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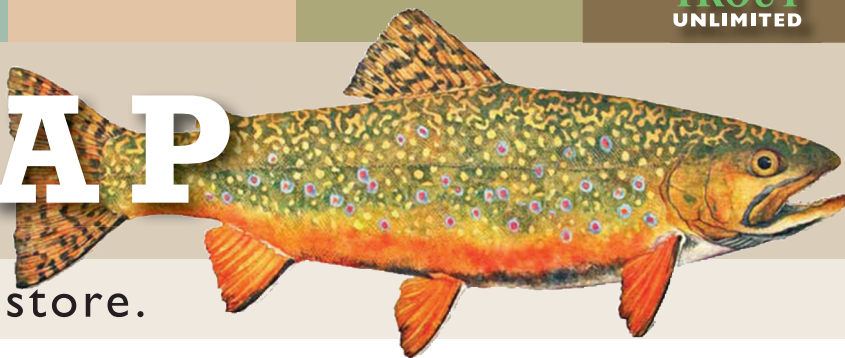
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# RIP RAP

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A MOSTLY MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

## The Drift: Words from our President.

The last day of tree and brush cutting for the winter took place on April 6 on Parker Creek. A week earlier, work finished on the Trimble. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and energy. A big Thank You also to Randy Arnold for organizing the work days and providing hot dogs and cookies. Burning the waste wood this year will save the DNR some costly time and it also provided enjoyable lunch breaks.

### Web Site

We need a Kiap member to take over maintaining our web site. Greg Meyer created the topnotch site and has been maintaining it for a few years, but family and career responsibilities will force him to retire from the site. If you have the skill, interest, and time to take over please let Greg or myself know.

### Equipment needed and volunteers needed!

More opportunities keep cropping up to involve youth. We could use waders, rods & reels with line, etc. as well as volunteers. Kiap member Garret Wenzel plans to teach a fly fishing class at his school. Equipment may be dropped off at the fly shop in Lake Elmo.

We will again help host a field trip at Pine Creek for middle school stu-

dents....some classroom stuff in the American Legion building plus some time in the creek looking at invertebrates. One or two more volunteers may be needed for this; Hans Jung has already created a power point show.... contact Hans or myself if you can help. Board member **Greg Olson** is working with a fifth grade teacher to establish a Trout in the Classroom program starting next fall. On May 30 at Meyer Middle School in River Falls there will be a field day; we plan to teach about 20 students a few rudiments regarding stream evaluation. **Volunteers needed;** contact Hans Jung or Tom Henderson.

The annual fly fishing clinic at Glenn Park in River Falls will be held on June 7. We need a few volunteers for one-on-one help in the water. Con-

tact Bob Diesch if you are available.

### Next meeting

The May 7 meeting will be held at Winzer Stube in downtown Hudson. Marty Engel of the DNR will talk about various issues, including some proposed changes to the trout season in future years. This will be the last meeting until September.

### Programs for next year

I need to begin planning programs for meetings next year. Ideas wanted. Let me know what topics(s) you would like to have included and I will try to find someone to present it. Better yet, do you know of a particularly good speaker?

Enough said.

~Tom Henderson

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*Painting by Greg Meyer adapted from photo of Maria & Cricket by Scott Thorpe*

**"FISHING BUDDIES "**



# [Cricket]

[ WORDS BY Maria Manion ]

PEOPLE OFTEN ASK “WHO DO YOU FISH WITH?” Well, I fish with my husband and friends, but in truth, I prefer to fish alone with my Labrador retriever because I’m unbelievably good when no one but him is around to see it. I choose the right flies, I make perfect casts, double-haul when possible, and bring fish to net or hand with grace. One afternoon I broke my rod and managed, with four feet of graphite and two guides, to cast a Parachute Adams and catch a few brown trout. That was a Sporting Classics moment for me, with the exception of the story’s protagonist as a middle-aged woman instead of a young boy. But if anyone is watching, it all goes to hell, quickly — which is why my most memorable fishing experiences have usually involved just me and my lab, Cricket, who sat patiently and witnessed all of my best moments on the stream.

A couple summers ago, we walked to a pretty stretch of the Rush that’s changed over the years. Once a fast riffle leading into a deep pool, this section is now largely an extension of the river’s shallow, glassy area above. It is quiet here, and there’s a flat-topped rock in the middle of the river that’s a suitable bench for luncheon. On the rock, Cricket nosed my vest for Milkbones and I nibbled on slightly warm cheese curds while watching for fish to rise in the smoothest of water upstream.

Only one fish was rising & dimpling, more like. Suspended some inches below the surface, the trout ascended, nonchalantly, to slurp up a morsel he’d had time to study.

Hooking a fish on a dry fly in the glassiest of water is a thrill and a gamble. I usually get one, maybe two casts, before it’s over. Much of the time I walk away from those wily trout, either because I scared the bejaysus out of them with my cast or line or fly, or because they remained unconvinced that anything I showed them was worth the effort. When they take it, though, the eruption of still water emphasizes the instant, like an exclamation point or fanfare.

The single fish continued to rise, so I tucked away the remainder of the curds, eased off the rock while stripping line from my reel and decided that even a cast on the opposite side of the stream from the fish — to help gage the distance — was too much a risk. I had to do it. I had to take a chance on one cast, almost straight upstream, to one fish who had the ability to see any bit of shadow or fly line or odd occurrence and dart away. So I single-hauled a false cast; the fish stayed. I single-hauled a second cast; still the fish stayed. Then, on my last cast, as the fly descended to the water, I moved my

## Fly Fishing

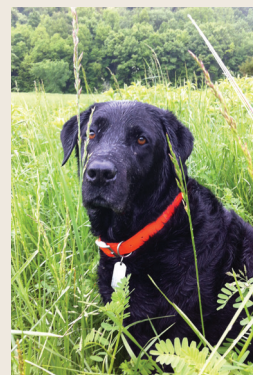
Look, like a village queen of May, the stream  
Dances her best before the holiday sun,  
And still with musical laugh goes tripping on  
Over those golden sands, which brighter gleam  
To watch her pale-green kirtle flashing fleet  
Above them, and her tinkling silver feet,  
That ripple melodies : quick! - yon circling rise  
In the calm reflue of this gay cascade  
Mark’d an old trout, who shuns the sunny skies,  
And, nightly prowler, loves the hazel shade:  
Well thrown! - you hold him bravely, - off he speeds,  
Now up, now down, - now madly darts about!  
Mind, mind your line among those flowering reeds, -  
How the rod bends! - and hail, thou noble trout.

~ Martin Farquhar Tupper

rod tip to the left to drop the majority of line to the side of the fish and fly. The fly drifted near the fish.

I couldn’t believe it. The blessed fish sucked in the fly.

I gasped, shouted “Cricket” as a second sort of gasp, and he splashed off the rock as a third sort of gasp. We stood side by side, line curling around our legs, the little fish in the net with my Jacob’s Special fly in his mouth. Cricket’s tail wagged furiously while he looked at me with those golden-amber eyes. “Wow, you’re the best of anglers,” he seemed to say. It was the best of moments.



Maria’s bud— Cricket R.I.P.

### { ABOUT THE AUTHOR }

Maria Manion, is a long-time Kiap-TU-Wish chapter member and new board member for the chapter. Maria will be taking over the RipRap editing responsibilities next fall. She can often be seen helping on worksite projects and a local stream near you.

## Rumours . . .

"I have many loves and Fly-Fishing is one of them; it brings peace and harmony to my being, which I can then pass on to others."

~Sue Kreutzer



Margret LeBien giving instruction to youth at last year's clinic.

## Fly Fishing Clinic—Call for Volunteers

Our annual fly fishing clinic is coming up June 7th where we team with the City of River Falls and bring our interest in conservation and fly fishing to the public through education. Last year was a great success and very appreciated by the attendees. It happened because of great volunteerism from chapter members. As the organizer of the even, I would like to ask for some help once again. It takes a good number of people to make it happen. The following agenda points out the areas that require help:

To date, the agenda and work assignments are as follows:

**10:00-10:15** Basic fly fishing introduction (volunteer needed)

**10:15-11:00** What trout eat: a brief course in entomology: (volunteer needed)

**11:00-12:00** Rods, Rigging, and Flies (volunteer needed)

**12:00-1:00** Lunch and mentoring discussions

**1:00-1:30** Introduction to fly casting Bob Diesch

**1:30-2:30** One-on-one fly casting instruction (volunteers needed)

**2:30-4:00** Fishing for trout on the Kinnickinnic with mentoring All as mentors (volunteer needed)

To be successful, two things need to happen: We need to have good discussion as the topics are presented and we need a group of mentors to provide expertise throughout the day. I would like to ask for your help. It would be great if we had eight or more volunteers. If you have an interest and want to discuss how you may help, please get in touch.

**Bob Diesch**

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I would like to thank the St. Paul Fly Tiers who worked through noise, dim lighting, crowds and organizational chaos to provide a tremendous demonstration of their collective fly tying skills at the annual Dry Fly Dick Frantes Memorial Fly Tying Meeting held in early April. In attendance to demonstrate their magic with fur, feathers, steel and thread were scheduled tiers Josh Alters, Bob Anderson, Joel Ebbers, Andy Fiskness, Greg Meyer and Tony Stifter. Putting in surprising and very pleasing guest appearances were Bill Spiess and Dick Schwartz. Additionally, we had Jim Kojis, a charter member of the chapter who recently saw the light and rejoined tying flies. The cacophony in the room precluded the proper introduction of these fine fellows. If you run into any of them astream or at a fly shop, please extend your personal thanks to them.

~Jonathan Jacobs



# Kinnickinnic River Dam Re-licensing.

In August of last year, the City of River Falls filed their intent to re-license their hydropower facility on the Kinnickinnic River in Pierce County, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The re-licensing process is the regimented, systematic process you might expect from a large Federal agency and proceeds over a five-year period. The City's current permit expires in 2018. On November 27th, the City released the required Pre-Application Document (PAD) describing the project and the proposed re-licensing plan to interested parties.

The first major milestone of the re-licensing process is the "first stage consultation" with the public, which kicked off March 24th at City Hall. At this stage oral testimony was taken by City Officials on concerns surrounding the project and to hear proposals on what studies or data are required for consideration during the decision making process. An overflow crowd

filled the chamber offering concerns on issues surrounding the dams and their impacts to the river. The City's facility consists of two dams on the river, the upper or Junction Falls dam and the lower Powell dam. These structures form two impoundments, Lake George and Lake Louise respectively, which together have a documented negative temperature impact on the lower river. This conclusion is based on monitoring performed for over 20 years by chapter member Kent Johnson. At the hearing Kent outlined chapter concerns around temperature and other water quality parameters, while suggesting the types of study needed to make an informed decision on re-licensing. Other speakers such as resident Mike Page spoke eloquently on the potential for restoration of the natural falls while former City Councilman Hal Watson questioned the economics of the facility.

The "first stage consultation" concludes May 23rd, which is the deadline to submit written comments on the pre-application document

## *Did You Know?*

Once every 30 years we get a chance to speak our minds to government officials about the dams and the health of the Kinnickinnic River.

and the scope and breadth of the necessary studies for relicensing to FERC and the City. Chapter members and other friends of the river are encouraged to submit their written comments before that date. Please note that when considering re-licensing, FERC is trying to balance the economic, ecological and recreational components of the project. Comments should therefore focus on what the recreational value of the river means to you, and describe the costs of a degraded or lost lower Kinni. Provide your comments in a clear rational manner and try to avoid emotional screeds.

You are encouraged to file your comments electronically via the FERC eComment portal found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. A copy of your comments can also be sent to Ray French with the City of River Falls at [rfrench@rfcity.org](mailto:rfrench@rfcity.org). Correspondence should reference the River Falls Hydroelectric Project, Project #P-10489.

An Ad-Hoc group called "Friends of the Kinni" has been formed to advocate on behalf of the river. The group maintains a website and Facebook page where you can get current information about the re-licensing. Please consider adding your voice to this important issue.

~ Gary Horvath



Upper Junction Falls Dam on the Kinnickinnic

## b smo's lil' brookie

This 3" brook trout inspired streamer is based off of Dave Pinczkowski's "Bad Hair Day." I haven't fished a whole lot of larger flies for trout yet, but this one definitely makes me want to put in some time in learning how. The craft fur body is super light and moves like crazy in the water. The long tube allows you to rig this fly with a hook secured at the back by pulling the eye of the hook up into the tube which should take care of those pesky short strikes without the use of a super long shanked hook or the need to add a stinger hook. I plan on fishing this with a floating line, a Fast Sink Airflo Polyleader, and some fluorocarbon tippet.



### FLY RECIPE:

**Base :** 1.8mm Heritage Angling Euro Tube – Clear

**Tail :** Olive Craft Fur

**Body :** Dark Olive Craft Fur mixed with Copper Wing N' Flash

**Collar :** A mixture of Burnt Orange Craft Fur and Bright Orange Craft Fur

**Head :** A mixture of Dark Olive Craft Fur and White Craft Fur

### INSTRUCTIONS:

[1] This tube fly is tied on a clear 1.8mm tube about 1.4" long with the ends on the tube melted slightly with a flame. This flares the ends of the tube and helps prevent the thread from slipping off the end when finishing the fly. The entire fly is tied with 5 layers of craft fur, all cut to the same length as the tube.

[2] Cover the tube with thread wraps from the front of the tube back to the halfway point, and then wrap the thread forward 1-2 turns.

[3] Lay the first clump of craft fur (olive) on top of the tube with the butt end of the material just past the midpoint of the tube and the tips facing the rear of the fly. Loosely secure with two thread wraps and roll the material around tube until it is evenly distributed.

[4] Make few tight wraps around the tail clump and wrap thread forward covering the ends of the craft fur. There now should be approximately a half inch of thread covered tube left in front of the tail. The rest of the materials tied into this fly will be tied in reverse (butt ends of materials facing the back end of the fly with the tips going forward to the head of the fly).

[5] Tie down a few strands of Wing N' Flash and at the same tie in point lay down the next layer of craft fur (dark olive). Roll craft fur around the tube, secure with a few tight wraps. Then push the clump of craft fur back and make several wraps in front, making sure to wrap tightly up against the craft fur without wrapping directly on top of the fur.

[6] Advance the thread to about 1/8" in front of where the previous clump was tied down and add another layer of flash and dark olive craft fur.

[7] The next layer is the brightly colored wing or collar. Advance the thread again and tied down a small amount of the bright orange fur. Then cover with a full clump of the burnt orange craft fur.

[8] The final layer of craft fur is similar to the previous one with a small amount of white layer down first, then a larger clump of the dark olive. When these two tone layers are "reversed", the lighter brighter layer acts as a highlight for the darker fuller layer.

**Brian Smolinski is the owner of Lund's Fly Shop in River Falls. If you have questions on this fly or materials, he can be reached by email at: [lunds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lunds@sbcglobal.net).**

## *Something Overheard...*

"Something to think about: If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly."

~John Gierach

### ERRATA:

OK, so I messed up in last month's issue. Brian's "shop lackey," Eli, actually tied up the "Eli's Spring Stone Hammer." Even though Brian told me a bunch of times to make sure to include a paragraph on Eli, I forgot. Sorry bud, shit happens. Good fly.

# Twin Cities Carp Fly Fishing Tournament to benefit TU.

**June 20 @ 7:00 pm - June 21 @ 9:00 pm | \$25**

Where? Lake Hiawatha, Lake Nokomis, Lake Harriet, Lake Calhoun, Lake of the Isles, Cedar Lake, The Mississippi River from 8th Ave down to the 35E bridge and Minnehaha Creek. Any small ponds, tributaries, drainage ditches and other carp holding water within site of these bodies of water are also fair game. **FINAL BOUNDARIES HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED SO PLEASE CHECK BACK.**

## Event Schedule:

**June 20th, 7pm – Kickoff meeting – Mend Provisions**

Registration and payment can be made ONLINE soon. Please check back in a few days for the online registration page. We will also take cash payment for registrants at the Friday night kickoff. There will be a presentation by Dan Frasier of CarpPro magazine and also a talk by Trout Unlimited on Friday night.

**June 21st, 8am – Tournament Start.** Anglers **MUST** be present at Lake Hiawatha Beach on Saturday morning in order to get their numbers and tournament packets.

**June 21st 6pm – Tournament Ends.** Anglers must be present at the Hexagon Bar at 6pm sharp in order for their fish to be included.

## General Info:

Cost per participant is \$25 (pay on Friday Night or Saturday morning, all proceeds go to Trout Unlimited)

- Fly Fishing Only!
- Every man, woman, and child for themselves!
- Barbless Hooks Only
- Boats are permitted

Each angler will get a number in their tournament packets on Saturday morning. When a fish is landed, the angler must take a picture of the fish with the number present in the picture, measure and weigh the fish.



Anglers must provide their own digital camera and scale. If a scale is not available a tape measure of the length and girth of the fish must be taken to estimate the weight of the fish.

These rules and regulations were developed very hastily and may change by June 21st 2014.

## Visit the web site at:

**<http://isthmusflyfishing.com/event/carpicide-2014>**

**Please call Jared @ 608-335-8837 with questions.**





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Welcome new members:

<b>Ted Beyer</b>	Hudson, WI
<b>Bob Ebert</b>	River Falls, WI
<b>Joe Kaplan</b>	Hudson, WI
<b>Mike Moller</b>	Hudson, WI
<b>Luke Owens</b>	Hudson, WI

Check us out on the web:  
[www.kiaptuwish.org](http://www.kiaptuwish.org)

## DON'T MISS THE MAY MEETING!

Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
Winzer Stube Restaurant  
Downtown Hudson

Dinner begins at 6pm (your dime)  
with the meeting to follow at 7pm.

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter meetings are  
held the first Wednesday of the month—  
September through May.

Bring your questions for WI DNR Fisheries  
Biologist Marty Engel on the state of our cold-  
water fisheries in western Wisconsin, trout  
fishing regulations and other related informa-  
tion important to you.



### Marty Engel of Wisconsin DNR

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There will be a brief report on the Trimbelle and other restoration projects, and a chance to talk over fishing stories and fishing plans for the summer.

### Are you on our e-mail list?

If you are not on our email list, you may be missing out on important information that can't possibly be covered in RipRap in a timely manner. We often send out information on environmental call-to-action, volunteer work days, and meeting updates. Contact us at [kiaptuwish@hotmail.com](mailto:kiaptuwish@hotmail.com) to be added. Please indicate if you'd like to be added to the general list, volunteer works days, or both.