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FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

BY SCOTT HANSON

No concrete plans have been set for the February meeting, but no matter what is decided on, it will be a good time to gather together with old, and new, friends. Check the website for more up-to-date meeting information.



Photo by Rob Kolakowski

*Bob Smith's Sports Club, downtown
Hudson. Wednesday, February 2nd.
6 PM for dinner, 7 PM for
meeting and presentation.*

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NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Randy Arnold has taken over the job of Volunteer Coordinator for the chapter, a post that has been filled by Greg Dietl for several years. Below is what both Greg and Randy have to say about the change. First up will be Greg. - The Editor

Randy Arnold will be assuming the duties as chapter volunteer coordinator. I have been performing this role for a number of years now. It gave me the opportunity to get to know and work beside many fine chapter members. I truly have to say that working with Kiap-TU-Wish members and volunteers has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Our volunteers are the heart of the chapter. No project would exist without the boots on the ground volunteers. Heck, the chapter wouldn't exist without volunteers. We've had a string of impressive projects and volunteer efforts over the last few years: Kinnickinnic, Tiffany Creek, Eau Galle, Rush River, South Fork of the Kinnickinnic, Parker Creek and Pine Creek. Pine Creek will continue this summer and there are future projects in the works. We've also had outstanding volunteer turnouts at the Great Waters Expos. I will continue to work with Randy and help coordinate projects and raise funds.

I want to thank Randy for taking over this role for the chapter. Randy has great ideas for continuing to raise volunteers for our projects and events. I won't say he is a tireless volunteer because I've seen him tired. But, that's been after many hours (days) cutting trees, rolling rocks, planting seeds, and mulching (with the mulcher he built). He certainly is a leader by example.

Thanks Randy!

Greg Dietl

Now a few words from Randy Arnold:

While I have been trout fishing in Wisconsin for over 20 years, it was a desire to become actively involved in protecting and restoring the resource that led me to the Kiap-TU-Wish website several years back. There I saw a posting from Greg Dietl asking for volunteers to show up on a wintry Saturday morning to help out with a brushing project on Tiffany Creek. That served as the catalyst for me to join the Kiap-TU-Wish chapter of TU. Through all of the ensuing years, Greg has continued as volunteer coordinator doing a great job of getting people to show up for our work days, while hinting to me on numerous occasions that he might want me to step into his boots to fill the role at some point in time. That time has arrived and I hope that I can do as good of a job as Greg has done. I look forward to working with chapter members and anyone who has an interest in preserving the great outdoors. My aim is to provide opportunities for you to help further the goals of TU and make your volunteer time a memorable and satisfying experience.



PRESIDENT'S LINES

BY KYLE AMUNDSON

As this is going out, a number of board members will be headed to the State Banquet in Stevens Point for our 40th annual celebration. This year's event will have displays by chapters and vendors (Simms, Sage), some great raffle prizes, live music and more....it should be a great time.

We have three board members whose terms are up this year. Serving the chapter as a board member is very rewarding and gratifying. It is also a real chance for you to make a difference as an individual. A nominating committee will be in communication with chapter members; please consider serving if asked. Elections will be made at our usual March business meeting.

We will be sending out the Hap Lutter Spring Appeal in March. What better way to honor Hap, and the chapter, than with a contribution.

The Tom Helgeson Great Waters Spring Fly Fishing Expo will be April 1st – 3rd. There is a new venue as the Expo has moved to the National Sports Center in Blaine.

Welcome new members: Joe Cudd, River Falls; Joe Cunningham, Baldwin; Chris Lemmon, Hudson. Please join us at the monthly meetings (first Wednesday of month, Sept – May) in downtown Hudson at Bob Smith's Sports Club.

SCOTT'S SCOOP

BY SCOTT HANSON, EDITOR

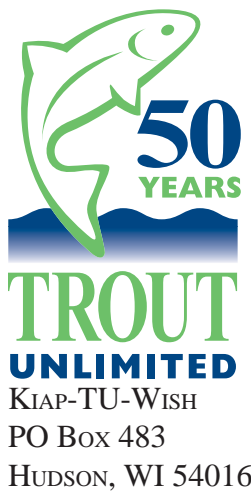
You probably got your issue of RipRap in the mail, noticed that it's only four pages long, and thought to yourself, "Boy, that Scott Hanson is really resting on his laurels now that he won the Bollinger Award for Best Newsletter in all of Trout Unlimited. What a lazy bum!" Well, that may be the case, but the real reason this month's newsletter is so small is that work has been crazy around here all week, and I haven't had a chance to work on RipRap until now, which, for those of you who aren't watching me feverishly type this up in my office, is about twenty minutes before the deadline. Hopefully you won't hold it against me. I will definitely try to put together a longer edition next month. Thank you for your understanding!

For those of you who are apt to do so, keep your articles, photos and other submissions coming. I've got a couple of articles in the hopper that are just waiting for me to let them out onto the printed page, but I can always use more. And I assume that most of our chapter members would much rather read good, well-thought-out writing instead of my blathering jibberish, so I implore you to put some words down on your computer screen and zip them off to me in an email. Nothing delights me more than seeing an email hit my desktop with the subject line "article for RipRap".

Other than that, enjoy the coldest stretch of the winter, dream about trout fishing in just a few short weeks, and I'll see you next month in what is sure to be a much longer edition of RipRap.

Have a great month!





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DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY MEETING!!!

**Wednesday
February 2nd, 2011 at
Bob Smith's Sports
Club. Dinner starts at
6PM, Meeting begins
at 7PM**

The deadline to make submissions for the
March issue is Wednesday, February 19th.

