



The Drift: words from our President.

Dave Ford Award: On October 17, Kiap-TU-Wish member Kent Johnson was a co-recipient of the Dave Ford Award. This award is presented annually at the Minnesota Water Resources Conference. This recognition is for Kent's 37 years of work dedicated to monitoring and managing rivers, streams and lakes. The award honors individuals who have made a significant career contribution to water resources in the State of Minnesota.

Conservation Banquet: If you have any lightly-used rods and reels that you no longer use, I would appreciate you donating them to our Conservation Banquet held on December 7. Rods and reels are always popular auction and raffle items, and their sales help support Kiap's conservation mission. They can be dropped off at **Lund's** in River Falls, **Bob Mitchell's** in St. Paul and **Mend Provisions** in Minneapolis.

Wisconsin State Council Trout Unlimited Banquet: I have a limited number of tickets to the February 3rd state banquet at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel, in Oshkosh. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Tickets purchased prior to December 31 come with ten banquet raffle tickets. To buy tickets contact me (Tom Schnadt) by phone at **651-245-5163** or via e-mail at thschnadt@hotmail.com.



Buy your raffle tickets now for a chance at a Yeti Tundra Cooler or a Norling Fine Cane Rod. Details inside.

UWRF Aquatic Restoration Class: Kevyn Jueneau's class toured the Trimble-Spring Creek/Holst easement on September 21. Mike Holst explained why he wanted to do the project; Jeffry Kitelinger with Pierce County explained parameters for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding; Randy Arnold explained the part that Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers played in the project; Nate Anderson with the WDNR shared information on the types of structures and features built into the restored stream; Dan Wilcox provided insight on how and why prairie and pollinator species were added to the riparian zone; and Barb Scott with the WDNR explained how electrofishing surveys help verify the success of restored stream segments. — Tom Schnadt

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KIAP-ON-TAP

Rush River Brewery
990 Antler Ct, River Falls, WI 54022



The photo above? A September day on the Rush River. A group of beginning anglers went out to try their luck for trout. Stuff was learned. Trout were caught. Fun was had.

Next RipRap deadline: Friday, November 17.
Send info to: manion.maria@gmail.com

RIPRAP: Restoration, Improvement & Preservation through Research And Projects



Thursday,
December
7

Holiday Conservation Banquet

The highlight of your social season, the Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Conservation Banquet, is set for Thursday, December 7, 2017. We, the Banquet Committee, are committed to providing you with an enlightening and entertaining evening while helping the Chapter continue its groundbreaking conservation and restoration work.

— The Banquet Committee

Featured Speaker

Our featured speaker for the evening is **Dean Hansen, PhD**, the most enthusiastic aquatic invertebrate guy you'll ever have the pleasure of witnessing. Lest you think a presentation on creepy crawlies is gross, or worse, boring, be aware that Dean has been enthraling audiences from grade school students to highly educated professionals for decades. You will be amazed.

Silent Auction & Raffle Items

We will have a multitude of items in our silent auction and some absolutely fabulous items in our two-tiered bucket raffles, such as: a **Paul Johnson fly box** loaded with exquisite patterns, a **float trip for smallmouth bass** with Hayward Fly Fishing, a **gourmet lunch and access to the Lower Kinnickinnic**, a **Driftless Area trout fishing excursion** hosted by Duke Welter, a **musky fly fishing trip** with the renowned Gabe Schubert. PLUS, a raffle for a **Yeti cooler** at \$10 a ticket and a chance at a revered **Dave Norling cane rod**, for which there are only 100 tickets priced at \$20!!!

Auction & Raffle Donations

Regarding our silent auction, we are particularly interested in receiving your contributions of tackle, as well as fly tying tools and materials. We are eagerly anticipating your donations, any and all. Your much-appreciated donations may be dropped off immediately and up until December 2 at **Lund's Fly Shop** in River Falls, **Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop** in St. Paul, or **Mend Provisions** in Minneapolis. Please help us; **your donations help ensure our continued progress** on local streams as well as our ultra successful Trout in the Classroom programs.

WHEN:

Thursday, December 7, 2017
5:30pm Social Hour
7:00pm Dinner & Program
8:15pm Dean Hansen
9:15pm Final Bidding

WHERE:

Lake Elmo Event Center
3712 Layton Ave, Lake Elmo MN

MENU:

Forest Blend Salad: *mesclun greens, blueberries, apricots, candied walnuts, maple vinaigrette*

Entree Choices: *braised short ribs on a bed of polenta; salmon ravigote with fresh herbs; or Montrachet Chicken stuffed with asparagus, roasted tomato and goat cheese with a red pepper cream sauce*

Sautéed vegetable medley
Rosemary roasted red potatoes

PRICE:

\$49 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, December 4, 5:00 PM.

Register by phone:

Lund's Fly Shop: 715-425-2415

Alwin Residence: 651-739-3150

Register on-line:

2017kiapbanquet.splashthat.com

Note that if you register for more than yourself online be sure to scroll to bottom of registration and follow the simple prompts to register a guest or guests.

Register early!
We can **ONLY**
accommodate **110**
celebrants.

Can't attend the banquet? Buy a raffle ticket instead!

Kiap-TU-Wish is raffling off two items at this year's Conservation Banquet on December 7. Raffle tickets for the items can be purchased in advance and attendance at the banquet is not required to win. To buy tickets, contact Tom Schnadt: 651-245-5163 / thschnad@hotmail.com.



Norling Bamboo Rod

5-wt, 7'-6" rod with two tips, agate guides, rod sock & aluminum travel tube.

100 tickets at \$20 each.
Retail value \$1000



Tundra Yeti Cooler

65 gallon

100 tickets at \$10 each.
Retail value \$450

2017 Hap Lutter Memorial Spring Appeal: a summary and thank you

Our 2017 spring appeal may have had a slow start, but we had a strong finish! A record number of Kiap-TU-Wish members contributed, resulting in our highest total ever. Ninety-three donors contributed a total of \$11,470. (The previous year's total was \$9,060.) There were 14 new donors. We appreciate adding them and also note the loyalty of the 79 who have given previously. Many have histories of five or more years of giving. Also of note this year were 52 gifts of \$100+, 14 of \$200+ and 4 of more than \$300, including a gift from an IRA of \$1,500. (Appreciated stock or gifts from IRA's are a great way to maximize your gift. Chapter board members are happy to explain the options.)

We also appreciate those who contribute to the annual auction and dinner each December, and the many volunteers who stretch these dollars to do the important work of education like Trout in the Classroom or stream maintenance and restoration like the mowing program or recent culvert replacement at Parker Creek near Amery.

If you want to see the spring appeal total reach \$12,000 or more, we would still love to receive your gift. It's true that the appeal letter went out months ago, but we suspect that for some of you it got buried on your desk as you enjoyed the summer and some good trout fishing. Think of it as a thank you for the joy of fishing our wonderful streams. — Judy Lutter



Trout in the Classroom 2017-2018

The five schools that participated in TIC (Trout in the Classroom) last year, are continuing the program for 2017-2018. Greg Olson, our chapter's TIC coordinator, has been fielding questions from other interested schools around the state of Wisconsin. As in previous years, Greg will deliver trout eggs to participating classrooms after the holiday season.



2017/2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's an overview of activities thus far. We'll update the list each month with details — location, time, etc.

- **KIAP-ON-TAP/Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Rush River Brewing
990 Antler Ct, River Falls, WI 54022
6-9PM
- **Holiday Conservation Banquet**
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Lake Elmo Event Center
- **Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, January 3, 2017
- **WI State TU Banquet**
February 3, 2017
- **Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, February 7, 2017
- **Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, March 7, 2017
- **Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, April 4, 2017
- **AMERY MEETING**
Monday, April 9, 2018
- **Chapter Meeting**
Wednesday, May 2, 2017



Kiap-TU-Wish Email List

To receive general announcements or information about upcoming workdays on stream restoration projects, send your name and email address to Randy Arnold, our chapter's volunteer coordinator: rarnold@augbiomed.com



Kinni Corridor Planning Open House: Please attend!

Don't miss the planning workshop for the Kinni River Corridor Plan. It's a four-day community input session, scheduled for October 25-28 at the River Falls Public Library. The October planning session, or "charrette," will pull together community ideas and input into tangible graphics, maps, and plans. When complete, the Kinni River Corridor Plan will establish a future vision for the area and strategies for implementation.

The charrette planning session kicks

off with a community meeting (on October 25th at 6:00 pm in the River Falls Public Library) to discuss corridor ideas and explain the process that will be used over the next few days. On October 26, the planning team work space is open to the public from 9:00–12:00 a.m. and again from 1:00–7:00 p.m. The planning team work space is again open from 9:00–12:00 a.m. on October 27. A community meeting later that day, from 4:00–6:00 p.m., will be held to discuss the initial conceptual

scenarios. The planning process wraps up with an open house on Saturday, October 28 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. where the refined conceptual scenarios will be on display.

It is critically important that Kiap-TU-Wish chapter members show up to participate in this event. Ultimately the completed plan will be used by the City Council to design future amenities, natural areas, and most importantly determine the fate of the two dams on the Kinni.

– Gary Horvath



MULTI-DAY CORRIDOR PLANNING CHARRETTE

6/27/2017

	Set Up and Kick-off	Work Day One	Work Day Two	Work Day Three
Time	Kick-Off, Oct. 25, 2017	Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017	Friday, Oct. 27, 2017	Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017
8:00 AM				8:00 - 9:00 AM Kinni Corridor Committee Meeting
9:00 AM				
10:00 AM		Planning Team Develops Conceptual Scenarios	Planning Team Develops Conceptual Scenarios	
11:00 AM			Technical Meeting 1	
12:00		12:00 - 1:00 PM Kinni Corridor Committee Meeting		
1:00 PM			Technical Meeting 2	
2:00 PM	Set up planning studio work space at River Falls Library		Planning Team Prepares for Community Meeting 2.	Refine Conceptual Scenarios
3:00 PM		Planning Team Develops Conceptual Scenarios		
4:00 PM				
5:00 PM			4:00 - 6:00 PM COMMUNITY MEETING 2. Presentation and Discussion of Initial Conceptual Scenarios	
6:00 PM	6:00 - 8:30 PM COMMUNITY MEETING 1. Introductions, Review Corridor Analyses, Discuss Corridor Ideas / Program Elements			5:00-7:00 PM COMMUNITY MEETING 3. Open House & Presentation of Refined Conceptual Scenarios
7:00 PM				
8:00 PM				
9-11 PM			Refine Conceptual Scenarios	



Key

Charrette Team Meetings

Studio Open to Public

Studio Closed to Public

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Hands-on Activities, Provide Input, Review & Comment on Concepts

Editor's Note

As I type, I'm sitting in a cabin in Nova Scotia having tried my luck for salmon. (I got skunked.) While here, my husband and I stopped at the local salmon association office and had a lovely conversation with the administrator who walked us through the Powerpoint presentation from their recent fundraising banquet. It summarized their organization and activities and what struck me was the similarity to our chapter. Like Kiap-TU-Wish, they have committed and passionate volunteers who work tirelessly on projects, education and advocacy, and like Kiap-TU-Wish they rely on the generosity of those who share their passion. So as we near our holiday

conservation banquet — and as we reflect on our successful spring appeal — please know that your support is appreciated. Our chapter could not continue to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater resources without it.

Oh, and get your raffle tickets soon. I met an angler on this trip who only fishes for salmon with a cane rod. Sure, he wanted to catch a salmon, but he was fishing for tradition, for the love of the equipment, for the romance. His ultimate experience was catching a salmon with his cane rod. That's a catchy sentiment. Hmmm, me and my cane rod on the Trimble. . . Better get my tickets soon. — Maria Manion



KUEHN TO FISH By Anna & Ron Kuehn

DAUGHTER/FATHER FISHING TIPS

Until recently, fly fishing for trout was just something that was my dad's thing. Over the past few months I have become more and more interested in it and can see why my dad enjoys it. I have been fishing with him a few times and I am still very much a beginner, but there have been some things that I have learned that might be valuable for other beginners. So in no particular order, here are some tips and things I have learned.

Wear polarized sunglasses. These really should be the first piece of gear that an angler buys after a rod and reel. Polarized sunglasses can help you see what's in the river — rocks, fish, logs etc. Also they will protect your eyes from injury from hooks, sticks or the sun.

Learn knots! My dad told me that this was an obstacle for him when he was learning to fly fish. He has showed me a few different knots, but there are really only two that he uses regularly, a surgeons knot (double overhand) and an improved clinch knot. These two are pretty easy to learn. The surgeons knot is used to tie on tippet, and the improved clinch knot is used to tie on your fly. I have had a few pretty decent tangles in my leader and I have been shown that it can be easiest to cut the fly off before trying to untangle the leader. As I have become more comfortable tying the improved clinch knot, it isn't so intimidating to do this.

Casting. I've learned that this is the skill that will take a lifetime to learn. It can be frustrating. You will lose flies

and get huge tangles, or as my dad and his friends call them, "class 5's." Find a mentor. My mentors at the youth trout camp were a huge help to me. I was able to learn a lot from them in just a little time. Don't worry so much about how far you can cast. It is more important to be accurate.

Hang out at a fly shop or go to TU meetings. Fly anglers want to help new fly anglers. Some of these guys might seem like grumpy old guys, but really they are super nice and willing to help you out.

Here are a few tips from my dad.

Keep it simple. Don't worry about learning the name of every fly pattern or having all the gear. In time you will figure out what works for you and what doesn't. A small fly box with a few patterns, a couple leaders, a spool of tippet and a bit of knowledge can get you through a whole season. There are a few anglers I know that even try to make a single leader last an entire season.

Learn to read water. Large rocks and logs are obvious fishy spots, but they are not the only ones. As you approach the river take a moment to look at the water, notice the different currents and try to think about where fish would most likely be hanging out. With the aid of polarized glasses and a little patience you will usually be able to identify the areas that are holding some fish.

Enjoy the process. Social media is full of photos of big trout, gorgeous casts, well tied flies and lovely rivers. Don't think that you have to have these photos to enjoy the sport. I have been skunked on some very beautiful rivers, lost a brand new fly line in a trolling motor incident, and my most memorable fish I ever caught was just a bit over 12 inches. I think that the process of learning and failing and learning again is much underrated, but it can be very rewarding. (This really isn't my tip, but something I learned from Mike Alwin.)



Editor's note: Kuehn is pronounced like 'keen'

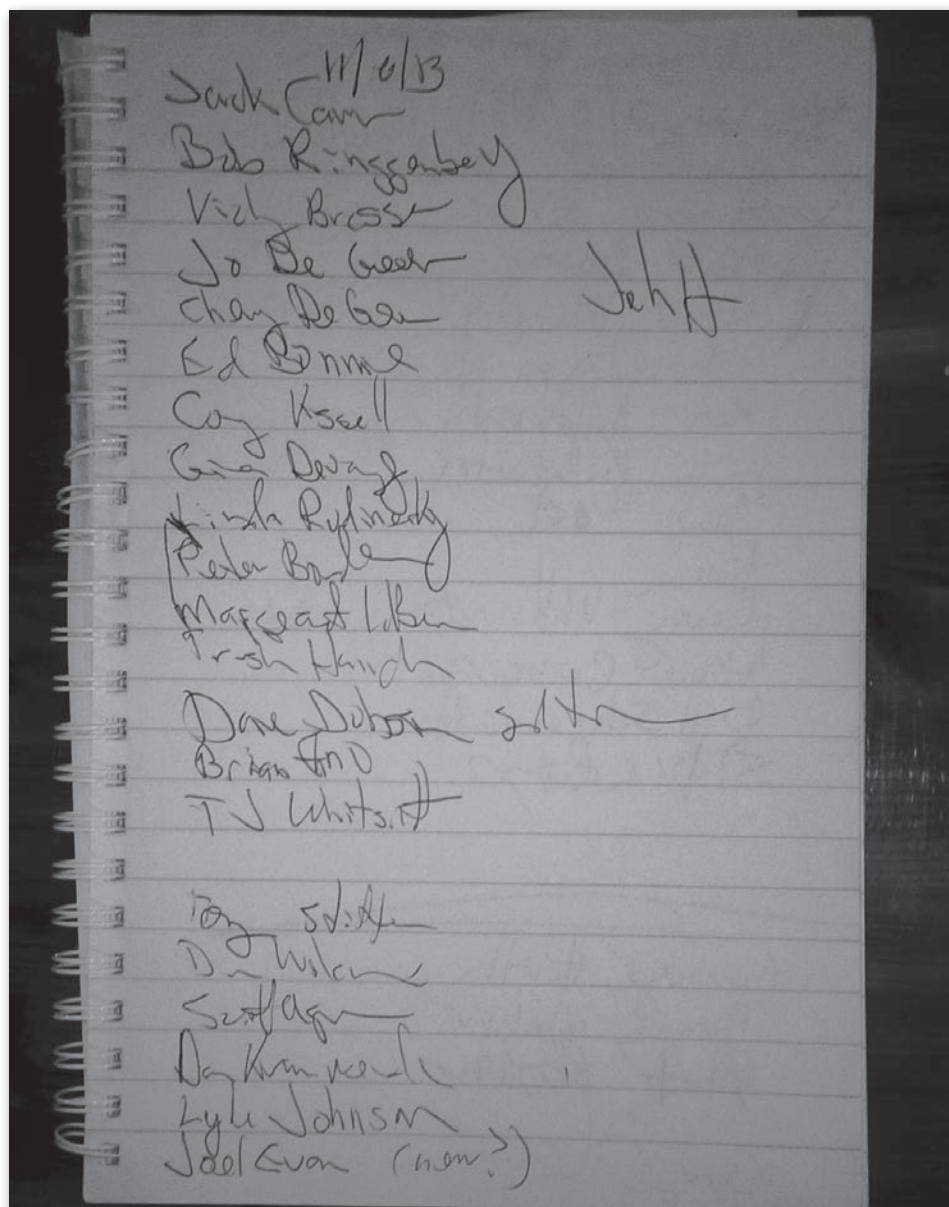
Random Access Memory *By Jonathan Jacobs*

If you've been to a chapter meeting in the past couple of years, you've seen chapter president Tom Schnadt ask me to introduce both first-time and regular attendees. Why do I do this? I will tell you why.

Introducing first-timers and thanking them for coming is simply good manners. However, I had to be virtually slapped upside the head before I realized this. Sometime near the end of the last century, chapter membership and attendance at meetings had stalled out. We were bemoaning that at a mid-winter chapter meeting and wondering aloud how we might attract new folks. A big, strapping lad who looked like he would be right at home playing tight end for the Packers spoke up in a quiet voice that belied his physical presence and said plaintively, "I've been coming to these meetings for over a year and no one has ever even asked me my name." It was a bracing moment, the one in which I resolved to always make a point of introducing newcomers to the group. The ritual of introducing everyone else arose at another mid-winter meeting with light attendance due to inclement weather. It was easy to go around the room and introduce the fifteen or twenty regulars present. Thus, a ritual was born.

Rituals often amount to inanities like secret handshakes or the recitation of secret oaths, but I think this is a better one. Introducing everyone is my long-winded way of saying, "Your presence here matters and by coming tonight, you are acknowledging that you are a part of a community and we appreciate that." It's a dark time in America for the conservation movement and grouping with others who think as we do buoys our spirits. Robust attendance at meetings must be gratifying to our guest speakers and buying dinner and/or refreshments is certainly gratifying to the management of Junior's, which provides us with meeting space. Lastly, trout anglers by nature are not generally what one would call social butterflies. I hold out the hope that by putting a name to every face it might make it easier for attendees to break the ice and get to know one another a little better in the interest of chapter cohesion.

Chapter member Dave C. once approached me after a meeting and asked, "Do you think you have an eidetic



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memory?" I answered, "I may have at one time, but I don't anymore." I guess I should give myself some credit for remembering what "eidetic" means and, for that matter, that I remember the conversation now, but the "party trick," as my daughter calls it, of introducing everyone from memory is no longer a sure thing. As the years roll by it seems like there's more and more stumbling

over names and less and less total recall, but, like Elizabeth Warren, I persist. Why, you might ask, as I do frequently, do I put myself through this ordeal? Force of habit is part of it, I suppose, but if I can somehow begin to convey what a pleasure being among you is and how proud I am to be able to think of you as my friends, I will give thanks for the opportunity. Happy Thanksgiving!

FLY TIER'S CORNER: Bob's Bead Head Flashback Strip Nymph

Fly & Recipe: Ryan Meyers | Photo: Brian Smolinski

Hook: Daiichi #1530 Size 8
Bead: 5/32" Nickel
Weight: .025" Lead Wire
Thread: Uni-Thread 6/0 Brown
Tail: Magnum Rabbit Strip
 Gold Variant
Flash: Mirage Accent Rootbeer
Body: Magnum Rabbit Strip
 Gold Variant & Brahma Hen
Wing Case: Flashabou Pearl
Legs: Barred Round Rubber Legs
 — Speckled Tan
Collar: Rabbit Fur Gold Variant



- 1) Thread on the bead and place hook into the vice. Wrap front 2/3 of hook shank with lead wire. Start the tying thread and wrap to the hook bend.
- 2) Insert the hook point through a 3/4" section of rabbit strip, skin side first. Remove the hook from the vice and slide the rabbit strip past the hook bend. Invert the hook and return it to the vice. Tie down the rabbit strip to the rear 1/3 of hook shank.
- 3) Tie in 2 strands of Mirage Accent on each side of tail. Clip the flash equal to the length of the tail.
- 4) Tie in 20 strands of Flashabou extending back over the tail.
- 5) Strip the fluff from the base of a Brahma Hen feather. Tie in the feather by its tip at the hook bend.
- 6) Create a dubbing loop. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the bead. Insert a second 3/4" section of rabbit strip into the loop and clip the fibers from hide. Spin the loop.
- 7) Twist the Brahma Hen feather and rabbit fur dubbing loop together. Palmer them up the hook shank to just behind the bead. Tie off and clip the remaining hen hackle and dubbing loop.
- 8) Part the fibers over center of body and bring the Flashabou forward to create wing case. Tie off and clip the Flashabou butt ends behind the bead.
- 9) Tie in 2 rubber legs on each side of the fly and dub a collar of rabbit fur. Whip finish and clip the thread.
- 10) Remove the fly from the vice and turn it over. On each side of the rabbit strip tail, at the hook bend, clip a 1/16" notch through the skin of the rabbit strip.

Notes on this fly from Mike Alwin:

Just a day or two after I bought the shop from Bob, one of his customers came in to look for a few things and, of course, tell us about his latest fly discovery. Chuck was in the early stages of pre-retirement and spent an increasing amount of time at his cabin on a brook trout creek near the Namekagon. His discovery was a revival of the Swisher-Richards pattern called the Strip Nymph and he claimed it was perfect. Bob suggested that to be called perfect it would have to be a bead head, a pattern his customers had fallen in love with. Candor moves me to admit that it might have been me who suggested the flash back. In any event, we tossed around a few names and settled on Bead Head Flashback Strip Nymph. I handed the concept over to Tracy Peterson and what follows is what he came up with.

Questions? Stop in at Lund's Fly Shop or email Brian at brian@lundsflyshop.com

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Anna Kuehn was last year's Kiap-TU-Wish sponsored participant at the Wisconsin Trout Youth Camp. She's been fishing some with her dad, Ron Kuehn. You can find Ron at Lund's Fly Shop or teaching at the Kiap-TU-Wish spring fly fishing clinic.



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NOVEMBER MEETING

KIAP-ON-TAP

KIAP-ON-TAP — which takes the place of our regular monthly meeting — will be held at the **Rush River Brewery in River Falls**. We'll have tables and power for fly tiers, and free t-shirts for the first 20 attendees. No details yet about food options, but we're working on it.

Considering the informal nature of the evening, we're not sure if Jonathan Jacobs will be introducing members old and new (*see Jonathan's article inside for the origins of what is now a chapter ritual*) but if he doesn't, feel free to introduce yourself. Let's be the social butterflies that trout anglers are not known to be. Hope to see you there

Wednesday, November 1, 6-9pm.