



Banquet Recognitions

HARRY AND LAURA NOHR



The 2004 banquet recognized many. Above is the **Golden Net Award** going to Pete Esser, our Project Chair, who has put in many hours on our and the cold water resource's behalf. The **Work Day Award** went to Bill Whistler this year. This award is drawn from a list of the names of those attending workdays and

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Stream Conservation Effort

The Nohr Chapter's stream conservation effort for 2004 will consist of restoration work on a segment of the Blue River that begins at the County Highway I bridge between Highland and Montfort. Work will get underway on March 13th when brushing activities will begin. A second brushing day will be held on March 20th. Roger Widner is currently completing the improvement design. When the design is complete final permits will be filed and a contractor will be hired to implement the design. The Black Hawk and Elliott Donnelley Chapters will again support us. The Garry Borger, Oakbrook, and Lee Wulff Chapters will be on hand to assist with the brushing. Our grant applications for funds have been fruitful:

Embrace a Stream	\$10,000
Wis. Council Friends	\$2,000
Besadny Grant	\$500

We are looking forward to conducting another successful restoration effort and encourage our members to become involved.



School Grants Disbursements

The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited distributed \$3000 in school grants to nine schools in Iowa, Grant and Lafayette counties. This money will be used to establish water monitoring programs, construct rain gardens, plant native vegetation in riparian buffer zones, and take field trips to various cold water locations. Our chapter has been funding this program for the past eight years. We are proud to play an integral part in the environmental education of our area students.

The following schools received conservation grants:

Iowa-Grant Middle School
Iowa-Grant High School
St Mary's School, Platteville
Cassville High School
Lancaster High School
Black Hawk High School
Cuba City Elementary
Highland School District
Barneveld School District

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meetings. Each attendance gets a your name on a ticket. The more you attend the greater your chance of winning.

Cooperative Land Owners this year are Larry and JoAnn Wolenech on the Blue and Shelly and Jesse Crook on Big Spring.

Our **TU Partnerships** are with:

- Elliot Donnley Chapter
- Oak Brook Chapter
- Gary Borger Chapter
- Lee Wulff Chapter
- Black Hawk Chapter

Spring Creek Festival 2004

Plans are well on their way for our now annual spring creek fest. It will be held Saturday, September 11, 2004, at Castle Rock Creek Campground. For more information go to:

http://www.nohrtu.org/spring_creek_fest.htm

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Outstanding Achievement Award

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress has singled out our Chapter for an "Outstanding Achievement Award". This award was presented on May 7th of this year and was accept by Congress Member Dave Ladd on behalf of the Chapter.

Youth Workday

Jim and Rose Sime held a workday on Big Spring the weekend of May 15-16, 2004, for 17 youth and 8 adult Boy Scouts from the Chicago area. They camped at Castle Rock and had a weekend of fly-fishing instruction and cold-water ecology. Thanks to Jim and Rose for representing our chapter so well. I'm told they policed up the little sticks and stuff that gets in the way when they try to mow the prairie. Many hands make short work. I'm sure they learned a thing or two from Jim and Rose as well.

Dave Fritz

Water Monitoring Workshop

The Water Monitoring workshop this spring went very well. We had about 16 monitors attend and once again Claude was a great host. He ordered perfect weather too. As usual the networking between folks is amazing. The executive director of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association attended, as well as a president of Pheasant's Forever, and a member of the Wisconsin Stewardship Network. Several reported their highlight was talking to an organic dairy farmer that lives on the Big Green. I'm always amazed at no matter what agenda Peggy, Angie, Tim, Eric, and I go into these things with, the people take it a direction that meets their needs, which is as it should be. All in all, a very good day and who knows what the payoff will be?

Dave Fritz

The answer to any problem is a fishing trip. The worse the problem, the longer the trip should be. John Gierach

Stream Work Update

Work on the **Blue River** continues with a workday on June 26th where lunger structures were assembled. It is too soon to say if we will get it but a WHIP grant for this year and next year's work has been applied for.

German Valley workdays have been bumped up. We are scheduling the weekends of July 10&11 and July 17&18 for lunger parties. In conversation with Tom Ehlert, Southern Chapter project leader, we are scheduling a morning shift and an afternoon shift for each day. The morning shift is 8:30am-12:00pm and the afternoon shift is 1:00pm-4:30 pm. More details will come as we move along. The Southern Chapter has agreed to provide the lunches each day.

Big Spring is not forgotten. Several members have been killing weeds and seeding will take place soon in the area that was structurally rehabilitated last year.

Youth Initiative

Eric Johannesen hosted Ag Days on April 15th. Twenty-five young people had a chance to tour the Big Spring and Blue River projects and interact with the teams responsible for these efforts. Congratulations Eric for another outstanding youth initiative.

Would everyone who has a H&LNTU library book out please return it. It has been decided that we will sell off the library at the Spring Creek Festival. Please bring in any other books you would like to contribute. There will be a lot of used but not abused equipment for sale.

Scott Ladd Intern Program

The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter is funding a \$2500 summer intern scholarship program again. The UW-Platteville faculty will choose the student. The student will be working on collecting data from streams in our tri-county area and publishing this information in a database at the UW-P and also at the UW-Madison. The student will be working under the direction of Dr. Kris Wright, UW-P Biology Department. Our chapter has designed a long-term protocol from which a student and Professor will work from each summer. It is our hope that this will lead to a cohesive and comprehensive study of our SW Wisconsin streams over a long period of time. Mandie Lederer is our intern this year.



Mandie Lederer will be examining the habitat, fish, and macro invertebrates in the upper Blue River. She will take initial samples in June before any restoration work is done, and then again later in the summer to look at immediate impacts. She will consider this year's sites as well as an upstream transitional reach and an upstream reach that may have future work done on it. As there are no detailed survey data for the upper Blue, this will be important groundwork for providing an initial database. In addition, it will be essential for monitoring the progress of our restoration efforts. As yet we have not done any work and are finalizing plans.

Warbler Sounds

“What does this have to do with TU?” you ask. Well, cold-water resources have more to them than just water. Warblers love running water. They also love trees and brush and the bugs in them. These are the Great Lakes warblers. They nest here, not just pass through. Most people, who are not birders, see only little brown birds or sparrows (not that there is anything wrong with sparrows, some are very beautiful) and hear only blurred background noises. They miss the brilliant colors and intriguing songs of these little avian. When we manipulate the riparian area, we are changing which, if any, of these creatures we might see there.

Blue-winged	Bees BUZZZZZZZZ
Gold-winged	Bees Buzz Buzz Buzz
Tennessee	Picka Picka Picka Picka Seat Seat Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit
Orange Crown	weak trill (dropping pitch)
Nashville	Seat-it Seat-it Seat-it Seat-it Sits Sits Sits Sits Sits
Northern Parula	Zeeeeeeeeeeeeeee-Up
Yellow	Sweet Sweet Shredded Wheat
Chestnut Sided	Pleased Pleased Pleased To Meet Cha
Magnolia	Weety Weety Weety Chew
Black-Throated Blue	Buzzy - I'm so lazeeeee (pitch rising at end)
Cape May	Seet Seet Seet Seet Seet (very high pitch)
Yellow Rumped (Myrtle)	very slow jingling trill
Black-Throated Green	Zee Zee Zee ZooZee Zoo Zee Zoo Zoo Zee Trees Trees Murmuring Trees Seat Seat Seat Ti-Ti-Ti Zeeee
Blackburnian	series of thin down slurred whistles (descending)
Yellow Throated	series of fluid rich notes
Kirtland's	series of buzzes (rising pitch)
Prairie	flat buzzy trill
Palm	See See See See See (high pitched increased intensity)
Bay Breasted	See See See See See (high pitched inc volume in middle)
Blackpoll	Zray Zray Zray Zreeeeee! (inc pitch)
Cerulean	Weezy Weezy Weezy Weezy
Black and White	Variable series of high notes ending w/ accented down slur
American Redstart	Weet Weet Weet Weet Weet
Prothonotary	Chipping Sparrow like trill
Worm Eating	Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher (increased volume)
Oven Bird	Weet Weet Weet Weet Wee Wee Wee Chew Chew
Northern Waterthrush	a few loud whistles then quieter twitter
Louisiana Waterthrush	Cheery Cheery Cheery Cheery
Kentucky	Chuckity Chuckity Chuckity Chuck
Connecticut	Cheery Cheery Cheery Chorry Chorry
Mourning	Witchity Witchity Witchity Witch
Common Yellowthroat	(whistles) Come to the Woods You Won't See Me
Hooded	Chee Chee Chee Chee Chee Chet Chet Chet
Wilson's	chip with series of musical notes
Canadian	load chatters squawks mews whistles
Yellow-Breasted Chat	

If you are interested in learning more on our feathered friends, here are a couple references:

[Warblers of the Great Lakes Region and Eastern North America](#) by Chris Earley - book
[Bird Song Ear Training Guide](#) by John Feith – CD

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