wright's original dressing were set upright, but the fly shown to the right reflects the traditional River Tweed style of wings slanted backwards.

Hook: Wet fly, #14

Thread: Silk, light yellow, well waxed.

Wing: Folded or matched quill slips from the underside of a blackbird's wing

Body: Tying silk

Ribbing: Fine gold wire

Hackle: Hen, coch-y-bonddu or furnace; length no longer than the hook point



Welcome New Members

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

Rob Kosmeder	Mark Alloway
Winston Hurst	Mark Reif
Ian Olson	Dan Blake
Paul Juckem	Jon Jung
Terry Lee	Lucas Murray
Jack Hurst	Colleen Howes
Jonathan Alesch	Brett Unks
Hunter Burghy	Kim Zuhlke
Jeffrey Neterval	Zach Olufs



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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