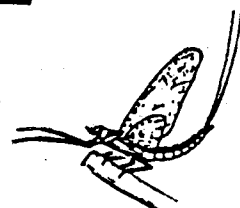




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Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

February 1990

## CHAPTER MEETINGS MOVED TO ACT 2 IN DOWNTOWN HUDSON

Effective with this month's meeting, Kiap-TU-Wish will be moving its monthly meetings to Act 2, a restaurant/bar just a half block from the Sports Club. President Jon Jacobs (who is currently recovering from back surgery) explains why: "Our previous locations served us well over the last few years, but the Megabucks lottery drawing (which is also held on Wednesday nights) seemed to distract from the business at hand."

Act 2 seems to have bent over backwards to provide us with a clean, bright, hassle-free location for our meetings. We'll have our own room for dining, drinking and meeting. The entire menu will be available to us in our new club room, including sandwiches and specialty burgers, plus a very popular Mexican selection. The sandwich/burger/Mexican menu seems to range from \$3.25 to \$5.95, and full dinners are also available for \$8.95 to \$11.95.

To make it easier for groups to dine together, the management has

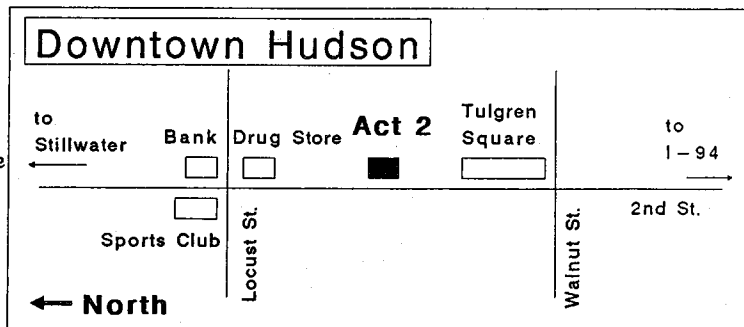
even offered separate checks with a 15% tip added on--saving our members the hassle of divvying up complex and illegible restaurant tabs.

Jon Jacobs says that the first-class treatment we will be getting at Act 2 should encourage more members to take advantage of dinner before the meeting: "Let's face it, Act 2 has to profit from our presence there to make providing a free meeting space worthwhile. But more importantly, I see dinner there as an opportunity to build a better sense of camaraderie within our chapter. Act 2 will provide a clubby, quiet atmosphere conducive to the exchange of fishing tales."

Act 2 welcomes drop-in diners, but if you're

certain that you're going to be there for dinner, give them a call at (715)386-6124 to help us make sure we don't overwhelm their kitchen staff.

Oh--and by the way--February's inaugural guest speaker will be Bob Nasby, steelheader extraordinaire, who will share his closely-guarded secrets for catching these beautiful but wary fish. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7--but many of us will arrive at 7:00 to check out the new facilities and enjoy dinner together.



## Chain-saw Maniacs Attack Kinni

Fishworks '90 got off to a roaring start on January 20th as 18 volunteers swarmed over the work site near the Kinni headwaters. These marauding bands of chain-saw wielding-barbarians quickly laid waste to the banks and by mid-afternoon had cleared a large area of brush, debris and offending trees--not to mention a couple of in-stream obstructions. In fact, by the time the crew stopped for lunch the water level in one pool had already dropped several inches.

Area fish manager Marty Engel led the charge. Marty says that by clearing the banks of debris he hopes to keep the stuff from washing into the stream during floods. And by

keeping the stream course clear and getting maximum sunlight onto the stream bank he hopes to stabilize the banks and protect the channel.

Volunteers included Marty Engel, Mike Alwin, Mike Dziki, Al Roy, Kent Johnson, Gary Horvath, Craig Mason, Herb and Corrine Lundberg, Gary "the Hammer" Weyer, Ivan Schloff, Daniel "Boone" Bruski, Dan Bruski, John Abrahamson, Jeff League, Bob Bradham, Dick Schwartz and Dave Dorn.

The project will continue on Feb. 10th and 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring waders, saws and a beverage, and we'll pop for lunch.

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## CHAINSAWS, CONT.

By the way--have you mailed in your survey form yet? We're reprinting it below for those who may have misplaced theirs.

Remember, heavy duty means typical chapter projects, light duty includes phoning and mailing, and emergency duty includes everything from stocking to emergency repairs (usually with 48 hours notice).

-Mike Alwin

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## CHAPTER NOTES

### The Acerbic Angler's Fishing Fact:

Since almost all really choice trout feeding areas can only be effectively fished right or left handed, and since only one in ten anglers is left-handed, it stands to reason that left-handed anglers should catch nine times as many trout as right-handers. So next time some smug southpaw gets smart-alecky because he is catching more than you, point out that he or she is not actually outfishing you.

As for the ambidextrous, they catch as many trout as spin fishermen and almost as many as bait fishermen. So help the conservation movement by encouraging these three groups to join TU, and there will be more trout for all of us--especially us disadvantaged right-handers.

-The Acerbic Angler

### Southeast Minnesota Trip Planned

Board member Don Curtis is interested in organizing a group expedition to southeast Minnesota to explore the early-season fishing there. If you're interested, give Don a call at (612)733-1015 (days) or (715)386-8285 (evenings).

### Special Notice

Is the date on your mailing label highlighted? If so, it's time to renew your TU membership so you won't miss a month of TROUT Magazine, Wisconsin Trout, and the RIP-RAP.

TROUT Part I

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My Life As A Trout

# Jon Jacobs' Book Shelf

First you must understand that my taste, if you can call it that, in fishing literature runs to the non-technical. It takes but a few Latin phrases such as *Ephemeraella doohicus* or *Pteronarcys rex* to blur my vision and set my mind reeling. So may I suggest the following:

**A River Runs Through It** and Other Stories by Norman MacLean. This is genuine literature, having received wide critical praise even among non-fisherfolk. It deserves it. The story is semi-autobiographical and hilarious, thought-provoking and tragic by turns. Superbly written from end-to-end. The other stories have no fly fishing but are tremendously entertaining.

**Remembrances of Rivers Past** and similar books by Ernest Schweibert. One can grow weary of reading about elodea trailing over butter-colored gravel in the gin-clear water after a time, but Schweibert has done it all in every corner of the world, it seems, and in these collections of stories he tells very evocative tales of exotic and nearby locations, all ably.

**Bright Rivers** by Nick Lyons. Lyons does a tremendous job of serving as fly fishing's Everyman, articulating the things we all do and think about astream but can't seem to explain

adequately to others.

**Trout Madness and Trout Magic** by Robert Traver. All right, so everyone has read these books. Re-read them slowly, perhaps a chapter or two a week. I prefer Madness over Magic, which probably explains quite a bit about me.

Now, some semi-technical works:

**Fishing the Dry Fly as a Living Insect** by Leonard M. Wright, Jr. This book created quite a stir when it was first published. It's interesting and amazing, considering how many caddis patterns most of us carry today, to think that not so many years ago this book was considered revolutionary or even heretical! (Sparse Gray Hackle called it a book dedicated to the "ancient art of trolling.")

Wright's premise is that caddisflies dominate on many trout streams and that the classic upstream dry fly dead drift float is often the dead wrong way to fish them. Wright's style is very smooth and urbane, and a good read if you can find a copy. The book had been out of print, but has recently been reissued in paperback.

**Fly Tackle, a Guide to the Tools of the Trade** by Harmon Henkin.

Published in 1975 at the dawn of the graphite revolution, this book is interesting in a historical sense, but Henkin writes about everything connected with fly fishing, and it's a very well-written sourcebook. Finding a copy will be a challenge, but even that can be interesting, too.

And lastly, **A Sand County**

**Almanac** by Aldo Leopold. This book is absolutely must reading for the conservation-minded. In a series of very readable essays that have served as the Fountainhead for generations of conservationists, Leopold sets forth his proposition that we are of the land, not of dominion over it.

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