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March 2007

Annual business meeting set for March 7

The Chapter's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 7 PM, at Bob Smith's Sports Club, Hudson.

The annual meeting will include discussion of some proposed bylaws changes as

well as an election of two board members. Andy Lamberson and Nick Westcott will be standing for election to the board. There will also be a presentation of the annual Treasurer's Report and other business. Come early for dinner at 6 p.m.

Members help with Gilbert Creek cleanup

The chapter had 8 volunteers at Gilbert Creek on Saturday, February 17. Volunteers cut box elders and stacked brush from 8 AM until 2 PM. Dunn County Fish and Game provided food and drink after the work. Volunteers were Randy Arnold, Andy Lamberson, Nick Westcott, Ron Kirk, Bob Bradham, Ron Zaudke, Gary Richardson and Greg Dietl. There was a bit of a wind but there was enough work to keep us warm. A lot of trees were cut and a lot of brush was stacked.



Photograph by Gary Richardson

Randy Arnold clears brush from Gilbert Creek.

Trout fishing

It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming.

John Steinbeck

President's Lines

By Greg Dietl

I got a message today from a chapter member saying spring is coming verified by the spring song of a Cardinal. It's great news! The early season will be here in a matter of days.

Some opportunities for chapter members to participate in events are coming up: first is the Prairie Enthusiast's annual banquet on March 10, in Menomonie, at the

UW-Stout Memorial Student Center. This is an all day event; we will be setting up at 7 AM. You can volunteer for any amount of time during the day. We have some volunteers but can use a few more. We have a new display and will be able to run the "Storm on the Horizon" DVD on our new laptop. This DVD always attracts a crowd and questions. Help out if you can; it's another opportunity

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President's Lines, from page 1 to talk about our mission.

The Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo is going to be March 30, 31 and April 1, in Bloomington. This is an excellent event and opportunity to meet many people interested in trout, fishing and conservation. Again, we have a few volunteers but, this event is 3 days and we need your help.

The St Croix River Institute, a partnership between the National Park Service and the UWRF has asked us for some help with instructors for some fly fishing courses to be held in June at the Willow River State Park. Possible dates are June 5 and 6 or 12 and 14 and will involve working with adults and children. The plans for this event are not final yet. As soon as I get more information, I'll post on our website and in the newsletter.

The St Croix River Institute is a new organization just getting off the ground. I'm hoping to have an organizer of the Institute from the UWRF as a guest speaker at a fall chapter meeting.

If you want to help out with any of these events, contact me or any board member.

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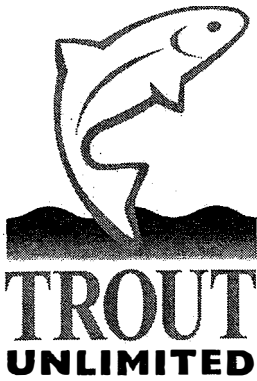
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Upcoming programs

April—Fly tying
May—Wisconsin DNR

Deadline for April RIPRAP is Friday, March 23