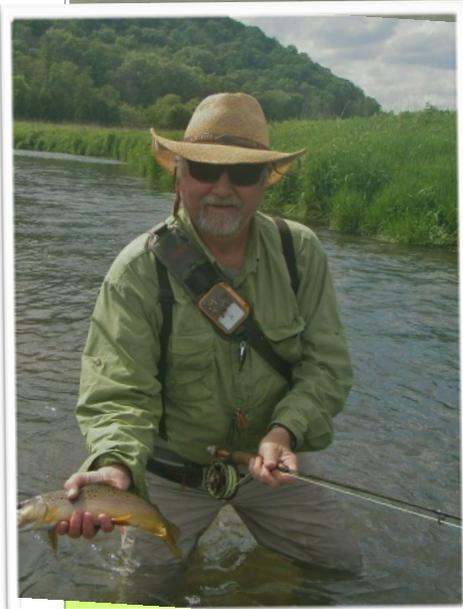


Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter #257

September 2021



**Hello
from our
chapter
President
Tim
Fraley**

*Fall in in the air;
walnuts leaves are
starting to change,
grasshoppers are
abundant!*

Our Summer Social and Landowner Appreciation picnic was a success with 45 in attendance, thank you to all the people who organized and helped!

Please don't miss out on our October 9 Banquet! Details are to the right on this page!

Behind the scenes Ted and Carol are making progress on a much-improved website with new features and information. Highlights include an interactive project map, chapter history, women's events, an events calendar, Amazon Smile connection, donations via PayPal, etc..

Project work on the Zadrizil property is moving along without major weather problems and should be complete by year's end!

See you at the banquet!

Regards,

Tim Fraley

IMPORTANT

October Banquet Details!

Location:

The Banquet is Saturday night October 9. 6:00PM at Castle Rock Inn. Castle Rock Inn phone: 608-943-8525. 15040 Shemak Road, Muscoda, WI

Google map pin:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7dhfzxBkPSembnsi8>

Dinner will be a buffet provided by Castle Rock Inn. Bar is available for a variety of drinks. Guests are welcome.

Raffles and prizes:

With last years banquet cancelled due to pandemic we have a large amount to raffle. Noteworthy is the inclusion of many items from Bill Weege's estate. Both single and two-handed rods (most built by Bill), reels, classic books, and trout/salmon flies!

Unique ways you can help:

There is time to donate either money or gifts. Attendees of this event are men, women and young ones. Conservationists, bird watchers, campers, hikers, naturalists, hunters, prairie restorers, canoeists, artists, musicians, you get the idea.... Almost any item you would find appealing will probably be appreciated. The goal is to raise funds to realize our vision! If you would like to make a donation and even get it picked up at your home, please contact Gordon Grieshaber at 608-553-2346.



Thumbs up on August picnic on Blue River!

August 14 brought sunshine and cool weather! Highlights of the day included the unveiling of the Bill Weege memorial bench, a raffle of sentimental fishing items donated by Bill Weege, great food and conversation, cast coaching, and an electrofishing demonstration. A full, fun, productive day everyone seemed to fully enjoy!



Left, Tim Fraley, Nohr President; Right, Dan Watts, Artist

Tribute to Bill Weege

A highlight of the picnic was the proper “unveiling” of the impressive Bill Weege memorial bench created by his friend Dan Watts. Dan and Bill shared a love for art and fishing; the two had many good times together. The bench has a large trout head and tail carved into the posts and is made with heavy rustic timber. Dan is one of many touched by Bill’s art and mentorship. Its a meaningful tribute to him and his appreciation for creating art. Bill Weege was very generous with his time and money and a great supporter of the Nohr Chapter. The bench is at the Bowers Road access point on the Blue River.

Raffle conducted to raise donations

Bill Weege wanted much of his considerable fishing gear collection to be used to raise money for the Nohr Chapter. With that understanding some of it was raffled at the picnic in exchange for donations. Among the items were a beautiful 9’ 3 weight euro-nymphing rod, and boxes of Bill’s personal flies for both salmon and trout. More of Bill’s rods, reels and other gear will be raffled off at the October 9 banquet. Yet another reason to attend this year!



DNR fisheries biologists demonstrate electrofishing at Nohr picnic



Bradd Sims and his team prove the numbers of fish are more than you think! 50 trout in 50 yards of the Blue River. Crazy! Electrofishing is used to inventory, numbers, size, health and species diversity. Its a key fish management tool and a fascinating demonstration.



At left, brown trout from one Blue River hole. They go right back after measuring. Above, a Fantail Darter. Many small young-of-the-year trout, sculpin and darters were seen. Thanks to the DNR team for their time and effort!



Did you know?

Grasshoppers are very interesting critters! Here's some facts you may not know:

Like mayflies, hoppers are a very old species dating back to the early Triassic period.

Hopper is a good name because if they were our size they could jump the length of a football field.

Grasshoppers are correctly classified as Caelifera, a group of jumping insects that includes crickets, katydids, etc.

The words grasshopper and locust are interchangeable. But locust carries a negative stigma for most people.

A grasshoppers ears are on its stomach (not legs or head as commonly thought).

Grasshopper "stridulate" by rubbing their hind legs against their wings to make sound. Some hoppers "crepitate" which is the loud wing snapping some make while in flight.

Their life stages (egg, nymph, adult) are considered "Incomplete metamorphosis" because there is no pupa stage.



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**“CONSERVATION WILL ULTIMATELY BOIL
DOWN TO REWARDING THE PRIVATE
LANDOWNER WHO CONSERVES THE PUBLIC
INTEREST.” ALDO LEUPOLD**

Meet new board member Ted Swenson

Ted is a relatively new member of our chapter joining in 2015. He has lived in Barneveld for most of his life. He's a graduate of UW Platteville with degrees in business and psychology.



A self-described multi-species angler, Ted is at home using both fly and spinning gear. He's particularly drawn to fly tying and has built a few rods too!

Like many, Ted joined TU for a myriad of reasons. The values that rise to the surface are a sense of stewardship for our trout habitat and cold water resources, a simple love of trout, and desire to lead for future generations.

Ted is helping us to revitalize, update and improve our website. The board has collected a list of desired improvements and Ted's knowledge and willingness to help is going to make it happen. But he's not a geek! Ted's favorite "meetings" are work days! He has volunteered to help organize on-stream work days for members. Future work days will likely include access improvements (brush and tree removal, fence crossings, etc) and stream clean-up of trash. For those of you wanting more action; the opportunities are coming.

Ted sees opportunity to lead and we are grateful for his volunteerism and leadership. The future is bright!

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