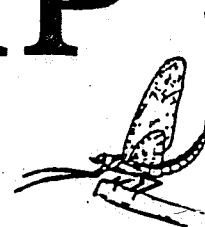


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Stream Improvement Update

-by Mike Alwin

Even though our January 9th workdate was cancelled due to a -20 windchill, January 23 saw sixteen tough Midwesterners sally forth to end the reign of terror in the Kinni "Jungle." The six hour day saw several log jams evaporate and about 120 yards of streamside brush and trees disappear. We also saw several trout rise and had a good time making new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Kiap-TU-Wish, Twin Cities TU, and the Willow River Rod and Gun Club were all represented. The workers included Jim Humphrey, Mike Reiter, Mike Kelly, Tom Harreld, Mike Alwin, Dave Dorn, Mark Dostal, Gary "The Hammer" Weyer, Chris Anderson, Jon Jacobs, Bob Bradham, Colleen Grant, Joe Remitz, Bob Linsenman, Sandy Rolstadt and Roger Henry.

February work dates will be Feb. 6th and 20th. By the way, Chuck Goossen was right about the north/south road from County N to the worksite; it is Cemetery Road, not Orchard Road. I must have been on drugs that day. (Editor's note: I can verify that Alwin definitely was on drugs that day.)

Anyway, here's how to get there: Take 94 to highway 65. Go south on 65 to county road N and turn east. Follow N about a mile and a half and turn south on Cemetery Road. Take Cemetery Road about 3/4 mile to the grey farm buildings.



Turn east on the road that fronts this farm, cross the river and park. The worksite is downstream. We'll be working from 9:00 to 3:00, and we'll even buy you lunch. Bring your own beverages, though.

Also bring waders (we need about 6 to 8 people on the far bank), warm clothes, work gloves, a chain saw if you've got one, bow saws, and maybe even a rope.

Don't miss this opportunity to help us care for the finest trout stream in Western Wisconsin.

February Meeting Notice

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 3
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: The Sports Club
in Midtown Hudson

While you were sitting at home sulking last January, at least one Kiap-TU-Wish member was down in southeast Minnesota, catching 21" rainbow trout.

This area is known as Minnesota's "Switzerland," and if you want to find out more about fishing in it point yourself toward the Sports Club tonight where

Gary Sobotta of the Wild Wings Gallery will regale us with tales of southeast Minnesota. Gary also just happens to be on the national board of Trout Unlimited (he's a former president of the Hiawatha chapter of TU) and he will fill us in on what's going on nationally with TU.

And if you'd also like to join Gary for dinner before the meeting, give Jean or Bob Mitchell a call at (612)770-5854.

Kiap-TU-Wish News and Notes

MEETING NOTES

Forty-four chapter members braved the cryogenic cold of January 6th to hear area fish manager Doug Erickson discuss some revolutionary changes that may be in store for Wisconsin's trout fisheries.

Members gasped out loud to hear that a greater emphasis will be placed on warm water fisheries--although existing cold-water programs will continue. The DNR asserts that 90 percent of Wisconsin's fishermen prefer to fish for warm-water species.

In addition, future creel-limit regulations may be tailored to individual streams: Streams overflowing with thousands

of cigar-sized brookies would benefit from elimination of daily limits, while some trophy streams may need to be designated catch-and release only.

Future DNR stream management efforts may also rely more heavily on volunteer groups like TU for assistance.

You may not like the changes in store for our cold water fishery--but you have two years to get used to them (or to try to change them) before they go into effect in 1990.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

TU's board of directors will hold a brief meeting at the Sports Club immediately prior to February's regular

meeting. Board members are asked to arrive at 7:30 for this meeting.

ELECTION HYSTERIA STRIKES KAP-TU-WISH!

The Iowa caucuses have been overshadowed by Kiap-TU-Wish's upcoming March elections. At the March meeting we will fill any vacant chapter board positions. The new board will then name new chapter officers.

DID A KAP-TU-WISHER WIN THE DOUBLE-DAY GRAND PRIZE OF A TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND?

Fat chance! It was a member of the Greater Boston Chapter of TU.

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