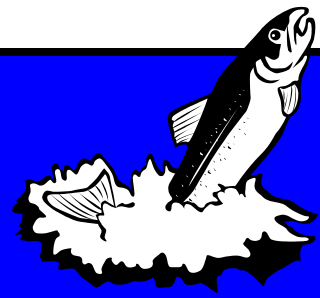


# Brule River

## Sportsmen's Club, Inc.



March 2023

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

## Steelhead Caught Eighty-Six Years Ago



Marlys McGettigan caught this 35-inch 11-pound steelhead on May 3, 1937. The post spawn female had a 17-inch girth. The skin seems to be mounted on a piece of left over siding used on the DNR ranger station. This was a common way to mount trophy fish during this era. We discovered this mount in the basement of the DNR ranger station in 1985. You can look at this fish in the museum at the Brule Fish Hatchery.

### Updates & Opportunities

College scholarship applications  
*due by April 30*

<https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/the-scholarships/>

County Congress Spring Hearing  
will be held online from noon April 10 to noon  
April 13. You can find information regarding  
the hearing on the DNR website at [https://  
dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing).

Renew your membership  
(contact Dennis Pratt, [prattd@charter.net](mailto:prattd@charter.net)  
with questions).

### Spring Clean-up

Come join us on **Saturday, April 29**, to help clean up the Brule River Valley.



We will meet at the Brule pavilion at 9 a.m. for area assignments (coffee and rolls served). Volunteers will then spread out and collect trash, returning at noon for a Club-provided lunch.

If the weather is inclement, we will hold the clean-up on May 13.



**BRSC Calendar:** The next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, at the KroBar at 6:00 p.m.





## Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023



President Dennis Pratt canceled the meeting due to weather, meeting held via email.

Officers and Directors: Ed Chaplinski, Glen Hill, Mick Killoren, Ken Lundberg, Dennis Pratt, Mike Sierszen, Dennis Smet, Jeff Stollenwerk, Walt Swanson, Jim Waletzko, Dean Wellman, Mike Zicus and Ken Zivic responded to emails.

Minutes of the January Meeting: The minutes as written in the February newsletter were approved following a motion by Walt Swanson, seconded by Dean Wellman, and a majority approval by email vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that February's beginning balance was \$25,476.73, and the ending balance was \$22,237.77 with the following expenses: ProPrint (January newsletter - \$30.16); Katie Thompson (January newsletter - \$200); WI Dept. of Financial Institutions (Form 5 report) \$25; JM Screen Printing (hat order - 48 - \$636); Dean Wellman (fly tying materials for expo - \$52.46); Katie Thompson (February newsletter - \$200). The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Mike Sierszen, a second by Ken Lundberg, and majority approval by email vote. President Dennis Pratt reported for Financial Secretary Dean Wellman that there were \$1310 in total deposits into checking account since the last meeting. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Dean Wellman, a second by Mike Sierszen, and majority approval by email vote.

### Committee Reports

Legislative: Ken Lundberg – Governor's budget contains a suggested increase in the Inland Trout stamp from \$10 to \$15.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – Tree planting work date, May 20, summer tentative work dates, July 22, and Aug 5.

Audit: Jeff Stollenwerk – The Audit Committee is reviewing and reconciling all 2022 financial transactions and will present a summary report at the Club's March 27 meeting. The Audit Committee will also review the overall budget with a comparison to previous years and offer recommendations for future spending.

Education: Dennis Smet – The fish at Northwestern and Superior are doing well. Smet and Pratt are scheduled to make presentations at Northwestern on March 20 and March 21. They will also make presentations at Superior Senior High on March 22.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen – College scholarship applications are due on April 30.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – (139 renewals thus far) 36 paper and 103 e-news.

Social Media: Mike Zicus – Removed links for two resorts that we had under the links tab on the websites. This move was based on a discussion at the February meeting. Concern was about us appearing to pick "favorites." Waiting to finish the "About the Board" page. Finished updating the Club Calendar.

### Other Business

2023 Family Fun Day – The tentative date is August 19. Will discuss our share in funding this year's event at our March meeting.

Vote to confirm Election Results – Dennis Pratt made a motion to confirm election results and a second by Ken Lundberg and majority approval by email vote.

Spring Clean-up – Dennis Smet - holding this year's event on April 29 with a backup of May 13.

Nebagamon Creek Culvert Removal Progress – Nothing new to report.

Fly of the Month – Dean Wellman - March newsletter (yarn flies)

Renewal Reminders – Special e-renewal reminders will be sent out in March. Paper reminders have been included with the February paper newsletter mailing.

See "Minutes" on pg. 3



## BRULE RIVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, MARCH 2023

"Minutes" from pg. 2

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing – Dennis Pratt – this year's hearing will be held online from noon on April 10, to noon on April 13. Information including this year's questions was emailed to all board members recently.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation – Items from Tom Sklebar were emailed to board members recently.

Great Waters Expo Booth Discussion – Ken Lundberg, a booth volunteer list has been made, Pratt will make a special Expo handout to be printed in color. A motion to print 100 copies was made by Dennis Pratt, second by Jim Waletzko and majority approval by email vote.

### Upcoming Events

**Great Water's Expo**, March 17 -19. Hamline University, Twin Cities.

**Douglas County Fish & Game League Sport Show**, March 24 – March 26. UW-Superior's Wessman Arena, Superior.

**Wild Rivers TU Chapter Expo**, April 8. Northland College, Ashland.

**Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Banquet**, April 20. Barkers Island, Superior.

**LSSA Brule River Spey Day**, September 8 at McNeil's

Recorded by Walt Swanson

## Glo Bug Egg Yarn Fly

Dean Wellman, BRSC Financial Secretary – Brule, WI

The use of artificial materials to imitate fish eggs has allowed a vast array of different fly patterns to be developed. When Glo Bug yarn became available, it was immediately adopted by "yarn fisherman." Mike Skeba, Ron Pearson, and Rob Miller were some of the pioneers that I was fortunate to know who used yarn on the Brule.

The perfect rig was a 7- or 8-wt fly rod balanced with a reel just heavy enough to cause the tip to rise slightly in your hand. Maxima Ultragreen in 8 lb. test was the go to line. Two BB's provided a good amount of weight to start with. Adding or subtracting weight was common for different runs and pockets. The rule became *the lighter the weight the better*.

Contact with the stream bottom was not necessary. When you were in the zone with the fly, any hesitation in the line required a quick hook set. Yarn flies in sizes from 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch in diameter were the norm depending on water clarity.



A recipe for the fly can be found at <https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-March-fly.pdf>.

<b>BRSC Gift Store Order Form</b> (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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<a href="https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/">https://brulriversportsmensclub.com/contact-us/join-the-club/</a>			



**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visit us online at [www.brulriversportsmensclub.com](http://www.brulriversportsmensclub.com)

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 All but \$1.00 of your membership dues is tax deductible.  
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