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KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Notes from the President:

Kiap-TU-Wish has lost another treasured member with the passing of Dr. Ivan Schloff. Ivan died Tuesday, Jan. 18th after a battle with cancer. Funeral services were on Wednesday, Jan. 19th and was well attended by members of Kiap-TU-Wish.

Ivan was one of the pillars of our organization. He was chairman of the Willow River Committee and was instrumental in the reclamation efforts in the new section of the upper Willow in Burkardt. Ivan was always there when the Chapter needed him and provided valuable support, both financial and moral, to many of the Chapter's efforts on the Willow and Willow-Race over the years.

Ivan will be missed by many of us in the Chapter for his guidance and advice, as well as a long time fishing companion to many of our members.

Those wishing to contribute to the Ivan Schloff Memorial Fund should send their contributions to:
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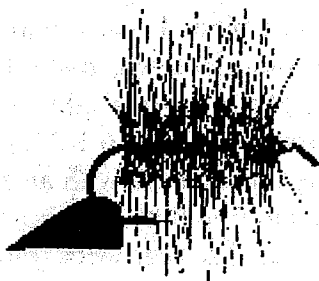
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FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Wed. Feb. 2
TIME: Dinner at 6:30
Meeting at 8:00
WHERE: Hudson House

February's featured speaker is Minnesota Department of Agriculture's hydrologist Paul Wotzka. Paul will discuss the MDA surface water monitoring project. This program is designed to monitor the presence of pesticides and other agriculture chemicals in Minnesota surface waters. Paul utilizes a network cooperators from various units of government to monitor precipitation, urban runoff and selected streams in southeast Minnesota. Please plan to attend this interesting and informative presentation.

Please come to dinner at 6:30!!



FISHWORKS 1994

Winter Stream Improvement Project

Although day one of Fishworks '94 was frozen out, we expect a good turnout for the next time which is Jan. 29th. This year our plan is to have chain saw operators take on the role of "Crew Boss" and lead small teams that will move and stack trees and brush. We encourage any members that own and can operate chain saws to bring them along. Safety goggles and hard-hats will be provided if you don't have your own.

Please remember to bring warm clothes, waders or hipsters, coffee and a lunch. Also remember the KIAP-TU-WISH RULE OF 20: we cancel if the airtemp or wind-chill is -20°F.

This years work dates are:

January 29

February 12, 26

March 12, 26

Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Mike Alwin (612) 439-8159 for more information.

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LOCAL BAMBOO

By Perry Palin

I like bamboo fly rods.

Before I liked bamboo, before I fished with bamboo, I heard old fly fishers praise bamboo, and I thought it was nostalgia. I heard upscale fly fishers praise bamboo, and I thought it was snobbery. No more.

Bamboo has a feel that the synthetics have never matched. In Fly Fishing Small Streams, John Gierach says that "a good medium-action bamboo rod could just be the ultimate small-stream rod." By Gierach's definition, small trout streams are all we have around here. He says that "what you need

for small-stream fishing. . . is a graceful, fluid, forgiving, slow-line-speed action that will help you make delicate, accurate, close-range casts. . . I've yet to see (a graphite) that was as satisfying and (let's admit it) downright easy to cast as a quality light-line bamboo rod."

Most people fish graphite. I confess, I own and use glass and graphite rods off the rack or home-made with blanks from Fenwick, Phillipson, Coren's, Scientific Anglers, and Sage. I use these for bass and panfish, and for trout in lakes and ponds, and anytime I want to use a line larger than a five. Some of them are wonderful rods. It's just that for light lines on a small stream, bamboo is better.

Bamboo can be expensive. I have one rod with the appraised value of a good used car. It spends most of its time up on blocks; I'm afraid to use it. But local bamboo rods are an incredible value. The price of a graphite can bring you two or three real quality bamboo rods.

Where do "local" bamboo rods come from? I'll tell you where I got mine. Local rod maker Ab Berenson left town, and left behind a pile of unfinished bamboo tips. I assembled two, 6 1/2 foot, five weight rods, each with an extra tip. I had to find butt sections, ferrules, handles, reel seats, guides, thread and finishes. One cost me eighteen dollars in materials. The other, with a better ferrule, ran to

thirty six. They fish like a dream. I have three rods made by St. Paul rodmaker Joe Tschida. Another made by Ray Kreyer, a four weight rod, in two pieces is a bit over 7 feet, in three pieces is 9 1/2 feet long. Herb Becker makes excellent bamboo rods. I don't have one of his rods, yet. I am sure there are others I don't know.

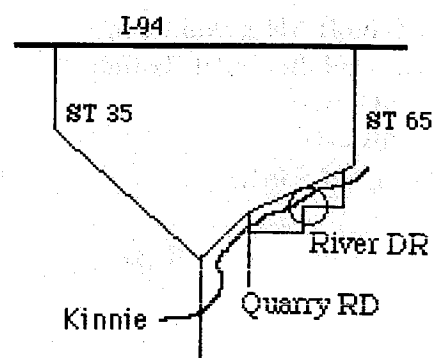
The supply of locally made bamboo rods is dwindling as these local rod builders close their workshops one by one. When the last of the local bamboo rods is built, I will be fishing with mine.

FISHWORKS '94

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Directions to Fishworks '94

- Take ST HWY 35 south from I-94 (to River Falls)
- Turn LEFT on ST HWY 65 (just before the new HWY 35 bridge over the Kinni)
- Proceed approx. two (2) miles to QUARRY RD.
- Turn RIGHT on QUARRY RD.
- Proceed approx. 3/4 mi. to RIVER DR.
- Turn LEFT on RIVER DR to work area.



RIVER FALLS



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Members: Please put this page to good use. You are welcome to make copies and store them in your vest or in the glove compartment of your fishing car. You never know when you are going to meet a potential new member.

JOIN TROUT UNLIMITED AND HELP PROTECT THE RESOURCE Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter Chapter #0168

The Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited was founded in 1972 for the purpose of protecting, improving and restoring the trout habitat in western Wisconsin. We derive our name from local rivers of particular concern to us: the Kinickinnic, Apple, Willow and Rush. Over the years we have worked closely with private citizens, local governments and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on various projects such as storm water monitoring and management, bank stabilization, stream bank debrushing, fish population surveys, placement of in-stream habitat structures, fishing clinics, and fish stocking. Conservation minded persons can find rewarding work within our chapter ranging from preparing mailings to streamside projects.

There are also pleasant social experiences with Kiap-TU-Wish. We hold regular meetings from September through May on the first Wednesday of the Month. Meetings are held at the *Hudson House* located off of the south access road (exit #2), on I-94 in Hudson, Wisconsin. Meetings begin at 8pm with dinner starting at 6:30 (reservations are not needed). Our meetings feature presentations on angling, flytying, stream ecology, and water quality as well as latest issues that are affecting our local, regional and national resources. Of course there are the usual fishing stories and tall tales and we would be very interested in hearing yours at the next meeting! Please join us!

Membership includes a subscription of the national magazine *Trout* and the state council newspaper *Wisconsin Trout*, both published quarterly. The chapter also produces a newsletter, *Rip-RAP* published monthly, September through May.

YES! Please begin my one-year membership to the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited #0168

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FOR SALE

Dick Frantes appreciated quality fishing equipment and would have liked to see his collection put to good use. If you are interested in purchasing fly tying materials, finished flies, tackle, rods, reels, cases, or other accessories call Jeanne Frantes in West St. Paul on (612) 457-5979. Here's your chance to round out your equipment or assemble a special outfit to donate to the next chapter holiday party.

TYING TIP

Looking for a good sticky dubbing wax? Try cross-country ski wax. Ski waxes designed for above freezing weather make excellent waxes for tying. My favorite is Swix Special Red which is rated for 30°F/36°F.

You can pick up cross-country wax in sporting goods stores for under \$5.00 and a single cake of wax will probably last a lifetime of tying.

Ken

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Kiap-TU-Wish 1994 Meetings

Feb. 2: Paul Wotzka: Pesticides
in S.E. MN Streams

Mar. 2: Business Meeting

Apr. 6: Fly Tiers

May. 4: Marty Engel WI DNR

Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 8:00

All meetings are at the Hudson
House

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