

Kiap-TU-Wish News

A THANK-YOU TO A FRIEND OF KIAP-TU-WISH

Jim Humphrey is the kind of tireless worker who makes conservation groups like TU effective. When the Twin Cities chapter needed to get their newsletter on track, Jim stepped in and started cranking out a newsletter which became the standard in When the TC the area. chapter needed a focus for their expanding membership, Jim lobbied for and helped organize a very successful national banquet which has become an annual event. Through his articles in Fly Fisherman Magazine and his personal contacts with anglers Jim has also championed our Upper Midwest trout streams.

He volunteers for our stream projects and even recruits members of the TC chapter to help us in our efforts. (Check out the Chuck Goossen/Jim Humphrey Memorial Bench down on the Parker's Creek section.) But all of this isn't enough for our friend Jim. On our

January workdate he donated a chain saw, complete with bar oil, gas can and related equipment, to Klap-TU-Wish. This generosity is typical of Jim Humphrey, the kind of guy who's always ready to help in any way that he can. Thanks, Jim--we really appreciate it.

-Mike Alwin

CHAPTER ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

Don't forget, next Wednesday is election night at Kiap-TU-Wish. Minnesota's Mike Alwin is up for re-election for his slot on the board of directors, and Craig Mason has been nominated to fill a Wisconsin board slot formerly held by Sam Campbell.

LAST MONTH AT THE SPORTS CLUB

Last month's meeting had to go down as one of our best ever. Gary Sobotta. (continued on reverse)

Meeting Notice

Date:

Wednesday, March 2

Time: Place:

8:00 p.m.

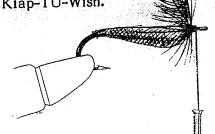
The Sports Club in Midtown Hudson

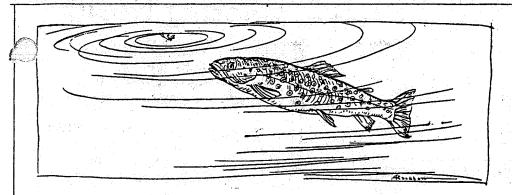
Calgary may have the Olympics, but Kiap-TU-Wish has its annual fly tying night-and this year it has a truly international flavor.

Talented fly-tyers from two continents will be on hand to teach, swap yarns, and even give away free samples. I'll let Dick Frantes (who's no slouch at the fly-tying bench himself) introduce the evening's line-up:

"Multi-talented Dorothy Bergmann of the St. Paul Fly Tiers Club (SPFTC) and the proprietor of the Rodsmith will be tying Cul Decannard. Dr. Luca Inverardi of the SPFTC from Milano, Italy will be tying some of his Dr. Fred Italian favorites. Lounsbury of the Twin Cities Chapter of TU will be tying burnt wing flies. Dick Schwartz of the SPFTC hasn't decided what he will be tying, but Mike Stanton of Kiap-TU-Wish will be tying bass flies."

A talented bartender will also be on hand to mix your favorite beverage from the Sports Club's international collection of ales and So bring your spirits. passport (and your fly-tying vise) and join us for International Fly-Tying Night at Kiap-TU-Wish.





News from the Stream Improvement Front

-by Mike Alwin Our goal at the onset Fishworks '88 was to link up with the Parker's Creek section we worked on in 1986. Since we've been frozen off the river on 3 out of 4 dates this winter, there's a better than even chance we'll fall short of this goal. So we're going to extend Fishworks '88 one more Saturday to April 2nd to make up for the date we've missed by having to invoke the Rule of 20 so many times this winter.

Saturday work dates have also been set for the month of March. They are March 5th and 19th. If we ever get back out on the project be sure to join us. There's plenty for everyone to do and we'll even feed you. Just dress warm, bring

waders and a strong back. And don't forget the coffee.

Kiap-TU-Wish and the Willow River Rod and Gun Club are sharing the lunch duties and the project hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call Mike Alwin (439-8159) or Bob Mitcheil's Fly Shop (770-5854) for directions.

I also want to apologize for inadvertantly omitting Craig Mason's name from the list of workers who helped on the project on January 23rd. This is what being in a permanent vegetative state will do to you. (Editor's note: "permanent vegetative state" is putting it mildly.)

What can I say? Craig was there...hauling away his share of timber and chowing down his share of bratwurst.



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whose knowledge of southeastern Minnesota's trout streams seems to know no bounds, mesmerized the usually tough crowd in the smoke-filled back room of the Sports Club. He brought gorgeous slides and word pictures of southeastern Minnesota's finest streams, and filled us in on some extremely imaginative and ambitious stream improvement projects going on in southeastern Minnesota.

My guess is that a lot of chapter members will now be giving the Kinni a rest at least one weekend this summer so they can sample southeastern Minnesota—and I can think of few people I'd rather bump into on the streams down there than Gary.

MEMBERS SEEM TO LIKE NEW REGULATIONS

To no one's surprise, most chapter members seemed to like the proposed changes in Wisconsin's trout fishing regulations that were discussed at our January meeting. The regulations, among other things, would tailor the bag limit to each individual stream's special circumstances.

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