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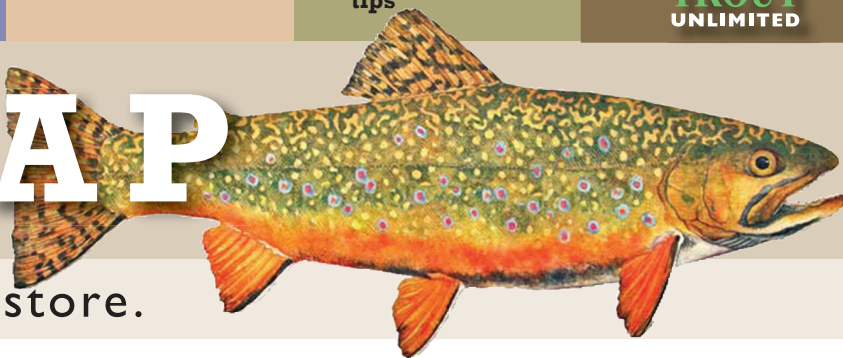
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RIP RAP

Conserve. Protect. Restore.



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

Holiday Conservation Banquet

DATE:

Thursday Dec. 5th, 2013

PLACE:

LAKE ELMO INN EVENT CTR.
3712 Layton Avenue, North
(Hwy. 5), Lake Elmo

TIME:

5:30 PM | Doors open, socializing, cash bar, silent auction bidding and bucket raffle

7:00 PM | Dinner plated and served at your table

COST:

\$45.00 per person;
"Walk-ups" or late reservations
will be \$60.00

Reservations for the banquet will
be taken at BOB MITCHELL'S FLY
SHOP: 651.770.58

or online at:

<http://tuholidaybanquet.splashthat.com>

Reservation Deadline:

Noon, Monday, December 2.

It's just around the corner . . .

The last issue of "Rip Rap" provided some general information about this year's upcoming banquet. The banquet committee has been working hard to bring you another LOVELY and FESTIVE evening! Read on for a summary of banquet details, including how to register.

We think you will thoroughly enjoy our guest speaker for the evening's program. He is the highly acclaimed Duke Welter, whose list of national, state and local TU credentials are too long to list here. You will be immensely entertained and informed by Duke's presentation!

This "Conservation" Banquet is our most important fund-raising event of the year, and this year's bucket raffle and silent auction promise to be fabulous. A wide array of items, with something for everyone, will be available for you to bid on, including another gourmet cabin lunch with private fishing access from Judy Lutter, and a guided trip from the Hayward Fly Shop; pottery, art, and lots of fly fishing stuff!

You may drop-off donated items at **Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop**. We're particularly interested in your unused fly tying materials.



When you reserve, please indicate your choice of entrée:

Limoncello Chicken

(Tender breast of chicken, sautéed and served with limoncello butter, macadamia nuts, and candied lemon zest.)

Top Sirloin Steak

(10 oz. choice steer with sautéed mushrooms.)

Salmon Ravida

(Fresh herbs and shallots top this fillet along with Ravida Estates extra-virgin olive oil.)

**All dinners come with a first-course dinner salad, rosemary roasted baby red potatoes, fresh vegetable medley; rolls & butter; coffee and tea. The cash bar will be available all evening.*

PLEASE NOTE: Cash or check only We can't accept credit cards, however, an ATM machine is on site for your convenience.

So, don't wait . . . make your reservation NOW!

~Deb Alwin

Did You Know?

Our Annual Holiday Banquet generates approximately HALF of Kiap's yearly operating budget, typically raising between \$4,000 and \$5,000 dollars. The other half comes from our Hap Lutter Memorial Spring Appeal fund raising campaign and private donations.



Culverts such as this affect fisheries in our area—and need to be replaced.

{ WORDS } Tom Henderson

The Drift: Words from our President.

Volunteers finished Phase I of the restoration project at HwyW on the Trimble by seeding and mulching the corridor in mid-September. It is a beautiful stretch of water, with a few deep pools. Check it out!

Amery Meeting

In addition to the regular meeting on October 2, there was a special meeting at the Village Pizzeria in Amery on Sept 30. Of the 19 people that attended the meeting, roughly half were current members of TU.

The purpose for the meeting was to gage local interest for doing a stream improvement project. The meeting format was similar to other meetings, including flies tied by Perry Palin for the Dick Frantes Memorial door prizes. John Carlson made all arrangements for the meeting including speaker Aaron Cole, DNR fisheries biologist for the area.

Cole described the results of shocking some of the streams in Barron and Polk counties. A few have surprisingly large numbers of trout per mile; most of those are in Barron county.

There was a lively discussion about Parker Creek (no relation to the Parker in St. Croix county) an Apple River trib—a once an excellent brook trout stream. Two major problems

were described: beavers that have dammed the stream, and a culvert that seems to be undersized and perched. A few people indicated that they would like to do some volunteer work to improve Parker.

As a result, John Carlson and Gary Horvath met with township officials to discuss culvert replacement. The township would like to see the project go forward, and are developing engineering standards.

Another meeting is scheduled at the culvert site with Amy Cronk of the Spooner DNR office. Stay tuned—there are some enthusiastic people in the Amery area!

Fishing prospects

Trout season is done in our area, until SE Minnesota streams reopen on New Years' Day. The rules have changed. All trout streams in the five counties will be open (catch and release) instead of the short list of 32 streams. Wisconsin streams re-open in March (catch and release). See official DNR literature for details in each state.

November meeting

Robert Hawkins will speak at our meeting on November 6, about fishing various streams in Montana. There are several good ones between Billings and Bozeman where he lived

and guided for several years. Bozeman is an hour and ten minutes further from here than Fort Smith and the Big Horn. Many streams can be waded; no need for a drift boat. Robert may also be able to answer questions about Simms products since he worked in the Simms facility in Bozeman for a while. If he could only tell me how to permanently patch my waders.....

Bob Smith's is being remodeled.

At this time, we do not know how well the new layout will work for our meetings. They were able to accommodate us for the October meeting, and we still plan to meet there as usual on November 6.

Calendar

Due to the banquet scheduled for Thursday December 5, there will be no chapter meeting that month. The January meeting will be on the second Wednesday instead of New Year's day.

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To Do list for the next couple of months: Clean and store rods and reels. Clean fly lines. Inventory contents of vest. Look for gaps in fly boxes. Learn to tie a new fly.

Enough said. 🦋

~Tom Henderson

From the Basement of Time.



I once knew a woman whose last name was Limesand. She was my doctor's office nurse. The good doctor told me her name was pronounced "Leema-sand," but I always thought that if it were pronounced like it was spelled, it would be a great name for someone indigenous to the Driftless Region, as it hints at two of the most common minerals of the area – sandstone and limestone.

I have a strong affection for both. Even though both are literally dirt common, there is a certain exoticism in them. They are ancient, "from the basement of time" in the author Norman Maclean's words, and one of them, limestone, is derived from things that were once living. Put your hand on a limestone outcropping and, regardless of the season or circumstances, and you sense a connection to those creatures. In sandstone we can see the cosmic dynamism that created and define our world – volcanism, great floods, erosion, glaciation, solar weathering and wind, among others.

Mankind has long recognized the practical value of both. Limestone can be crushed for use in roadbeds or quarried as blocks for use as

a construction material (The Great Pyramids of Egypt are made of limestone). It can be burned to manufacture lime, as it was in the lime kilns along the lower Kinnickinnic River in River Falls beginning in pioneer times. Lime from those kilns was used to plaster the interior walls of the first buildings on the campus of the university in that city. Pulverized and purified limestone is used as a dietary supplement for humans and other animals and as an effective but economical colorant. Because it is relatively dense, yet easily worked, it was used to create the blocks that carried the im-

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age in the printing process of lithography, which means "stone writing." In smelting iron ore, it's used to remove impurities. Glassmaking, too, can make use of limestone.

Sandstone is equally useful. St. Peter sandstone from the Midwest has been used in the construction of sturdy, elegant buildings all across the nation. Again, because it's also stable and yet easily worked, it's been the material of choice for making millstones since the dawn of civilization, an important use for those of us who like to eat. Flour from those millstones has been transported over roads paved with sandstone blocks since Roman times at least. Recently, of course, we've seen the hills of western Wisconsin disassembled for their content of silica sand, which is used in petroleum extraction via hydraulic fracturing.

As useful as both are when processed, the highest and best use for

them, to my mind, is found in nature. For one thing, the sight of their hills and canyons nourish our souls. If that seems like so much poetic nonsense, I offer a more concrete notion: The porous and easily erodible nature of the formations, along with limestone's weak resistance to the acids found naturally in precipitation, make them terrific storehouses and conduits for water. As trout anglers, we benefit from the groundwater discharged into our trout rivers. The cold water, rich in dissolved minerals that promote lush aquatic life, makes an ideal home for trout, which is doubtless a good

thing. As critical as that is to us, it's still only a very small part of the importance of our relatively stable, pure aquifers. Civilizations are utterly dependent on a sufficient supply of clean water and wars have been fought for the control of that supply. We live atop a treasure house of immeasurable value. Let's hope that we learn to recognize that and serve properly as guardians of it. ↩

{ ABOUT THE AUTHOR }

Jonathon Jacobs has been a long-time Kiap-TU-Wish chapter member and board member. He has written for Midwest Fly Fishing magazine, and is a frequent contributor to RipRap (heck, this newsletter was his brainchild back in the day). He also has the uncanny ability to introduce every chapter meeting attendee by first and last name to the meeting crowd—and folks, we're talkin' 50 folks or more at times—without looking at a roster.

In Defense of Trout

{Words} Greg Olson



I admit I waste some time surfing the web looking at various fly fishing sites. I have noticed lately that there is some trout bashing going on out there. Muskie fisherman referring to trout as “bait.” Videos of anglers panting from exhaustion, due to running hilly nilly up and down a Baja beach in 110o heat, triumphantly holding a Rooster Fish aloft and proclaim that they will never go back to trout fishing again. Some steelheaders even distance themselves, saying that their quarry is not in the same league as a trout, somehow ignoring that they are pursuing a sea run rainbow trout.

I’m not going to run down anyone’s favorite fish. I enjoy all warm water fly fishing, am crazy about steelhead angling, and would love to try fly fishing in the salt. For me however, trout still top the list. Writing this for *RipRap* is like preaching to the choir, but still allow me to state my case. I can see beauty in all fish, but the trout is in a something special. The spots, vermiculation, the multitude of colors are incredible. I still contend that God was showing off when creating the Brook Trout.

Although trout can be found in lakes and reservoirs, I prefer to fish in rivers and I prefer to wade. I like the feel of current against my legs and to be stalk fish under my own power and in my own time, instead of having one shot at a fish from a boat as the current zips me along. I also like the simplicity of not dealing with trailers and motors, two things that have caused me considerable stress, not to mention an explosion of colorful language over the years. I also appreciate the soothing sound of moving water. As someone that has Tinnitus, a constant ringing in my ears, there is never true peace and quiet, so the best I can hope for is to replacing the ringing with a “noise” that is pleasing to

me. Often seeking peace and quiet on an area lake is a lost cause. Arriving early on a Saturday morning, you will soon be greeted with a chorus, of lawn mowers from the cabin owners that arrived late last night, with a couple of chain saws thrown in for good measure. This is eventually followed by the steady whine of jet skis and power boats pulling skiers and tubers. My backyard, smack dab in the middle of suburbia is more peaceful.


behind the log. I switched to a Grif-fith's Gnat and used a pile cast to place it just inside the bubble line coming off the edge of the log. The the fish's snout broke the surface, inhaled the fly, and sunk below the surface and I set the hook. Water flew everywhere.

I managed to land the fish, despite its numerous attempts to get under the log. The fish was sixteen inches, a good trout on any river in the country, and darn near a trophy

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I love the what I consider the greatest challenge of fishing, angling for trout with a fly rod in a spring creek with an abundant variety of food. Lucky for me I live right here. Case in point, one day this spring I was fishing the upper Kinni in a riffle during a caddis hatch, working my way upstream on the left side, picking off fish as I went along. Near the head of the riffle was a log, with slow water flowing under it, on the right side opposite me. There was a nice fish on the log side of the current seam, sipping bugs off the surface. I put a cast a foot above the fish and almost immediately my elk hair caddis began waterskiing across the flat water putting down the fish. Fortunately, it began feeding after ten minutes and I went back downstream a ways and back up the right side, so as not to drag my caddis across the slow water. Now I got a drag free drift, and I did not put the fish down, but my fly was repeatably ignored. Upon closer inspection, I could see that despite the numerous fluttering caddis about, this trout was taking midges from the slack water

on the upper Kinni. I suppose it still qualifies as "bait" to some anglers, but the size really didn't matter. It was a contest against a selective fish, played on a game board moving at different speeds. I "won" this time, but usually that beautiful creature with the pea sized brain gets the best of me, and it is this challenge that keeps me coming back for more.

I would welcome an invitation to fish muskies from your drift boat, walk the flats with you for bonefish, and would politely shrug my shoulders if you ask me if this isn't more exciting than trout fishing. Truth is though, I still find that the dip of an indicator, or better yet the rise of a trout to my dry fly, never gets old or boring and I never stop marveling at their beauty against a backdrop of beautiful surroundings. 

{ ABOUT THE AUTHOR }

Greg Olson is a chapter board member and frequent contributor to RipRap. A Kiap-TU-Wish chapter member since 2008, he has worked on various projects such as Parker and Pine Creek restoration.

Something Overheard...

Mark well the various seasons of the year;

How the succeeding insect race appear;

In this revolving moon one colour reigns,

Which in the next the fickle trout disdains.

Oft have I seen a skillful angler try

The various colours of the trechrous fly;

When he with fruitless pain hath skimmd the brook,

And the coy fish rejects the skipping hook,

He shakes the boughs, that on the margin grow,

Which oer the stream a waving forest throw;

When if an insect fall, (his certain guide)

He gently takes him from the whirling tide;

Examines well his form, with curious eyes,

His gaudy vest, his wings, his horns are size;

Then round his hook the chosen fur he winds,

And on the back a speckled feather binds;

So just the colours shine through evry part,

That Nature seems to live again in art.

~Thomas Best

Fly Tier's Corner

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b smo's Pink Princess

This fly was a custom order I got at the shop. This unnamed customer/friend asked me to come up with a fly that would be a combination of two very popular patterns that have been the most productive for them. The prince nymph and the hot pink squirrel.

I decided that a dubbed body would be easier to create the desired profile, similar to the Lund's Pink Squirrels. I love the peacock color of ice dub, but prefer to mix some rabbit hair in with all my ice dub to get a dubbing texture I like.

Once I had the design down, I tied up a few and we took them out during this past early season for a little product testing. They seemed to work well on these nice rainbows caught somewhere northeast of Hudson (see attached pics!).

FLY RECIPE:

Hook : Size 14TMC 2457

Thread : UTC 70 Denier – Flo Pink

Body : Blend of Ice Dub Peacock & Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin Dark Olive

Thorax : Blend of Hareline Dubbin Fluorescent Pink & Ice Dub Flo Shell Pink

Bead : Tungsten 7/64" Black Nickel

Rib & Tail : Veevus Iridescent Pink Thread

Wing : White Goose Biot

INSTRUCTIONS:

[1] Apply a thread base

[2] Tie in rib/tail material by capturing it under your thread with one end being about 1/2" long and the other long enough to counter wrap a rib. Then pull both ends down and wrap over with your thread

[3] Dub a tapered body with the peacock mixture

[4] Wind ribbing material over body and then wrap hook shank under the thorax to add some rigid bulk.

[5] Tie off ribbing material and trim, then dub over it to make the hot pink thorax

[6] create a wing with two pieces of white goose biot

[7] finish and apply head cement

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.



FLY TYING TIPS

{Images} Greg Meyer

If you have a tip you'd like to share, please email to me at: kiaptuwish@hotmail.com

Clean Your Bodkin! {Scott Thorpe}

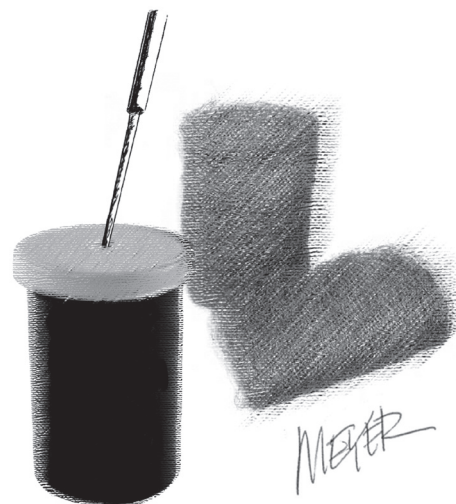
I take an old plastic film canister (probably collectible now days), and stuff it with course steel wool. I puncture the top lid with my bodkin and after every use of my bodkin to apply head cement, I push the bodkin needle into the film canister. The steel wool cleans off the excess cement, plus it's a handy safe way to store a pointed object.

More on Containers {Bob Trevis}

If any of your friends are diabetic, ask them to save their test-strip containers for you. The containers are almost the same size as the "old" 35 mm film canisters, and come in handy for storing mono eyes, doll eyes, odd hooks, beads, and many other tying materials. They are also handy for storing fished flies that have been partially destroyed by toothy trout until repaired.

EDITOR NOTE: Hey, I bet Mr. Thorpe can use this idea when his supply of 35mm canisters from Kodak runs out! And by the way who really "repairs" partially destroyed flies? Ah, the life of a retired person.

Thanks Scott and Bob for the tips!



Notes From the TU National Meeting

I had the good fortune of being able to attend the TU National Annual meeting which was held in Middleton, WI during the last week of Sept. I had hoped to take part in the 'hosted' fishing day which takes place on Wed. before the start of the annual meeting where local TU members are paired up with visiting attendees from other states and 'guide' them on some of the local waters. Unfortunately, some last minute events at my work forced me to back away from my commitment to serve as a host for this event.

As it was, I left home at 6:00 A.M. on Thurs. morning for the drive to Middleton hoping to get the chance to take in at least a couple of hours of fishing with the close of the season just days away. A stop at a nice stream about an hour outside of Madison yielded a couple of nice 12" browns before I hopped back in the car to finish my drive. Some highlights of the meeting itself were the chance to meet and listen to Chris Wood, the head of TU deliver his 'state of TU' speech and to hear Gina McCarthy, head of the Environmental Protection Agency deliver a keynote speech on her commitment to do everything within her powers to protect our cold water fisheries and the environment.

I attended several 'workgroup' meetings on Fri. and Sat. most notably ones that involved getting more youth involved in TU and another whose goal was to get more women involved with TU. The work group on youth featured a number of teen and college aged

presenters who spoke openly and honestly about their involvement with TU. Several messages which I came away from these work groups with were that a bar is probably not the best venue for holding meetings if our organization wants to attract more youth and women and also that featuring more women and teens as presenters at our meetings would serve to get more involvement from these two groups.

By far these greatest takeaway from this meeting was the chance to meet, talk, and get to know some of the TU brethren on a whole new level. I was fortunate to meet and spend time with Carl Berberich president of The Hiawatha Chapter of TU along with his fellow members Scott Steffen and Marlene Huston who were awarded the Silver Trout Award at the Fri. night fish fry (cod or rainbow trout).

I donated a fly tying desk to be auctioned off at the Saturday night banquet portion of the meeting. A TUer from Madison who was one of the local volunteers helping with the auction and bucket raffles had hoped to win the desk at the live auction—but had set a limit of \$500 as the most he could spend. He was disappointed when the bidding passed \$500 but then ultimately surprised when the winning bidder generously gave the desk to him as a gift at the end of the evening. 🐟

~ Randy Arnold

Did You Know?

Each winter, Randy heads up volunteer work crews to do much needed brushing and cutting on some of our more popular streams and tributaries. He is always looking for volunteers to help on these projects. All you need is a pair of work gloves and proper boots.

Work days are usually a few hours on Saturday mornings, weather permitting. Contact Randy or any board member listed below to volunteer.

Rumours . . .

"My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it."

~Koos Brandt

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DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER MEETING!

Wednesday, November 6th, 2013
Bob Smith's Sports Club
Downtown Hudson

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

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter meetings are held at Bob Smith's Sport's Club, the first Wednesday of the month—September through May.

Robert is a native of Bozeman, Montana and has worked as a guide in Alaska, and has guided through out the area: the Yellowstone, Boulder, Stillwater, and Bighorn rivers. He is now owner of Bob Mitchell's Fly shop in Lake Elmo, MN



Fishing Montana

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Stop by our chapter meeting to hear what Robert has to say and maybe you can learn a few things to plan your next fishing adventure!

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET Thursday Dec. 5th

Please save the date to attend our annual fundraiser. Look inside for more details. We are still looking for Volunteers and Donations for the banquet. Please contact Tom Schnadt if you like to help: thschnad@hotmail.com