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## BANQUET, BANQUET, BANQUET!!!

BY GREG DIETL

Please join us at the Chapter's annual holiday banquet and fundraiser, Thursday, December 3, 6 PM social hour, 7 PM dinner and special presentation by Kathy Wurzer and Denny Behr. Don't skip this one; it will be special. And, don't miss your chance at a lifetime's collection of flies. Tartan Park Clubhouse, Lake Elmo!!! See the article inside by Jonathan Jacobs.



### KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER



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**Merry Christmas and  
Happy Holidays from the  
Editor of RipRap!**



# VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES

BY GREG DIETL

## Volunteer Thank You!

Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers worked on Parker Creek and Pine Creek this year. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the chapter and what we do. Without the volunteer effort of our members there would be no projects. We had outstanding volunteer efforts on our projects this year. Thank you to everyone who participated in these projects and all the other chapter functions. I apologize if anyone was missed in this list.

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## And, more thanks to:

Perry Palin for supplying his flies for door prizes at the chapter meetings and to Chuck Goosen for conducting the drawings at every meeting.

Jon Jacobs and his memory for the welcoming of members at the meetings.

John Koch and Sarah Sanford for their continuing support of the chapter through donations of their art and jewelry.

Sarah Sanford for her year after year organization of the Rush River Cleanup.

## Welcome New Member

Richard Smith Hudson, WI



# SCOTT'S SCOOP

BY SCOTT HANSON, EDITOR

It's time for the Annual Holiday Banquet again! The Holiday Banquet is always a great time to get together with old friends and see how their summer fishing went. For those of us who have a tough time getting to our monthly meetings, it's also a wonderful way to meet some of our newer members. The food at Tartan Park is always delicious, and I should know since I always go back for seconds and sometimes even thirds. I am especially excited this year about the Chardonnay Chicken, which I'm sure will prove to be delightful. The silent auction is always filled with high-quality items, and this year will prove to be no different. I'm sure that all of you have intently read each issue of RipRap from cover to cover for the past year and a half or so, and if you have, you should know about the Fill The Fly Box Challenge that Chad Borenz has been in charge of. The Box is now completely full of flies, thousands of them in fact, and the time has come to raffle it off. Somebody (hopefully me) will be the proud owner of this fine piece of equipment, along with all of the flies that it contains, at the end of the evening on December 3rd. It's my opinion that the job of Editor of this publication should come with some perks, namely a free entry in to this exciting raffle. Or maybe I could just be named the winner right now. I wonder who I should talk to about that....



Aside from the Fly Box raffle, there will be countless items included in the silent auction. A large portion of these items are handmade by chapter members or the people that they love. Several of these are showcased on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of RipRap, accompanying Jonathan Jacobs' Banquet article. Check them out so you can figure out ahead of time what you might want to bid on.

Jon has a second article in this month's issue, the Fly Tying Corner, in which he shows us two very productive flies he used on the Bighorn River in Montana, but that would also surely be very useful on our local streams. Check his flies out on page 6 & 7.

I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Banquet. Remember, it's on Thursday night instead of the usual Wednesday nights of our other meetings. I would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts about RipRap. I will probably even be able to handle one or two complaints before my fragile ego shatters. Seek me out as I will no doubt be hanging out with my beautiful bride, Connie. Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! See you next month!





# HOLIDAY BANQUET VISITS HIGHWAY 61

Journalists Cathy Wurzer and Denny Behr headline Kiap-TU-Wish's annual holiday conservation banquet this year. Ms. Wurzer, co-host of Twin Cities Public Television's "Almanac" and host of Minnesota Public Radio's "Morning Edition," and Mr. Behr, a videographer who has worked extensively in Twin Cities media, will make a presentation based on the award-winning documentary and book "Tales of the Road: Highway 61." Highway 61 begins in far northeastern Minnesota and continues for 400 miles before departing Minnesota at LaCrescent on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. The work captures the great variety of scenic beauty and the fascinating human stories found along this historic road.



14K Gold, Freshwater Pearl, Keishi Pearl & Garnet Bead  
Necklace w/ Handmade Bag by Sarah Sanford

Mr. Behr and Ms. Wurzer are long-time friends of Kiap-TU-Wish, having produced for the chapter its award-winning conservation video "Storm on the Horizon."

Ms. Wurzer will autograph copies of the book, which along with the video, will be available for purchase at the banquet with a portion of the proceeds going to further the chapter's conservation work.

The banquet will be held at Tartan Park in Lake Elmo on Thursday, December 3. The social hour begins at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM. The program will follow dinner. The dinner menu includes carved baron of beef, chardonnay chicken, vegetarian pasta salad, fresh green salad with strawberries, roasted baby red potatoes with

rosemary, ratatouille, dinner rolls and coffee. In a fun departure from the usual, dessert this year will be available at auction. Admission for one is \$35. Hopeless, hapless romantics dominate the banquet committee, which is why a second ticket for a significant other costs only \$30. A caveat: Tartan Park has limited seating and ticket sales are brisk. Reservations may be hard to come by if you wait. As the Reverend Cleophus, as portrayed by James Brown in The Blues Brothers cautioned, "Don't be lost when the time comes!" Call Mike Alwin at Bob



14K Gold & Freshwater Potato Pearl Necklace  
w/ Handmade Bag by Sarah Sanford



Sterling Silver "Delicate Flower" Stackable Rings  
by Sarah Sanford

Mitchell's Fly Shop at 651/770/5854 in Minnesota or Jonathan Jacobs at 715/386/7822 in Wisconsin TODAY to register. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 30. Reservations made after that date, if available will cost \$50 each.

The silent auction this year holds the promise to be the best ever. The centerpiece this year is a very spe-

## Editor's Note:

The photos that accompany this article are of just a few of the wonderful handmade pieces that are being donated to this year's silent auction. Make sure you make your reservation today!



cial fly rod, an 8 foot, 4 weight Driftless. This rod was developed to provide anglers with an ideal tool for fishing the streams right here in the Driftless region of the Midwest, the very ones that the chapter works to restore, improve and protect. It features a smooth, progressive action for pinpoint accuracy and delicate presentations and a quiet, gray blank with understated wraps for stealth. The rod is matched with an Orvis BBS reel and appropriate line.

There will be a very special raffle for “the fly box,” a massive array of flies put together by chapter member Chad Borenz. This is the deal of a lifetime with countless flies arranged in a printer’s type case. There will be a maximum of 100 tickets sold at \$20 each on this magnificent item.

An impressive array of area businesses has emerged to support the auction. Kinni Creek Lodge and outfitters has donated an overnight stay at its lodge. There’s a wine tasting session from The Cellars. Bird House, 2 has

stepped up, as have the Cottage Chic Boutique, Design Stylists and Just For Me Spa.

Local artists and artisans are doing more than their fair share, too. Kulak’s Art Gallery has made a donation. Whitefish Studios has provided custom imprinted holiday cards featuring the art of Bob White. Trout Lily Studios is donating a new, limited edition woodcut print by John Koch. Duane Anderson has donated a framed original pastel. Sarah Sanford is donating handcrafted jewelry.

Guided fishing trips are prominent this year. Near North Fly Fishing has donated a half day of drift boat fish-

ing on the St. Croix. Andy Lamberson has donated an irresistible package that includes lodging at the Lamberson manse and a day’s fishing on the incredibly productive Mississippi. There’s another day aboard The Flambeauzeau to be had, too.

Those are just a few of the things we know about at press time. There’s room for your donations, too. A dozen flies, a rod from the closet, other angling gear, baked goods from the kitchen, books – they’re all fine donations. Please drop your donation off at Bob Mitchell’s Fly Shop in Lake Elmo in advance. You may make your donation on the night of the banquet, but please be prepared to create a bid sheet for it and to help put it on display.

It will be a splendid evening, one not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you there.



Lead-Free, Oven-, Dishwasher-, and Microwave-Safe Pottery  
by Janelle Schnadt



Lead-Free, Oven-, Dishwasher-, and Microwave-Safe Pottery  
by Janelle Schnadt



Quilted Table Runner and Embroidered Tote Bag  
by Karen Jung





# BIGHORN FLIES

BY JONATHAN JACOBS

Last April I made my first pilgrimage to the Bighorn River south of Hardin, Montana. Despite brutally cold air and water temperatures, I had a grand time in the company of fine friends. Even with air and water temperatures in the low forties, trout rose every day, either to midges or blue-winged olive mayflies, or sometimes to both.

The Bighorn is an interesting trout stream. Although the rainbows and browns are all naturally spawned, the river is an artificial fishery in that it was a warm water prairie stream until the construction of the Yellowtail Dam, with its bottom draw release, converted the river to cold water status. Like most tail waters, the Bighorn is a biologically rich system that provides its trout with an immense insect biomass on which to grow fat and sassy. It's a very large trout stream in comparison to our Midwestern spring creeks. When we were there, it had a flow of around 3,600 cfs, roughly forty times more than that of, say, the Kinnickinnic or Rush. However, due to its stable temperature regime and even flows, it has the character of a giant spring creek and the hatches seemed familiar to me.

## ***BWO Parachute Emerger***

**Hook:** Tiemco 100, standard dry hook, size 18 typical

**Thread:** 8/0 olive Uni-Thread

**Shuck Tail:** Cream Zelon

**Abdomen:** Olive turkey biot, tied in to expose the ridged edge

**Wing:** Ten strands pearl Krystal Flash

**Thorax:** Olive brown dry fly dubbing figure eight dubbed around hook and wing post

**Hackle:** Grizzly



I went equipped with a plethora of flies I had tied especially for the trip, but two patterns stood out. One of them was a blue winged olive emerger pattern that Kevin Becker, one of my traveling companions, was good enough to share with me before the trip. The other was a midge emerger pattern that I had tied for the early season hereabouts. So, one pattern came east and the other went west, but I see no reason why both can't be useful in western Wisconsin.

Kevin, an old hand on the Bighorn, found the olive emerger in the bargain bin of a giant outdoor retailer. He was intrigued by the fly's pearl Krystal Flash parachute wing. Glare off the water is a major challenge to Bighorn anglers as acres and acres of slick currents can produce a lot of it. Kevin reasoned that the Krystal Flash might give an angler a better shot at tracking the fly against the backdrop of the glare. He was right. The wing gleams like a locator beacon, but that doesn't seem to bother the fish. In fact, it seems as if it always is with parachute patterns – you fish better because you can see the danged fly. The rest of the fly is niftily designed, too, with a shuck tail, biot body, dubbed thorax and classic grizzly hackle.

I am embarrassed that I cannot tell you the origin of the midge pattern. It's an internet deal, perhaps from web sight of either Hans Weilleman or Charlie Craven. I had never really given it a fair trial here in Wisconsin, but after it did yeoman duty out West, I'll be sure to knot it to my tippet more frequently next early season.



# ODE TO A FLY ROD

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BY JAMES HUMPHREY

*A fly rod whispers secrets, sings songs of summer when it sends a #20 Gnat to tickle a slow pool, chuckles when it drifts a Pass Lake down a riffle, and growls when it crawls a Woolly Bugger among the bottom stones. When a trout strikes, the rod shouts, and the human angler is possessed of an ancient spirit, Artemis perhaps, or Pan.*

*It is said that a fly rod hums just before a lightning strike, but I have never tarried so long.*

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## BIGHORN FLIES, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE



### **Midge Emerger**

**Hook:** Dai-Riki 125 emerger hook, size 18

**Thread:** 8/0 black Uni-Thread

**Shuck:** White Zelon

**Ribbing:** 6/0 black Uni-Thread

**Dubbing:** Adams gray dry fly

**Wing:** Dun CDC

**Hackle:** Grizzly





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## DON'T MISS THE DECEMBER MEETING!!!

It's the Annual Holiday Banquet! Cathy Wurzer & Denny Behr will make a presentation based on their award-winning book & documentary, "Tales of the Road: Highway 61". You won't want to miss it! Social Hour starts at 6PM. Dinner & Presentation begin at 7PM. Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Deadline to make submissions for the January issue is Wednesday, December 23rd. Have a great month!

