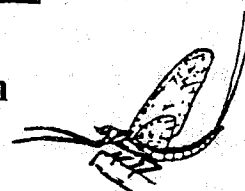




RIP-RAP

Restoration, Improvement and Preservation
Through Research and Projects



Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter, Trout Unlimited

May 1990

CHAPTER NEWS & NOTES

ELECTROFISHING NOTES

A hardy group of chapter members lent a hand last week with an electrofishing project currently underway on the lower Kinni.

When all was said and done, the survey turned up respectable trout populations on the lower Kinni-- about 2,000 to 3,000 fish per mile. Still, area fish manager Marty Engel was said to be "surprised" by the lack of large (17" to 20") fish in the survey. The largest fish measured last Monday was 15". Other fish of note that were recorded included one green sunfish, shivering in the cold water, and several lampreys. (Luckily, it's a benign variety of these creatures that lives in the Kinni)

The average size found Monday was in the 8"-10" range. All things considered, the river seems to be in pretty good shape for this time of year. The shocking crew did, however, note quite a bit of flood damage in the Rocky Run section of the river. One bystander also stopped to complain about water level fluctuations caused by the upstream dam--something chapter members have also been grumbling about over the years.

A similar survey on the Willow turned up a 24" brown trout and a four pound largemouth which were living in close proximity. A nice population of rainbows was also found in the Race, as well as a small population of brook trout.

IVAN SCHLOFF DONATES ROD

Dr. Ivan Schloff has donated to Kiap-TU-Wish an unfished 8 foot, 4 weight Spittler Quadrate split cane rod. The rod is a two-piece rod, and it has been donated with the provision that any money generated from its sale be used on Willow/Race projects.

This rod is a work of art--and Ivan reports that many collectors are vying for Spittler rods. Kiap-TU-Wish's board will soon be meeting behind shuttered doors to contemplate how to take advantage of this very generous gift.

HELP NEEDED FOR FISHING CLINIC

Mike Stanton is badly in need of help if we're going to continue
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MAY MEETING NOTICE

When: Wed., May 2 8:00 p.m.
Where: Act 2 in Hudson, Wisc.

Kiap-TU-Wish member Orv Engen will share with us his experiences on a "do-it-yourself" Alaska trip that he took in August 1988 to the Deshka River north of Anchorage. Those of us who have the pleasure of knowing Orv know that his slides and commentary will make a great show. Be there or be square.

Meeting attendance has picked up quite nicely this year with our move to Act 2. However, we are mystified over the lack of folks who show up before the meeting to take advantage of the restaurant's moderate prices and generous portions of fine foods. Just to show our appreciation to Act 2, we're hoping to pack the place with hungry chapter members before this, our last regular meeting of the spring. Remember, this will be your last chance to socialize before our summer hiatus--and also a good time to gorge yourself in anticipation of a strenuous opening day.

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our commitment to holding a fishing clinic this year at Willow River State Park.

This year's clinic would be held on Sunday, June 3. Mike has run this show very admirably for two years and is now heavily committed to both other conservation causes and a very heavy workload at his job. If you'd like to do the right thing and help Mike, give him a ring at (612)464-1785 or call Jon Jacobs at (612)872-0333 (w) or (715)386-7822 (h).

KIAP-TU-WISH GETS PRESS COVERAGE

Thanks to Andy Lamberson, Kiap-TU-Wish's winter project on the upper Kinni received extensive coverage in the Hudson *Star-Observer's* April 12 edition. Two separate articles appeared, one of them on page one of the sports section.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Recently ten members took advantage of Kiap-TU-Wish's fabulous three years for \$50.00 membership offer. But the majority of them have still not collected on one of the free perks we offer with this special membership--a free six pack of flies.

To collect your flies, or for more information on this generous offer, call Andy Lamberson at (715)386-7568 or Dick Frantes at (612)457-5979.

ERIC CLAPTON UPDATE

We have received much positive feedback from the chapter on our invitation to British Rock 'n Roller Eric Clapton. (You may recall we offered to put him up for three days and take him fishing on the Kinni.) Perhaps the most gratifying response was from Dick Frantes, who volunteered to serve on the welcoming committee.

We're sure a reply from Mr. Clapton is in the mail, and we'll update you this fall when the **RIP-RAP** resumes publication. Until then, have a great summer.

CARDS WANTED

Chapter member Shirley Gates is struggling through chemotherapy this month and will miss her first opening day in heaven knows how long. So let's all drop her a card and let her know how we do on opening day.

Send your cards to:

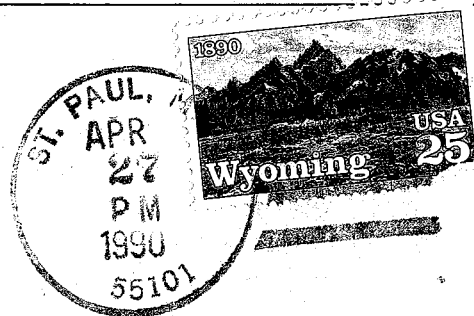
Shirley Gates
8473 N. Meadow Lake Rd.
New Hope, MN 55428

Get well, Shirley!

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HUDSON, WISC.



Annual Fall Stocking in the Willow

Last week chapter members helped stock some 10,500 brown trout fingerlings into the Race and the main branch of the Willow River. The fingerlings were a bit on the small size, averaging about 26 to 28 per pound.

Chuck Goosen says these fingerlings are reared from eggs taken from wild brood stock captured in Western Wisconsin--so they are the closest thing to native trout you can get.

Ken Manthey Passes Away

Vern Alberts reports that long-time chapter member Ken Manthey of St. Paul passed away recently after a long illness. Vern says Ken was also a member of the St. Paul Fly-Tiers and did most of his fishing on the Kinni and Willow.

New Newsletter Editor Sought

Kiap-TU-Wish is looking for someone to replace the insufferable Brian Lowey as newsletter editor. Qualities needed include a love for the written word and an ability to meet deadlines. Latent masochistic tendencies are helpful.

Editing a newsletter is a great way to break into journalism, since most publications will not even *talk* with new writers unless they've published their work elsewhere. If you're interested, call Jon Jacobs (715-386-7822) or Brian Lowey (612-430-1758).

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Day: Wed., Oct. 3

Where: Act. 2 in downtown Hudson, Wisc.

Take A Vacation With Bob!

Attention armchair travelers: This month Bob Mitchell will bring us along with him as he fishes the famous Bighorn River. Bob's slides and fishing tales are always a favorite of chapter members. And before the meeting, why not join us for dinner? We usually start eating at about 6:45.