

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting - Zoom:  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
6:30 - Board Meeting  
No Program  
Link: [zoom.us/j/99223195901](https://zoom.us/j/99223195901)

### Cabin Fever Day Fox Valley TU

Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Appleton, WI

### 2024 Wisconsin TU State Council Banquet

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
Oshkosh, WI

### TroutFest 2024

Saturday, February 17, 2024  
Mt. Morris Camp and  
Conference Center  
Wautoma, WI

### CWTU Banquet 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024  
Premier Best Western  
Oshkosh, WI



## President Notes

By: Linn Beck

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all of you.

Thank you all for a great 2023. Central Wisconsin had another banner year last year. All our programs and events had great participation. Our Riverkeepers volunteers did their usual stellar job monitoring and recording the health of our local streams. Not to be outdone we had some fantastic turnouts for all the work days and with all the participants getting a ton of work accomplished. Our Dan Harmon III Fly Fishing School was filled to capacity, and with such a turnout we are carrying over students for next year's event.

TroutFest had a record attendance, enjoying our new venue at the Mt. Morris Convention Center. We had plenty of room for all the fly tyers and vendors. Mike Salas and his crew did a great job providing lunch for all who attended. What a way to kick off this great event at the new venue. This only scratches the service of what all our great members did. I could go on and on with things if I included all the support to the surrounding chapters and their events were considered.

Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited accomplished so much last year that we were nominated for the State Council Silver Trout award, and we were awarded it. We will receive the award at the State Council annual Awards Banquet. The banquet is Saturday, February 3 at the Best Western Premier Convention Center in Oshkosh. It would be wonderful if we could have a great contingent there to celebrate this award.

Now let's get into 2024. Starting with this issue, The Brookie is switching to a quarterly issue instead of a monthly issue. We will try and lay out our upcoming events by the month with each quarterly issue. Beginning with this January, here is the upcoming schedule.

Our monthly board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. We have several committees meeting in person this month, so to eliminate some extra travel we decided to hold the meeting by Zoom.

You can access the meeting on Zoom using this link <https://zoom.us/j/99223195901>, or you can contact me at [chlbeck@att.net](mailto:chlbeck@att.net).

In February we will not hold a chapter meeting because we will celebrate TroutFest. This event will be held on Saturday, February 17 at the Mt. Morris Convention Center starting at 9:00 am and going until 3:00 pm. The State Council Annual Awards Banquet is on Saturday, February 3rd at the Premier Best western in Oshkosh, doors open at 4:30 pm. Tickets are available on the State council website.

March and April we will be resuming our monthly board meetings. Our March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 and the April meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10. Both meetings will start at 6:30 pm with our business meeting, at the Fin-n-Feather in Winneconne. Please check the CWTU website for updates on possible presentations.

Quick reminder. Please check our website often as we will be using it for some general communication. We have our board meeting minutes now posted separately from the Brookie for anyone interested. It will also be the place to find out any updated important news from the chapter.

One last thing, we still have one open position on our board. Anyone interested can reach out to me at [chlbeck@att.net](mailto:chlbeck@att.net) or please give me a call at 920-216-7408.

Thank you all for your support of Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Linn Beck  
CWTU Chapter President

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Open 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

# TroutFest<sup>24</sup>

## 5 Presentations:

### Central Wisconsin Redd Survey

Steven DeVitt **Time: 9:30 - 10:00 am**

Starting in 2022, DNR staff in Wild Rose began a concerted effort to document trout spawning locations in Central Wisconsin and ramped up efforts in 2023 with the help of CWTU and FVTU members. Steven, a Fisheries Habitat Technician, will be presenting the goals of the effort, the methods used, and talk about what we have learned.



### Introduction to Nighttime Mousing

Myk Hranika **Time: 10:15 - 10:45 am**

This presentation is for anyone who has been interested in mousing but has never taken the plunge. Myk will teach everything from headlamps, hook setting, and fly patterns that will help you catch fish.



### Fly Fishing the British Isles

Tom Lager **Time: 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Experiences of scenic loughs and rivers, fishing methods and bugs can easily be arranged when visiting the UK. Ireland and Scotland loughs and rivers, Yorkshire Dales of the North of England and Wales offer numerous traditions.



### Rigging for Lake Superior Steelhead and Migratory Fish

Seth Waters **Time: 12:30 - 1:15 pm**

Owner of Dark Waters Fly Shop & Guide Service in Iron River, Mich., over the last 15 years, Seth will discuss all the fishing opportunities available for fishing the tributaries of the UP for steelhead and other migratory fish, along with gear and techniques.



### The Beauty of Nature Through the Eyes of a Photographer

Bob Haase **Time: 1:30 - 2:15 pm**

Bob will share images and stories about his photography adventures throughout Wisconsin and beyond. No doubt you have seen many of his photographs and didn't realize it, on Facebook, magazines, TU print materials, etc. Come see some of his amazing wildlife images, that most of us don't have the skills, knowledge and patience to capture ourselves.



## Free Admission

Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center  
Wautoma, WI

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**20+** Information Booths/Vendors

(Conservation projects, guides, artists, fly shops & more)

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**June 1 & 2, 2024**  
Amherst, WI

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