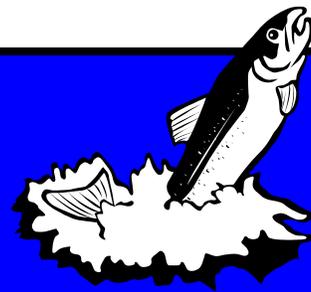


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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



September 2020

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients

"Dakota Stankowski" by Mike Sierszen – Scholarship Committee Chairman

The 2020 Brule River Sportsmen's Club College Scholarship recipient is **Dakota Starr Stankowski**. Dakota graduated from Gwinn High School in Gwinn, MI in 2017 and is entering her senior year at Northland College in Ashland, WI.



Dakota has a double major in biology and natural resources, with a chemistry minor, and plans to declare an additional minor in environmental education this fall. She has participated in research at the Northland College Chemistry Department as a work-study student since her freshman year, investigating environ-

mentally-friendly plastics and coauthoring publications.

Additionally, Dakota spent the summer of 2019 as a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates intern through Rutgers University. Through that program she examined the impacts of heated effluent in the Barnegat Bay, NJ area on juvenile fishes.

Dakota hopes to merge her interests in chemistry, fishery ecology, and environmental education, potentially through earning a master's degree, to improve the resiliency and everlasting availability of resources such as the Brule River for future generations to enjoy. Dakota grew up hunting and fishing with her family in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and quickly fell upon the Brule River as her favorite river to fish after moving to Wisconsin for school. Dakota has since learned to fly fish and is grateful for every moment she gets to spend by the Brule River.

The \$5000 scholarship has been forwarded to Northland College, and we look forward to welcoming Dakota to a BRSC meeting when they resume. (Pictured at the left:) Dakota with first Brule River brook trout.

"Andrew Nelson" by Ron Gaare

The 2020 Northwestern High School (NHS) scholarship recipient is **Andrew Nelson**. It has been over four years since I have last seen Andrew in a school setting. I remember Andrew as a quiet, hardworking student.

Andrew was selected by the NHS scholarship selection committee from a field of deserving candidates. According to Breena Kroll, NHS guidance counselor, Andrew was selected in large part for his enthusiasm toward environmental stewardship, a passion he intends to carry through with a successful career in civil engineering at the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

In high school Andrew was involved in the student organization FFA (Future Farmers of America) where he competed in a national competition and worked on major projects for the organization. Andrew was also involved in the NHS trap club. He is a passionate outdoorsman who loves to fish and hunt in the region. Andrew (below) tells me his favorite place to fish is the Brule River.



BRSC Calendar: All future in-person board meetings are cancelled until further notice. Meetings will be held via email.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes August 24, 2020



President Dennis Pratt emailed the draft meeting notes to board members on August 23.

Minutes of the July Meeting: Motion was made to approve by Paul Helbach, seconded by Jeff Stollenwerk, and approved by majority vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Financial Secretary Dean Wellman submitted his report to the board on August 23. Deposits in the general fund totaled \$200 since the last meeting, and the Club had three new members. The Financial Secretary's Report was approved without changes by the board following a motion from Paul Helbach and a second by Jeff Stollenwerk. Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported to the board on August 22 that August's beginning balance was \$15,711.26 and the ending balance is \$16,516.43 with the following expenses: Pro Print (July newsletter – \$25.13), Dennis Pratt (postage/shipping – \$172.65) and Northland College/Dakota Stankowski (college scholarship – \$5,000). The Treasurer's Report was approved without changes by the board following a motion by Ron Gaare and a second by Paul Helbach.

Committee Reports

Habitat: Pratt visited our Beupre habitat project site and found it free of beaver.

Legislative, Membership and Budget: Nothing new to report from these committees.

Scholarship: College Scholarship – Chairman Mike Sierszen reported that we've received a photo and biography from Dakota Stankowski, our college scholarship recipient that will be published in the next newsletter. Ron Gaare also collected similar information from our Northwestern High School scholarship recipient, Andrew Nelson, to be published in the newsletter.

Education: Dennis Smet reports that it is unlikely that we will be able to conduct our aquarium projects this year as the schools are not allowing visitors/guest speakers due to Covid-19.

Social Media: Website – Mike Zicus has been responding to a number of website inquiries.

Facebook – Pratt reported that we have placed two items on the Club's Facebook site this month including a popular drone photo of the mouth of the Brule.

Other Business

South Shore Grade Update – Nothing new to report

Fly of the Month – Dean Wellman reports that the September fly of the month will be Warner's "Big White" Streamer, a steelhead fly. Our October fly will be submitted by Club member Rick Goddard called Hank's Creation. That newsletter will also present the very unique history of that fly.



Longtime Club Member Ron Gaare Retires

By Dennis Pratt

After 18 years of service, Ron Gaare retires from the board.

Ron Gaare joined the Board in October of 2002 as Treasurer filling a position that had been previously held by Darrell Thompson. The treasurer's position is one of the most important posts in the Club. It requires maintaining bank accounts, paying bills, and filling out required annual government reports.

He remained as Treasurer for 14 years until stepping down to a regular board of directors' position in September of 2016. Ron has been continuously active in all Club activities. Ron served as chairman of the habitat committee for many years, setting up, organizing, and overseeing pro-



jects.

Ron also organized an annual habitat appreciation meeting each year for volunteers. Ron has been an integral member of the budget committee and was our liaison for the high school scholarship.

Ron says, "I will remain a member and would love to continue to work on habitat projects and other activities and projects as they emerge. I certainly support all the club has done and will continue to do."

When you next see Ron, please thank him for his exceptional service striving to keep the Brule fishery and its watershed vibrant and healthy.

August Fly of the Month

Warner's "Big White" Streamer

Dean Wellman, BRSC financial secretary – Brule, WI
(Dedicated to Dad, 1929 – 2016)



This fly uses a technique for palmering a rabbit strip applied to Ed Sherk's White Minnow pattern. It became one of our "go to" streamers for the big smallmouth of Chequamegon Bay.

We then started fishing it for steelhead on the Brule, especially in the warmer water of September. Soon it became my dad's favorite fly. I remember him telling me that he caught his largest Brule steelhead ever on this fly.

He was a master at fishing it. I remember standing on a high bank and watching him fish it through a run, getting the fly to sink down early, while adding a split shot several inches above the fly when needed. He would get the fly to swing broadside as long as possible with a slight twitch when he knew the fly was in the zone, then a pause, then another twitch, longer pause, and then letting it hang at the end of the swing. He loved to fish it in the faster runs early in the season as he loved the vicious strikes of the early "hot fish."

A recipe for the fly can be found at <https://brulerriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-September-fly.pdf>

BRSC Gift Store Order Form (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$30	
	BRSC baseball hat	\$25	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Historical newsletter DVD	\$5	
	Framed Lower River Map (cannot be Shipped)	\$125	
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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.

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

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College Scholarship \$ _____ Education \$ _____
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