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Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Kiap-TU-Wish News

MEETING NOTES

A small but contentious group of members turned out last month for the inaugural meeting of Kiap-TU-Wish's 1988-1989 fall season.

Lively debate erupted on a variety of subjects, from a proposed closure of drought-affected streams to Hudson politics.

A poll of the members at the meeting indicated that in spite of the heat and drought, fishing during the summer was average—maybe even slightly better than average. No fish kills were noted; just plenty of weed growth, warmer water temperatures, and fairly cooperative fish.

Chuck Goosen reported that Kiap-TU-Wish's five thermometers in the Willow showed that water temperatures rose well into the stressful after Memorial Day.

Afternoon temperatures in the upper '70's were common throughout summer. By September, temperatures dropped about 8 degrees. The Race tended to stay about two degrees cooler than the main branch.

TWIN CITIES TU MAKES DONATION TO KIAM-TU-WISH

The Twin Cities chapter of Trout Unlimited has once

again sent a check to its small but hard-working Wisconsin cousin. The \$300.00 check was promptly deposited in Kiap-TU-Wish's stream improvement fund.

On behalf of the chapter, the RIP-RAP extends its thanks to Twin Cities TU for its kind help and support over the years.

BROWN TROUT STOCKED IN THE WILLOW

In mid-September 10,500 brown trout fingerlings were installed in the Willow River. The stocking took place from the Slaughterhouse stretch of the Willow to the confluence below Trout Brook Road.

Among those who helped the DNR with the stocking were Jon Jacobs, Mike Alwin, Bob Mitchell, Roger Fairbanks, Dick Frantes and Jim Humphrey of Twin Cities TU.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO OUR HUDSON-AREA SUBSCRIBERS

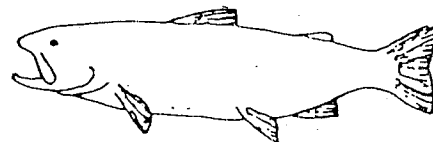
Chuck Goosen, the curator of the Kiap-TU-Wish mailing list, asks that any Hudson-area rural-route patrons who have been assigned new addresses give him a call. His number is (612)736-2660 during the day, and (715)386-5137 during the evening hours.

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: The Sports Club
in Midtown Hudson

Tonight Assistant DNR Fisheries Manager Marty Engel will be on hand to discuss the proposed changes in Wisconsin's trout angling regulations. He will also field questions from our inquiring membership on subjects ranging from the drought to the Willow dam controversy.

A trained bartender and full kitchen staff will also be on hand to cater to every whim of our members. In other words, the Sports Club is the right place for you to be next Wednesday.



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My Most Memorable Trout

(Editor's note: Kiap-TU-Wish's mailing list has grown by nearly 50 percent in the last three years. So in an effort to get to know one another better, we've resolved to randomly call a member every so often to find out what their most memorable trout was. This month we dialed Dick Frantes.)

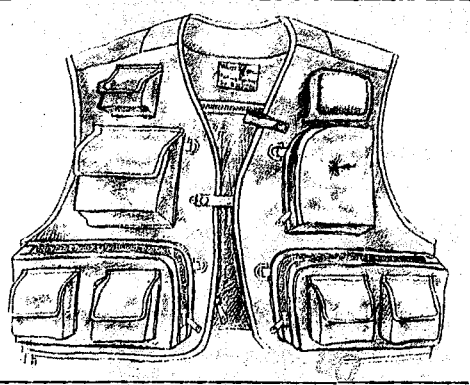
Dick Frantes has been called any number of things over the years: Everything from "opinionated" and "curmudgeonly" to "superannuated."

Whatever he is, I can't imagine Kiap-TU-Wish without Dick Frantes. He's a walking history text on the Kinni and Willow and, I understand, a pretty fair fisherman.

Unfortunately, the rapid advance of years is causing

Dick to lose his fishing memories almost as fast as he's accumulating them. So without further ado, here is Dick's most memorable trout:

"Upon reflection, my two most memorable trout were



major influences on me for the duration of my life. And despite what I believe is the onset of Alzheimer's disease, the fish, the scene, the action, and the emotions are still crystal clear.

"My first trout, a brook trout about 6" or 7" long, was caught right above the the Race bridge on the Willow in 1939 with an angleworm and fly rod. It was--and brook trout still are--one of the most beautiful things in nature. And brook trout fishing is still my favorite in 1988.

"The other unforgettable fish, my first dry fly fish, was a 9" brown. It was caught on a Pass Lake from the Vertical Plank bend on the Straight River below the 7 Mile/Blueberry Road bridge in the late '40's.

"Every one is different, but fish caught 40-50 years ago are still so bright a memory, so life-influencing, so important now when so many other things are just a memory."

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