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Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## FISHWORKS '91

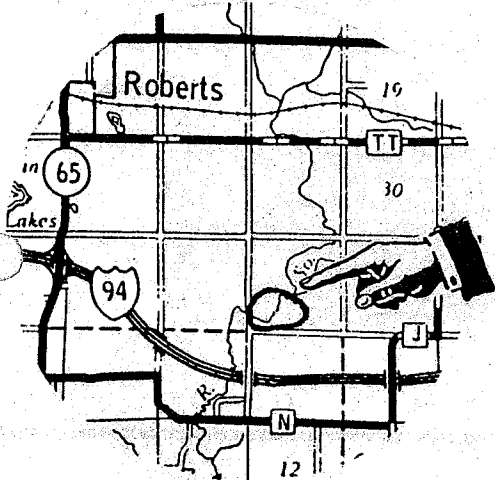
Every year Kiap-TU-Wish leads the charge into the woods on our annual winter project. The goal of FISHWORKS '91 is to finish the headwaters project design by Area Fish Manager Marty Engel for last year's project. Marty's idea is to cut enough brush and trees to allow plenty of sunlight on the banks. This will encourage the growth of bank stabilizing grasses.

FISHWORKS '91 is a timbering and brush cutting operation. Dress accordingly - warm clothes, hat, gloves - and bring a strong back and hot coffee. You'll also need to pack a lunch and if you have a bow saw, heavy rope, waders or hip boots, come-along or chain saw, bring those too. Work dates are **January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23**. We start at 9AM and work until 3PM. The Kiap-TU-Wish Rule of 20 is in effect. If, on our work date, WCCO radio reports an air temp or windchill of -20 on their 8AM weather report, we don't go out.

This sounds pretty serious, but it's actually a lot of fun and the fish need our help. So, here's a map and some directions. You can sign up at the January 2nd meeting or call Gary Horvath on 715/425-8489 or Mike Alwin at 612/439-8159.

Take I-94 to the W65 exit. Drive north on W65 about 1/4 mile and turn right. Drive south less than a mile. Park north of the bridge. The worksite is to the east, upstream from the bridge.

In addition, we've planned two other one day projects which we hope to do simultaneously. One is in-stream tree removal on the Race and the other is a rebrushing on the Kinni.



## ENLIST NOW

It's that time of year again when we tend to look back on the past year and our accomplishments and look ahead at what 1991 might have in store for us. Kiap-TU-Wish can be proud of some of the gains we have made this year: We have established a relationship with some of the city officials in River Falls. We were the most vocal force in heading off poorly designed storm run-off systems in that city. We made our opinions known to the UWRF campus planners and their neglect of the South Fork of the Kinni. We were asked to participate in the master plan to revitalize the business area there. In short, we have learned to be more political.

As you make your resolutions for the new year, put at the top of your list to become more active in the Chapter. Spend more time and money saving the environment you cherish. All the victories mentioned above were brought about by individuals who cared deeply. They know who they are and I salute them. The forces against us are powerful, wealthy and ruthless. In other words there are people out there who could care less about you and your trout streams.

Several newsletters ago, the infamous Acerbic Angler encouraged us to read the chapter from John Geirach's book *Sex, Death and Flyfishing*, titled "Trout Wars." I did just that and came away with this quote that speaks for most of us. "There was a time when I thought I could just be a fisherman and live a quiet little life. Now I see that, like it or not, I have to become a soldier in the trout wars." Enlist Now.

*Craig Mason*

### JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

January's featured speaker is Tom Helgeson of Bright Waters Flyfishing in Minneapolis, whose presentation will detail the high quality trout fishery below Holter dam on Montana's Missouri River. In addition to operating a fly shop, Helgeson conducts fishing clinics in the upper Midwest and in Idaho, is active in several environmental organizations and is publisher of *Midwest Flyfishing*, a quarterly publication with a regional emphasis.

Where: Act 2 in Downtown Hudson

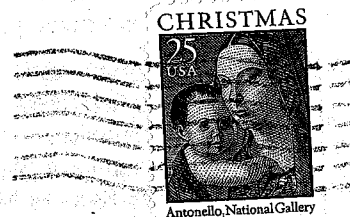
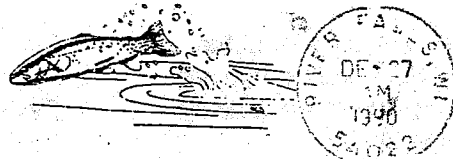
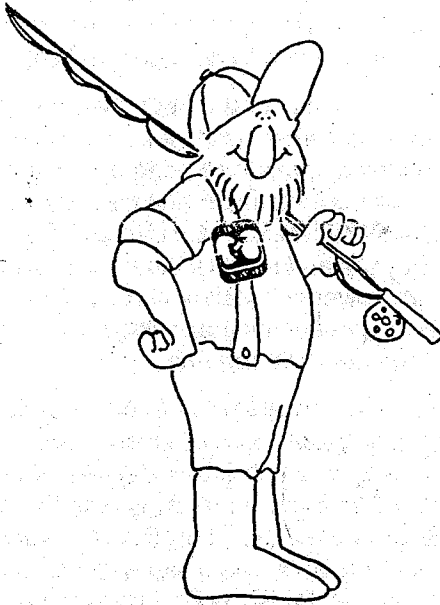
When: Dinner starts at 6:30 Meeting at 8:00

Date: Wednesday, January 2, 1991

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Each year at this time, I am overwhelmed by the generosity and plain hard work of the people associated with our Holiday banquet. I offer a very heartfelt thank you to: Jean Mitchell for attending to all the details and most all of the work in producing the banquet; Charlie Johnston, whose presentation was as charming and pleasant as ever; the Hudson House and its capable staff for the room and the excellent dinners; to everyone who made a food shelf donation and to all the fine folks whose presence made the event such a success. A special expression of gratitude is due to the ladies and gentlemen who were so generous in their donations to our silent auction. I am always amazed by the variety and quality of the donations. Thank you for the fly rods, the handmade net, the lovely handwoven basket, the fine fly drawings, the Montana Centennial belt buckle, the elegant luggage, the rare books, the exquisite flies and, well, that's the danger in trying to be specific with this. There were simply too many fine objects for my memory to assimilate. Believe me, we appreciate each and every donation.

*Jon Jacobs*



### MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan.2- Tom Helgeson  
Missouri River  
Feb.6- Tom Anderson  
Midwest Etymology  
March 6- Business Mtg.  
April 3- Fly Tiers  
May 1- Marty Engel Wisc.  
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### FISHWORKS '91

Fishworks '91 got off to a roaring start on Saturday, January 12th. Not only was the weather positively balmy, but the workers burned three huge wood piles and piled up five more. We had an astounding twenty-eight workers turn out for this first day, and we had more chain saws in operation than we've had in a couple of years. Area Fish Manager, Marty Engel, was seen "grinnin' like a possum eatin' bumble bees"! Apparently, he was pleased with the progress the crew made -- over 200 yards of stream bank cleared. Another first was a professional tree cutter, Gary Albig, who entertained everyone with the most artful tree surgery we've ever seen. First day workers were:

John Abrahamson	Dean Hanson	Kent Johnson
Gary Albig	Bill Skinner	Steve Hosier
Mike Alwin	Matt Putzier	Bob Bradham
Craig Mason	Marty Engel	Joel Jacobs
Sam Campbell	Al Roy	Ken Olson
Mark Dostal		Jon Jacobs
Tracy Peterson		Chuck & Mark Goossen
Herb & Corrine Lundberg		Brandon Ward
Dick & Don Schwartz		Gary (Geezer) Horvath
Suzanne Van Mele		Andy Lamberson

We'll be working on January 26th, February 9th and 23rd, so come on out and pitch in. You need warm clothes and coffee and some lunch and you'll get fresh air, exercise, camaraderie and a sense of pride in exchange. The rule of 20 (minus 20 or below air or windchill- and we don't go) is in effect. If you need directions or an explanation, call Gary Horvath - 715/425-8489 or Mike Alwin - 612/439-8159.

*Mike Alwin*

#### MEETING NOTICE

February's featured speaker is Tom Andersen, one of Kiap's founders. Tom's topic will be "Midwest Stream Entomology". Tom has given this presentation numerous times and is reported to be an excellent primer on the subject. Both beginner and "expert" flyfisher will benefit from the presentation!

WHEN: Wednesday, February 6, 1991

WHERE: ACT 2 in Downtown Hudson

TIME: Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 8pm

### IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY GATES

The following poem was written by a friend of the Gates family and read at her funeral service late last fall. Shirley was a very active Kiap-TU-Wish member and was often seen at our annual 'Kids Day' fishing clinic passing her love for the sport on to the next generation. The Kiap-TU-Wish board of directors has decided to use the generous donations received in Shirley's honor to purchase a much needed rear screen slide projector. The projector will be used as an education tool to continue to spread the Trout Unlimited message to the public.

#### GONE FISHING

*I'll leave undone some household tasks  
Like dusting or vaccing the stairs  
There's my pantry closet that needs to be cleaned  
And some clutter behind the recliner chair  
But conditions for fishing are favorable now  
And the tasks will wait for a day  
So I'll grab lures and bait  
'Cuz I simply can't wait  
To go fishing.*

*The rustling leaves may blow away  
Before I get them raked  
And I can prune the raspberry reeds  
Some day when I need a break  
I've picked all the roses and dried them with care  
I'll arrange them for winter bouquets  
But today it's perfect for rod and reel  
And no one will miss the time I'll steal  
Just to go fishing.*

*I was going to bake a beef Wellington  
For the company coming tonight  
And whip up my gourmet Black Forest torte  
It's always a special delight  
But I'll pull something out of the freezer  
And serve ice cream and Sara Lee cake  
'Cuz the weather's just right  
And the trout should bite  
So I'm goin' fishing.*

*There are cards I've been meaning to send for some time  
And some friends I was going to call  
And a visit to relatives planned for the spring  
If not then, perhaps in the fall  
My family will know my well-meaning intent  
That my love never faltered nor swayed  
And the things left undone are not tinged with regret  
For it's time and I can't be delayed  
So I'll send them my love with a note that says  
GONE FISHING.*



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By now, all of you should have received a letter regarding the Spittler Quadrate Willow River Rod. I hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity. The possibility of acquiring this fine piece through a very minimal investment is quite good and the funds generated from this project will be well directed. A few people have asked me to what address they ought to send their ticket. Please mail it to the chapter address: P.O. Box 483, Hudson, WI 54016.

At a Board meeting held January 19, board members discussed the possibility of expanding the size of the board from its current six to nine. Under this proposal, six seats would be reserved for Wisconsin residents, while non-residents would be eligible to fill three seats. Currently the arrangement calls for four Wisconsin residents, so the ratio would remain the same. Frankly, this is a very cohesive chapter and I feel that the residency requirements are the least important aspect to consider in this matter. There are good questions to be asked on both sides of this issue, among them these:

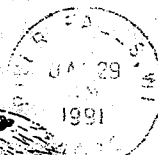
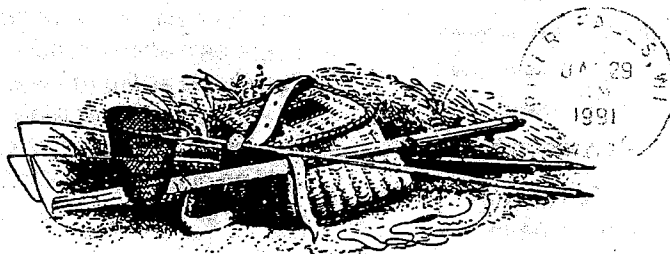
1. Is a six person board sufficient representation in an organization of 140 people?
2. Should we change a system that has served us well?
3. Are good, qualified people locked out of the board because of its size, and, conversely, if we expand its size, will candidates step forward to fill the new positions?

This is a critically important issue and we need your input. Feel free to contact me, but, better yet, come to the February meeting and voice your opinion so that we can determine if there is sufficient interest among our members to warrant making the proposed changes, or some modification of the proposal an item on the agenda of the annual business meeting in March.

*Jon Jacobs*

### Major News Flash:

*The Willow Falls Dam in Willow River State Park is now slated for demolition! No funds have been allocated to build a replacement, but money to mitigate the effects of the dam's removal are available. Some time ago, Kiap-TU-Wish's board came out in favor of removal and restoration of the river fishery above the dam site. There will undoubtedly be pressure exerted to replace the dam, so we must remain vigilant!*



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