

Hornberg Report 2017-DEC

The Hornberg Chapter had a **work evening** on Thursday, September 21. We cut trees and cleared the channel of Stedman Creek where it discharges into the Tomorrow River south of Amherst. When the job was completed, Bob and Louise Juracka graciously invited the crew to their house nearby for a hot meal. They were assisted by Mary Duecker and Donna Mary Literski. Background entertainment for the meal was provided by the delightful sounds of the rapids in the adjacent Tomorrow River.

We wish to thank chapter member Dan Holland for his assistance in bringing John Gierach, Bob White and Mike Dvorak together for their presentation on art and conservation at the **Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum** in Wausau on October 7. It was a worthy addition to the TU meeting in the museum on the same day.

Our chapter was **working on the river** again on the evening of Thursday, October 12. Matt Salchert and Wyatt Bohm directed a crew of workers from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point fly fishing club. They were successful in removing a large willow tree blocking the Tomorrow River at the former highway 10 wayside on Buchholz Road east of Amherst. Enthusiasm was in evidence as the students dismembered the tree and removed the remains from the river.

On Thursday, October 19, chapter member Stu Grimstad led a group of local citizens on an afternoon **kayak tour of the Tomorrow River** upstream from Amherst. The goal was to see how the repair work on the dam in Amherst in 2016 has affected that section of the river. In particular, they were looking to see the effect on water temperature and the effect on siltation in the former channel of the river. So far both effects appear to be positive for trout in the location of the millpond.

The **annual Hornberg holiday dinner** was on Thursday, December 7, at Shooters Supper Club in Plover. Twenty five members, spouses, friends and family enjoyed food and pleasant conversation. Our thanks to Gene Schulfer for preparing his trademark holiday buffet.

Our chapter is beginning to coordinate activities with the **fly fishing club at UWSP**. Our immediate goal is to offer some joint public activities, such as fly tying workshops, in coming months. We see such connections as vital for the future of Trout Unlimited. Chapter member Heidi Oberstadt deserves credit for helping to establish and promote this relationship.