



Your NEXT Meeting

Wednesday, January 26th
 Holzinger Lodge in Winona MN
 Social at 6pm Dinner Begins at 7pm

Join us for food at 6pm in Winona for the first of the fall member meetings. We are holding our January Prime Rib Social on January 26th at 6pm. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Reservations are required for this event: please call Jim Clark at 507-454-8299 or email at jfclark4@charter.net by January 17th to RSVP.

Menu: Prime Rib \$12.50/person, Chicken \$10.00/Person
 Dinner comes with a choice of veggie, baked potato and salad.

Members are also asked to bring a wine or dessert dish to pass around.

Hope to see you there!

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Status of the Treasury

8/20/10
 Savings Balance: \$7136.60
 Checking Balance: \$150.00

President's Message

Winter Fishing

If the weather gets warm enough during the winter months in Minnesota, I may try to fish some of our local streams. It certainly is nice to have the winter fishing option though, and I seriously hope access to winter trout fishing continues to expand.

It is understandable that some landowners would like to have a break during the year from all the anglers crossing their property, but I can't see this as a problem because very few anglers are out on the stream during the winter season. Typically it's only your hardcore trout fanatics that are going to endure the weather and snow.

If you're interested in trying out the winter trout season, check out the MN DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/trout_streams/winter.html to see what streams are open for winter fishing. Also – keep your eyes on the snow and you may notice some midge carcasses from a recent hatch.

Also – a side note – it appears everything has been approved for funding the Garvin Brook habitat improvement project. This funding was submitted in partnership with MNTU and is from the MN Outdoor Heritage Fund and only needs to get through the final legislative approval – which is typically just a formality. The final dollar amount is still uncertain because some of the initial request-for-funding was cut, so we will keep you updated as we find out more. This is very exciting for our chapter because we plan on taking a leading role in this project.

-Cal Pasvogel – Win-Cres TU Chapter President

Upcoming Events

- Prime Rib Social Jan. 26th 6pm Holzinger Lodge. Winona, MN (RSVP Required)
- Board Meeting Wednesday February 2nd, 2011 Elks Lodge Winona MN

Recent Chapter Efforts

Garvin Brook Parking Lot:

The Win-Cres board has recently approved funding for a sign to be installed at the newly constructed angler parking lot off HWY 14 between Stockton and Lewiston, MN. The sign will be ordered this winter and placed before the beginning of Catch and Release Season opening April 1st.

Annual Wild Game Feed:

The annual Wild Game Feed held on November 27th was an excellent gathering of Win-Cres members, their families, and friends. Dining on a multitude of wild game featured dishes, everyone ate their fill. Smoked Pheasant, venison, and even moose made its way to the dinner table. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. We even gave away a few fly boxes packed full of hand tied trout flies.



Garvin Brook Project:

The funding request made by MN TU which includes the Win-Cres chapter requests for assessment and eventual implementation of a habitat improvement project on Garvin Brook is moving steadily forward. The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approved a majority of MN TU's project requests but did not fully fund all projects. After the Minnesota Legislature votes to approve funding, final numbers will determine the scope and design of the project. Thanks to our MN TU leadership for seeing our proposal through.

Mark Reisetter joins the MNTU council as the Southeast Minnesota Vice Chair:

At the urging and invitation of Randy Brock, John Lenczewski, and Cal Pasvogel, Mark has accepted a seat on the state TU council. Mark will fill the need to have someone from the SE who is active and involved to voice concerns at the state level. The next MNTU Council meeting will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Barr Engineering in the Twin Cities.

The Win-Cres Chapter of Trout Unlimited in partnership with Minnesota DNR Fisheries, Forestry, and Dept. of Transportation are providing this parking area for Garvin Brook anglers. Please use the resource responsibly, obey posted regulations and remove all trash.



Your Officers

President: Cal Pasvogel
Vice President: Joe Lepley
Treasurer: Jim Clark
Stream Improvement Coordinator: Mike Jeresek
Co-Chair: Ken Patzner
Member Ship Coordinator: Mark Reisetter
Communications Officer: Justin Carroll

Know Your Driftless Area Stream

Winter Trout Fishing: Tips/Tricks

- Fish during the height of the day 11am-3pm.
- Stay low and go slow. The trout spook easily under clear-water, winter conditions.
- Dress appropriately. Wool socks are a must, and remember to keep moving if you get cold.
- Stay safe and within a reasonable distance of your vehicle.
- Trout and invertebrates seem to be the most active as water temperatures are rising (see above). But remember, when it gets above freezing and a thaw results, the snowmelt will send the water temps down, often shutting down the action prematurely.



Win-Cres 2010 Member of the Year

Otto Haake just turned ninety-three years old. Otto is an original Win-Cres founding charter member and has consistently been one of the hardest-working members at our workdays. As Habitat Improvement Coordinator Mike Jerešek explained "You could always count on him to be there and work hard, or harder than anyone else." Jerešek goes on to remember a time when he asked Otto why he worked so hard. "It is a blessing to be able to work!" is how Otto replied, and that was at the age of 90. Win-Cres has been truly blessed to have Otto as an active member. The next time you see Otto at a member-meeting, stop by and say hi, and thank him for his years of service to our organization, as well as to the cold water resource we

The State of MNTU

The LSOHC has recommended to the current legislature that \$1.533 million be awarded to MNTU for 2012 stream improvement projects. The number one project listed in the MNTU proposal (which follows) is

1. Garvin Brook (Winona).

The habitat enhancement project along approximately 6,100 feet of stream will begin in July 2011 with a geomorphic survey of this unstable streambed and installation of a monitor, which will determine a discharge – stage relationship necessary to guide proper design of the habitat enhancement work. Woody debris and other flood damage will be removed, an engineered stream crossing will be installed and several flood-created riffles will be lowered by the MNDNR using heavy construction equipment, and the entire system will be allowed to stabilize for a year. Following analysis of the updated discharge –stage data and a re-survey, final design and implementation of the habitat enhancement project will take place in consultation with our partners, MNDNR Fisheries and the Water Resources Center at Winona State University. The enhancement project will narrow the stream channel, remove accumulated sediment as needed, re-slope and stabilize stream banks, install overhead cover for trout in selected locations, and re-establish native vegetation.

This project will also enhance approximately 14 acres of riparian

forest and wildlife habitat, and additional non-riparian areas, through an intensive, systematic, multi-year effort to remove and eradicate invasive plant species, primarily garlic mustard, threatening this heavily disturbed area. Volunteers from the Win-Cres Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and elsewhere, will work closely with MNDNR Forestry personnel, the local Conservation Corps Minnesota crew, and WSU interns and begin removal in July 2011. The partnership with researchers at the Water Resources Center will provide an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of stream habitat improvement efforts, as well as broader watershed improvement measures in the Driftless area. MNDNR Fisheries is a major partner on this project, and will perform some design and construction work on the project. The Water Resources Center at Winona State University will perform survey, monitoring, and data analysis work on the project.

We want to hear from you. If you have questions, comments or you'd like to become more involved shoot us an email at wincrest Trout Unlimited@gmail.com or visit your chapter website at www.wincrestu.org for updated news and information.

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