

Kiap-TU-Wish Trout Unlimited September 2003

Critical discussion of development issues leads September meeting

By Jonathan Jacobs

We've scheduled a good old-fashioned free-wheeling chapter discussion of development issues for the September meeting. The board and officers have been spending nearly all their volunteer time on these issues for the better part of the past year. The issues are so complex that conveying a sense of them to the membership has been difficult and it's been difficult for the "average" member to voice his or concerns and ask questions as well. Back in March, we passed a six point resolution directing the chapter to take action in several areas. This meeting is where we clarify that mission. If you've seen the "desolation of abomination" that's chewing up the earth north of River Falls, or if you've noticed the proximity of the Roberts/Hammond area to the headwaters of the Kinnickinnic River, you'll be at this critical meeting to voice your opinion and to receive your mission. The meeting is at 7 PM at Bob Smith's Sports Club at 601 2nd Street in Hudson on Wednesday, September 3. Dinner will be available at 6 PM.

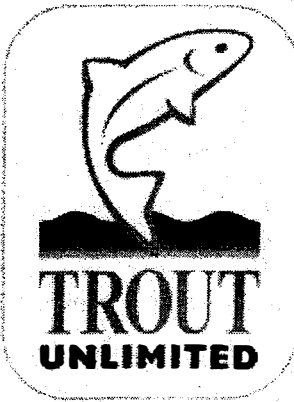
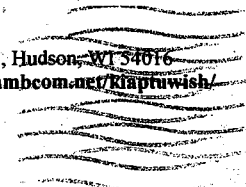
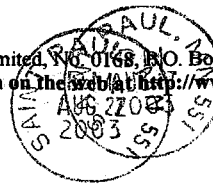
Praise

By Michael Alwin

The Education Committee held its annual Fly Fishing Clinic in River Falls on May 31st. A couple dozen folks from River Falls and environs paid their \$10 and had a full day of casting, entomology, trout behavior and stream craft instruction. After a Chapter-provided supper, the volunteers and students spent the evening fishing on the Lower Kinnickinnic. The students had a great time and thanked us profusely.

This event couldn't continue without the selfless contributions of our Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers. For starters, Tom Anderson loaned us a complete set of Sage rods, reels and lines. Then Jon Jacobs, Gary Horvath, Bill Lovegren, Ross Nelson, Bob Bradham, Brent Sittlow, Clarke Garry, Steve Stenger, Hap Lutter and Eric Judge all dove in and acted as guides, mentors and friends. Bill Hinton broke the casting clinics down into manageable parts and Dave Ballman, Perry Palin, Jim Humphrey and Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop all contributed flies. A special word of praise must go to Renate Mackmiller who singlehandedly organized, procured and served supper and the cleaned up afterward. Without her we would have been in a sorry state, and I don't mean Wisconsin.

"To lead the people, walk behind them...When the best leaders' work is done the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'" - Lao-tzu



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MEETING SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 3: DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

OCTOBER 1:

NOVEMBER 5:

DECEMBER : HOLIDAY BANQUET, DATE TBA

JANUARY 7:

FEBRUARY 4:

MARCH 3: BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 7: DRY FLY DICK FRANTES FLY TIERS

MAY 5: WISCONSIN DNR

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER RIPRAP: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.