



Hiawatha *Hot Line*

TROUT UNLIMITED



February 2007

"...to conserve, protect, and restore Southeast Minnesota's trout fisheries and their watersheds"

Into high gear

It's cold out there, but each and every day is offering up just a bit more sunshine and the winter trout season is well underway. Maybe you've been out to fish already, maybe you're focused on tying some flies for the upcoming season, or maybe you haven't even had a chance to think about fishing. No matter what, there is a lot happening in the trout world.

Our meetings are "unusual" over the next few months, but the reason behind this is crucial to not only the future of our local trout streams, but our local water supply and overall health. Hiawatha Trout Unlimited has teamed up with Minnesota Trout Association to sponsor a winter forum featuring recognized experts on issues that are directly affecting our cold-water resources and more. Instead of meeting at the Izaak Walton Cabin for our monthly meetings, we would like to see HTU members and anyone else who can make it attend the presentations at the University of Minnesota-Rochester, Coffman Center Building, beginning February 5th at 7pm. The presentations will be in rooms CF 206 & 208.

I would like to see our chapter host a "lie and tie" sometime this winter, but I haven't cemented any plans quite yet. Considering that our meetings will consist of more serious fodder over the next few months, I think it would be fun to have a day of fly tying before we jump into the regular trout season. It would be an excellent opportunity to get some tips from the many talented fly tiers in the area, learn how to tie flies, or just spend some time telling tall-tales of the big one that got away. Again, I don't have any date set in stone for this, but I'd like to do this around the end of February or the beginning of March. If you'd be interested in attending, drop me an email at randy@mntu.org. ~Randy Brock

Upcoming Meetings

February 5th:

Emerging Water Issues: by Dr. Deb Swackhammer. This is the 1st presentation in HTU/MTA Winter forum on Emerging Issues.

March 3rd ???

HTU Lie and Tie Fly tying get-together. Date subject to change, stay tuned!

March 5th:

Minnesota Evidence for Climate Change and Climate Prediction: by Dr. Heinz Stefan.

The February and March Emerging issues forums will substitute for our usual monthly meetings at the Izaak Walton Cabin. The location of the forums is at the University of Minnesota—Rochester Campus, Coffman Center Building rooms CF 206 & 208

April Presentation:

Dr. David Tilman will present. The date will be issued in the March newsletter.

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Conservation Banquet

The annual Hiawatha Trout Unlimited Conservation Banquet will be held April 21st at the Downtown Radisson in Rochester, MN. Please mark the date. Tickets are usually sold at our February and March meetings, and despite changes in our meeting location, tickets will still be available at the conservation forums and at the HTU Lie and Tie in March. They will also be available online again this year. There will likely be purchasing options for banquet tickets and even raffle tickets if you choose to buy online.

Just like last year we will have just as many if not more wonderful prizes for raffle and auction. We again have a Dave Norling bamboo rod as the featured fly rod. There will be a balloon bust, silent auction, bucket raffle, live auction, and much more. The money we raise at the conservation banquet goes directly into the coldwater resource of Southeast Minnesota. Know that you're donations to Hiawatha Trout Unlimited are serving our resources well.

Hiawatha TU uses the funds raised at the banquet for numerous projects through the course of the year for, in the last year these include, but are not limited to:

- Stream Restoration project on Trout Run
- Rendezvous fly fishing conclave at Eagle Bluff
- TU National Convention stream restoration tour
- Assisting the Minnesota DNR with numerous projects

Please join us for this year's Conservation Banquet, April 21st at the Downtown Radisson in Rochester, MN.

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Hiawatha TU on the web

Be sure to check out the latest news on the Hiawatha Chapter and other Minnesota TU information at

www.mntu.org

Stop by the message board to talk fishing or offer up any questions or concerns you have about local TU. MNTU.org is maintained by Hiawatha TU.

2007 Conservation Banquet, April 21st

Planning of the HTU Conservation banquet is underway. Volunteering on the banquet committee is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the board members of HTU and to give back to our coldwater resources.

Contact any Hiawatha Chapter board member if you are able to help us organize the Spring Conservation banquet, it's definitely not too late to help us out.

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Minnesota's Emerging Issues: Water, Climate, Fuel and the Environment



February 5th, 2007

Emerging Water Issues

Presentation by Dr. Deb Swackhamer, Director UofM Institute on the Environment

Location:

Free and open to the public at the
University of Minnesota Rochester Campus
Coffman Center Building rooms CF 206 & 208
851 30th Ave SE, Rochester, MN

Minnesota Trout Association, Hiawatha Trout Unlimited and the University of Minnesota Rochester Campus are presenting a series of recognized experts to describe Minnesota's emerging issues related to water resources, climate change and biofuels, critical issues to the future health of our environment. Come listen to this series of renowned experts and researchers from the University of Minnesota who will talk about how emerging water, climate and biofuels issues might affect us. Coming speakers in March and April are Dr. Heinz Stefan and Dr. David Tilman regarding Minnesota Evidence for Climate Change and Climate Prediction and Renewable Energy, respectively. For further details, please contact Jeff Broberg at jsbroberg@mcghiebetts.com or Randy Brock at randy@mntu.org



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