



February 2016

### Beat the Cold Winter No Fishing Blues! Join us for *“A River Runs Through It - The Prairie River”*

Tuesday, February 16 Great Dane Pub and Brewing Company-Wausau  
6:00 pm Informal meal, beverages, and conversation (your dime)  
7:00 pm Chapter meeting and presentation

Join Ben Rolling, fisheries technician with the Antigo DNR and others as they share their expertise about this wonderful fishery that begins in Langlade county and flows through our chapter in Lincoln county. Ben will be reliving the history of habitat work on the Prairie with special emphasis on the work now in progress under his direction. This current, two year project is being accomplished with the help of our chapter.

Then hear about effective ways of fishing the Prairie from our chapter's local "experts". Techniques, hatches, differences in upper and lower river, and flies will be covered. A drawing will be held and someone goes home with a dozen proven Prairie River flies.

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening dreaming of warm summer days on the river. TU meetings are always open to the public. Meals and meetings take place in the meeting room on the north side of the main dining room at the Great Dane. Unsure? Just ask at the front desk as you come in and the staff will direct you to the room.

#### Important Dates:

*January 2, 2016: Early season catch and release on selected waters.*

*February 6: State TU Banquet Best Western Waterfront, Oshkosh*

*February 16: "Prairie River" 7:00 pm Great Dane, Wausau*

*March 15: "Smallmouth on the Fly" 7:00 pm Great Dane Wausau*

*April 19: "The Night of the Caddis" Great Dane, Wausau*

*May 2: Statewide Fishing Opener*

#### Do we have your current email address?

Our newsletter The Riffle goes email next month. Chapter members without an email will be mailed a black and white copy. The email version will be full color with interactive links to interesting and informative resources.

To receive your email copy send an email titled "address" to:  
[wrvtrout@gmail.com](mailto:wrvtrout@gmail.com)

## Your Chapter at Work



*Wausau East science students on the Plover River*

Your chapter has been busy by supporting trout and their cold water resources by providing people and resources to build for a strong future.

### Education:

Your chapter supports environmental and fishing education for a wide range of people. Annually we participate in the Youth Sporting Heritage Days at the Wausau School Forest exposing young boys and girls to the world of trout and fish-

ing. For the past dozen years we help Wausau East science students explore the underwater world of trout streams by work in the Plover River. We provide support for a variety of opportunities to get kids and adults involved in the outdoors,

### Restoration:

Your chapter is involved in providing funding and people to restore degraded cold water resources. This past year we

helped to fund a two year DNR project of restoration on the Prairie River. We contributed to the Northeast Region's DNR brushing crews, and did brushing as a chapter project.

### Advocacy:

Your chapter steps up when legislation or practices threaten the cold water resources of our chapter. We, with legislators, businesses, and farmers find ways to protect resources as good citizens working together.

## Opportunities

You don't need to build a door for opportunity to come knocking. Your chapter has plenty of opportunities for you to learn a new fishing technique, get your boots wet in restoration projects, meet new like minded folks, help mentor a young person, and enjoy serving in an organization committed to doing good for

generations to come. Your TU chapter is you and all of us working and enjoying our cold water resources together.

If you have a skill you enjoy or an interest that you pursue there is a place for your gifts in the chapter.

Take time to look through the website, [wrvtu.org](http://wrvtu.org) or "like" us

on Facebook. Make sure that we have a current email address so that we can let you know when things are happening. Just send an email to: [wrvtrout@gmail.com](mailto:wrvtrout@gmail.com) with "Address" as the title of the email.

The "Riffle" will be coming out in email form.

**"If opportunity doesn't knock, then build a door."**

**Milton Berle**

## Fly of the Month: Pass Lake



*Don't go near a stream in our chapter without the venerable Pass Lake*

The Pass Lake is one of those do it all flies that should be in everyone's flybox. The late Larry Meicher, "The Pass Lake Kid" would expound on its history and effectiveness anytime someone would listen. Those who took his advice were not disappointed. Fished dry and wet it is a deadly fly.

Hook: Standard Dry Fly 12-16

Thread: 6/0 Black or Red

Tail: Mallard or Amherst Pheasant

Body: Black Chenille

Wing: White Calf Tail

Hackle: Brown Hen (wet) or Rooster (dry)

**\*\* Because we are spending this year rebuilding the chapter's membership and direction, there will be no banquet in 2016.**

**Thank you for your understand and support. \*\***