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2011 SEWTU Casting Clinic Recap

On Tuesday, July 26, friends and members of SEWTU gathered at Greenfield Park in Milwaukee for our annual Casting Clinic. Orvis store manager, Erik Helm was on hand to teach the basics of fly casting to a group of about 20 beginning fly casters. TU has been partnering with Orvis this summer and helping out at their Fly Fishing 101 Classes in which all participants received a free TU membership, so it seemed a natural fit to invite Erik to our Casting Clinic. SEWTU's resident casting guru, Larry Wirth, provided casting advice to our more advanced casters. TU's newest Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jon Christiansen, also stopped out to teach the "curve cast" to

several of our members. In all, about 45 people attended the event as we filled the southwest corner of the park with fly rods for an evening. It was great to see so many fly lines glistening in the setting sun. Attendees were treated to food and beverage

provided by SEWTU leaders Chuck Beeler, Stan Strelka, Jay Zawerschnik, and Chris Weber. Thanks to all who helped out and made our Casting Clinic a fun filled evening. We're already looking forward to next year's event!



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September Meeting - 9/27/2011

Mike Reiter will be our featured speaker for our September Chapter Meeting. Mike hails from NW Wisconsin where he has been Chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) Trout Committee for many years. Mike has served as a delegate on the WCC since

1981 and in 2010, was named the WCC Educator of the Year for his work mentoring youth in outdoor activities. Mike will explain the role of the WCC Trout Committee and how they're working with the DNR to improve trout fishing in Wisconsin.

6:00 PM Dinner (optional, but you're welcome to come.)
7:30 PM Meeting

MEETING LOCATION

Thunder Bay Grille
N 14 W 24130 Tower Place
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Just off I-94 at the HWY 164 exit (exit# 294).
The restaurant is immediately North of the freeway



Annual Habitat Restoration Fundraiser

Tuesday October 18th
Charcoal Grill & Rotisserie
15375 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151

Our annual habitat fundraising event is coming up soon! If you haven't registered yet, there's still plenty of time to purchase your admission. We've got a wide range of price levels to choose from - ranging from the \$50 level (this includes 10 free raffle tickets, so it's like getting your admission for free) to the \$500 level (which includes a whopping 200 raffle tickets), and lots of options in between for any budget.

Also, if you'd like to donate prizes, we'd be happy to accept them up to the day of the event (but sooner is better, so we can ensure we have enough prizes and can print up descriptions). If you've been to our fundraisers in the past few years you know we'll have an amazing number of top-of-the-line bucket raffle prizes and silent auction items. You don't want to miss this!

Contact Mike Kuhr to register. 414-588-4281 mikek.trout@yahoo.com

Habitat Volunteers Tear It Up! (in a good way)

SEWTU's habitat committee and all of our hardworking volunteers have been busy, as always.

On May 21, we continued our work at Paradise Springs Creek in the Southern District of the Kettle Moraine forest, outside of Eagle, Wisconsin. There, our volunteers installed bio-log bank stabilization devices and gravel substrate, and removed invasive in-channel weeds.

On June 11, we aided the Aldo Leopold Chapter of TU at their incredible Bear Creek project in Sauk County, near Spring Green. At one of the biggest Lunker-A-Thons in recent history, SEWTU brought the full capabilities of its work trailer to bear, and helped ALTU build nearly 50 LUNKER structures for its incredible project.

On July 16, SEWTU returned for the first time in recent history to Rosenow Creek, in Oconomowoc. At Rosenow, SEWTU's volunteers removed woody debris from the stream channel which had been obstructing flow, and fish passage.

On August 20, SEWTU volunteers teamed up with Central Wisconsin TU for a workday on the Mecan River. Volunteers cleaned the stream corridor, and improved streamflow.

On September 17, SEWTU returned to Van Slyke Creek, near Fontana. Van Slyke Creek is a long running stream daylighting project that SEWTU has been involved in for the past several years, along with members of the Blackhawk and Gary Borger Chapters of TU. The project involved actually bringing Van Slyke Creek from subterranean runs back to the surface, removing an incredible amount of debris from the stream, and has increased flow dramatically.

On October 15, we'll help our good friend Professor Jason Freund from Carroll University celebrate his birthday, as we do nearly every year, with a workday at Genesee Creek, near



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Genesee Depot. Genesee Creek is a long running SEWTU project which has involved the removal of a roller mill dam, and miles of stream bank stabilization, daylighting, and stream flow work. This will be yet another great workday that you won't want to miss.

After taking November off (it's good to not work when bullets are flying), we'll finish our year out with a December 10 workday at Bluff Creek, outside of Whitewater, WI. Bluff Creek has been another long running SEWTU program, where we installed numerous LUNKER structures in the past. We'll work on stream corridor maintenance, and may possibly build structures. Details will follow by e-mail.

SEWTU's initiatives are an incredible reflection of its volunteers. Without our members turning out and putting their work where their mouths are, many of our region's last, best trout waters would go defunct. We can't thank you enough for all you do, and neither can the hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin trout anglers.

Jim Wierba and
Henry E. Koltz

Project Healing Waters gets Vets Fishing ... and Catching!

Veteran participants from Project Healing Waters Milwaukee lent a helping hand at the Rushing Waters Trout Farm on Monday, August 22. Rushing Waters, located in Palmyra, WI, raises rainbow trout and supplies the fish to local grocery stores and restaurants. Our veterans, armed with their fly rods and an assortment of recently tied hoppers, caddis, parachutes, and foam beetles, took to the waters and proceeded to catch a years' worth of trout in one morning. TU volunteers on hand raced to keep up with the bounty of rainbow trout being caught. The trout were put in buckets and collected by the hatchery workers to be processed and shipped to market later that day.

While the fishing was easy, (maybe a little too easy) the experience of hooking, playing, and landing dozens of fish in one morning greatly improved the angling abilities of all who participated. Our hope is that these veterans will be well prepared to make the most of future fishing outings when the strikes may not be so plentiful. As always, VA staff provided a lunch featuring chicken, various pasta salads, and dessert, to all who participated. Many thanks go out to SEWTU's Larry Wirth for organizing the event, all the volunteers for their hard work, and to Rushing Waters for allowing us access to their incredible fishery.

If you would like to learn more about our program or contribute (either through a financial donation or volunteering); contact Program Lead Mike Kuhr at mikek.trout@yahoo.com or (414) 588-4281.

