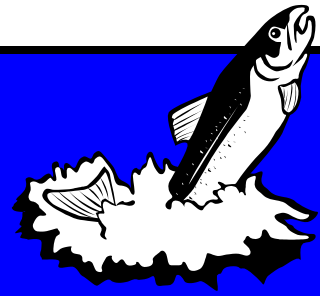


Brule River

Sportsmen's Club, Inc.



September 2026

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

August 8th Trout Habitat Workday

Our second trout habitat workday went very well. We had three volunteers working chain-saws with the rest of the crew banking the cut alder for Senior fisheries Biologist Paul Piszczek on the section of the Little Brule immediately downstream from the hatchery. At noon, we enjoyed a Club-provided sub sandwich lunch.



Crew enjoys Club-provided lunch

Thanks to all who helped:

David Gallagher
Greg Gerard

Peder Yurista
Glen and Judy Hill

Tom Heinrich
Ken Zivic

Harvey Kalweit
Walt Swanson

Dennis Pratt
Paul Piszczek

Nebagamon Creek South Shore Rail Grade Removal Celebration

A small gathering of Club members enjoyed a Dean Wellman grilled lunch and visited the results of the grade removal project completed three years ago. The restored corridor and the planted trees and vegetation looked great.



East side vegetation growth



BRSC Calendar:

The board meeting will be held at Kro Bar
on Monday, September 28, at 6 p.m.





Brule River Sportsmen's Club Meeting Minutes August 24, 2026



President Dennis Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at Kro Bar.

Officers and Directors: Present - Ed Chaplinski, Glen Hill, Courtney Johnson, Mick Killoren, Ken Lundberg, Dennis Pratt, Mike Sierszen, Den Smet, Jeff Stollenwerk, Walt Swanson, Dean Wellman, and Ken Zivic.

Minutes of the July Meeting: The minutes as written in the June newsletter were approved following a motion by Ed Chaplinski, second by Dean Wellman, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Treasurer Jeff Stollenwerk reported that July's beginning balance was \$12,948.56 and the ending balance was \$11,153.69 with the following expenses: ProPrint (June newsletter) \$255.68; DP expenditures (chainsaw, postage) \$736.02; WLSTA (Vets on the Lake) \$500; Katie Thompson (July newsletter) \$200; transfer to savings (donations) \$1,130; ProPrint (July newsletter, fish ID cards) \$401.28; Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (returned 2026 Family Fun Day grant) \$250. The Treasurer's report was approved following a motion by Dean Wellman, second by Courtney Johnson and unanimous approval by voice vote. Financial Secretary Dean Wellman reported that there were \$810 in total deposits into the general fund since the last meeting and that the Club had 1 new member and 3 renewals. The Financial Secretary's report was approved following a motion by Ken Lundberg, second by Ken Zivic and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Ken Lundberg – Tomorrow the Friends of Wisconsin Fisheries group is meeting to discuss hatcheries.

Audit: Jeff Stollenwerk – Nothing to report.

Education: Den Smet – Nothing to report.

Habitat: Dennis Pratt – We assisted Paul Piszczek with a brush cutting project August 8th.

Scholarship: Mike Sierszen/Paul Helbach – Wyatt Hilt-

ner attended our meeting. His first project for Water Resource Science will be mappings redds from B to Hwy 2. His last project was working with Taimen in Mongolia. Taimen are the ultimate mega-trout. They are the largest member of the salmonid family. Mongolian Taimen can live for nearly fifty years and reach sixty inches in length.

Membership: Jim Waletzko/Ed Chaplinski – Walt Swanson dropped some past newsletters at Southside Bait & Tackle in Superior. Ed Chaplinski dropped some past newsletters at Lund's Sports Shop in Scandia.

Social Media: Mike Zicus/Dennis Pratt – September newsletter will feature the August 8th habitat work and raffle winners.

Other Business

September Fly of the Month – Dean Wellman – 2 Hot Pink and Purple Series.

Nebagamon Grade Removal Celebration – Dean Wellman – Hotdogs and soda were served. Only 7 people showed up for the event.

Raffle status – Mike Sierszen - Wyatt Hiltner did the raffle drawing. Winners were Lee Killoren - fly rod; Harv Kalweit - fly-tying kit; Ed Chaplinski – knife.

Upper River Landing Host Project – Ken Lundberg – Ken Lundberg made a motion to donate \$1,000 to project next year. Second by Ken Zivic, and unanimous approval by voice vote.

Framed Lower River Maps – Dean Wellman has a couple more frames. When those are gone, that's it.

Next In-person – Scheduled for September 28.

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

The business meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Recorded by Walt Swanson



2 HOT PINK & PURPLE SERIES

Dean Wellman, BRSC Financial Secretary – Brule, WI

Last fall, I modified the Pink and Purple Dolly Lama that we featured as the October 2022 Fly of the Month. I wanted a fly that held less water when cast than the Dolly Llama, so I used the approach we introduced with Dave Pinzckowski's Hair Series of tube flies in October 2025. I also wanted a fly that would push water with a larger head profile. By combining lead wire with accessories, such as Dodger Disks or Alaska Brass Cones, you can make a fly that sinks as quickly as you like. The disks don't add much weight, but they do push water that makes the fly move in the currents. They come in different colors, but I've been using "neon pop" hot pink fingernail polish to color them. I usually have my wife Pauline pick out what I want, so I don't have to go through the checkout!



A recipe for the fly can be found at

https://bruleriversportsmensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/2026-September_final.pdf

2026 Raffle Winners

Lee Killoren -

Dave Norling Custom Bamboo Fly Rod

Harv Kalweit -

Dean Wellman Fly Tying Kit

Ed Chaplinski -

Weber Heirloom Hunting Knife



Hwy. 27 at Sandy Run Bridge Project looking south on August 22



Stream bank brushing project complete

BRSC Gift Store Order Form (prices include shipping & handling)			
#	Item	Cost	Total
	Lower river map poster of Brule (36"x24")	\$50	
	Women's baseball hat	\$30	
	Lower Brule River map	\$10	
	Upper Brule River map	\$10	
	Men's baseball cap (mesh back)	\$30	
	Limited edition brook trout print	\$40	

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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.

BRSC Membership Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
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Membership Type: ☐ Renewal (due January 1st) ☐ New Membership

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

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

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College Scholarship \$ _____ Education \$ _____
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 General \$ _____ Multiple \$ _____

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