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# RIP RAP

Conserve. Protect. Restore.



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

**Kiap-TU-Wish chapter  
is currently seeking  
contributors to RipRap.**

We are currently looking for any members that have interesting stories, poems, photos, fly tying tips, comments, etc., for submission into "RipRap."

We could always use help from graphic designers, photographers, artists, writers, and stamp-lickers. If you have any of these skills, we'd love your help!

If you have something you'd like to share (big fish photos are cool by me), or comments and suggestions, please send to me by the second Friday of the month for submission.

I can be contacted at:  
Attn: RipRap  
kiaptuwish@hotmail.com

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## Kiap Board decides to continue with RipRap.

As you may have noticed, this issue of RipRap has had a bit of an overhaul. Upon the announcement in March that Scott Hanson would be retiring as the editor of *RipRap*, the Kiap Board of Directors met to decide the fate of the publication.

The Board weighed heavily on the validity of a paper newsletter (and the \$1200-\$1400 cost per year in postage) versus the low-cost alternative and advantages of utilizing an e-mail only delivery of chapter news. After a robust debate and much consideration, the board voted to continue with both a print and email newsletter. And believe me, it wasn't a unanimous decision.

If it were not for the fact that our chapter has seen considerable national recognition for chapter activities, the printing of the newsletter is currently donated by a gracious contributor, and an increase in fundraising outcomes—this may not have been possible.

In our discussions, it became clear that if *RipRap* were to continue, the board would need to do a better job of keeping our chapter members informed in the newsletter. As your new editor, it is my goal to keep you informed as well as entertained.

In upcoming issues, look for more information to be posted regarding decisions and outcomes from the monthly board meetings, as well as thoughts and musings from our new chapter president, Tom Henderson, in his column entitled "The Drift." There will also be more information on chapter project activities in the "Notes From the Field" section, and of course you will also be kept abreast on chapter meetings and events.

We're also blessed to have a few excellent writers and story tellers in our midst that have agreed to be regular contributors. Look for wonderful story contributions from Jonathon Jacobs, Perry Palin, Greg Olson, and others. There may also be poems, quotes, and other items that are sure to delight.

And what would *RipRap* be without Brian Smolinski's "Fly Tier's Corner"? Throw in a few fly tying tips and a few big fish photos... enough said.

And to you... Thank you so much for being a Kiap-TU-Wish chapter member!

**Greg Meyer,**  
*RipRap* editor



## Did You Know?

Only a small percentage of your annual membership fee comes back to our chapter. The main way we can help support WI DNR stream improvement projects is by fundraising and grant writing.



2012 Trimbelle River project at Highway 10

Tom Henderson photo

{ Words } Tom Henderson

# The Drift: Words from our President.

Restoration work on the Trimbelle is progressing rapidly below Co Rd W above Beldenville. Please check out the "Notes from the Field" section for the latest information.

Meanwhile, we are writing grant requests to raise funds to continue downstream in 2014. After that, the board is considering various sites on the upper Kinnickinnic for 2015.

### Upland conservation

Because we are most interested in fish and fishing, we sometimes ignore activities in upland areas. These portions of the landscape are also important to our streams. The county land conservation departments work with farmers and other land owners to prevent erosion of topsoil. This work is very important to preserve the farmland as well as the stream habitat.

### Calendar

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, with two exceptions. In the month of December we will have our annual banquet and *will not* have a regular chapter meeting. The

January 2014 meeting will be held on January 8 instead of New Years' day.

Regular meetings are at Bob Smith's Sports Restaurant in downtown Hudson, near the north end of the business district. This business changed ownership recently but no changes are planned that would affect our meetings.

For our upcoming meeting on September 4 (two days after Labor Day) bring along any photos that you have of fish recently caught, or beautiful places where you have fished. Be prepared to share your stories as honestly as possible. Camaraderie is the objective instead of having a formal speaker. We may also ask you for your preferred places to do either maintenance or restoration work in the future. There will be a brief report on the Trimbelle restoration projects, and a description of certain reaches of the upper Kinni that you might not be familiar with. Few people are aware of some of the fishing easements.

Our annual holiday fund raising banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, at the Lake Elmo Inn event center near Hagberg's Market on Highway 5.

### Communications

Greg Meyer is the new editor of RipRap, effective with this issue. Greg is also our web master, publisher of our electronic newsletter, and he sends out various electronic messages from time-to-time. In my opinion, he does an outstanding job and is very talented. Thank You, Greg.

We can all help him by creating articles for publication. If your message should be included in the next regular issue, the deadline is the second Friday of the month. If it is not urgent, let Greg know that he can "bank" it for a future issue.

### Reclassification

Some of our trout streams may be re-classified from Class 2 to Class 1 this coming year. Please see the information from the WI DNR on the adjacent page for more information.

Fish responsibly. And always improve your clinch knots.

Enough said.

~Tom Henderson



# 2013 National TU meeting will be held in Madison.

Please join Trout Unlimited September 27-29, 2013 for TU's Annual Meeting in Middleton, Wisconsin, just minutes from Madison.

General Registration Fee of \$300 includes all standard meals and events Thursday through Saturday night.

Additional events include a hosted fishing trip (\$50/each) with local members and an incredible conservation tour (\$25/each). Please register for these events in addition to your general registration. There will be a chance to win a fabulous door prize during the conservation tour.

Participants planning to take advantage of entire conference activities and meals must pay full registration fees. This year we will also have a spouse's registration full of activities for \$225. The spouses agenda is set up for the non-angling spouse.

For those who will be attending the BBQ and/or banquet only, please use the BBQ/banquet only registration form. BBQ tickets are \$45 per person / Banquet tickets are \$90 per person.

All meetings will be held in the Madison Marriott West hotel. See the TU website for more information.

## Did You Know?

Kiap-TU-Wish won the national TU "Silver Trout" award for outstanding chapter in 2012!

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations! Hotel reservations must be made by September 10th to guarantee room block rate.

### Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center

1313 John Q Hammons Drive  
Middleton, WI 53562  
608.831.2000  
Room rate: \$125

# WI DNR plans to reclassify 4 trout streams in Kiap-TU-Wish region.

Portions of western Wisconsin trout streams are to be reclassified based on their habitat and ability to support natural trout reproduction, under a Department of Natural Resources proposal open for public comment.

Four streams would be reclassified from class 2 to class 1 trout streams, and a fifth would be reclassified as a warm-water forage fish stream, according to Marty Engel, Department of Natural Resources Senior Fisheries Biologist in Baldwin.

"The four streams being reclassified as a class 1 stream because fisheries surveys have shown they contain abundant self-sustaining trout populations and no longer need stocking," Engel said. "Surveys have shown that the fifth stream is unable to support a trout population even after years of stocking, so it is being reclassified from a class 3 trout stream to a warm-water forage fish stream."

The streams being reclassified from class 2 to class 1 are:

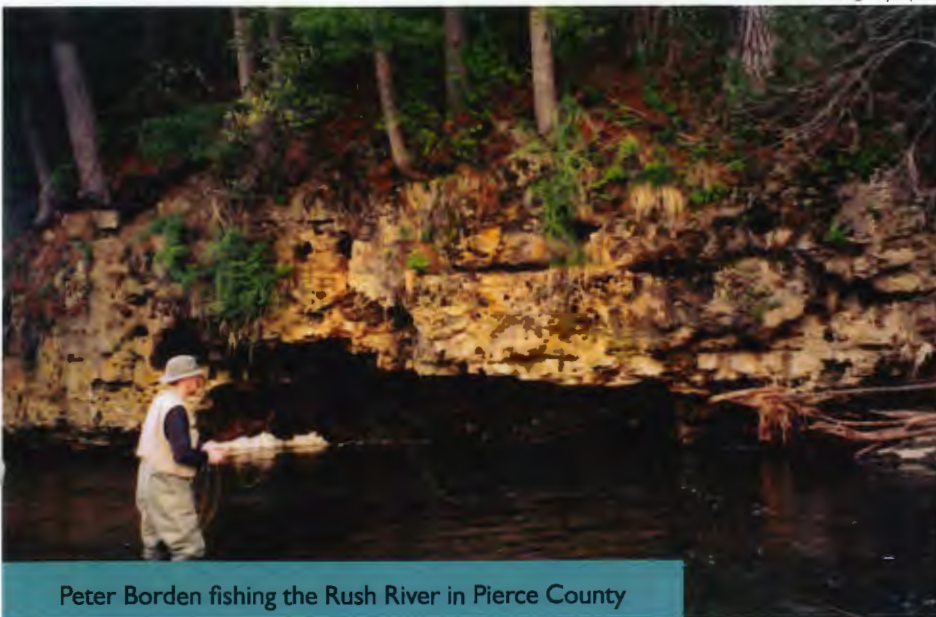
~ Rush River in Pierce County for 27.6 miles from the St. Croix-Pierce county line downstream to Highway 35

~ South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, all 4.5 miles in Pierce County.

~ Little Trimble River all 5.3 miles in Pierce County

~ Bolen Creek in Dunn and St. Croix Counties

Greg Meyer photo



Peter Borden fishing the Rush River in Pierce County



## Rumours . . . .

"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?"

~Lee Wulff

John Kaplan photos



## Notes From the Field-Trimbelle River

A long, wet spring put the WIDNR trout crew behind in a majority of their projects due to unmanageable field conditions. They were finally able to start the restoration work at the headwaters of the Trimbelle River in late July. Heavy equipment has been brought in, and a majority of the rock has been distributed to key locations along the course of the project site.

Restoration work is progressing rapidly, John Sours' WIDNR trout crew has started to shape and slope the banks (which helps reduce erosion and helps with flooding), and preparing the site for further restoration. As the stream is narrowed, the velocity has been increasing. The excellent gradient of this stretch is becoming more obvious, with plunge pools being created by John's crew.

There will be an emphasis on complex woody habitat such as root wads in order to

favor brook trout. Although the stream is a few miles long above the site, the flow rate seems to double within the site due to the springs and seeps.

Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers led by chapter board member John Kaplan have installed monitors at key locations along the project site and have been measuring stream conditions since spring.

As this publication goes to press, Chapter Volunteer coordinator, Randy Arnold, will be heading up even more volunteers for the building and installation of lunger structures and root wads, along with seeding and mulching.

The site area is located south of River Falls, on Hwy W, just east of Hwy 65. The project is expected to be completed by early fall, 2013. For more info visit [www.kiaptuwish.org](http://www.kiaptuwish.org)

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# A Boat Tale

(Words :: Images) Jonathon Jacobs



The author in his beloved craft "The Flambeauzeau."

Greg Meyer asked me recently if I'd be interested in becoming a regular contributor to *RipRap*. It quite likely could have simply been my mood that day, but I thought Greg was asking implicitly if I could submit things that, while not quite *Tales from the Crypt*, might reasonably be titled *Sagas of the Superannuated* or *Creaker's Corner*. I was ready to embrace the role, one for which I am by virtue of age, outlook and length of chapter membership well-qualified.

Believing as I do that Studs Terkel was right when he said that Americans are an ahistorical people, I was going to don my sleeveless undershirt, hike my khakis up to at least the middle of my ribcage, step out on to my metaphorical front porch and start berating you passersby about how K-TU's recent successes are all built on a long history of remarkable volunteer involvement and are not some recent phenomenon due solely to the efforts of folks who finally know how to get things done. I do think that's true, but I also think that the leadership of the chapter today is the most involved, competent and hard-working set of people imaginable. So, instead of making a spectacle of myself with some rant about the good old days, which, on honest reflection weren't all good, I am going to tell you a personal story about how, in one of the great karmic events of my curious life, I benefited from Kiap-TU-Wish's long tradition of volunteerism.

Some of you may know of my drift boat *The Flambeauzeau* and some of you may even know that the boat has some connection to the chapter. Here's the story: Ten years ago, Bill Schussler, a gentleman of the first order and a former president of Twin Cities TU, donated to the chapter a Tatman drift boat kit, which

had remained unassembled after he bought it in 1987. Chapter friend and stalwart Bill Hinton hauled the crated kit out to his farm where he stored it through the winter. In the meantime, the chapter's board endorsed the idea of assembling the boat as a chapter project and then disposing of it by raffle in a fundraising effort. Jack Storer offered the use of his shop out on Trout Brook Road as a boat-building facility. A crew assembled there in early June of 2004 and worked at least two nights a week into November to make the boat a reality. You must understand that this was truly a kit. The frames and rowing seat were assembled and the hull sides, stern and stem were cut to shape, but everything else was essentially raw wood that had been drying out for more than fifteen years. Bill, a construction ace by trade, and Chuck and Bob Bradham, who were widely experienced woodworking hobbyists, drove the project along with the help of sizeable group (about whom more later) of folks who pitched in avidly to do whatever they could to help.

When people ask me today how many hours it took to build the boat, I am at a loss to answer them. However, as a marketing tool the chapter put together a detailed construction log. My wife found it last weekend and after looking through it, I can safely say that hundreds of hours went into the project. Back then I tried to lend my talents to the undertaking, which cast me more or less in the role of project yenta. Despite my minimal contributions, I was, when it was time to send the boat down the road, much like the 4H farm kid who is heartbroken at the thought of sending his prize-winning steer to market. I hatched a desperate plan to buy absolutely every raffle ticket I could. My sisters and other family

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# Fly Tier's Corner

**BRIAN SMOLINSKI**  
LUND'S FLY SHOP  
www.lundsflyshop.com

## b smo's Heavy Hunchback Rainbow Scud

This is something I just came up with and haven't had a chance to fish it yet. With my anticipation building over the Wisconsin Early Trout Season, I was trying to think up ideas for heavy flies to dredge the bottom. I'll fish it barbless, mostly because I tied it with one size smaller bead than normal. To fit the bead onto the hook the barb has to be pressed down. Obviously, there are quicker and easier ways to tie this fly and get similar results, but I prefer the look and weight of it tied this way.

### FLY RECIPE:

**Hook :** Size 14 Daiichi 1120 or TMC 2457

**Bead :** 3/32" Black Nickel

**Thread :** UTC 70 Denier — Beige

**Wire :** UTC Small Ultra Wire — Black

**Antenna :** 1 Strand of Rootbeer Midge Flash (doubled over)

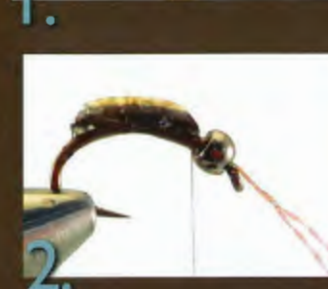
**Dubbing :** Mixture of Hairline's Dark Rainbow Scud Dubbing and some hot pink dyed rabbit hair

**Body :** 1/4" long piece of .065" lead wire (solid wire solder or pre-made metal scud body works too)

**Other :** Clear Scud Back

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- [1] start by running your thread through the bead
- [2] apply a light thread base
- [3] tie in midge flash up to hook eye (fig. 1)
- [4] put bead onto hook point and remove hook from vise while sliding bead up to the eye
- [5] put hook back in vise and make a few light thread wraps with lead wire on top of the hook shank
- [6] apply UV cure glue or cement to lead wire and add a few more light wraps of thread
- [7] hit glue with UV light or allow to cure and cover with thread (fig. 2)
- [8] tie in wire and scud back
- [9] dub body all the way up to the bead
- [10] pull down scud back and tie off
- [11] wrap body with wire, tie off, and finish
- [12] pick out dubbing for legs (fig. 3)



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: [lungs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lungs@sbcglobal.net).

Better yet, stop by his shop and talk to him in person.

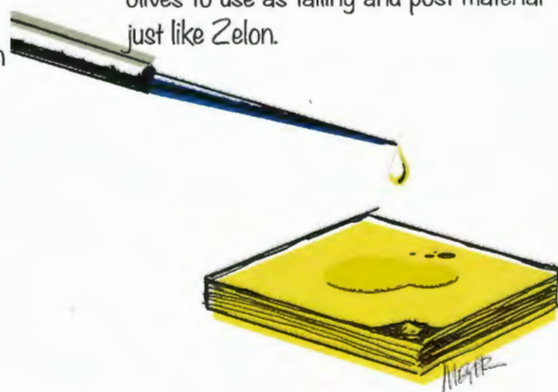
## FLY TYING TIPS {Words :: Images} Greg Meyer

In this column we will be offering up tips and ideas for making your fly tying more enjoyable. As you know, most ideas in fly tying are not original, rather improvements on what has come before us. I cannot take credit for most of these tips, and I will try my best to give credit where credit is due.

If I fail in this task, my apologies in advance.

### Old wading boot laces?

Don't throw em! I discovered a few years ago that my old, frayed laces from my Simms boots were the perfect substitute for Zelon (made of similar stuff). Now I have a few years supply of browns and olives to use as tailing and post material just like Zelon.



### Epoxy pallet

For those of you who tie epoxy back flies, hard head streamers, and bass poppers, the need arises to utilize various epoxies to enhance our creations.

A Post-It® note gives us a nice flat surface on which to blend the epoxy properly. It has no nooks and crannies for material to hide from the bodkin, and allows access to every bit of the material. Make sure you evenly fold into the mix both the epoxy resin and activator, stirring until thoroughly blended. The results will be a mix that when applied will skin better, and most importantly will cure hard. When cured, throw away the Post-It and viola!



members felt so sorry for me that they bought me tickets, too. In spite of the ticket box stuffing, the boat went to a fellow named Scott. I was desolate. Then, several days later I received an e-mail from Scott that then chapter president Greg Dietl forwarded to me. Scott said that he had bought one raffle ticket in support of the chapter's conservation efforts and didn't really have that much use for a drift boat. He'd read the construction log and felt that someone who had worked on the boat ought to have first crack at it for the price he intended to use

muskellunge. Friendships have been forged and refined in it. It's been a multi-generational vehicle for the Jacobs clan, too; my daughter Allison takes the oars several times a summer while her old man flings bugs to the banks of the St. Croix. I hope to maintain it well enough that perhaps someday her children might row it and fish from it.

Now, a little more about the volunteers: My most recent boat project was coating the interior's floor with a tough, long-wearing material called Durabak. To ease

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as a "Buy It Now" price if he listed the boat on e-bay. I'd emptied the family coffers on raffle tickets, but my darling wife and daughter insisted that I respond to the e-mail. A day later, the boat was in my garage. It's still there. Of course, like anything made of wood (think of a house, or at least my house, for example) it requires a horrendous amount of maintenance and is essentially a money pit. That said, I could not be prouder of it or happier with any other watercraft. It has transported me down hundreds of miles on rivers in the Midwest and Montana (Last spring I rowed a stretch of the Madison River, a river I thought I might never see much less row on). Over its gunwales have come brown, rainbow and cuttbow trout, mountain whitefish, smallmouth bass, catfish, carp, catfish, northern pike and

access to the floor, I removed everything that I could from the boat's interior, including the fly line deck. On the bottom of the deck are the signatures of several of those who helped build the boat, including Bill Hinton, Chuck Goossen, Bob Bradham, Ted Mackmiller, Dan Bruski and Sarah Sanford. Other shipwrights who didn't have the opportunity to sign include Greg Dietl, Jack Storer, Jupe Houman, Peter Keller, Erik Brandy, Karen Jacobs and Allison Jacobs. That's a baker's dozen Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers who helped put some cash in the chapter's coffers and simultaneously made me one of the luckiest of me. My most sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of them.

#### { 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.

## Something Overheard...

Where the wandering  
water gushes

From the hills above  
Glen-Car,

In pools among the rushes

That scarce could bathe  
a star,

We seek for slumbering  
trout

And whispering in their ears

Give them unquiet dreams;

Leaning softly out

From ferns that drop  
their tears

Over the young streams.

Come away O human child!

To the waters and the wild

With a faery hand in hand,

For the worlds more full  
of weeping

Than you can understand.

~W.B. Yeats

Excerpt from "The Stolen Child"





Welcome new members:

<b>Lance Belble</b>	Somerset
<b>Gerry Brusletten</b>	Deer Park
<b>Debbie Elmer</b>	Amery
<b>C. Hackworthy</b>	Hudson
<b>Joseph Lorence</b>	River Falls
<b>William Miska</b>	Ellsworth
<b>Jack Uldrich</b>	Minneapolis
<b>Michael Wolf</b>	Somerset

Check us out on the web:  
[www.kiaptuwish.org](http://www.kiaptuwish.org)

## DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!

Wednesday, September 4th, 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.

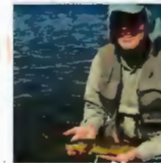
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P.O. Box 483  
Hudson, WI 54016



FWD

Bring your fishing photos & stories to the September chapter meeting at Bob Smith's. Perhaps you can entice Tom to share some Big Horn fishing info, or fishing adventure stories from Chile. See you there!



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