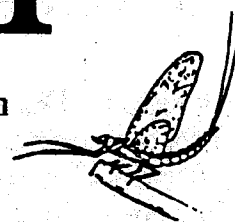


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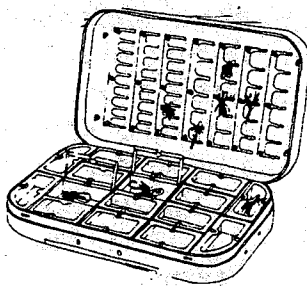
South Fork Project Nearly Complete

A crowd of 29 workers showed up on the picturesque banks of the South Fork of the Willow River for the first day of Fishworks 89. The volunteers cut and hauled brush, pulled out log jams and cut down trees--all the while taking care to preserve in-stream cover. This work is taking place under the supervision of Marty Engel, our area fisheries manager.

Thirteen die-hards reported for duty two weeks later on Feb. 11 for the second day of this project. They cleared out several piles of debris, a couple of brush-covered banks, and a massive beaver cache.

Workers this year have come from Kiap-TU-Wish, the Willow River Rod and Gun Club, Twin Cities TU and the Minnesota FlyFishers. They include Gene Tharp, Ralph Schommer, Al Roy, Mike Reiter, Nancy Yanke, Al Gens, Larry Suennen,

Chuck Magoon, Marty Engel, Perry Thole, John Abrahamson, Sam Campbell, Don Curtis, Jon Jacobs, Mike Alwin, Chuck Goosen, Steve McConaughy, Matt McConaughy, Gary Horvath, Mark Bielke, Ken Hanson, Jim Humphrey, Mike Stanton, John Rose,



Doug Hauge, Brian Lowey, Paul Wright, Craig Mason, Andy Lamberson, Don Holmberg, Mike Kelly, Bill Shogren, Bill Schussler, Dick Schwartz, and Bruce Burns.

So much progress has been made on this project that the last work date will be Saturday, Feb. 25th. We need lots of people in waders or hip boots this time because we're going to clear the north

bank--and that means getting a lot of volunteers across the stream. As always, bring warm clothes, hot coffee, strong backs, and a hand saw or a chain saw. Lunch will be served streamside.

Our intrepid, though clumsy, co-chair slipped off the ice on the last work date and got a thorough dunking. (Editor's note: This co-chair, who is more clumsy than intrepid, is none other than the author of this piece, Mike Alwin.) Many thanks for Sam Campbell for the warm car and to Mike Stanton for the loan of dry clothes. Seems like Jon Jacobs and I are closing in on Chuck's dunking championship.

There is still a possibility of another brushing project on the Kinni in March. Marty Engel is working on that one and will try to have it finalized by the end of the month. Details will be available in March.

--Mike Alwin

Notes From Jon Jacobs

Thank-you to Buzz Sorge, DNR water quality planner for his presentation at the February meeting. As Ted Potvin remarked, without high water quality, restrictive or liberal fishing regulations are meaningless. Buzz did a good job of making us more aware of important local water quality issues.

A special thank-you to long time board member Arlan Ducklow who is retiring after serving three terms on the board, a chapter record.

And thank-you to Clark Duffey who is resigning his position on the board. Clark is heavily involved in another worthy cause, the Boy Scouts, and has found his considerable talents to be spread too thin.

The Redoubtable Dry Fly Dick Frantes is convalescing at home after heart surgery in late January. Dick is recuperating at a pace that apparently satisfied his physician but not him. After all, a man's got to be ready for opening day.

Mike Reiter of the Willow River Rod and Gun Club and the St. Croix County Conservation Congress will be on hand at the March meeting to tell us about the work and workings of the Congress and the all-important spring conservation hearings.

MEETING NOTICE

Our March meeting will feature a little something for everybody: First and foremost, it will feature five of the finest fly-tiers in the Western Hemisphere. None other than Andy Lamberson, Mike Stanton, Jim Kroll, Dorothy Bergmann, and Ken Hanson will be on hand to share some of their favorite ties and reveal their most closely guarded secrets.

So bring your vise and learn at the feet of these master tiers, or just hang around trying to sponge some freebies. Either way, you'll come out ahead.

March is also the time for our annual membership meeting during which two directors are elected to three-year terms. This year we'll also be electing one director to fill out the remaining year in one unexpired term.

We'll also hear reports on the financial condition of the chapter and on its activities over the past year, and committee heads will seek comments regarding what direction our chapter ought to head in the next year. So be sure to come and exercise your franchise.

The directors whose terms are now expiring are Russ Schalk and Arlan Ducklow. Arlan has served three

consecutive three-year terms and has asked not to be nominated for another term. In addition, Clark Duffey has asked to be replaced due to other heavy responsibilities. The nominating committee has nominated Russ Schalk and Andy Lamberson for the three-year terms and Gary Horvath to fill the last year of Clark's term. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**Wed., March 1
8:00p.m.
At the Sports Club
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