



# RIP-RAP

Restoration, Improvement and Preservation  
Through Research and Projects

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

APRIL 1991

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## FLY TIERS HEADLINE APRIL MEETING

Dick Frantes has put together another fine line-up of local fly tiers to entertain us!

Demonstrating their skills at the vise will be:

Mike Alwin- Our own stream improvement wizard.  
Mike knows the area streams as well as anyone  
and I'm sure he has a special fly or two for us.

Cathy Dicharry- The Mitchell family is blessed with talented people and Bob and Jean's daughter is no exception. Cathy will add that special touch to skills learned from her father.

Dan Gaedje- Dan is an Orvis-Gokey flyfishing instructor. Here's your chance to get some inside info on the legendary Orvis Co.

Will Koukari- A biology professor at the University of Minnesota, Will also teaches a class titled "Insects for Fly-Fishermen", through the Bell Museum. Trout fear this man!!

WHEN: Wednesday April 3rd

WHERE: ACT II in downtown Hudson

TIME: Dinner starts at 6:30pm-Meeting at 8

The Board will meet on Sunday, March 24 to elect new officers. The results will be announced at the next meeting.

## NEW PROJECTOR INITIATED

Jon Jacobs initiated the Shirley Gates Memorial Caramate Projector at a recent meeting of the St. Paul Fly Tiers. Jon spoke about the stream improvement projects of the Chapter.

The projector, which was purchased with funds donated to the chapter in memorial to member Shirley Gates, is a fully contained slide projector and screen. The unit will be used to promote the chapter and our work at such functions as Earth Day, Club presentations and school programs.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Horvath- Wisconsin	Kent Johnson-Wisconsin
Andy Lamberson- Wisconsin	Craig Mason- Wisconsin
Mike Alwin- Minnesota	Russ Schalk- Minnesota

## EARTH DAY 1991

Kiap-TU-Wish has been invited again to participate in the City of River Falls' Earth day celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, April 20th in downtown River Falls from 9am to 5pm.

Earth Day will feature environmental displays, live animal demonstrations, a community cleanup and much more. Our booth last year was a great success complete with an on-going stream improvement slide show, fly tying demonstrations, live insects from the Kinni and even 3 wild Brown trout!

Our mission, of course, is to bring awareness to the local people of the incredible stream that flows through their backyard! We will be looking for volunteers to keep the booth staffed for the entire day. If you would like to help, please call Craig Mason (715) 425-2282. I think everyone participating last year will agree that it was a very rewarding experience.

## Storm Water Management (205J)

Kiap-TU-Wish members Kent Johnson and Gary Horvath submitted Kiap's input into the contract being written between the City of River Falls and the Wisconsin DNR for the creation of a Storm Water Management Plan (205J) for the City of River Falls. This plan will create the action plan needed to protect the Kinni from the negative impacts of Storm Water Discharges.

The input from Horvath and Johnson was described by the DNR as "the quality work we strive to be able to put out". The amount of work and the input from Kent and Gary was exceptional and was very well received by the DNR. A unanimous vote of appreciation was given by the Chapter to Kent and Gary at the annual business meeting.

**JOB WELL DONE!**

## TIPS FOR TENDERFOOTS ON TROUT FLY TYING/BUYING/USING #2

BY THE ACERBIC ANGLER

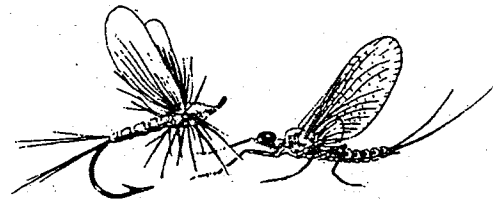
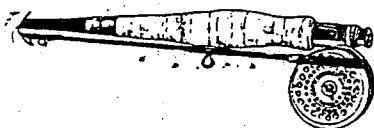
A seemingly confusing contradiction like presentation vs. hatch matching; A few national authors, perhaps jaded or short of inspiration, mention going back to one fly all season with near equal catching results: Perhaps if: They fish private waters, fish fresh from the hatchery, fish only one stretch or near identical stretches of water.

A true example of misleading facts: the greatest brook trout fisher/guide I know uses one fly only most years and catches about 5 brook trout to my one. BUT: This is because he can cast a 7 1/2 foot leader and 10' of line in a clothes closet (empty of course), AND has the enviable 6th sense that all great dead drift nymphers have. While the majority of the fish I hook this way are on the lift to recast. However, he will not fish the nearby Kinnie because he gets blanked there.

On the other end of the spectrum: Some national authors advise you to carry all seven stages of their favorite flies. Fine, if you can afford a ghillie to carry dozens of fly boxes and an extra rod or two and change flies for you. Remember, the most published authors please advertisers, who sell all sorts of stuff. They advise low floating dries to use up surplus poor grade materials and "innovative" tying materials. Pro fly tiers must keep inventing new flies out of new materials to keep sales volume up and machine produced and packaged materials cost from less than 1% to 5% of the total cost of natural materials.

I hope this color conscious dry Mayfly list is of some help:

1. Adams or female Adams; 2: Black Gnat or very dark blu dun (Iron Fraudetor); 3: Light Cahill w/ vixen or Sulphur or Tups Indespesible; 4: Dark Hendrickson or Dark Cahill or Quill Gordon; 5: Light hendrickson or Light Blu Dun; 6: Humpy or Irrisitable; 7: Pale Morning or Evening Dun or honey or cream or Light Ginger Quill. 8: Pas Lake or Plain Coachman. 9: Shads: Piper Cub or Possibly Pas Lake in #12 & 10 & perhaps #8 for Rivers such as the Straight in Minn. & the White in Wisc. Remember: Short tail 10: Spent wings: One of the very best tiers/fishers I know carries only two spent wings: the Hendrickson and the Shad, same as me. 11: Wulffs: A #12 Royal hair wing Coachman & another bi or tri-color Wulff.



*Even though I have not reached "Acerbic" status I certainly qualify for "eccentric". So...Here's my list of my top flies from the 1989 and 1990 seasons.*

*Andy Lamberson*

### TOP TROUT FLIES

#### EARLY SEASON

1. Soft Hackle Hares Ear- 10, 12, 14
2. Pheasant Tail- 16, 14
3. Better Than Bait-10

#### SPRING

1. Elk Hair Caddis- Size 16 (cinnamon)
2. Lafontaine Emergent Caddis- 16
3. Blue Wing Olive Comparadun-16, 18
4. Pheasant Tail-16
5. Tan Spinner-16 (Pale Morning Dun color)
6. Blue Wing Olive Spinner- 16 (Rust)
7. Sulphur Comparadun-16
8. Black Leech- 10 (9672 size 10 to 3906 size 10)
9. Craig's Crane Fly Emerger- 16 (tan soft hackle)

#### SUMMER

1. Trico Spinner- 22
2. Elk Hair Caddis- 16 (tan)
3. Hex Comparadun- 8 (I use size 8 #9672 Hook!)
4. Pheasant Tail- 16
5. Rust Spinner- 10 (Mahogany Dun spinner at Dark during July & August on the Lower Kinni)
6. Adams- 10
7. Blue Wing Olive (Baetis) Comparadun- 18,22
9. Deep Sparkle Pupa-10 (Craig's Favorite!)
10. Hares Ear-10, 14
11. White Wulff-10,12

#### FALL

1. Blue Wing Olive- 16,22
2. Rust Spinner-16
3. Elk Hair Caddis- 16 (Tan)
4. Elk Hair Caddis-10 (October Caddis)

TIPS FOR TENDERFOOTS ON TROUT FLY  
TYING/BUYING/USING #3

BY THE ACERBIC ANGLER

TERRESTRIALS:

#22-18 ants in black, cinnamon, blu dun, white

#16-12 in black, black red

#16-14 black beetles

#20-18 Jassids: two St. Paulites sell the imitation jungle cock all over the world, possibly trim quinea hen or read Ed Koch/Terrestrial Fishing, but I do not recommend the Letort Cricket or Hopper.

#16-12 Crickets, one of the few flies that should float low.

#14-10 hoppers, the 8's for out west and the green bodied #16's and #14's when and if you want more depth, I prefer an olive bodied caddis. Use the very best hackle that is at least as long as the point of the hook: a weedless fly for bouncing off overhanging grass and ease of fluttering. Palmering and a red down turned tag/tail are definite plusses.

Perhaps carry for rarish hatches: Aphid, inch worms or Ted Trueblood fly, june bug, woolly worm and a #16 spider for when nothing works.

DRY CADDIS & STONE FLIES:

Antenna a plus but not too long, will break off, etc.

Carry black to dark grey #20 and 18 stoneflies and forget the rest. Very few of the larger ones come off during the day, and they are disappearing because of low pollution resistance, the larger ones come off after dark and can be imitated with a caddis or even a hopper. #18 and 16 Bud Pfaff (wood duck wing, mylar type gold or silver body, coachman brown hackle); again, one of the few low floaters. "Invented" in the early 30's by Bud and tied by Ben Egger when he supported wife and 6 kids by tying nickel flies, how long before 99+% of us ever tried a "Sedge"? #18 and 16 Nothing Fly: (tiny muddler type designed to float low and yanked underwater, designed locally by Ben Egger, Bob Schuna and Gary Crawford. #16 and 14's feather wings (mostly wood duck) Hair wings for riffly water and white for late evening.

TRICOS: The Schoolteacher Hatch

Since they are by far the most used fly, they deserve a separate box and perhaps a few snelled. Start with 20s and 6x. If you survive emotionally and stress wise (remember, the too common hatches of size #40 to 70 dandruff midges is "worse"; go to 22's, maybe 24's and 7x; a 9' 4wt medium action rod is perhaps ideal, and don't forget to try a dun at the beginning of the hatch. As for hackle/feather/or poly wings and a bright top knot, you are own your own. Up eyes should be mandatory, a size 18 or wide gap hook for riffles, or especially for larger, heavier fish like on the Rush; perhaps.

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FISHWORKS '91 UPDATE

This season has been amazing for a number of reasons. We've had the biggest turnout on record. we haven't had to invoke the Rule of 20. We've worked on three projects this winter, and we 've accomplished a ton on the headwaters project.

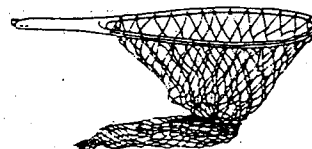
February 23rd saw our smallest group of workers. This was the date on which we had one of our heavier snowfalls but that didn't deter 14 toughies from putting on a show. With our WI Co-Chair, Gary Horvath, laid up with a bum knee, Craig Mason took over the headwaters crew and got another 200 yards of stream bank cleared. Meanwhile, another crew was Shanghied into clearing brush at the Poor Farm. There were a few mutinous rumblings on that crew, but the steely gaze of their implacable captain silenced them.

On March 9th we were back up to 20 workers and the crew got started burning brushpiles left over from last year and cutting down a few tree that missed the sawyers cuts. At noon, another crew was spun off to remove some deadfalls from the Race Branch. This crew worked hard. There were only seven on this crew and the downed trees were pretty damn big. You have no idea how much water a submerged tree can soak up. This crew was treated to the sight of Mike Alwin pulling a Goossen and doing his very best imitation of a Labrador Retriever. It's a good thing he had dry clothes in the car.

By the time you will receive this report the final workday will be history. The crew will work until 1:00 and then break for lunch supplied by Kiap-TU-Wish and the Willow River Rod and Gun Club. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped this year.

Workers on 2/23 and 3/9 included:

Al Hopeman	Craig Mason	Gene Tharp
Mike Reiter	Gary Albig	Chuck Goossen
Mike Alwin	Bill Hinton	Ivan Schloff
Sam Campbell	Bill Skinner	Tom Battey
Al Roy	Orv Johnson	Mark Dostal
Jon Jacobs	Steve Hosier	Herb Lundberg
Bart Lundberg	Richard Strom	Dick Schwartz
Murry Humble	Marty Engel	Lee & Jeff Engel
Tracy Peterson	Don Piepgras	



## NOTES FROM THE PRES:

The 1990's will bring a few changes to Kiap-TU-Wish, if we want them or not. Of course we will have a few changes in "Management", our bylaws dictate a maximum term of three years for the Chapter President (but rarely does a President make it so long!). We will gain some new members and lose a few, and some members will participate while others will sit in the background. But what will affect Kiap-TU-Wish the most is the need for our Chapter to become more political in order to become more effective.

The late 80's taught us the need for better skills in the political arena, and with the sharpening of these skills we can achieve even more in the 90's. But with the need of sharper skills also comes the need for greater involvement by more Chapter Members. We need more Members to participate in a variety of projects that will not only test your lower back (stream improvement) but your management and communication skills (205J grants and Dam removal actions). The Chapter's Board of Directors will be identifying some key areas of concern and will be forming committees to work on these areas and we will need your help if the Chapter is to succeed.

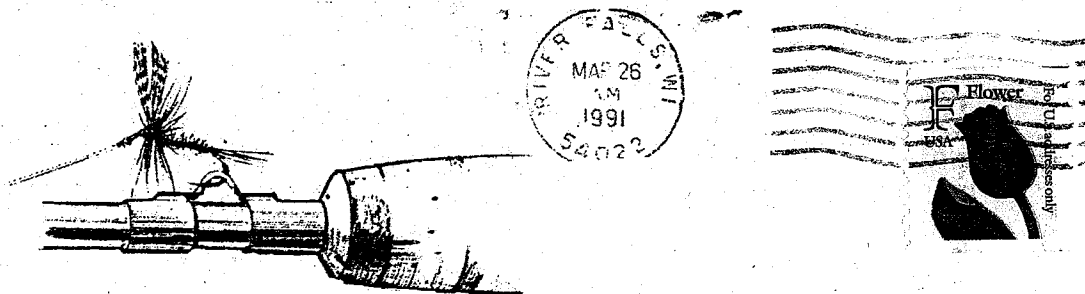
So, as you set your priorities in your life, I hope you allocate some time to make a difference in our world. Help fight a bad Dam, or help the City of River Falls and Kiap-TU-Wish create the best Storm Water Management Program (205J) in the State in order to protect the Kinni. Or make a commitment to attend the stream improvement work sessions or write some articles for the Rip-Rap. Do what you can. Do what you like to do. Just make sure you do something.

The Resource needs your help.

*Andy Lamberson*

### BAMBOO ROD WINNER

The Spittler Quadrate Bamboo Rod was won by an anonymous donor who purchased 50 tickets! The fund raiser was a great success with over \$1100 raised. Special thanks goes to Mike Alwin for organizing the fund raising event. Don't forget- you'll get another chance to win a 3wt Rod-Reel-Line at the May 1 meeting's "Un-Raffle"!!



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### 1991 MEETING SCHEDULE

April 3- Fly Tiers  
May 1- Marty Engel Wisc. DNR  
3Wt Rod-Reel-Line  
"Un-Raffle"