

## Frank Hornberg- Winter 2018

Our chapter's final work day of 2018 was in December. We assisted University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Natural Resources students and members of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation with a brushing project on the Little Plover River. This is a class one native brook trout stream in Portage County that has received national attention recently. On dry years over the past 15 years or so, a section of the Little Plover River has completely dried up, killing stranded trout for the first time in history due to extensive groundwater pumping in its watershed. On this work day we assembled brush bundles to be placed in the river at a later time.

Our other December event was our annual Holiday Dinner, which was well attended and was held at Shooters Supper Club in Plover. Members of the chapter and their guests were able to renew old acquaintances and meet new people. Also, the buffet, including broasted chicken, ham, fish, pasta and numerous side dishes was a real treat. Our thanks to Gene Schulfer, the owner of Shooters, for making the facility available. Gene has a long history of supporting our chapter, and we appreciate his beneficence.

Two members of the Frank Hornberg Chapter received favorable mention in recent issues of Trout, the national magazine of TU. In the Fall 2018 issue, John Gierach describes a day of Muskie fishing on the Wisconsin River, guided by our own Dan Boggs. In "A Good Year for Muskies" John tells us that--among other things-- "Dan knows more jokes than anyone I've ever met." In the Winter 2019 issue, our own Heidi Oberstadt is named as a TU Stream Champion. The article by Samantha Carmichael needs an entire page to list all of Heidi's personal and professional accomplishments along with her contributions to the workings of TU. The Frank Hornberg Chapter is pleased to see the activities of our members recognized on the national level.

We may not be in the water during the winter months, but we can still tie our Pass Lake flies, reread our copy of "Big Two-Hearted River," sit by the fire and dream of summer evenings on Flume Creek. The Pine River. The Little Wolf. And our beloved Tomorrow River. Holiday greetings to all fellow fishers.