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***Restoration, Improvements and Preservation through Research and Projects***

## **SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT'S LINES**

BY KYLE AMUNDSON

### **Chapter news**

It is with great pleasure that I report the Hwy 10 project on the Trimble has been completed. The DNR and volunteers from Fairmount finished up with the seeding and mulching, and we will now concentrate on the County Rd W project for next year.

The second Trimble River tire cleanup also went well. A big thanks to Randy Arnold for coordinating this, and once again to Fairmount minerals for paying the hauling fee.

Chuck Goosen will be giving a short presentation at the September meeting regarding stream monitoring data from the Willow River. We will also try and get long time member Kent Johnson to speak at the October meeting in regards to our monitoring projects over the years.

### **Project Planning Committee**

The board has created a new committee called the Project Planning Committee. The committee's main duty will be to investigate future stream project options and advise the board with suggestions. Once a project is determined, the board will select a project manager. Committee members include Hans Jung, Tom Henderson, Randy Arnold and Kyle Amundson.

### **Other News**

It is with real sadness that I report the passing of Jackie Diesch, wife of board member Bob Diesch. Please keep Bob and his boys in your thoughts.

### **Welcome new members:**

Tyson Elman (Osceola), Arik Feidt (Baldwin), David Linderud (Durand), Lisa Speer (New Richmond), Garret Wenzel (River Falls)

***Kiap-TU-Wish  
meetings are held  
at Bob Smith's  
Sports Club, the  
first Wednesday  
night of the  
month. The  
September meeting  
is on the 5th.  
Dinner begins at  
6 PM, Meeting to  
follow at  
7 PM.***



The Chapter did a beautiful job working on the Trimbelle River this summer. Check out the story by Greg Meyer later on in this issue, as well as several photos of all the work that was done. If you were to stop me on the street and ask me what I thought about the Trimbelle, I would give you one of my patented "It's alright" comments, but really it's a wonderful stream, and the improvements that were made just south of Hwy 10 will make it just that much better. Be sure to check it out in the near future.

There's lot of other great stuff in this issue of RipRap, so make sure you read through it several times to get everything out of it that you can. And then be sure to head over to Bob Smith's Sports Club on September 5th for the first meeting of the year. Chuck Goosen will be talking about stream monitoring on the Willow. It will also be a great time to get back in touch with Chapter members you haven't seen in a few months, and tell everyone about your big fish stories from the summer. Make sure to be there.

I've never been one to shy away from self-promotion, so here I go again. I was very fortunate to have an article I wrote published in the Summer '12 issue of *The Drake* magazine. The article is about our very own Chapter member, Cole Madden, and the beautiful salmon flies he ties in-hand. I first learned about Cole's talents at the Dry Fly Dick Frantes Memorial Fly Tying Meeting a couple of years ago. If you have a chance, head out to your nearest Barnes & Noble and pick up a copy, if they still have any. If not, call me up some time and I'll be happy to read you the article over the phone. :-)

Hope to see you at the September meeting. Have a great month!

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# KIAP-TU-WISH PHOTO CONTEST

BY GREG MEYER

Kiap-TU-Wish will be sponsoring a Photo Contest in 2012. The photo contest is open to any Trout Unlimited member. Each participant may enter up to a total of five digital photos. Photos must be taken within Polk, Pierce, St. Croix and Pepin Counties. Rules and categories are listed on the Chapter web site ([www.kiaptu-wish.org](http://www.kiaptu-wish.org)). Winning photos will be displayed at the Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Banquet, on the chapter web site, in RipRap, and other locations.

We are working on getting some exciting prizes for the winning entries. Please visit our web site for more details. Winning entries will be automatically submitted to TU DARE and TU National for consideration in their photo contests.

The deadline to enter is October 3, 2012. All photos must be submitted in hi-resolution digital format (2MB minimum size); no printed photos or slides will be accepted. Participants can enter as many as five digital photos each.

The four photo categories are:

1. River landscape (must show one of our wonderful trout streams)
2. Trout release in stream setting
3. Action photo
4. Misc

Only Trout Unlimited members are eligible to compete. Winning entries will be announced at the Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Banquet in December. The Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited reserves the nonexclusive right to use all submitted photographs in publications, exhibits or for other promotional purposes. Submit photos on a CD or via email according to entry guidelines on the chapter website. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Meyer (651-271-9792) or email to: [meyer-creative@comcast.net](mailto:meyer-creative@comcast.net)

## TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO:

Mail your CD to the Kiap-TU-Wish mailing address, email, or deliver in person at the next chapter meeting. Mailed photos must be received by Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Include the following info:

1. Category
2. Name of Photographer
3. Address and phone number
4. Title of photo and location where shot
5. Date when photo was taken.

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THE MALLEO RIVER IN PATAGONIA - PHOTO BY DAVE JOHNSON



# FLY TYING CORNER-SCOTT'S SKIDMARK

BY SCOTT HANSON

*Editor's Note- This fly also ran in the February 2010 issue of RipRap. Although I love to promote my own patterns, I feel I need to apologize for the repeat. Unfortunately I haven't had time to invent any new flies lately, because my house has become overrun with toddlers and babies. Consider this as pleading from the Editor to please send in your fly pattern articles. I very much look forward to getting them. Thanks!*

## Scott's Skidmark

**Hook:** Tiemco 7999, Gamakatsu T10-6H, or other salmon hook, size 2-3/0

**Thread:** 6/0 in Black

**Tail/Wing:** Bunny strip in black, purple, fuchsia, pink, olive, chartreuse, yellow, or blue

**Body:** Palmer chenille in pearl, chartreuse, or gray.

**Eyes:** Lead barbell eyes in appropriate size

**Notes:** Tie on the barbell eyes first with figure-eight thread wraps. I usually put some lead wraps on directly behind the eyes, as well. Then move the thread to the bend of the hook, lash down the bunny strip there, tie in the palmer chenille, and move the thread in front of the barbell eyes. Wrap the chenille forward in tight wraps and tie off as close to the eyes as you can. Pull the bunny strip over the top, tie off, and trim. Make a neat head and finish with head cement or some Hard As Nails finger nail polish. Done.

(Tied with a brown bunny strip and Root Beer colored chenille, this might make a good smallmouth fly)



## BANQUET COMMITTEE IN NEED

BY MICHAEL ALWIN

The Banquet Committee experienced a double loss this winter with the resignations of two of its prominent members, Jonathan Jacobs and Emily Wemlinger. Jonathan has been an active member of the committee for a decade or so and his leadership and work ethic were second to none. He is tired and has decided to give someone else a chance to contribute. Emily Wemlinger has taken a new job with the crime lab in....Montana. Emily brought her ideas and organizational skills to the committee for the last few years and can't help wanting to live and work in Montana. Both of these people will be sorely missed.

However, just like the second character in the Chinese word for "crisis", this presents a wonderful "opportunity" for someone else to step in to the void and throw their weight around. We need YOU. Contact the committee at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, (651) 770-5854.





# PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR KIAP-TU-WISH

BY HANS JUNG

It may surprise some members to learn that the Chapter did not have a stream habitat restoration project committee in the past. The Board as a whole performed this function in the past. However, with the changing funding environment for stream restoration where state and local government have fewer financial resources for such activities, it has become clear that the Chapter will have to take the lead in acquiring federal and non-profit dollars to fund the stream habitat restoration and protection activities which are the core function of TU. So if we are going to be the organization that works to find funding, the Board decided that we should take a more active role in identifying projects for possible restoration. And as we consider which potential projects to pursue, the Board also feels it is necessary that we take a longer view of future projects that might be three to five years in the future.

The Project Planning Committee will work with the WI DNR and other experts to learn how best to identify those streams and reaches that offer the biggest “bang for the buck” from habitat rehabilitation. Using this knowledge we will work to identify potential projects that meet specific goals such as improved spawning habitat, reintroduction of brook trout, increased trout populations, etc. that are appropriate for individual streams and reaches. Naturally we will determine who our partners should be for these projects, ranging from government to private landowners. We will develop an evolving priority list of stream restoration projects that Kiap might pursue. Once the Board decides the Chapter will pursue a particular project, the Planning Committee will pass responsibility for the project to an individual who serves as Project Manager. The Project Manager will work with the Chapter’s grant writers, the volunteer coordinator, and treasurer to actually implement the project.

Currently the Planning Committee consists of Kyle Amundson, Tom Henderson, Randy Arnold, and myself as Chair. We invite other chapter members to join the Planning Committee and add their expertise and enthusiasm. This committee would be great way to get your feet wet in Kiap chapter management activities with a smaller time commitment than serving on the Board. And you will have a significant influence on Kiap’s future accomplishments. Contact me if you are interested in joining the Planning Committee or if you have a specific idea about which streams the Chapter should target for restoration. Also, if a non-member approaches you with an idea, please pass that along so the Planning Committee can consider it. Thanks



# KIAP-TU-WISH AND WISCONSIN INDUSTRIAL SAND COMPANY PARTNER ON TRIMBELLE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT.

BY GREG MEYER

**V**olunteers from Kiap-TU-Wish and Wisconsin Industrial Sand have been working tirelessly this summer on a habitat restoration project on the Trimble River Highway 10 Park project.

The project has restored nearly 1,000 feet of stream habitat for trout and other aquatic species in the stream. The project will also work to reduce effects of agricultural run-off and sedimentation by stabilizing the stream bank. It will also provide trout conservation, protection, and will help reduce the need for stocking of non-wild hatchery brown trout in the Trimble Recreation Area section of the river.

## Volunteers are the lifeblood of the habitat restoration projects in western Wisconsin.

Stream restoration is an expensive undertaking and volunteer labor is a required component for meeting the requirements for grants and other funding which help define restoration efforts.

In addition to Trout Unlimited Kiap-TU-Wish chapter members contributing over 65 volunteer hours of labor for brushing, invasive plant removal, LUNKER building and installation, as well as seeding and mulching, Wisconsin Industrial Sand has also contributed over 75 volunteer hours for this project.

According to Chapter Volunteer Coordinator, Randy Arnold, "Volunteers are the 'Lifeblood' of the Trimble River Restoration Project." Arnold goes on to state, "As a chapter, we would not be able to complete the work we do without the dedication of our member volunteers, those volunteers from other organizations who partner with us, concerned members of the community and landowners who grant easements and often help with the work itself."

Chapter president Kyle Amundson also commented, "The Highway 10 Park Project has gone well with volunteer efforts coming from our TU organization, Wisconsin Industrial Sand Company, local land owners and fishermen. It was great to see a collaborative effort."

## Wisconsin Industrial Sand Company steps up.

For recent projects on the Trimble River and Pine Creek, Wisconsin Industrial Sand has graciously donated hundreds of hours of volunteer hours, with anywhere from 5 to 20 volunteers participating at any given time. All this is in addition to over \$11,000 of funding that has helped make this project a reality.

Added Amundson, "We are extremely pleased that Fairmount Minerals, through the Wisconsin Industrial Sand Company, has once again graciously donated the funding needed to help us finance a portion of the stream restoration work that we collaborated on with the Wisconsin DNR. Fairmount Minerals has been the single most vital corporate contributor to our last several projects, and we would not be able to complete this work without their help. Their donations, via both money and workforce volunteerism, has been tremendous."

The project can be seen by visiting the Trimble Recreation Area, which is located approximately 5 miles west of Ellsworth on Pierce County Road O-just 1/2 mile south of U.S. Highway 10.

The completion of the \$69,000 project occurred in August of 2012. Check out photos from the project on the next page.





# PHOTOS FROM THIS SUMMER'S TRIMBELLE PROJECT



BEFORE THE WORK - PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON



THE WORK HAS BEGUN - PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON



BUILDING LUNKER STRUCTURES - PHOTO BY GREG MEYER



INSTALLING LUNKER STRUCTURES- PHOTO BY GREG MEYER



THE FINISHED PRODUCT- PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON



A BEAUTIFUL NEW PLUNGE POOL- PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON





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**DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!**

Wednesday, September 5th  
@ Bob Smith's Sports Club  
in downtown Hudson, WI

The deadline to make submissions for the  
October issue is Wednesday, September 19th.  
Thank you!

