

## The Drift: Words from our President.

**Winter Field Work:** Randy and crew have started brushing along Cady Creek. We've had good chapter participation. It is a great way to get outside for half a day, to get some exercise and, of course, to enjoy a fire-roasted hot dog. See Randy's volunteer announcements for the time and place that Randy and the Chainsaws will perform next.

**Trout in the Classroom:** Greg Olson is doing an excellent job of coordinating the chapter's TIC programs. A 5th grade class in Amery will be participating in the program this year along with a 5th grade class in Hudson. Read Greg's narrative about the program in this issue of RipRap; it's as compelling as a good John Gierach fishing story.



Greg Olson photo  
Jeremiah Fisk and 5th grade students examining eyed trout eggs at Amery Intermediate School.

the hydropower facility for another 30 years. An August 31, 2016 deadline for the City to proceed with re-licensing or surrender the license and decommission the hydropower facility has added a level of urgency to the River Falls dam negotiations.

**Willow River-Little Falls Dam:** The WDNR has been soliciting public comment on replacing the condemned Little Falls dam. On January 13th Kiap delivered a letter to the WDNR Eau Claire office. The letter noted that park visitation did not decline with the drawdown of the dam, and strongly stated support for restoring the stream corridor within the park rather than building a \$12 million dollar dam with little or no value.

**Parker Creek Culvert:** Scott Geddes with Polk County is working on the hydraulic study to determine the design flow rate and proper culvert geometry and size. The task is taking longer than expected because of the complexity of the watershed. John Carlson has been active with this project and because of his efforts a culvert manufacturer, Contech, has offered an option that is 40% less than the original cost estimate.

**River Falls Dam:** Kiap sent a letter to the River Falls City Council dated January 3rd. The letter urged the Council to initiate an alternative analysis that explores all the issues surrounding river restoration versus continuing to operate

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**TROUT  
UNLIMITED**

Don't miss our February 3rd chapter meeting. Jonathan Jacobs will be speaking: *Tools and Methods to Scout New Fishing Spots.*

**Junior's Bar & Restaurant**  
414 South Main Street  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-6630  
<http://www.juniorsrf.com/>

Dinner starts at 6pm (your dime)  
The meeting starts at 7pm.

The photo above was taken during one of the recent brushing sessions on Cady Creek. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out on a cold-ish January day.

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### Wisconsin TU Youth Fishing

**Camp:** Last year Kiap sponsored Joe Duncan to the Youth Camp. This year the chapter will sponsor another youth age 12-16. The program is designed to develop skills for fresh water trout fishing and other species using conventional and/or fly rods and reels. The dates for the camp are July 14-16. See upcoming issues of Rip-Rap for more details on the program.

**Clinics:** Maria Manion and six other women are putting the finishing touches on preparations for a Girl Scout clinic in February. Mike Alwin is championing a River Falls clinic this spring. The date for the River Falls clinic is June 4th. If you're interested in volunteering for the River Falls clinic please contact Mike Alwin at [mikealwin@gmail.com](mailto:mikealwin@gmail.com) or Brian Smolinski at [brian@lundflyshop.com](mailto:brian@lundflyshop.com).

~Tom Schnadt

## Upcoming Events

### WI TU State Banquet

- Best Western Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh, WI
- Saturday, February 6th
- 4:30PM to 9:00PM
- Tickets are \$35
- Tickets available at the door

### Fly Fishing Film Tour

- River Falls University
- Friday, March 11th
- Doors open at 5:00PM
- The show starts at 7:00PM
- Tickets are \$15
- Kiap-TU-Wish will have a booth in the concourse

### Fly Fishing Expo

- UWRF Campus/University Center Ballroom
- Saturday, March 12th
- Hours 10:00AM to 7:00PM
- Kiap-TU-Wish will have a booth

### Great Waters Expo

- Century College, White Bear Lake, MN
- March 18th-20th
- Check website for hours and programs
- [www.greatwatersflyexpo.com](http://www.greatwatersflyexpo.com)
- Kiap-TU-Wish will have a booth
- Volunteers needed to staff booth

## Upcoming Board Member Election: Wednesday, March 2nd

Kiap-TU-Wish elects board members at their annual March chapter meeting. At this year's March meeting five board-member terms expire. Also, Bob Trevis is opting out of the final year of his term, so there will be five, 3-year terms open and one, 1-year term open.

John Kaplan, Randy Arnold, Gary Horvath, Greg Olson and Bob Diesch's terms end in March. Bob Diesch, after six years of valuable service on the board, has decided not to run for re-election. Bob has chaired the River Falls Fly Fishing clinic, coordinated the chapter's presence at the Great Waters Expo, served on the banquet committee and provided valuable insight on the River Falls dam, potential Parker Creek project and all other aspects of Kiap business. In 2016, Bob Trevis is going to be busy promoting his just released book, Fly-Fishing for Trout in Southeast Minnesota. (Bob is going to have booth space at both the River Falls Fishing Expo and Great Waters Expo.) Bob has made significant contributions to the board and will continue to chair the Spring Appeal effort for 2016, plus continue his fly wrangling duties.

I'm pleased to announce that four board members are running for re-election; John Kaplan, Randy Arnold, Gary Horvath and Greg Olson. All are and have been valuable performers on the board. Two excellent candidates have agreed to run for the open terms, Scott Wagner for the open three-year term and John Carlson for the open one-year term. Both Scott and John are very active in Kiap and will make excellent board members.

Background Information: Positions on the board are three-year terms elected by the general membership at the March chapter meeting; board members may be re-elected. Officer positions are one-year terms elected by the new board of directors at the first March board meeting. The only limit on officer re-election is a maximum of three years as treasurer. You can only vote for candidates if you attend the March chapter meeting, so we hope to see you there on March 2nd.

~Tom Schnadt and Tom Henderson

### Kiap Board Member Candidates



<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Randy Arnold	3 year
John Carlson	1 year
Gary Horvath	3 year
John Kaplan	3 year
Greg Olson	3 year
Scott Wagner	3 year
Write in nomination(s)	



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
VOLUNTEER**

AT THE  
**GREAT WATERS  
EXPO**

MARCH 18TH-20TH  
CENTURY COLLEGE, WHITE BEAR LAKE

Kiap-TU-Wish could use some help at the Great Waters Expo in March. We're looking for people to work in our booth and help answer questions about what we do and why we do it. It's also a chance to meet and chat with others who are interested in coldwater conservation and fishing. If you can help out during any of the time slots below, please contact Tom Schnadt: [thschnad@hotmail.com](mailto:thschnad@hotmail.com) or 651-245-5163

#### Friday, March 18th

- 11:00-3:00PM (incl. set up)
- 3:00-7:00PM

#### Saturday, March 19th

- 9:00-1:00PM
- 1:00-6:00PM

#### Sunday, March 20th

- 10:00-2:00PM
- 2:00-5:00PM (incl. takedown)



## Fly Fishing Film Festival March 11th, 2016

Get your tickets now for the R4F Fly Fishing Film Festival. Held on Friday, March 11th at the UWRF student center in River Falls, the R4F Fly Fishing Film Festival has become a spring tradition for like-minded people to gather, celebrate fly fishing and support the amazing natural resources of western Wisconsin. All proceeds from the R4F Fly Fishing Film Festival go to the Kinni River Land Trust (KRLT). Last year's sold-out event raised over \$12,000.



The R4F Fly Fishing Film Festival started as a fun experiment in 2014 and evolved into a meaningful event for the community and a significant fund raiser for the KRLT. With participation (and attendees) from multiple states, the R4F Fly Fishing Film Festival brings our region's resources to the forefront of a broad audience, while providing a night of fly fishing themed entertainment.

Featuring fly fishing films from around the world, this family friendly evening includes multiple vendors and artists demonstrating their crafts, and the opportunity to win dozens of items—including a Norling Bamboo Rod. Trailers for this year's event are available at <http://www.flyfilmtour.com/watch-trailers/>.

For additional info on the R4F Fly Fishing Film Fest, including updates on auction items and sponsorship info, go to [www.rfflyfishingfestival.com](http://www.rfflyfishingfestival.com). Tickets are available online (<http://flyfilmtour.ticketfly.com/>) or at Lund's Fly Shop. Doors open at 5, films start promptly at 7.

## R4F Fly Fishing Expo March 12th, 2016

Mark your calendars for a 1-day fly fishing expo held the very next day following the Film Festival. Fly fishing vendors, fly tyers, local artists, seminars and much more. Stay tuned for more info coming soon!

## From the Field: Cady Creek

Brushing work on Cady Creek has been progressing nicely. I don't know if this stream is 'on the radar' for most of our chapter members, but it is one of the spots where I like to go when I want to catch brook trout. It's a long stretch of accessible water that was restored some years back.

A lot of volunteers have showed up to clear brush and small trees which have started to take over the banks. One volunteer who was new to the experience asked jokingly if one needed to be male and over 50 to participate in this work. Sometimes it seems as if that is the case and then other times I get surprised by a showing of women and younger volunteers.

Work will be continuing on Cady Creek for at least another 3-4 brushing sessions. I send out the email solicitations for volunteers and know for a fact that not everyone receiving the messages qualifies as a 'geezer,' so hopefully some of you non-geezer types will answer the call. Rosanne Bump showed up with her husband Jeff this past Saturday, and neither fit the 'geezer' profile. Their help was greatly appreciated.

As a side note, I have been weeding out email lists (both the habitat volunteer list and member/friends list) and removing email addresses of individuals who have not opened any Kiap-TU-



Jack Storer photo (above) Randy Arnold photo (below)



A nicely constructed bonfire and new habitat volunteer Rosanne Bump

Wish emails over the past 18 months. I will continue this process as time allows. If you are a chapter member and have changed your email address, or are new and not yet entered in the system and would like to receive periodic messages informing you of chapter meetings or pertinent issues regarding our coldwater resources, please give us your email address so that we can update you in the system by adding you to one or both of the lists.

~Randy Arnold

## Scouts & Trout

A group of women from Kiap-TU-Wish and the Fly Fishing Women of Minnesota are putting together a fly fishing event for a troop of Girl Scout Juniors (9 years old) in Menomonie, WI, on Saturday, February 27th. We'd love to have more fly fishing women join us to help teach the girls about streams, trout, and conservation. We've got a fun activity planned and could use more girl power. If you've ever wanted a fly fishing badge to put on your vest, now is a chance to earn one. Contact Maria Manion for more information. [manion.maria@gmail.com](mailto:manion.maria@gmail.com) or 612-325-1005.

## Editor's Note

It's a jam-packed February issue of RipRap: work day updates, lots of volunteer opportunities (Kiap needs your help!!), musings, insect lessons, casting tips, flies and a good read about the harrowing delivery of trout eggs. We've also got some stories and equipment tips in line for upcoming RipRaps; thank you and keep 'em coming!

Judging from the popularity and quantity of books at our annual conservation banquet, Kiap-TU-Wish folks love to read. So, we'd like to start a "What's your favorite read" segment in RipRap—a book report about 300 words in length (roughly the length of Randy's field report above.) Be it fishing fiction, how-to's or poetry, if it's inspired or amused you, please share it with us.

~Maria Manion

# What's My Line? ——— {A verbal perambulation} Jonathan Jacobs ———

My first fly line was part of an outfit, a Christmas gift from my parents in 1958. The line was a Cortland 333. It had a braided core, perhaps of Dacron, covered with a clear plastic substance. It was a level line in "D." Had it been a fancy double taper, it likely would have been designated as an "HDH." Those letters were part of a system originally developed to designate the diameter of braided silk lines which would eventually be replaced by the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) system of designating lines by the weight in grains of the first thirty feet of the line. This was seen as a major step forward in terms of standardization. There is a certain wry irony to be found in the AFTMA's use of grains and feet, two standards of measurement dating from the Bronze Age, in an ostensible move toward modernization.

Cortland touts the 333 on its website as the "world's first unsinkable fly line" because it had a "completely waterproof" plastic coating. However, Scientific Anglers claims to have developed the "first modern plastic-coated tapered fly line" in 1952. That company introduced its Air Cel line in 1954 and says that it is "widely considered the first modern floating fly line." If that is so, the Air Cel is certainly the Abraham of fly lines with, in the Biblical phrase, descendants more numerous than stars in the sky. The Air Cel Supreme with "microballoons" incorporated into the line's PVC plastic

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coating to aid in flotation was the first descendant, arriving on the market in 1959. Commerce being what it is, the next step was the creation of a sinking line, the Wet Cel, which debuted the following year. Following that were the first specialty tapers, a bass bug line and a saltwater line. Shooting heads arrived

in 1966. Cortland wasn't standing still, either, augmenting their product line with 444 and "Rocket Taper" lines.

Later on Airflo, Rio, Monic and others joined in as manufacturers, while every major retailer (Orvis, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, et al.) and smaller specialty outfits (e.g., Royal Wulff), offer contract-manufactured private label lines. Along with the profusion of labels, there are now an endless variety of tapers in full floating, sink tip, full sinking and density compensated sinking with the sinking lines available in numerous sink rates.

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Surface treatments and textures evolve. Nearly all the manufactures have some variation on the "super slick" theme, the idea being reduced friction in the guides. Airflo has built fly lines with ridges down their length while Scientific Anglers has a variety of textured lines, including their "Sharkskin" line. The idea with any of these irregular surfaces is that friction against the guides is reduced by reducing the surface area in contact with the rod guides, allowing the line to shoot through the guides more easily, which may in turn result in greater casting distance.

There are at least two ways to look at this profusion of offerings. One is to see this as the free market at work, with businesses responding to the demands of a marketplace comprised of highly knowledgeable users in niche markets

who need very specific products. Another is to regard all this as driven purely by marketing and that all these choices are meant to appeal to some soft spot of vanity or some lack of confidence in order to foist off on fly fishers more stuff that they don't need, but through clever manipulation have come to want. When

I started to see species-specific lines, such as one for carp (I can personally attest that carp are a fine game fish and fully worthy of pursuit, but really!!), I was convinced that the latter view was likely correct. Recently, though, I saw a video that gave me pause. In it a noted fly designer and industry personality attempts to answer the question "What fly line do I need?" It's a complicated topic and the gentlemen soon has himself wound up in a minor tirade on rod manufacturers' quests for faster and faster action rods, which in turn forces fly line manufacturers to produce

lines with heavy heads or lines that are not true to AFTMA weight designations so that they will work with overly-fast rods. Eventually he concludes, and I'm paraphrasing and compacting here, that a double taper line is best because, by cutting it half, an angler gets two lines and is thus not ripped off by the dark forces of rapacious commerce. At a point he's almost forced to add that he's talking about dry fly fishing and the delicate presentations and short casts required in that part of the game. I found myself thinking at that point that this gentleman was addressing the issue in an awfully narrow context and that the whole thing lacked nuance and, worse, was starting to sound like, for lack of a better term, the old white guy rant in which it's posited that everything was better back in the day. This is an assertion that's often silly and occasionally simply nonsensical, so I decided to commit what has become an unpardonable political sin and flip-flop on the issue. I am now in the "if it feels good do it" camp when it comes to choosing a fly line.

The trick in selecting a fly line lies in finding out what feels good. Be a smart shopper. Reflect carefully on how you fish and cast. Read the sales literature and learn to interpret the taper diagrams that are usually published therein. Don't hesitate to call the manufacturers to ask them questions. See if you can talk your

angling chums into loaning you their lines for at least a bit of lawn casting, if not fishing. Talk to fly shop owners. Fly shops often have “shop lines” spooled up on reels and will allow you to try them on your rod out in the back yard. Don’t hesitate to try a line one or even two weights above the one listed on the rod. One of my pet peeves is excessive curl or memory, particularly in the running line segment of a weight forward taper. This is in part due to excessively thin diameters, in my opinion, and is something you’ll want to check. Consider color, too. I once had a Wulff Triangle Taper line that cast and handled beautifully, but it was a dull olive color and in the evening hours it was nearly invisible. I found that this had a deleterious effect on my always marginal casting and discovered that I was far more dependent on using my fly line to help me track the whereabouts of my fly on the water than I ever might have imagined. I am not convinced that bright or white fly lines spook fish and I think you shouldn’t hesitate to try them.

Lastly, once you’ve purchased the line of your dreams, keep it scrupulously clean! This cannot be overstressed. A clean fly line floats higher, casts further, casts better and lasts longer than one that’s allowed to accumulate the grime and goo that are present in even the purest of trout waters. The line manufacturer will usually have care and cleaning instructions. I like the protocol that Rio suggests. An excellent video illustrating it can be found on the web at this URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsCDjSdrpOA>

As always, Tight Lines! 🦋

## CASTING QUICK TIPS

Besides relief from Seasonal Affective Disorder, aka “cabin fever”, there’s another reason to get out and fish between December and March: it’s a true test of your angling skills. If you can catch trout mid-winter, you can catch them any time. Here are two casts that will help you do just that.

### 1. Use aerial roll casts from the bank.

Keep your casts to about 10-15 ft. so you aren’t fishing across different current speeds. Get down on your knees, slide

your hand up near the butt guide to choke down on your rod and shorten up your cast even more.

With your leader and 6-10 ft. of line outside the rod tip, hold the fly in your hand with the hook up so it doesn’t impale you. Grip the fly firmly but not too tight. Hold the line tight under the cork. Lower your rod tip to just inches above the water pointed at your target. Keeping a grip on the hook bend, sweep the rod tip swiftly up to vertical (that is, if

you don’t have any obstacles above you). Even bringing the tip up to just past 45 degrees above the surface you can still make an aerial roll cast. The instant the rod tip reaches its highest point, don’t stop, but sweep it forward immediately. Reduce your grip on the fly to allow the fast-moving leader and line to pull the fly from your fingers. Make a high stop on the forward cast so the line and leader

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## KNOWING YOUR BUGS: Part VI

{Words} Mike Alwin

**Those That Cling** (Remember from last month . . . mayflies are classified by taxonomists by the larval body type and preferred method of locomotion. There are clingers, burrowers, crawlers and swimmers. Identifying these basic body types is another clue toward recognizing what’s going on around you.)

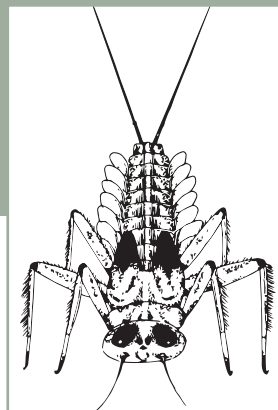
It’s very easy to see the difference between a clinging mayfly larva and anything else. They are characterized by a flattened body and eyes located on the top of the head. They look kind of spiderlike but are completely harmless. The family is Heptageniidae.

This is a diverse group of six genera (Stenacron, Stenonema and Heptagenia being most important) with over 100 species. Larva are 5-20 mm and all species are univoltine (a single brood per season). The larval body type is designed to take advantage of the hydraulic cushion on the substrate of rocky streams. All species are poor swimmers and live in a variety of habitats from fast, high gradient mountain streams to low gradient rocky streams. Do not expect to find large numbers of these mayflies in sand bottomed spring creeks.

Some species can be found in the crevices between rocks while other species will be underneath the stones. Other species will be found in the leaf litter of streams with moderate gradient. Most of these species are omnivores; only a few are predaceous.

Depending on the species, many emerge underwater or in the film. Nymphs of a few species will migrate to the shallows prior to emergence. Some species, notably Stenonema, will emerge sporadically all day, seldom producing a rise. These species will produce prodigious spinner falls at dusk, so it’s worth your while to come up with a spinner imitation. The best known species are the Quill Gordon, the Western Red Quill, the Light Cahill and the March Brown.

While there are many patterns for the March Brown, all of them are dun patterns, designed to ride high in the water. Art Flick and A. K. Best, to name just two, have their names on March Brown patterns. No doubt some fish are pounded up each year with these patterns, but this is one of those mayflies that emerges sporadically all day. Fish the Lower Kinni during the day in late May to mid June and you’re likely to see these large mayflies coming off, usually one or two an hour. Stick around until dusk and you might be amazed at the spinners you’ll see drifting downstream. Develop an effective spinner pattern and you might be even more amazed.



Clinging mayfly nymph of the Quill Gordon (*Epeorus pleuralis*) (illustration by Robert H. Pils from Gary Borger’s book *Naturals: A Guide to Food Organisms of the Trout*)



# TIC Trout Alert: Egg Delivery

On Monday, January 4th at 5:30 am, I set out to pick up 500 eyed, brown trout eggs from the 7 Pines Fish Hatchery in Frederick. Eggs last year were delivered before Christmas, but the brown trout took their time this year, perhaps due to the lack of cold weather. Delivering trout eggs to excited 5th graders is a great experience, and the weather added further excitement with every mile traveled. I had mapped out a "short cut" to Frederick, that involved taking as many county highways and backroads as possible. The plowing essentially stopped once I crossed the bridge into Wisconsin at Stillwater. In New Richmond, I considered turning back with all the cars in the ditches. After Amery, I had no idea where I was, all the road signs were plastered with snow, rendering them unreadable. Google Maps is not to be relied upon in Northern Wisconsin, and cell phone coverage is spotty. However, the owner of 7 Pines, Richard Kettula, was able to talk me in when I did get reception the old fashioned way, i.e., "there should be a lake coming up on your right, after that, turn left at the lone pine, if you get to the green mailbox you went too far...."

Upon finding the hatchery, Richard was presented with a plaque from Kiap-TU-Wish for his assistance in establishing our TIC programs by supplying the eggs and helping with the health certification for our fish. He was very surprised and honored by our award and said he is going to display it in his living room.

I was able to follow my tire tracks back to Amery, my first stop being Mr. Jeremiah Fisk's 5th grade class at the Amery Intermediate School. The fish tank and responsibility for care resides in Mr. Fisk's class, but he wanted the other 5th grade class to be involved as well. I gave a presentation to 49 students on what TU's conservation mission is, the history of trout in their area of WI, a trout's basic needs, and the life cycle of trout. The kids all got to see the eggs under a magnifying glass (they all think it is so "cool" to see the trout's eyes



Top: 5th grade students during the presentation at River Crest Elementary  
Bottom left: Richard Kettula at 7 Pines Fish Hatchery  
Bottom right: Mr. Mueller loading eggs into the basket at River Crest Elementary

Greg Olson photos

already) and then helped to get 250 of the eggs into the tank's egg basket.

Then it was on to Mr. John Mueller's 5th grade class in River Crest Elementary in Hudson. I gave the same presentation, this time to all three 5th grade classes—close to 76 kids. ( It has been great this year to reach this many students! Both schools are keeping in touch with each other to update on progress too.) The presentation was a little more personalized though, as River Crest is on County F and about 5 miles equidistant from the Kinni and Willow. I told them that at their age, I fished the Willow River almost daily when school was out, and at that time

the Willow was held in quite high regard as a trout stream. I explained why we would be stocking the Willow and not the Kinni with the trout we raised, why the Kinni no longer needs to be stocked, and the possible reasons for the decline of the Willow and rise of the Kinni. It was a very good discussion and kids at both schools asked very insightful and thoughtful questions. I was very impressed! With all the threats to our environment and our world in general, I can find myself getting down. But after spending a few hours with these kids, I left feeling very hopeful for the future.

Look for TIC updates every month in RipRap!  
~Greg Olson

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unroll in the air. If you drive the tip downward with your wrist you will crash the line down on the water short of your target.

**2. Use a vertical reach cast when presenting downstream.** Make a high-angled forward stop, and then lift your hand smoothly back and up a few feet, but not past vertical. You will have slack line

hanging down from the raised rod tip with the fly momentarily dragging in the water near the water's surface. Before lowering the rod tip, make sure that the fly is in the right current lane. If you need to get the fly lined up, drag the fly over with your rod tip still held high, and then drop the rod tip. So: stop, lift back and up, then drop the rod tip.

Carpe diem and good luck!

{Fly & Recipe :: Image} Brian Smolinski

## FLY TIER'S CORNER: bsmo's squirmy jig



### Instructions

- [1] Start the thread off behind the bead and tie in a piece of rib material.
- [2] Wind the thread back to just before the bend on the hook and tie in the silicone worm body with enough material to create a tail about as long as the hook.
- [3] Bring the thread back up to directly behind the bead and tie in a half hitch.
- [4] Stretch the silicone worm and wrap it forward creating a tightly wrapped base and tie off behind the bead.
- [5] Wrap worm material towards the bend of the hook and back towards the bead again building up a body (make sure to use consistent amount of stretch while wrapping so body is uniform).
- [6] Securely tie off worm material again behind the bead after you have wrapped 3 layers of thin silicone over the hook shank.
- [6] Counter-wrap the rib over the silicone body and tie off behind the bead.
- [7] Build a heavily dubbed thorax with the Ice dub and brush out as desired.

**Notes:** Seems like everyday another new synthetic tying material is on the market. This silicone-based worm body is mainly meant to be used for making rubber San Juan Worms, but it has almost a similar look to larvae flies tied with cat gut when it is stretched and wrapped over the hook shank. Could make for some interesting nymphs!

**Questions? Stop in at Lund's Fly Shop or email Brian at [brian@lundsflyshop.com](mailto:brian@lundsflyshop.com)**

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### Next RipRap deadline: Friday, February 12

If you have a photo, a good story to tell, or an idea for an article you'd like to see in RipRap, please shoot me an email:  
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**Thanks much!**





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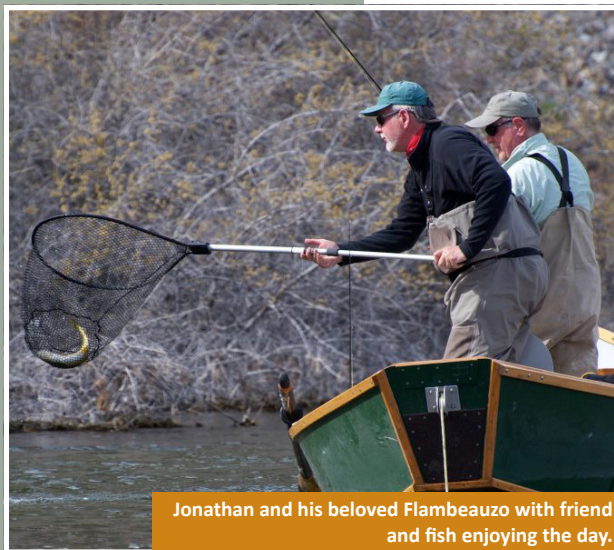


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Junior's Bar & Restaurant in  
River Falls.

## Tools & Methods to Scout New Fishing Spots with Jonathan Jacobs

February 3rd. Don't miss it.



Jonathan and his beloved Flambeauzo with friend  
and fish enjoying the day.

Jonathan Jacobs spent the first 12 years of his life on a farm in rural Iowa. It was during this time that he began to fall in love with the outdoors and, more specifically, fishing. When he was 13, his parents purchased a tavern in north central Minnesota. The business, and attached home, was located next to a lake, which provided Jon with plenty of opportunities for fishing and exploring in nature. He learned to fly fish, which would become a lifelong hobby. Now, Jon lives in Hudson with his wife. They raised one daughter, to whom he passed on his love of fly fishing. When Jon isn't on the stream or river, he works as a printer, a profession he has enjoyed for almost 50 years. Jon is a regular contributor to RipRap and spends the cold winter months tying flies and writing, reading, and daydreaming about fishing. Jon is an equal-opportunity fisherman and fishes, with equal zeal, for trout, bass, muskies, carp, and just about anything else you can catch on a fly. One of Jon's favorite pastimes is taking family and friends out in his driftboat, the Flambeauzo, which he helped to build.

**Please join us!**