

Newscasts

May 2023 Serving the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited



How Our Trout Streams Are Faring and How We Can Help Our Tuesday, May 9, Chapter Meeting

By Topf Wells

David Rowe, the Fisheries Team Supervisor for our area, will speak at our May 9 meeting. He'll report the state of the trout streams in our area as the regular season opens. He'll discuss some of the improvements and challenges facing the DNR in trout stream management. More specifically, he'll have some suggestions on how SWTU can use the funds we raise to help those efforts. The final topic is the DNR's ongoing planning efforts for the Western Coulees and Ridges Regional Master Plan. That mouthful is important because the plan represents our opportunity to expand the areas around our trout streams where the DNR can purchase land and easements as well as comment on management practices for current DNR managed lands. Meaning better stream protection and fishing access.

We don't see the biologists' supervisors in action as we do folks like Dan Oele and Justin Haglund. But Dan and Justin would not be here but for David's excellent hiring decisions. Those are typical of his successes in hiring the fish folks we work with. David is also responsible for the DNR adapting the watershed- based assessment of trout streams, which many of us have found extremely informative and useful.

David grew up between Middleton and Cross Plains and probably spent way too much time messing around Black Earth Creek, Brewery Creek and Salmo Pond as a kid but it seems to have worked out for him. He earned a BS from UW-Madison, a BSE (in education) from UW-Oshkosh and an MS in Fisheries Biology from Iowa State. David started with the DNR as a research technician back in the late 90s and has held positions as a Fisheries Tech in Antigo, Fisheries Biologist in Green Bay and currently the Fisheries Team Supervisor in Fitchburg covering the 9 counties of Southwest Wisconsin.

We'll meet on Tuesday, May 9, at Schwoegler's Bowling on Grand Canyon Drive on Madison's west side. Dinner and drinks will be available starting at 5:30 and David's presentation will begin a bit after 7. Hope to see you there!

[Schwoegler's Lanes, 444 Grand Canyon Dr., Madison, WI 53719](#)

Free Casting Lessons and More at the Riversmith Fly Casting Clinic Saturday, May 6, from 9 to Noon at H.M. Zander Community Nature Park in Cross Plains

In conjunction with Cross Plains "Trout Days", this FREE fly casting clinic is open to anyone ages 6 and up! Beginners are especially encouraged to attend. Equipment will be provided for those who don't have a fly rod. Learn about equipment, how to cast a fly rod, how to read the water, what trout eat (aquatic etymology) and any other questions you might have!

Please join us and also pass the word along to anyone you know who is interested in learning about our sport. You can show up to learn or help teach or provide encouragement. It's part of the larger "Trout Days" event so lots going on.



Chapter Business Meeting: May 9

By Don Golembiewski

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidate slate of candidates for the election to be held at the May 9 Chapter meeting.

President: TBD

Vice President: Topf Wells (incumbent)

Treasurer: Marty Chiaro (see bio below)

Secretary: Henry Nehls-Lowe (incumbent)

State Council Delegate: Michael Williamson (incumbent)

Director positions:

- **Jim Hess**, one-year board member (Past President and Conservation Committee Chair)
- **Dyan Lesnik**, board member at large (see bio below)
- **Don Golembiewski** (incumbent)
- **Kevin Maes** (incumbent)

Marty Chiaro

I've lived in Wisconsin's driftless area for the past 50 years and currently live in Sauk City. I am a recent retiree having worked at American Family Insurance for the last 17 years primarily serving in Treasury and other financial functions.

My primary interests in joining SWTU and serving as its Treasurer is to help it achieve its conservation goals in the Southern Wisconsin region, making new friends and some hands-on conservation work. I have previously focused my fishing pursuits on walleye in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway near Gotham. Having recently joined SWTU, I'm also looking forward to broadening my fishing skills to include trout fishing in Wisconsin's trout streams.

Dyan Lesnik

I've been a member of SWTU since 2018, first becoming involved through the SWTU Vets on the Fly program with my husband. After we both retired from the military we had the chance to move back to my home state of Wisconsin, now both working for the VA. I grew up in the Milwaukee area, but my love of the Driftless Area is strong! While my husband is the fly fisherman and fly tier, my interest lies more with supporting SWTU's conservation and education mission. My love of the outdoors and education in plant ecology, as well as being a Master Gardener drives my interest in wanting to do more within TU. I appreciate the link between all facets of the environment; water, plants, animals, soil and how they are all linked. Stream restoration, cold water stewardship and the love of the land has far-reaching benefits for everyone. Every workday I've participated in has been educational and a lot of hard work, but I've enjoyed every wet and muddy day! Attending the 2023 Driftless Area Stream Restoration Symposium makes me want to do that much more for this beautiful, unique part of the world.

There is still flexibility and opportunity to join the Board. The Nominating Committee, in particular, continues to reach out to a diverse range of potential candidates. Our need for a candidate who is willing to serve as president has become critical. If you or someone you know is interested in a role on the board, please contact Nominating Committee Chair [Don Golembiewski](#) or any other current member of the board.

The selection of officers and directors is a democratic process and will be decided by a majority of members present and voting.

At the May 9 meeting, the nominees or a member acting on their behalf will be given the opportunity to present any information relevant to their candidacy.

In addition to the nominees selected by the committee, the chapter bylaws provide that any member may make a nomination from the floor. For those positions with more than one candidate, secret ballots will be used.

**MANY THANKS to Mark Maffit, Nick Jackson, Pat Hasburgh and Curt Reidl
who have served our Chapter with great passion and talent
and are now stepping off the Board.**

A Successful Spring Fair!! It's on track to raise \$15,000+

By John Freeborg

A wonderful crowd of about 150 people enjoyed the 2nd annual SWTU Spring Fair Fundraiser on Sat 4/22. The event was held at the East Side Club on Lake Monona and featured a wonderful variety of food from 608CSK who generously donated the majority of the costs to benefit SWTU. And a big thank-you to Wonder Cookie for the amazing chocolate chip cookies for everyone!

This year featured a combination skill casting contest (fly distance, fly accuracy, spin accuracy). Kyle Zempel, Kalyn Hogard, and Ben Breese took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively, winning prizes from D&S Bait and Tackle and Culvers. Just ahead of the raffle, Drew Kasel's years of newsletter and email service was warmly recognized and honored with a pair of cast bronze bookends. Over \$10K in raffle prizes and silent auction items left the building with lucky winners. And Dave Hill won the coveted pair of Costa sunglasses in the special raffle for early ticket buyers. A few expense receipts are still rolling in, but preliminary results are showing over \$15K in funds raised for the chapter to continue its strong efforts at conserving and improving your local cold water resources, educational outreach, stream work days, and other activities. Well done!

(Also, if you won a TroutRoutes annual subscription in the raffle, please get in touch with John Freeborg at 608-695-8544 for details.)



Watch next month's Newscasts for the final amount raised, donors to thank and more great pictures!

A Wonderful Day for SWTU – Start With Tree Planting!

By Topf Wells / April 22, 2023, Workday Report

We have reports on the superbly successful fundraiser-- lots of fun, food and money. Thanks to John, Ben, Curt, David, Pat, Kyle, Hannah, Henry and many others who made it a fantastic fundraiser. (See the prior article.)

The morning started with some great help for Black Earth Creek, always a focal point of the Chapter, and ended with a true story that demonstrates the continuity of our efforts.

About two dozen of us planted oaks along Black Earth at the South Valley Road restoration site. BEC is vulnerable to warming and over time these oaks will shade the stream, especially on the south side of the creek. Our planting occurred in moist, sometimes snowy, conditions and cold winds. That's actually decent weather for the trees being planted if not for the planters.

Dan Oele, the DNR fish biologist for BEC, had the holes augured and the DNR nursery stock on hand. These were impressive young oaks 3-4 feet high with well-developed root systems. As has become common on these workdays, we had a great mix of veterans and newcomers. Special guests were Jessica and Harper, Dan's wonderful wife and daughter. Harper helped water some trees that were planted yesterday, ate a couple of frosted cookies and got to see some cool fish.

We planted 90-100 trees. Planting trees provides insight into the variability of soil, even in a small area. Some holes had the rich, black, workable dirt that Black Earth Creek was named for. Some though had much clumpier soil and a few had clay. A tree in the first type of soil took just a few easy minutes to plant properly. Clumps or clay could mean lots of grunting, sweating and many more minutes of work. But they are all in and off to a great start in what we hope is a long and leafy life span.

A day prior to our planting, other trees were expertly and enthusiastically planted by the Lincoln Elementary School 4th graders on a field trip sponsored by SWTU and Madison Audubon. Sweet, wonderful, fun, hard-working kids who were a joy to plant with. Their 36 or so trees made our Saturday much easier.

Dan provided the fish for Harper and us when he electroshocked a few bends in the creek. As he approached the final bend, I told the story of Scott Stewart's improvement on that part of the creek 25 or so years ago. The year after that project, Scott shocked it for us and at the spot Dan was approaching Scott rolled out a 26" brown. That fish became the stuff of legend. Lots of SWTU folks fished for him; no one ever claimed reducing him to possession. As I finished the tale, Dan probed the spot and out flopped a stunning brown of 17-18". Not 26, but impressive, fat and strong.

Special thanks to Jim Hess, who again provided a fun and productive workday. Jim is as handy with a shovel as he is a chainsaw. This gave the attendees the chance to see the restoration we helped fund. All of us agreed it looked fishy. I certainly have a riffle and run I'll be returning to. And there is the matter of the big trout's lair.

Thanks to all for the workday and the incredible fundraiser. Jeez, is there a better chef in Dane County than Ben?
Photos courtesy Jim Beecher.



Bluster and Luster: Sawyers and Stacking on Sawmill

By Topf Wells/ April 29, 2023, Workday Report

The workday on Sawmill began with blustery weather that gave way to lustrous work, food, fun, and, soon, a new place to fish.

We worked on almost a new easement on Sawmill Creek in lovely Green County down the hill from the York Prairie State Natural Area. Meg and Bill Pokorny are reclaiming some prairie on their land and want to keep their section of Sawmill healthy too. About 20 SWTU volunteers showed up to help by cutting, stacking and treating box elder and invasive honeysuckle. In addition to the usual excellent leadership provided by Jim Hess, Steve Fabos helped direct our efforts.

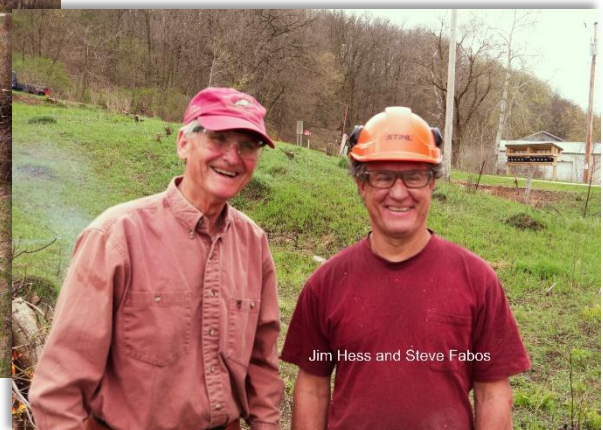
Steve owns Indigenous Restoration, a wonderful ecological restoration service that works in the Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Dane Counties. He and April Prussia, his spouse, are also dedicated to stream conservation and public access. Steve has worked for the Pokornys to restore their prairie and helped persuade them to sell an easement to the DNR. They were happy to do so because they are great believers in stream conservation. Meg and April monitor stream water quality on Sawmill.

Steve is a superb sawyer. Bob Harrison and he dropped trees with labor-saving accuracy. Having Steve or Bob drop a tree 5 feet from a pile brings a smile to every hauler's face. Jim broke out the pole saw to take down a tree on a precariously steep bank. Finally we might enter an SWTU tug of war in the State Championship at Mt. Vernon this summer. Several volunteers pitted themselves against box elders which really wanted to land in the creek. Our crew won every time. As usual on these workdays, we surprised ourselves with how much we got done. The Pokorny's stream banks and prairies are going to be healthier.

Meg and April then treated us to a great lunch of ham, cheese, pickles, olives, crackers, popcorn, cookies, and brownies. The centerpiece was the ham, courtesy of April and one of her Gloucestershire Old Spots. This is a rare, British, heritage breed acclaimed for its docility, hardiness, and deliciousness. We can verify the last trait and April attested to the other two. April is one of the Midwest's most important breeders of the GOS. She sells her pork at the Mt. Horeb farmers' market and directly from her home on Erickson Creek near Blanchardville.

A note about the easement: it is in the final stages of closure. It's not yet open for public fishing but will be soon. Watch the newsletter or SWTU social media for the notification.

Even more thank yous are in order than usual. Thanks to Meg and Bill for the easement and Dan Oele's great work with them. Thanks to Steve and April for the expertise, food, and dedication to healthy and accessible streams. Thanks to our great volunteers. And finally huge thanks to Jim for his leadership and organization. *Photos courtesy Jim Beecher. [See more pictures and in more detail in the article on swtu.org.](https://www.swtu.org)*



Jim Hess and Steve Fabos



Badger Mill Creek Needs Our Help Now

By Topf Wells

[Please follow this link to important information](#) about Badger Mill Creek from our good friends at the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association.



USRWA has led the fight to protect Badger Mill Creek from the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's plan to shut off its water to the creek. This will decrease the stream's flow by 35-50%, reduce stream habitat, and make the stream more vulnerable to climate change. The USRWA's article describes these problems in greater detail and **more importantly tells us how and when to communicate to MMSD**. They need to keep the water flowing to the stream and we have to help convince them to do so. PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE AND THEN CONTACT MMSD.

Thank you.

Three More Spring 2023 Workday Opportunities!

By Jim Hess, Conservation Chair

First up is Sawmill Creek (Pokorny Easement), May 20 from 9 to Noon

TICKS are out in force– Use tick spray. Will have a spray bottle there.

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

Where: Sawmill Creek located in Green County at N8586 Hay Hollow Rd. Coming from the south about 1 mile north of Green County Rd H; or coming from the north it is just south of the intersection of Hay Hollow Rd & York Center Rd. Turn off of Hay Hollow Rd onto a gravel road that leads to Fire Numbers N8586 to N 8620 and park on the right side of this road. We will be working near the small shed located by the stream. From Madison

take Hwy 39 west of New Glarus for 8 miles and then turn left (south) on Hay Hollow Rd and go 2 miles to our worksite. This is not the shortest route, but fairly simple to follow. Otherwise download the following Google Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/95wFqmiE1mH5bHuf7> If this not an active link on your device, copy and paste it into your search engine (same for the link below).

Parking: Park on the right side of the private road. Some people may need to park on Hay Hollow Rd on the east side. There is some parking near the storage shed, but this is reserved for our equipment trailer and other vehicles. Do not block the private road.

What: This will be a joint workday with the Blackhawk Chapter (Dave Brethauer, President). This will give us a chance to meet some of their members, located just south of us. Steve Fabos, owner of Indigenous Restorations, will again be leading the workday. Steve has been working with the property owners, Bill and Meg Pokorny, in restoring this property into a quality sedge meadow and prairie. We will be clearing box elders and invasive woodies along the stream corridor and creating burn piles to be burned next winter.

We may install a couple of Brush Bundles on a couple of eroding banks, but I need to coordinate this with the DNR.

Bring: Waders or hip boots as we will be working on both sides of the stream and maybe in the stream, and rubber boots as there may be some wet spots. Otherwise, there is bridge that could be used. Also bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and eye and ear protection. And reusable water bottles that can be filled from our 5-gal water jug. Stay hydrated!

Future Workdays:

May 20 – Returning to Pokorny Easement on Sawmill Creek, same as above

June 3 – **“Dave Sanders Workday”** Rudd Easement on Hefty Creek (Green County) installing brush bundles and clearing brush. This workday will be in honor of Dave Sanders – past SWTU Vice President, President, Icebreaker Chair and more – and will be a joint workday with the Blackhawk Chapter. Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/ZFciL64Sr49KAQVK8>

Detailed work announcements will be provided before each workday.

Volunteers & Flies Needed for our Wisconsin Women’s Fly Fishing Clinics

By Tina Murray

Our Wisconsin Women’s Fly Fishing Clinics are again full for 2023 with a few women on a wait list should a spot open up. These clinics are the largest in the Midwest and the most diverse. SWTU is proud to be offering these clinics for the past 13 years!

We need 20-25 volunteers to take women out on the water to mentor them to advance their skills. The dates are Wednesday June 14th around 5 pm for the evening and again on Thursday June 15th at 10:00 am until 12:30 and again from 3 pm on. Breakfast 8 - 9 am and lunch 1 pm are provided on Thursday. We have campfires each night which we hope mentors will join us. We shoot for a 1:1 ratio on the water. The women look forward to learning new skills from their mentor during these three sessions on the water. If we get enough guides, for all three sessions, we don’t have to double up women with any one mentor. IT IS A REALLY FUN TIME, WITH REALLY GREAT PEOPLE! Please contact Tom Thrall at tpthrall@gmail.com or (608) 219-4249 if you can come lend a hand and take 3 different women out on the streams.

We are short on some flies that we try to put in the beginning women’s boxes so they have a basic set of flies to go fishing with later. We give each beginner a set of hemostats and nippers and a fly box with many fine flies tied by our members and others across the state.

This year we are short on:

- Wooly Buggers
- Pink squirrels
- pheasant tails
- Gold Ribbed Hairs ear
- General wet flies and nymphs

Flies can be given to Tina Murray before June 5th. She can be contacted at swtu.women.diversity@gmail.com

Other ways to support the clinics are to provide lightly used to new items for the Scholarship raffles. Each year SWTU offers up to 3 scholarships to women who may be held back for financial reasons. These raffles help cover the program costs inherent in providing the clinics but offer the women a far reduced rate to be able to participate. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Help out Project Green Teen (PGT)

Pass on your fly fishing experience with the next generation! Project Green Teen (PGT) is an innovative environmental based experiential program based out of Shabazz High School in Madison, WI that works to build student interest and understanding around sustainability and interconnectedness in our stream ecosystems. A critical pillar of the program for our students is learning how to fly fish and how this lifelong sport is a great way to engage in a healthy lifestyle as well as support and advocate for healthy ecosystems. *Pictured are students fishing bluegill at Tenney Park and sampling invertebrates at Token Creek.*

Hey that's cool!
PGT was
recently featured
[in the Wisconsin
State Journal](#)

PGT is still looking for SWTU guides to work with our terrific young people during our fly casting clinics in April (at Shabazz High School in Madison) as well as our week trip in May (to Avalanche, WI leading students for a few hours each night fishing the West Fork of the Kickapoo).

Black Earth Creek Fishing Day

Where: Salmo Pond County Park
4809 Scherbel Rd
Black Earth, WI 53515
Date: **Wednesday, May 3th**
Time: **10:30-2:30 *** Late lunch included**

West Fork Fishing Days!

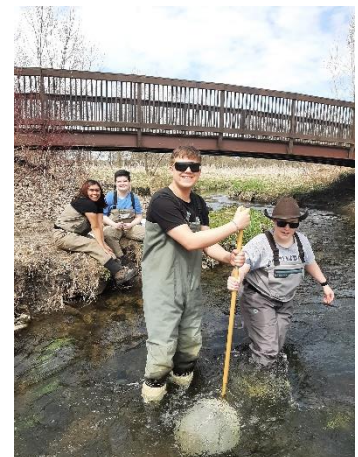
Where: [Treetop Outdoor Learning Facility](#)
S1798 Bakken Drive
Westby, WI 54667
(Just 10 minutes from the West Fork Sportsmans Club)
Date: **Thurs., May 11th & Friday May 12th**
Time: **3:00-7:00pm**

Where: West Fork Sportsman & Fishing Club
S3649 County Rd S
Viroqua, WI 54665

*** **Dinner at the Treetop Outdoor Learning Facility (S1798 Bakken Drive, Westby, WI 54667) after included**

What do you need to do?

- Confirm interest in attending
- Bring your preferred fly fishing gear for demo or sharing (students will have standard gear and flies).
- Have a fun and flexible attitude passing on your passion for fly tying!
- If you plan to attend either of the Black Earth or West Fork fishing days, please fill out the MMSD Volunteer Form: <https://appgarden6.app-garden.com/VolTrackWI3269.nsf>



If interested in working with PGT, please contact: **Danny Puser** puser@wisc.edu

Nohr TU Chapter Annual Banquet – Friday, May 5 in Muscoda

Our good friends at the Nohr Chapter invite you to their banquet! Learn more at <https://nohrtu.com/news/>. (Seems like a good plan to go fishing and then finish the day at the banquet.)

Learn What Your Board's Been Up To

Minutes from SWTU Board of Director meetings can be viewed [in this Google Drive](#). If you have questions on what you read in them, reach out to one of the Board members listed on the last page of each newsletter. (Note that you may need to click the "Last Modified" header at the top to sort the list with the latest minutes at the top.)

Welcome New Members

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

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| James Duffy | Gary Humphrey |
| Douglas Jerdee | Megan Mackowiak |
| Lou Oleson | David Tollefson |
| William Aspinwall | James Keene |
| Zach Lindfors | David Kruse |
| John Barnes | April Marcangeli |
| Luke Specketer | Terry Buchli |
| Dallas Doughty | Tom Cramer |
| Keith Yefchak | |

We are honored to have you among us. Please join our next meeting – whether virtual or in person – as we'd love to get to know you better. **If you will be attending your first meeting**, please contact [Topf Wells](#) so we can expect you. (Note that some longer-term members may be captured in the list above. A glitch in the excel file made it harder to sort ... but it's better to be inclusive and we're happy to have your continued support!)

Fountains of Youth

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

by Rusty Dunn

Arnold Gingrich was a man of influence in a city of power. He founded *Esquire* magazine in New York City in 1933 as a "Quarterly for Men ... dedicated to the enjoyment and improvement of the new leisure". The magazine appealed to refined cosmopolitans, which made Gingrich a celebrity among New York's fashion and literary elite. *Esquire* showcased manly pursuits, which included a healthy dose of fly fishing. Gingrich was a passionate fly angler and an accomplished author (*The Well Tempered Angler*, 1965; *The Joys of Trout*, 1973; and *The Fishing in Print*, 1974). On a gala evening of celebration in 1983 to mark *Esquire's* 50th anniversary, Gingrich was presented with a boxed gift of 100 trout flies tied by Wisconsin native Helen Shaw, often described as "The First Lady of Fly Tying". Upon opening the box, Gingrich choked with emotion as he haltingly and tearfully said, "I never had a Helen Shaw fly. Now I have a hundred. Nobody's worth that much."

Helen Elizabeth Shaw (1910-2007) is arguably the most influential fly tyer in American history, because she taught generations of Americans how to tie flies. Interest in the outdoors exploded following World War II, and Helen Shaw's 1963 instructional book *Fly-Tying* educated decades of American fly tyers. It was the first book to provide large, clear, step-by-step photos of tying flies from beginning to end. At a time when most angling books were dense with text and only sparsely illustrated, *Fly Tying* was dense with sharp vivid photos and accompanied by clear succinct text. The book is a model of simplicity and clarity.

Helen Shaw was born in Madison and grew up in Sheboygan. She learned fishing from her father and described her first encounter with trout as "love at first sight". She was largely a self-taught fly tyer and sold flies locally while still in high school. At age 20, Shaw and a business partner, Art Kade, opened a tackle store

and fly shop in Sheboygan. Kade built bamboo fly rods, and Shaw tied flies. The shop's mail-order business attracted knowledgeable clients from all over the country, and Shaw's reputation as a fly tyer grew with increased exposure. Shaw closed the shop in 1953 and moved to New York City to marry Herman Kessler, whom she had met during his fishing excursions to Wisconsin. Kessler was art director for *Field & Stream* magazine, and their union proved exceedingly fortunate for American fly tyers. Kessler was a gifted photographer but not a fly tyer. Shaw was a gifted fly tyer but not a media mogul. The two collaborated to produce two outstanding instructional books: *Fly Tying* in 1963 and *Flies for Fish & Fishermen* in 1989. A review in 1963 by the *New York Herald Tribune* described *Fly Tying* quite simply as "the best fly-tying textbook that ever has been published."

Shaw was a meticulous perfectionist who never sacrificed quality for quantity or speed in fly tying. She was one of history's finest fly tyers, and her client list read like a Who's Who of mid-century American angling. Shaw was quietly but conspicuously a pioneer among fly-angling women. She was, for example, the first female member of an exclusive all-male Chicago angling club, and she was the first woman to be feted with an honorary luncheon at the prestigious but all-male Angler's Club of New York. Shaw won numerous awards for her lifetime achievements, including the 2002 Federation of Fly Fishers' Buz Buszek Award, an international honor that is perhaps the most prestigious in all of fly tying.

The Light Cahill is one of many strikingly beautiful wet flies in Helen Shaw's 1989 book *Flies for Fish & Fishermen*. The Light Cahill is a classic winged wet that imitates emerging duns of several related mayfly species. Light Cahills are widespread in Wisconsin and hatch sporadically from about early June until mid-August. Fish a Light Cahill with a down-and-across swing or drift it just under the surface with little twitches during a hatch. Your own "enjoyment of the new leisure" should be greatly improved. © Rusty Dunn, 2023

----- Light Cahill Wet Fly -----

For a Light Cahill dry fly, replace the tail with light ginger rooster hackle barbs, set the wings upright and divided, and add a collar of light ginger dry fly hackle in front of the wing. An effective wet fly imitating most mayfly species can be tied by varying the hook size and body color to match a natural.

Hook: Dry fly, #12 - #14

Thread: Pearsall's Gossamer silk, primrose yellow

Tag: Flat gold tinsel

Tail: Lemon wood duck

Wings: Lemon wood duck

Body: Hare and muskrat fur mixed; light color

Hackle: Brown hen



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[SWTU's Instagram account](#) is a great place for interesting news, facts and photos.



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

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