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KIAP TU WISH IS MOVING

Kiap TU Wish is moving its' monthly meetings to the JR Ranch Steakhouse in Hudson, effective the upcoming meeting on March 1st. The chapter met at the JR Ranch for 14 years before a fire forced us to new locations. Our previous location, the Hudson House, needed a firm number count for dinner, to efficiently serve us. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide them with this information in advance. The staff at the JR Ranch appears willing to work with us to provide a pleasant experience. Members are encouraged to show up for dinner at 6:30, since this provides the income for the Ranch. As with the Hudson House, a strong showing for dinner will allow the JR Ranch to forgo the cost of the room. The JR Ranch is located just north of interstate 94 (exit 4) across from the 76 truck stop on Hwy 12.

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Wed. Mar. 1
TIME: Dinner at 6:30
Meeting at 8:00
WHERE: JR Ranch

Please join us for dinner and find out what is happening with the chapter at the annual business meeting. Elections for members of the Board of Directors will be held. The nominating committee went back to the well and convinced Chuck Goossen to run for the seat previously held by Jon Jacobs. Skip James will also seek re-election for another term. News on chapter activities will also be discussed, so please join us.

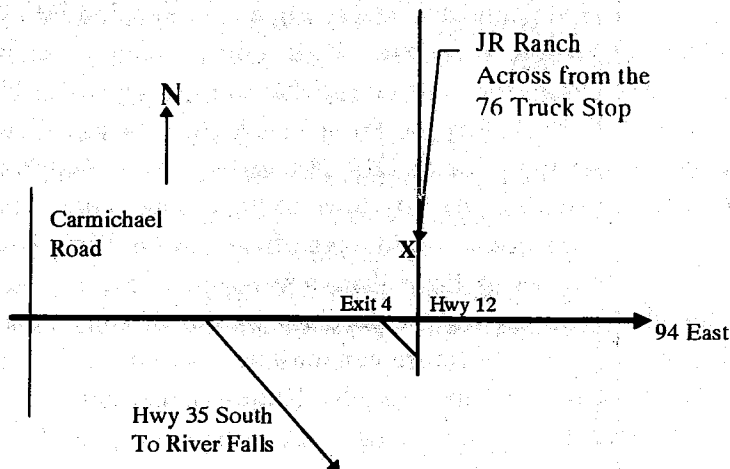
From The President

I would like to take a moment to thank Jon Jacobs for his service to the chapter. Jon has decided to take a break after 8 years of service on the executive council including 3 years as President. I believe that as President, Jon began a course of action on river protection issues, that continues to this day. And while we have accomplished much, the proactive approach started by Jon must continue. There continues to be many issues affecting and threatening our river resources that must be addressed.

However, as with any volunteer organization, issues are many and resources are few. In an effort to make the most of our human resources, I have scheduled a special meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss ways of including more members in our activities. All members who would like to become more active in chapter business and in conservation issues, are encouraged to attend. My hope is to form working groups on various issues affecting our local streams. The feasibility and structure of these groups will be the major topic of this meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 26th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the M & I Bank in River Falls. The Bank is located at 103 South 2nd St. in River Falls. If you plan on attending or are interested in participating but cannot attend the meeting, please call me at 715-425-8489.

Gary

Map to JR Ranch

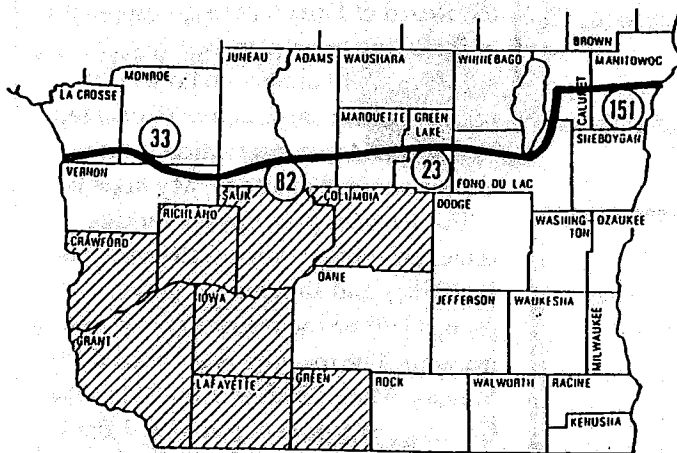


Southern Trout Zone Proposed

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing an April 1st opener to the trout season for the southern third of the state. Among others, the counties affected are Dane, Vernon, Sheboygan and the old early season counties. Regulations for this zone would be, no harvest (catch and release) with artificials only and barbless hooks. These regulations would be in affect until the general opener in May when the streams would revert back to the current regulations listed in the trout regulation manual.

It is too late to get this proposal on the agenda for the spring Conservation Congress hearings, so separate meetings will be scheduled in May and June for the cities of Dodgeville, LaCrosse, Madison, Milwaukee and possibly Prairie du Chien. If approved, the date this would take affect would be April 1, 1996.

On a related note, the April 1 opener on the Willow River will be discussed at the spring Conservation Congress hearings in April. If enacted this too would take affect on April 1, 1996.



Proposed Southern Trout Zone: The proposed southern trout zone waters are located *south* of the highway boundary line shown on this map.

 Old Early Season Counties

St. Croix Watershed Network Meetings Scheduled

There will be a series of meetings to discuss the state of the St. Croix watershed and the outlook for it's future. The meetings start at 6:00. You are encouraged to bring a snack to share, and the Network provides beverages.

The goal of the St. Croix Watershed Network is to bring people together to create a cooperative vision among all citizens of the watershed who are interested in and concerned about its well-being and enhancement. If you plan on attending please call Alexis Adams at 612-333-5424 for more information. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, March 7 at the Balsam Lake Municipal Building, 404 Main, Balsam Lake. Call 715-485-3424 for directions.

Tuesday, March 28 at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church on County Road 9 & Lindeke Ave (off Highway 8) in Center City, MN. Call 612-257-6300 for directions.

Tuesday, April 18 at the Edwin J. Cashman Conference Center located in the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, 1019 S. Knowles, New Richmond, WI. Call 715-246-6561 for directions.

Willow River State Park Expands

The State of Wisconsin has purchased 80+ acres of land from Mrs. Marie Rude for inclusion into the Willow River State Park. This land purchase encompasses the Willow and Race branches of the Willow River below the Trout Brook Road bridges. The selling price of \$236,500 reflects Mrs. Rude's desire to keep the property open to the public, since it is likely developers would have offered more. Mrs. Rude and her family have always welcomed anglers onto their property and the purchase by the DNR will ensure access for future generations. The Kiap TU Wish Chapter applauds Mrs. Rude's vision and conservation ethic.

Gary

Skip's Loose Threads

Parachute hackled flies are in vogue these days. Some avoid tying them because they think the technique's difficult, others out of attachment to classic Catskill patterns. If you haven't tied parachutes, you should. They offer a different silhouette that will extend your options when you meet a finicky trout.

The rule of thumb for sizing conventional hackle is to select a feather with barbs approximately one and a half to two times the gap of the hook. A parachute hackle tied on a standard shank hook with this length of fiber will mask the outline of the fly. After all, a parachute hackle is to represent legs on an insect. A more realistic proportion would be feather barbs that equal the hook gap. This makes an appealing looking fly, floats properly, and doesn't turn off the fish with an overly broad light pattern on the surface.

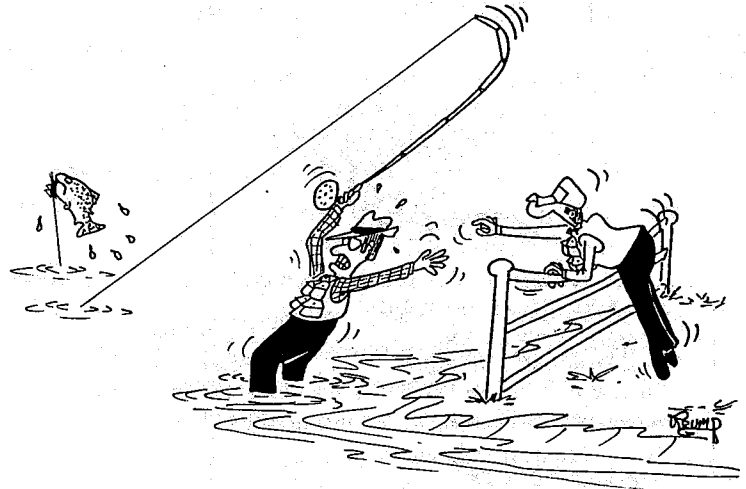
A man came into the flyshop last Saturday asking for a gallows tool, that contraption of springs and wire that holds wings in place while wrapping a parachute hackle. We didn't have one to sell him, but I told him that he really didn't need that tool, and proceeded to teach him how to wind parachute hackles without either a gallows tool or a stiff post.

The secret is in the shape described by your hand pressure as you wind. Visualize a circle of about three inches in diameter, folded in half. You drape the folded circle over the top of the hook shank. After tying in the butt of the hackle feather, and attaching hackle pliers to its tip, follow the edge of the visualized circle. You will be making sort of a saddle shape, pulling down in an arc on your side and the back side of the fly, only raising your hackle pliers enough to clear the hook shank at tail and eye. This puts successive turns of hackle underneath preceeding ones, and almost no side pressure on wings. You may have to hold the wings for the first turn, but that's all. You do have to change hands for each half turn. The hand not holding the hackle pliers holds the wing. Don't pull too hard!

Tie off the hackle at the eye with wraps of thread that are wound in a plane about 30 degrees

from horizontal. That way, only the hackle stem is bound down, not all those fibers you worked so hard to wind. A whip finisher in the same plane finishes the fly. A little practice, and you'll be turning out scores of beautiful parachutes.

Next month: non metallic beads for flytying



TAG-TEAM FISHING FOR TROUT

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FISHWORKS '95 Update

Due to cold weather, our last Fishworks outing had to be cancelled. 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. However, with March just around the corner we should expect better weather for our remaining work days.

Scheduled work hours are from 9:00 to 3:00. Please mark your calendars for these remaining dates:

February 25

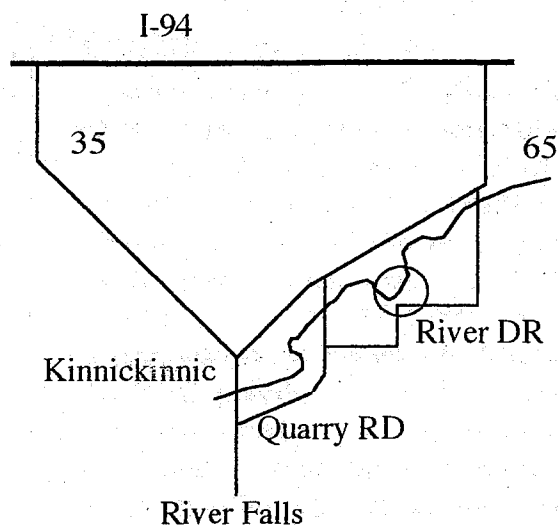
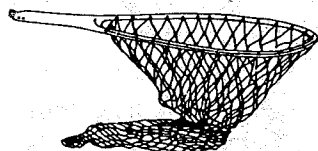
March 11 and 25

See you there!!!

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Directions to Fishworks:

- From I-94 take ST HWY 35 South
- 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. 3/4mi. to RIVER DR
- Turn LEFT on RIVER DR to work area.



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1995 Meeting Schedule

Mar 1: Business Meeting
Apr 5: Fly Tiers
May 3: Marty Engel WI DNR