

The Riffle and Pool

WRVTU Chapter Newsletter

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TU Volunteers Assist with Streamside Conservation Education



DNR's electro-fishing demonstration



**A beautiful brown—
brookie's decent too**



Linda and Herb chat

On October 12 and 14, WRVTU Chapter annual Plover Rover Days attracted ten or so members to assist Wausau East High School teachers Dave Coenen and Bill Nemke along with Edgar High School teacher Jean Abreu teach their nearly 100 biology and chemistry class students about life in the Plover. This is the 10th year that our members have assisted in this most worthwhile activity.

You may wish to write yourself a reminder to check the chapter website www.wrvtu.org next year for an announcement of this project which is generally scheduled for the second week of October. You are assured of having a good time helping or even learning along with these youngsters.



**Most students had
never seen
aquatic insects**



Henry's a great teacher



**Students record their
insect catches**

President's Cast.....

I doubt if you remember the New Year's resolutions that I made in this past January's *President's Cast*. Neither did I until I recently read them and decided you might enjoy reading them along with my reflections and beyond.

In 2010 I planned to:

1. *Get in shape and lose 30 pounds*
2. *Fish more*
3. *Tie at least a dozen flies each week before the opening day*
4. *Fish more*
5. *Explore new waters instead of fishing the same old places*
6. *Fish more*
7. *Refinish the old South Bend 290*
8. *By the way, did I mention I want to fish more this year?*



Here it is the end of another season and as far as the resolutions are concerned, I think that I gained 5 pounds, maybe tied a dozen flies all year, the old South Bend is still in the closet and I think I fished less this year on the same stretches of stream that I always fish. Oh well, there is always next year.

But next year may be too late for some things. The protection of our cold water streams is not something that can be put off until we get around to it. The pressures from pollution, depletion of our groundwater, overharvest and greed won't wait until we get around to it. The education and the development of a conservation ethic for our young people or for those who feel little connection to cold water and its watersheds cannot be put off for another year. Speaking against legislation which favors poorly regulated growth and the misuse of our natural resources can't wait until we get done with all the other stuff. We need to continually be at the work of stewardship and restoration.

We spend a lot of time and money teaching good stewardship practices. We work hard to help our young people fall in love with cold water and the fish that inhabit it. When you love something then it gets done.

As far as resolutions for the coming year, I suppose mine won't change too much. Another thing that won't change is Trout Unlimited's commitment to be good stewards of what we have been given; clean, cold water and the fish that inhabit it.

John

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"Young anglers love new rivers the way they love the rest of their lives. Time doesn't seem to be of the essence and somewhere in the system is what they are looking for."

—Thomas McGuane



USB (Up Side Down) Squirrel Bugger

Most streamer pattern ride hook point down. I designed this pattern to ride with the hook point up to help prevent snagging on the bottom. It can be tied in two ways, with or without dumbbell eyes. Both ride hook point up because of the lead wire position.

Materials:

- Hook: VMC wide gap walleye hook, model 7105BN, Size 2, bent to shape
- Underbody: 0.25 lead wire pinched on the ends
- Head: Lead/Chromed/Painted dumbbell eyes
- Body: Wapsi Pine Squirrel Skin, Zonked in black, grey or olive. Can also be tied with rabbit strips.
- Additional Material: Thick Superglue

Steps:

1. The hook choice is critical. It must be able to be bent without fracturing and it must be strong and heavy. Bend the hook in two places. First increase/accentuate the natural hook bend and then place a second reverse bend so that the head section of the hook is level at about the middle of the hook depth. You will need two needle nose pliers or a strong vise and a single pair of pliers. The hooking gap may look poor but this hook has an offset bend, to increase hook ups. Notice that the hook point is elevated above the surface due to the hook offset. The offset bend not only increases hookups, but also creates a slight curve in the body of the fly. The dumbbell eye version wobbles very, very slightly as it sinks during the pause. The tail of the fly then wags slightly. This is the final reason that this hook was chosen for this fly. The bent hook is at the top of the photo .



2. Flatten the lead wire and begin wrapping at the back of the hook. Wrap so that the lead is only on the curved section of the hook. Flatten the lead wire again and then finish the wrap. Flattening the lead wire before wrapping forms a nice taper on each end of the wire and will make wrapping the squirrel fur easier.

Place an underwrap of thread and tie on the dumbbell eyes with figure of 8 wraps. Use thick super glue while wrapping the eyes to fix the eyes in place.



3. Over wrap the lead wire with thread several times and then take the thread to the back of the hook. Tie in the squirrel strip in at the tail. The length of the tail should equal the length of the body. Wrap the strip forward in adjacent wraps. Be sure to keep pushing the fur back to keep it from being trapped under the next wrap. Figure eight the fur over the dumbbell eyes and whip finish the thread behind the eye.

The weighting of the fly will make it go through the water upside down as in the photo below.

It is a good fly for fishing lakes and ponds. The plain version sinks very slowly and it will sink level and it makes for a good bass fly. Depending on the amount of lead on the fly, you can vary the sink rate.

Tie it in smaller hook sizes for panfish or smaller bass.

Tied with squirrel, it has a bulkier profile as shown which maintains that profile in the water. Tied with rabbit, it is slimmer in the water on retrieve. The flattened face of the fly pushes water giving the fly an acoustic signature, which is good at night or murky water. The squirrel fur maintains the flat face better than rabbit.

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Chapter meetings & programs

Monday November 8—Monthly meeting at Gander Lodge at Gander Mountain

6:00- Board meeting (members are invited to attend)

7:00– Movie and popcorn night. Kick back and enjoy the fish flicks.

Monday January 10—Monthly meeting at Gander Lodge at Gander Mountain

6:00- Board meeting (members are invited to attend)

7:00– Rigging and techniques for successful trout fishing. Will include fly, spinner and bait fishing.

Monday March 14—Monthly meeting at Gander Lodge at Gander Mountain

6:00- Board meeting (members are invited to attend)

7:00– Program to be announced

Monday May 9—Monthly meeting at Gander Lodge at Gander Mountain

6:00- Board meeting (members are invited to attend)

7:00– Program to be announced



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