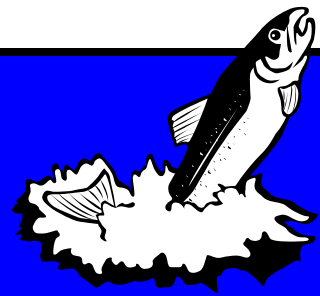


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.



July 2024

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

Join Us for Habitat Improvement

Summer Trout Habitat Volunteer: Tuesday, July 24, and Thursday, August 1

All will meet by 9:00 a.m. at the DNR's Upper St. Croix boat landing (Palmer's Landing) on the northeast end of the lake, just off County Highway A. We'll then travel to the work site to begin removal of a small man-made earthen dam at the headwaters of Swamp Angel Creek.

Bring work gloves and sturdy shovels. By removing the dam we'll be draining the impoundment to directly reconnect the inflowing springs with the creek, lowering the tributaries water temperatures. After the morning's work, we'll return to the landing to enjoy a Club prepared lunch.

Raffle Ends Soon!

Get your raffle tickets - going fast.
Drawing: August 26

Our raffle this year includes these items:

1. A **custom-built cane fly rod** with custom-machined reel seat and ferrule, ferrule plug, two tip sections, rod sleeve and metal tube built and donated to the Club by Dave Norling (retail: \$2,400).
2. A **Weber heirloom stainless 9" fillet knife** made by J. Marttini of Finland, sheathed in artfully illustrated leather.
3. A **BRSC Fly of the Month Collection** consisting of our booklet, with all 32 flies tied by Board Member Dean Wellman.



All proceeds will support our scholarships. Tickets are still available (\$10 each) by contacting Dennis Pratt: prattd@charter.net and sending a check to the Club mailbox: Brule River Sportsmen's Club, P.O. Box 100, Brule, WI 54820.

Fly of the Month Booklet

We've just received the second printing of our 'Fly of the Month' booklet. The booklet contains the recipes for tying all 32 of the best Brule River flies that we presented in our newsletter covering the years 2020 through 2023. Available in our Club store: [Shop – Brule River Sportsmen's Club \(bruleriversportsmensclub.com\)](http://shop-bruleriversportsmensclub.com)



BRSC Calendar:

The board meeting will be held on
Monday, July 22, at the KroBar at 6:00 p.m.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Electronic Meeting Minutes June 24, 2024



President Dennis Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at KroBar.

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

Minutes of the May Meeting: The minutes as written in the June newsletter were approved following a motion by Mike Zicus, a second by Courtney Johnson and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that May's beginning balance was \$10,936.81, and the ending balance was \$12,340.50 with the following expenses: Northwestern High School (annual scholarship) \$1,000; Transfer to savings (April donations) \$80; Dennis Pratt (postage and supplies, Apr 01–May 13) \$418.53; Ken Lundberg (WWF Meeting travel & lodging) \$200; Katie Thompson (May newsletter) \$200; Pro Print (May newsletter + raffle tickets) \$198.69; Vets on the Lake donation \$500.

The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Walt Swanson, a second by Dean Wellman, and unanimous approval by voice vote. Financial Secretary Dean Wellman reported that there were \$1,905 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had one new member and 42 renewals. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Mike Sierszen, a second by Ed Chaplinski, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Legislative, Audit and Education Committees: Nothing to report currently.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – Paul Piszczek has been removing the beaver dam and lowering the water at Beaupre Spring pond after the APHIS trapper removed the beavers.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen/Paul Helbach – Mike reported that the Scholarship Committee was nominating Ben Fromm who is attending UW-Stevens Point in the Forestry program for the 2024 College Scholarship. The nomination was approved following a motion by Paul Helbach, a second by Mike Zicus, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Paul reported that Jay Kaufman was the 2024 High School Scholarship recipient chosen by the Northwestern High School

scholarship committee.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – Ed has been distributing paper newsletters to clubs where he lives. Dennis Pratt mentioned that we were almost out of thank you cards. An order for more was approved following a motion by Mike Zicus, a second by Dean Wellman, and unanimous approval by voice vote. A suggestion was made that we offer a one-year appreciation membership to non-members volunteering at habitat events. This was approved following a motion by Walt Swanson, a second by Dean Wellman, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt – Mike Zicus reported a couple of inquiries on Big Lake permits through the website. Ideas for newsletter were discussed. A piece on lamprey removal was suggested for the next newsletter and discussed at length.

Other Business

Fly of the Month – Dean Wellman – Blue-winged Olive.

Spring Raffle: Mike Sierszen – Tickets sales are going well, and tickets were distributed to board members. Discussion on ticket sales strategies followed.

Club Store Items Status: Pratt – May send out Constant Contact announcement promoting the Fly of the Month booklet soon.

Challenge Center Canoe Trip: Den Smet – Den reviewed the plan for July 27th volunteers and passengers will meet at 9:00 a.m. between Twin Gables and the Brule Post Office. About a dozen clients are expected. We still need a few volunteers in waders and guides/drivers for the event. Please contact Dennis if you are able to help.

Family Fun Day: Volunteers and station assignments were discussed for the August 17th event.

Upcoming Events – Please check our [Club Calendar](https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/) at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/category/club-calendar/> for the latest events.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Recorded by Walt Swanson



Brule Family Fun Day

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

at the
Brule State Fish Hatchery & Brule River State Forest
13847 Hatchery Road, Brule, WI 54820

It's Free!



Participate in:

- Catch and release fishing
- Fly tying lessons
- Stream shocking demonstrations
- Casting lessons
- Nature hike
- Fish filleting demonstrations
- Kids archery lessons
- Gyotaku t-shirt painting
- Hatchery tours
- Canoe trips on the Brule River
- And so much more!

Vehicle admission sticker will not be required the day of the event. For more information, email Angelica.Komarek@wisconsin.gov, call 715-372-4820 or stop at the hatchery office.

“Top Hat” Blue-winged Olive (BWO) Emerger

Dean Wellman, BRSC Financial Secretary - Brule, WI

Round foam cylinders are a great substitute for Cul De Canard (CDC) feathers in emerger patterns and provide superior floatation. Foam will also withstand more catches. Foam can be used as wing posts for parachute flies as well. Adding a “hat” to Klinkhammer style flies, emergers, or midges allows the fly to sit the surface film at just the right angle, providing a great presentation to the fish. Foam is another game changer giving the fly tier the creativity to experiment. You can color it with markers as well to get the color you want.



This recipe can be found at <https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-July-fly.pdf>.

BRSC Gift Store Order Form (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$45	
	Women's baseball hat	\$25	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Men's baseball cap (mesh back)	\$25	
	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.

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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 All but \$1.00 of your membership dues is tax deductible.
 Donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

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