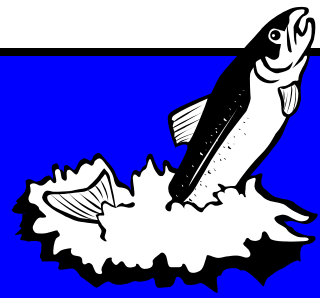


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.



June 2023

OVER 500 MEMBERS DEDICATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE BRULE

Meet Our 2023 College Scholarship Recipient

by Mike Sierszen – College Scholarship Committee Chairman

The 2023 recipient of the Brule River Sportsmen's Club College Scholarship is **Ms. Kayla Reed**, a junior at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point with a double-major in fisheries and water resources. Below, Kayla introduces herself to our Club members. Congratulations, Kayla!

"My name is Kayla Reed, and I have been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Brule River Sportsman's Club College Scholarship.



Kayla Reed

I come from a small agricultural town named Pulaski, which is just outside of Green Bay, Wisconsin. However, my passion for the natural resources, especially aquatic resources, stemmed from time at our family cabin on Lake Metonga in Forest County, and it was there I discovered my love for everything fisheries and water resources. I always strive to gain the best experiences that will one day make me a great fisheries professional.

I have many career aspirations. I am planning to obtain my Master's Degree right away following my undergraduate experience at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, and plan to become a fisheries biologist for a Midwestern state working on inland lakes. In that position I hope to positively communicate with the public and create a bond out of honesty and trust.

While it may seem like fishing is my only interest due to my career goals, I thoroughly enjoy hunting in my spare time. Deer, waterfowl, and small game are all favorites of mine. I also love to get out into our great outdoors, whether that be hiking state or national parks, riding my bike, kayaking, or even reading while outside.

I am truly honored to have been selected for this scholarship! This reward helps to further push me to fulfill my dreams within

51st Annual Spring Clean-up

by Dennis Pratt

The Club's annual spring clean-up was held on May 13, being delayed from our usual end of April date due to our late Spring this year.

The weather was great as thirty volunteers spread throughout the Brule watershed to pick up trash. A wonderful Club provided lunch followed at Twin Gables.

We thank the Brule River State Forest staff for providing the truck to haul away the trash to the dump. The Poplar Boy Scout Troop 212 once again canoed the river from Stones Bridge to Winneboujou during the last weekend in May, picking up trash along the way.

Complete list of volunteers is on page 3.

Volunteers pictured at left: Bill Blust and Carol Heinrich.



BRSC Calendar: The next board meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, at the Kro Bar at 6:00 p.m.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes May 22, 2023



President Dennis Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Kro Bar.

Officers and Directors: Present - Ed Chaplinski, Paul Helbach, Glen Hill, Courtney Johnson, Mick Killoren, Ken Lundberg, Dennis Pratt, Mike Sierszen, Walt Swanson, Jim Waletzko, Dean Wellman, Mike Zicus, and Ken Zivic.

Minutes of the April Meeting: The minutes as written in the May newsletter were approved following a motion by Ken Lundberg, a second by Ken Zivic, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: President Dennis Pratt reported for Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk that April's beginning balance was \$23,658.84, and the ending balance was \$24,289.09 with the following expenses: ProPrint (April newsletter - \$30.16); Katie Thompson (April newsletter - \$200); Transfer to Savings (March donations - \$385). The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Jim Waletzko, a second by Dean Wellman, and unanimous approval by voice vote. Financial Secretary Dean Wellman reported that there was \$1,245.41 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had no new members and 12 renewals. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Mike Zicus and a second by Mick Killoren.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Ken Lundberg – Looking good for the Brule River hatchery to get funding shortly.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – About 600 trees (500 tamarack and some black spruce) were planted on May 20. Nine members volunteered and lunch cost was \$168.40. A suggestion was made to purchase the following items: chainsaw, tree planting bars, mattocks, pry bars, and silt fence for use in future projects. This was approved following a motion by Walt Swanson and a second by Ken Lundberg.

Audit: Jeff Stollenwerk – Nothing at this time.

Education: Dennis Pratt made the suggestion to develop a possible sticker for 6th graders next year. Ed Chaplinski will check with the company that recently made the summer hats on this.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen/Paul Helbach – Mike reported that there were only 11 applicants this year. None had a connection to the river or were Club members. The Scholarship Committee met immediately preceding the regular Club meeting to discuss candidates and decide on their recommendation for this year's recipient of the College Scholarship. Ms. Kayla Reed, a junior, at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point with a double-major in fisheries and water resources was recommended by the committee. The committee's recommendation was approved by a motion by Ken Lundberg and a second by Dean Wellman, followed by unanimous approval. Paul Helbach reported that Brinley Tonn was selected as this year's Northwestern High Scholarship recipient.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – Dennis said that he may have recruited a new member before the meeting started. Jim Waletzko and Ed Chaplinski continue to distribute paper newsletters to prospective members.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt – June newsletter articles: clean-up; tree planting; and South Shore grade update.

Other Business

Spring Clean-up: Dennis Pratt reported for Dennis Smet that it was a beautiful day. 30 individuals volunteered and five even cleaned up certain areas before the scheduled day. Total expenditure for the day was \$413.94.

Fly of the Month: Dean Wellman – brown drake provided by Club member Paul Stillmank.

Establishment of a Club Email: Mike Zicus/Walt Swanson - Three new email addresses were created

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to transition from the use of personal emails and help the Club archive emails based on best practices. You will start seeing these being used soon.

South Shore Grade Culvert Removal Progress: All permits are in place to start this summer. Will be getting current progress report from Paul Piszczek at the Brule River Preservation Memorial Day meeting. This report will be emailed to the Club board and a short summary will be in the June newsletter.

Family Fun Day: To be held August 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Still can use additional volunteers for the various activities.

Next Meeting Location: Discussion by all. Meetings will continue to be at the Kro Bar. We will need to recognize and plan for dates that will conflict with the Kro Bar special events.

Upcoming Events – Latest events will be posted on the Club Calendar <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/>.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Recorded by Walt Swanson

Spring Clean-up Volunteers

Erin Smet Julia Shamla Tom Heinrich Carol Heinrich Michael Shamla Courtney Johnson Mark Brathol Susie Brathol Cathy Champaigne Tom Champaigne Bill Blust Linda Blust Mick Killoren Flo Berube Mike Zicus	Paul Helbach Adam Helbach Dennis Pratt Tom Bydalek Cala Hakseth Glen Hill Jenn Janness Dennis Smet Mary Smet Tim Spangenberg Julie Zenner Ken Lundberg Jim Waletzko Ken Zivic Terri Zivic
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Brown Drake Dun

Paul Stillmank, BRSC member – Lake Nebagamon, WI

Every year, as June approaches, I find myself busy at my vise preparing for what I consider to be the best hatch of them all: the *Ephemera simulans* (aka the Brown Drake). Like some of you, I've been chasing these bugs up and down the Bois Brule and other area streams for nigh on three decades.



Within that expanse of time, I've turned to many different patterns to imitate various stages. A tried-and-true pattern for me is one that I refer to as "favored drake." It's a dun imitation for use early in the hatch cycle and is particularly effective on those overcast drizzly days that push bugs up in the bright light of mid-afternoon. Favored drake is a high floater, buoyed by moose body hair for a tail and a Catskill-tied hackle trimmed to a 'V' on the underside. Its variegated body, decked out in yellow-floss over mahogany dubbing, is part of the magic in that brighter light. It looks great alongside naturals and; more importantly, it repeatedly brings up solid trout!

A recipe for the fly can be found at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-June-fly.pdf>.

Update & Opportunities

Our next two volunteer habitat workdays

July 22 & August 5.

We'll meet both days by 9:00 a.m. at the Upper St. Croix boat launch.

Details will be outlined in the July newsletter.

Nebagamon Creek grade/culvert removal project update:

DNR is finalizing the project's bid specifications and documents. Also, the DNR is requesting extensions to land use agreements to allow more time to complete the project. Construction is anticipated later this summer and early fall.

BRSC Gift Store Order Form (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$35	
	BRSC baseball hat	\$25	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Men's or women's baseball cap (mesh back)	\$25	
	Framed Lower River Map (cannot be Shipped)	\$125	
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https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/			



What We Do:

Fisheries Habitat Projects — Club members and others volunteer during the summer months to restore features necessary for fish spawning, growing, and feeding.

Clean-ups — Keep the Brule clean and beautiful.

Monthly Membership Meetings — Frequently include guest speakers.

Monthly Newsletter — Helps generate understanding of fisheries and water quality, and keeps members and others informed about Club activities.

Scholarship Program — Provides financial support to students.

Newsletter editor: Katie Thompson (goirish@cheqnet.net)

BRSC Membership Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 e-mail _____

Membership Type: Renewal (due January 1st) New Membership

Email newsletter only: \$20 – Individual \$25 – Household

Paper newsletter only: \$30 – Individual \$35 – Household

Donations

College Scholarship \$ _____ Education \$ _____
 High School Scholarship \$ _____ Habitat \$ _____
 General \$ _____ Multiple \$ _____

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