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KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

FISHWORKS '95

The 1995 edition of Fishworks is set to begin on January 14. And, for the first time in a long time, Mike Alwin will not be chairing the Minnesota delegation. Mike, as you know, is now our connection to Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop. Best wishes and thanks to Mike, he has been most helpful in getting us organized this year. We do appreciate it.

Last year Chapter members were out in force to serve the purposes of Trout Unlimited. We sawed, hacked, toted, and burned so that the Kinnickinnic would be a better cold water fishery and home for aquatic life. We also shared great stories, entomology insight, tying ideas, and good humor. It was a wonderful time to be together, to be doing what is right. Please do try to make as many of the Fishworks events as possible. They are great fun and with you, Fishworks will be even better.

If you feel comfortable handling a chain saw and have one, please do bring it: we will need them. Please also bring whatever sound and hard hat protection you may have. Bring your lunch. We will do our best to make sure that something hot will be there to help take the chill off.

For those of you who are veterans, we will continue improving the stream from where we left off last year. For those of you who may be new to TU please see the map, it will guide you to the good work.

Remember to listen to the weather report at 8:00 a.m. on WCCO. If the windchill is 20 degrees or lower Fishworks will be cancelled that day.

Fishworks

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JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Wed. Jan. 4
TIME: Dinner at 6:30
Meeting at 8:00
WHERE: Hudson House

Rob Chambers Kinnickinnic River Land Trust

Rob Chambers, President of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, will show two videos; "Guardians of the Future" and an excerpt from a WEAU-TV 13 Outdoors feature on the Land Trust. He will also describe KRLT goals and the benefits of protection activities to Trout Unlimited and others.

Please come to dinner at 6:30!!

Willow River Report Available

Results of a monitoring study conducted on the Willow River in 1993 has been published by Ken Schreiber of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The report entitled, "Water Quality and Temperature Monitoring in the Lower Willow River" is an initial attempt at understanding the temperature and chemical dynamics of the Lower Willow River and their relationship to the Little Falls Impoundment. A summarization of data and recommendations for future study are discussed.

For a copy write to:

Ken Schreiber,
Wisconsin DNR
404 S. Barstow St.
P.O. Box 4001
Eau Claire, WI 54702-4001
or call 715-839-3798.

Kiap TU Wish Applies For Embrace-A-Stream Grant

The Kiap TU Wish Chapter recently submitted an Embrace-A-Stream Grant for the lower Willow River below the Little Falls Dam. Plans call for the establishment of a continuous temperature and flow monitoring station below the Little Falls Dam. A previous attempt at establishing this monitoring station ran into technical problems related to the site. These problems have been overcome and construction of the housing structure will begin this coming spring.

An award of an Embrace-A-Stream Grant from National would allow us to acquire the equipment needed for high quality data. The establishment of this station is one of the recommendations made in a report on the Willow River recently published by DNR Water Quality Biologist Ken Schreiber (see related article "Willow River Report Available" on page two). Trout Unlimited National will be making decisions on grant awards in February and March. If we are successful, we will be notified in April.

Southern Wisconsin Chapter Icebreaker Scheduled

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter will hold its' annual trout fishing clinic on January 21, 1995 in McFarland, WI. Jennifer Smith of Bozeman MT and Roger Hill of Fort Collins, CO are featured speakers. There will be raffles, door prizes and clinics on fly tying, entomology and casting.

Contact John Strauss at 608-835-5672 for more information.

MARKET STREAM

by Perry Palin

We never knew John Lund to have a job for pay. He had some indefinite medical ailment or condition that precluded regular employment. John Lund worked at what he could, and his wife Violet paid the bills from her job as head cook at the local school.

I remember seeing John Lund only one time. It was in the late 50's, and I was eight or nine years old. He came into our yard with a shotgun over his shoulder, a fine looking, dark stocked 12 gauge double. I remember a brimmed felt hat, a green daypack, a pipe, and hunter's clothes and shoes on a narrow frame. Not able to work regularly, he split his time between a woodworking shop in his small barn, and hunting, and fishing.

In the 30's and 40's, John Lund had been a market hunter. He shot and sold ruffed grouse to the restaurants in the fancier hotels in Duluth. This was of course illegal, but he worked at what he could. He also sold brook trout, burlap bags of brook trout, to these restaurants.

John Lund had a "joker," which was what you had left when you took the cab and fenders off a truck, and shortened the frame and wheelbase. The original ATV, it could go almost anywhere. The joker was one of his fishing tools. He caught his market trout in an unnamed, unbridged stream some miles to the north. To get to the stream, you left the asphalt for gravel, passed or crossed three streams with trout in them, left the gravel road for a woods trail, crossed another trout stream where it was slow and deep at the head of a beaver meadow, and finally came to the market water. John Lund drove his joker there, using a temporary bridge of four logs on the intervening stream, two for the left and two for the right wheels. He pulled the bridge logs over the stream after he was across.

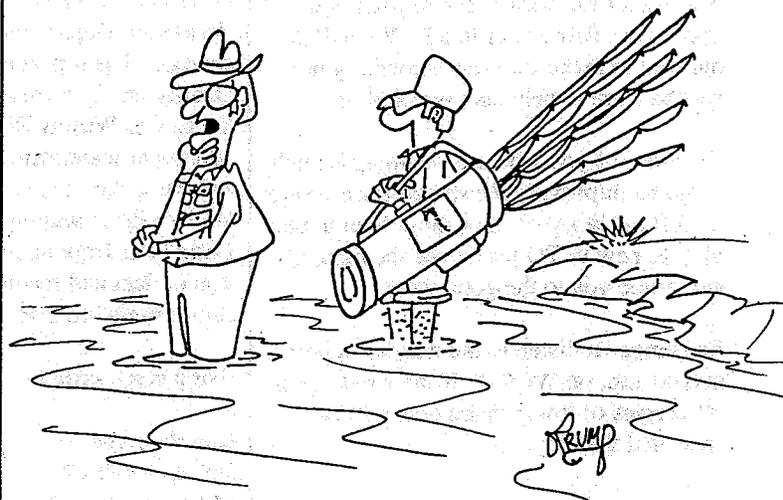
The market stream was small where it ran over stones, but deep and slow in its beaver meadows. Only three miles long, it rose out of a small lake or large spring hole in a bog, and no part of the stream came within a mile of any road. Beavers worked up and down the stream. The dams would slow and deepen the water,

provide habitat for all the things that trout feed on and for the trout themselves, and then break down often enough to flush the silt from the bottom and let the trout move to find spawning gravel.

The water was clear and cold. The trout, about ten inches long, were fat and dark vermilion on their backs, with orange bellies and orange fins with sharp black and white borders. Sometimes a fish would find just the right place to live, or turn early to minnows for feed, or live a year longer than her brothers and sisters, and grow to thirteen inches.

The wet ground had discouraged the loggers. Tamaracks and cedars and spruce grew here. This was habitat for moose, and their broad, splayed tracks wandered through the brush and into the water, where the moose uprooted water lilies. Grouse drummed away from the stream.

John Lund carried the trout home in burlap bags. He is gone now. The slow water is still there, kept up by the generations of beavers. The trout are there, waiting at the end of John Lund's market stream trail.



"Let's see... long cast, kind'a windy...
Better give me a weight-forward in a six."

WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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Dear Trout Unlimited Supporter,

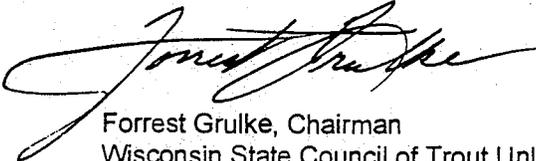
The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited will be holding its 10th Conservation Awards Banquet on Saturday, 28 January 1995. This year's banquet will be at the Oshkosh Hilton located at 1 North Main St., Oshkosh, WI, and will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and will include appetizers, Roast Top Sirloin with a mushroom sauce, Chicken Dijon, and Baked Scrod with Lemon butter, vegetable, rolls, beverage, and a selection of pastries for dessert.

This year's speaker, George Vukelich, author of North County Notebook (volumes 1 & 2) and Fisherman's Beach, will present a discourse entitled "Robert Traver: The Father of Us All." Mr. Vukelich is also a writer for the Wisconsin Outdoor Journal, is a frequent contributor to other publications, and is heard weekly on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Pages From a North Country Notebook."

This event is the Wisconsin State Council's primary fund-raiser and allows the State Council to continue efforts in Wisconsin to protect, restore, and enhance Wisconsin coldwater fisheries resources. There will be door prizes, raffles (including the opportunity to win a beautiful hand-crafted cedar strip canoe), and an auction. This is also an opportunity to recognize individuals that have made significant contributions to Wisconsin coldwater fisheries resources. If that wasn't enough, it is an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other Trout Unlimited supporters, renew old acquaintances, and discuss stories of seasons past and the season yet to come. I encourage all of you to continue your support of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited by attending the 10th Conservation Awards Banquet on Saturday, 28 January 1995.

Ticket prices are \$25.00 per person and may be obtained by completing the form at the bottom of this page, enclosing a check and mailing to Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 291, Menasha, WI 54952 or by calling myself at (414) 739-5155. You won't want to hesitate on this. Those ticket orders postmarked on or before 7 January 1995 will be eligible for the "Early Bird" drawing of a crisp \$100 bill.

I hope to see you in Oshkosh for what should be a truly enjoyable evening.



Forrest Grulke, Chairman
Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited

YES! I WANT TO ATTEND THE 10th WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED CONSERVATION AWARDS BANQUET.

Enclosed is a check (*payable to Trout Unlimited*) in the amount of _____
for _____ tickets at \$25.00 each.

Name: _____
Address: _____

Jim Humphrey thanks the members of Kiap-TU-Wish for the floral tribute to Joyce Humphrey who died at home on November 30.

FISHWORKS

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Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

January 14 and 28

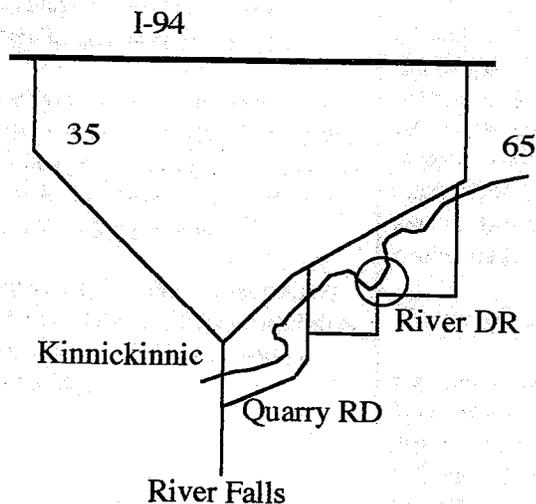
February 10 and 24

March 10 and 24

Starting time is set for 9:00 a.m.

Directions from I-94:

- Take ST HWY 35 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 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.



I WATCHED THE RIVER DIE

By N. Irv. S. Waters

For three years, the fly rods have stood, unattended in the dingy, cold, corner of the basement, buried in their aluminum caskets: two Sages, one Orvis, an ancient Payne. I want to free them and hold them, but the memories stop me. Are they crying for their resurrection, to be released from their tombs, to be able to bend back and forth in the glistening sun, or am I hearing the agonizing moan of the river?

None of us can remember when the river died. There are no marks on a calendar. There was no memorial to honor its life or its death. It just happened. It is not that we didn't fish the river or that we didn't talk about it. Hell, we met every month, and we were still catching a few trout; occasionally, some good ones. We didn't see the symptoms. They were there; the cancer didn't suddenly appear. Were our eyes closed? Were we blind? We started to catch fewer fish. The water warmed up. The river started to stink during the summer dog days. Were we having too much fun talking about past days, tying a few flies, laughing and telling lies with old friends, planning our Christmas party? While we laughed, the river suffocated with a burning fever and open, odoriferous sores. It didn't take the River Physician's stethoscope to hear the dying gasps.

The death of the river. The vision of a river in Hell. The anguish. The fly rods, reminders of the river's death. The mournful memories, haunting me like Dickens' ghosts.

What do the river's apparitions want? What can I possibly do now? They know, and I know that I had my chance and watched the river die, but it's too late. There is nothing I can do. I can't resurrect my actions, just as I can't resurrect the river. Why can't they leave me alone?



From The President:

I would like to thank Jon Jacobs, Karen James and Mike Alwin for coordinating this years annual Christmas banquet.

Also, thanks to everyone who donated items for the silent auction. This year we raised \$1250.00.

Enclosed in this months newsletter is an announcement for this years Wisconsin State Council Awards Banquet in Oshkosh. This is the Councils major fundraising event and a great opportunity to meet anglers from around the state.

And finally, this month we begin another fishworks project on the Kinnickinnic. These projects are always enjoyable and productive. Please see the article elsewhere in the newsletter and plan on attending.

Gary

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**Kiap-TU-Wish
Meeting Schedule**

1995 Meetings

Jan 4: Rob Chambers Kinnickinnic
River Land Trust

Feb 1: To be announced

Mar 1: Business Meeting

Apr 5: Fly Tiers

May 3: Marty Engel WI DNR