



The Drift: Words from our President.

Wisconsin TU Fishing Camp: I hope you enjoy Grady McAbee's article about his experience at the TU Youth Camp in July. Joseph Duncan, last year's camper, attended this year as a youth mentor. Both young men are enthusiastic supporters of coldwater conservation and fishing, and have bright futures as upcoming conservation leaders.

TU National Trustee Tour: On Monday, June 27th, TU's national trustees toured two sites: the dams in River Falls and the Red Cabin project. At the River Falls dam stop



Gary Horvath addressing TU trustee tour attendees

Wilcox, Maria Manion, Gary Horvath and Randy Arnold for their work in hosting the tour. The trustees had a lot of positive comments about the work and chapter at the end of the trip.

Kinnickinnic River Watershed Strategic Action Plan: The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, along with project partners such as Trout Unlimited, developed a three-year plan with specific goals, objectives and action steps. Thanks to Kent Johnson for his time and input in developing the document. The board endorsed the plan at our August 15th board meeting. You can access the plan at our website www.kiaptuwish.org.

Red Cabin Project: Despite flooding and equipment breakdowns, John Sours and Ron Fredrick from the WDNR have put the finishing touches on the Red Cabin project on the upper Kinni. Randy Arnold coordinated several volunteer days to build lunger structures and to mulch and seed the riparian zone. It truly has turned into a

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO:

The photo above, courtesy of Mike Alwin, was taken mid-July at the Red Cabin project site on the upper Kinnickinnic River. The new plunge pool is a favorite spot for anglers; it was being fished every time this newsletter editor stopped by to look at the worksite progress

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- Visit the K-TU website & Facebook page for news, announcements & updates
- The next RipRap deadline is Friday, September 16th
- Send info to: manion.maria@gmail.com

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Kiap Volunteers Clean Up

Kiap-TU-Wish members pitched in to clean up the Rush River last spring. Sponsored and organized by Fairmont Santrol, volunteers met early to get their stream assignments, then worked along their allotted stretch of river until lunch. The Rush River Clean-Up has become a tradition each spring; watch for an announcement after the new year.

Pictured Kiap volunteers who participated in the 2016 clean-up include (left to right) Loren Haas, Dan Duncan, Trish Hannah, Joseph Duncan, and Laurie Ashworth. Thank you!



Tom Schnadt photo

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showcase project. The public has already discovered the work; at my last visit a grandfather and his two grandsons were fishing the plunge pool below the bridge.

Parker Creek Culvert Project:

Polk County Land and Water Resources Department finished the plans and cost estimate (\$31,000) for removing and replacing the perched culvert in Alden Township. The Kiap board has budgeted \$5,000 for this project and has paid \$2,519 for the engineering plan. This year we plan to approach the WDNR for trout stamp funding and other potential partners to finance the project.

Volunteers Needed:

Pheasants Forever is sponsoring a youth hunt on Saturday, September 24th at a farm in Beldenville, WI. Other conservation organizations like Ducks Unlimited are going to be present. The goal is to attract 60-70 youth 10-16 years old. We need volunteers to man our conservation booth and to demonstrate spin and fly casting and fly tying. To volunteer contact Tom Schnadt at thschnadt@hotmail.com or via phone at 651-245-5163. ~Tom Schnadt



Mike Alwin photos

Trout Shocking

Marty Engel led two field crews, his own from Baldwin and another from Eau Claire, in a shocking operation on the Rush and Kinni on August 2nd and 3rd. In addition to these seasoned professionals, Marty allowed a few volunteers each day. A middle stretch of the Rush yielded a plethora of first and second year fish and several older fish up to a foot and a half in length. The Glen Park section of the Kinni yielded even more first and second year fish plus many older fish equivalent in size and numbers to the Rush. So many fish were captured and counted on the Lower Kinni that the crews were exhausted by the end of the day. ~Michael Alwin



Tom Schnadt photos

A Successful K-TU Trout Fishing Clinic

Twenty students successfully completed the Kiap-TU-Wish Trout Fishing Clinic on June 4, Wisconsin's free fishing day. The clinic, including supper, started at 1pm and lasted until 9pm. Students received two hours of fly casting instruction interspersed with entomology lessons, ecology lessons, knot tying demonstrations and fly selection and fishing strategies. After the supper break, sandwiches and all the fixin's, the students were issued fresh leaders and fly selections. Then everybody broke for the lower Kinnickinnic from 6-9pm for guided fishing. Several of the students caught multiple trout, and even though the whole day was conducted amid intermittent showers and hard rain, everybody had fun; it was a great time.

K-TU volunteers included Jonathan and Allison Jacobs, Jim Kojis, Jeff Himes, Phil Kashian, Tom Schnadt and Bill Hinton. Four volunteers need special recognition: Brian Smolinski for helping to organize the clinic and ordering the food, new member Laurie Ashworth for picking up the food and organizing it at the shelter, the always inspiring Gary Horvath for delivering the ecology message, and UWRF ecology professor Joe Gathman for organizing a wonderful invertebrate display...live from the Kinni!

~Michael Alwin

From the Editor

Welcome back to another year of chapter meetings and newsletters. I hope your summer was full of fish, or rather of attempts at trying to catch them.

The newsletter may have been on summer hiatus, but chapter members remained busy, committing precious days to working on projects, teaching others or participating in fishing and conservation community events. This issue of RipRap will get you caught up on the happenings since our last chapter meeting.

In upcoming newsletters, as in this one, our president Tom Schnadt will summarize important events in his monthly column *The Drift*. We'll continue to have fly recipes from Brian Smolinski and articles from Jon Jacobs, Mike Alwin and others. We've also got a new voice in RipRap: Grady McAbee. Read ahead for Grady's report of his time at TU's youth camp this summer. Grady and Joseph Duncan –Kiap's 2015 trout camp representative–will be speaking at the chapter meeting on September 7th about their adventures. Don't miss it.

Despite the laudable work that Kiap-TU-Wish members have been doing this past summer, I find myself somber. One of our chapter members, Chuck Goossen, passed away in July. For those of you

who didn't know Chuck, Jon Jacobs has written a lovely tribute that outlines Chuck's character, his contributions, and the example he set as a committed conservationist.

I didn't know Chuck. He called my name numerous times over the years to select a number for the door prize at chapter meetings, but we never spoke beyond that. As Jon mentions, Chuck distributed a door prize (typically a box of flies) at each chapter meeting. He would ask one of the women in the crowd to select a number, he'd consult the attendance list, shuffle the numbering, and announce the winner.

Now, there may have been raised eyebrows at times for a perceived gender inequity of the door prize affair, but I found it charming as Chuck himself seemed to be. And thinking back, I felt embraced by hearing my name called. I rather counted on it, in fact. (At one meeting Chuck asked men in the crowd to select a number and I recall feeling disappointed.) Being one of the women called upon to select a number felt special, and perhaps not unlike claims by Oscar nominees, I felt honored to be in the company of Kiap-TU-Wish members known only by a single name: Allison, Corky, Sarah, Margaret, Karen, Deb, etc. Chuck's "Maria, pick a number between 1 and 37" felt like "Maria, we're glad to

have you here at this meeting and as part of our chapter. . ." or something like that. Thanks to Chuck for his commitment to conservation, but special thanks to him for making our chapter meetings brighter and welcoming. He will be missed.

Do you keep a fishing journal and if you do, would you be willing to share an entry with other chapter members? I've kept a journal off and on for years and recently found myself inspired to do a better job of it after reading the nature journal entries of TIC students. Mr. Mueller from the 5th grade class in Hudson forwarded a few examples. (See below.) Writing or sketching in a journal helps us learn more and better appreciate the resources we have.

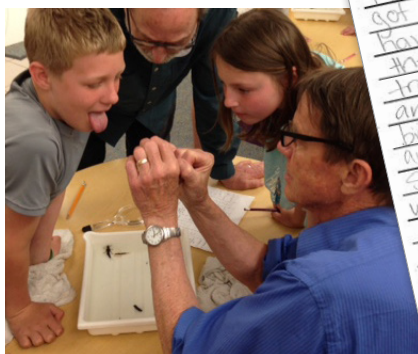
The entries don't have to be long or chock full of astute observations. (Names of rivers can be obscured to protect your secret spots.) I'll share one of my journal entries next month. Maybe you'll send one of your own?

~Maria Manion

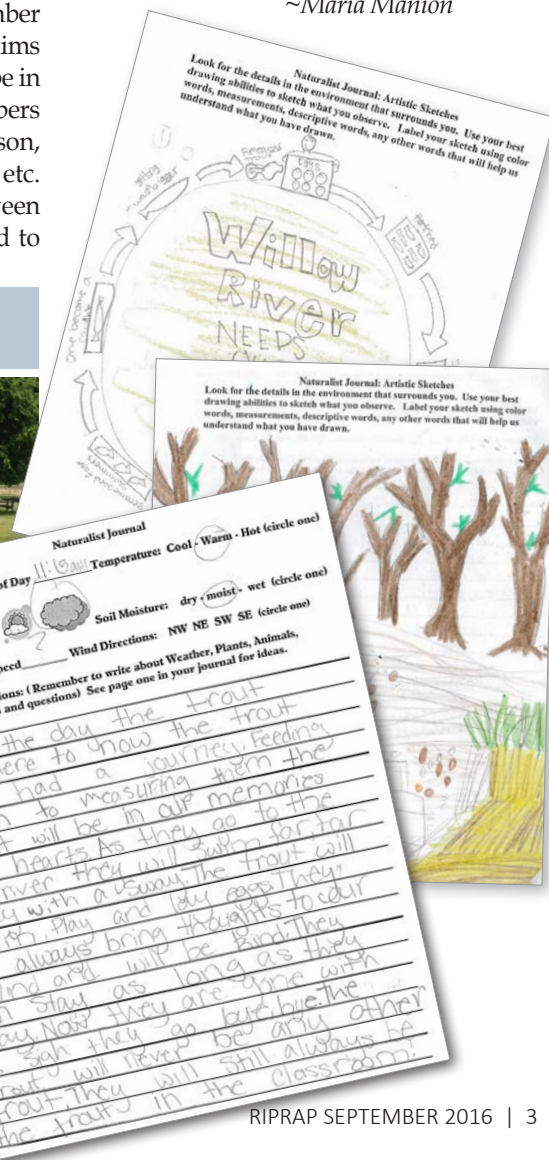
TIC: 2016 Fry Release & Upcoming Year

Not long after our last chapter meeting, all three Trout in the Classroom programs released their classroom-raised brown trout into the Willow River. The 5th grade classes in Amery and Hudson also held a Bugs in the Classroom event with Dr. Dean Hansen in which they had hands-on experience with aquatic insects. The Hudson 5th graders expanded their release event to include on-site insect exploration, lunch, and casting demonstration and lessons. Thanks you to Kiap-TU-Wish members who helped out at the TIC activities: Mike Alwin, John Carlson, Greg Dietl, Jeff Himes, John Kaplan, Jim Kojis, Greg Olson, Perry Palin, and Tom Schnadt.

As for this school year, three classes will continue with the TIC program and there has interest in adding another at the high school in River Falls. We'll know more in the coming month, so watch for updates.



Mmm, not sure who took these photos



Chuck Goossen

“...we can do no greater honor to his memory than to use his life in conservation work as a model for our own.”

Chuck Goossen, a charter member of Kiap-TU-Wish who served as a chapter president and as an officer on its board of directors and was a tireless project worker, died July 12 at the age of 82, succumbing to a battle with metastatic cancer. The world is a lesser place in his absence.

Chuck was a native of Rhinelander, WI. He held a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, served in the United States Air Force and retired from 3M after a long career there. He was a consummate volunteer. In addition to his work for Trout Unlimited, Chuck was a Boy Scout Leader, a Norwegian language teacher and the chair of the committee that oversaw the construction of WinterGreen, Hudson's first large-scale senior housing complex.

Most of those who have been active in K-TU in the last several years will probably remember Chuck as the fellow in the Malone pants tending the fires at chapter brushing projects or helping record data at electrofishing surveys or, most prominently, as the shy and somewhat distracted older gentleman at chapter meetings who “mixed up the numbers” on the attendance sign-in sheet and always asked the women in the audience to pick a number to determine door prize winners. I enjoy that image of Chuck, and I think he did, too, but it obscures just how important Chuck was to the founding of the chapter and how hard he worked in so many capacities to help make it the sophisticated and effective organization that it is today. When the chapter was founded in the early 1970s, Hudson was a small town in a rural area and Chuck was a young man busy raising a family and building a career. The vision that Chuck and his early colleagues displayed in seeing a need for an organization like TU and the effort they expended in making it a reality is remarkable.

Given Chuck's quiet, mumbling mien (Chuck was beyond doubt by nature an introvert), it is easy to miss the fact that he was a brilliant and uncommonly decent and principled man. And too few of us know that Chuck soldiered on after

enduring the tragic deaths of two of his children.

Michael Alwin says that his favorite Chuck Goossen quote is this: “There's only one standard for fair.” To me, Chuck's entire life was a testimony to that idea. Some years ago I received a letter from Chuck Goossen in response to an article I had written for RipRap in which I had been critical of TU National. In his letter he told me firmly and in detail why I was wrong. His counter-argument was so precise and so well expressed that I had no choice but to acknowledge the error of my ways. Here's the thing: Chuck did this in a way that didn't insult me or anger me and that let me know that he had no lingering animosity over the issue. He was a gentleman and I was happy to have learned from him. Another time, when

the issue of amending the chapter's by-laws to allow non-Wisconsin residents to serve as its president came to a vote at the yearly business meeting, Chuck stood and told us why he thought the residency requirement ought to remain. He spoke in quiet, measured tones, but it was apparent that it was an issue about which he felt strongly. Yet, when the vote went against his position, Chuck harbored no resentment and kept on doing what he'd always done—working hard on behalf of the chapter.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Barbara, three children, six grandchildren, a brother, several nieces and nephews and other relatives. We survive him, too, and we can do no greater honor to his memory than to use his life in conservation work as a model for our own. ~Jonathan Jacobs



Above: Chuck stocking the Willow with Fish Manager Scott Stewart.



Below: Chuck hammering on a Willow River structure with Jonathan Jacobs.

photos courtesy of Gary Horvath

2016 TU Youth Camp

by Grady McAbee

This summer I received the opportunity for an experience of a lifetime: 2016 Trout Unlimited Youth Camp! July 14-17, 2016, I had the great fortune to attend the Trout Unlimited Youth Camp in Waupaca, Wisconsin. The adventure all began when Scott Wagner, fellow TU member, suggested that I consider applying for the Trout Unlimited Youth Fishing Camp scholarship. I look up to Scott as a mentor and fellow fly fisherman, often spending time talking with him about fishing reports, fishing spots, and sharing fishing stories. The Trout Unlimited Fishing Camp sounded like a perfect fit for me as an avid fisherman and lover of the outdoors, and it proved to be exactly that and more.

The TU camp was held at Pine Lake Bible Camp in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Twenty campers attended ranging in age from 12 to 16. Each of the campers received the opportunity to attend based on a competitively written essay. There were one or two campers per Wisconsin TU chapters from across the state. Over the course of the four days we had a full agenda of activities including: a stream shocking demo by the WDNR, extensive education on stream conservation, major bugs and hatch presentation, knot tying, and fly fishing techniques and casting advice. We learned to tie three different flies, and received tips on live bait and spinner fishing for trout. We actually got out on the Pine River to do some trout fishing with our choice of live bait, spinners, and flies. The camp hosted many raffles of fishing gear, and hosted a casting contest for spinning and fly casting (I took 2nd place in both casting contests).

I had an amazing time at trout camp! The camp was very well put together. The lodging was very nice. I especially liked the one-on-one camper to mentor ratio with many additional

volunteers. The mentors and volunteers were very helpful and fun to talk to. My mentor, Tom Lager, was very nice, knowledgeable, and just an all-around amazing mentor. I had lots of fun and learned a lot! I was one of the few campers that caught a trout during our designated time on the stream. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend, and I'm interested in volunteering to help in any way I can to promote the camp or at the camp if there is ever the opportunity.

I love every aspect of trout fishing from checking out fly tying materials and creating cool flies to matching the hatch. The excitement of being on the stream is hard to explain, but the sights, the sounds, and the outdoor smells, spotting the trout rises and anticipating their moves is all incredibly exciting. Participating in this year's TU camp was an incredible opportunity to learn more about trout fishing, meet new people, and learn how to conserve trout habitat.

Thank you to all the Kiap-TU-Wish members for an unforgettable TU camp experience! 🐾

Top to bottom: Grady approaching the stream; campers watching a shocking demo; campers learning to tie flies; and campers improving their casting skills



Grady was selected as the Kiap-TU-Wish representative after submitting an application and essay last year. If you know of any youth who might be interested in attending the 2017 TU Youth Camp, please encourage them to apply. Stay tuned for application details in a future newsletter.

Considerations & Responsibility by Jonathan Jacobs

Trout Unlimited is a 501 (c) (3) organization in Internal Revenue Service parlance, a tax-exempt non-profit. It holds this status because it is a conservation organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the nation's coldwater resources. As such, it is not allowed to endorse candidates for public office or to devote any resources campaigning against candidates. I offer this because the opinions and outlook expressed in this article are wholly my own. In writing it, I did not seek the support or approval of the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited and do not expect that it would have granted it.

This is an election year. We citizens will be going to the polls to vote to elect a president, the leader of the free world. This year's race is interesting, to say the least, and I would encourage all of you to vote after evaluating the candidates. Since you are likely a member of this organization, I would suggest that a large part of your evaluation should include a careful examination of the candidates' positions on environmental matters. Although it's impossible for any mortal not to be drawn into the high drama of the presidential race, I would further suggest that the results of the many "down ballot" races across our state likely will have a more direct and considerably more substantial effect on Wisconsin's coldwater resources than the outcome of the presidential contest. I would add that as a conservationist, the stands on environmental matters of the candidates for the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Wisconsin Senate, and the Wisconsin State Assembly should be primary for you and that, essentially, you should become one of those "single issue voters." You may say that a popular issue like taxation affects you more directly. I doubt that. Realistically, tax burdens are going to be exactly that—burdens—regardless of who is in power, and after several decades of observation, it strikes me that politicians of all stripes are primarily concerned with the happiness of taxpayers like the CEO of a Wisconsin-based building supply outfit, who, while a millionaire several

times over, paid no income taxes at all in more than one recent year. "What's the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?" Henry David Thoreau once wrote—food for thought for those who think that a lower tax bill might allow them a grander life style.

Consider searching the internet for organizations that rate candidates on environmental matters. However, be wary of scorecards from organizations purporting to hold the interests of

The best guide that I have found for information on the relevant positions and voting records of candidates for the offices mentioned are, for national offices, the League of Conservation Voters (<http://www.lcv.org/>), and in Wisconsin, its affiliated organization, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters (<http://conservationvoters.org/>). At these organizations web sites you will find examinations of the issues important to us and "scorecards" measuring the effectiveness of

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"sportsmen" dear to their hearts. All too often, "sportsmen" are viewed by these organizations as folks whose primary concern is the annihilation of the gray wolf or a citizen's right to purchase a bazooka over the counter at a convenience store, no questions asked.

legislators by how they voted on the selected issues. Again, these are sources of information and measurement. For whom you vote is your responsibility, just as making every effort to sustain our planet is your responsibility. 🐾

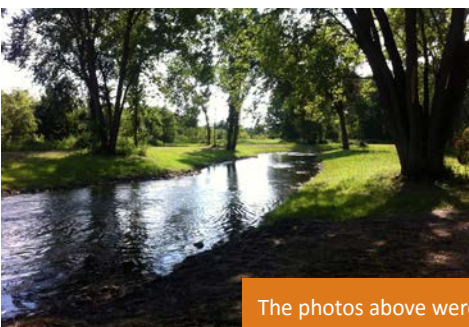
From the Field: Stream Maintenance

In addition to our chapter's restoration project work, the WDNR habitat crew has been busy tending to many stretches of stream that need maintenance. The following are sections of local streams that were mowed throughout July between frequent, heavy rains and prior project commitments.

S. Fk Kinni	Pierce	T27N R18W Sec. 4
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Parker Creek	St. Croix	T28N R18W Sec. 13
Trimbelle River	Pierce	T27N R18W Sec. 26/35
Cady Creek	Pierce	T27N R15W Sec. 23, 25 & 26
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Pine Creek	Pierce	T 24N R16W Sec. 23
Gilbert Creek	Dunn	T28N R14W Sec. 20
S. Br. Gilbert Creek	Dunn	T28N R14W Sec. 28
N.Br. Gilbert creek	Dunn	T28N R14W Sec. 21
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According to one Kiap-TU-Wish member, his day on Cady Creek (shortly after it had been mowed) was one of his best fishing days this year.

From the Field: Red Cabin Restoration. Done!



The photos above were taken at various stages of work this summer.

As appeared in RipRap last May: "This summer's project work will include starting—and finishing—bank restoration at the Red Cabin site. (Brush cutting and tree clearing was done the winter before last.) John Sours is coming back from retirement long enough to finish this project."

Done. August 15th was the last day of work at the Red Cabin site. Thank you to all volunteers that committed so much time and energy brushing and burning, building LUNKER structures, seeding, mulching, and countless other tasks. Special thanks to Randy Arnold for his volunteer wrangling and direction.

Rainy weather over the past two years may have delayed our progress, but it certainly didn't dampen enthusiasm for the restoration. The Red Cabin has been a popular fishing and walking spot long before the last Komatsu left the site. Please stop and take a look. Better yet, bring your rod and fish.

The Red Cabin restoration project was also the subject of two news stories in the River Falls Journal—the first regarding start of work after a year's delay, the second regarding a tour of the Kinni by TU National's Board of Trustees. If you'd like to read the articles, try Googling or just email me and I'll send you a copy. manion.maria@gmail.com

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National tour group sees ongoing restoration being done on the Kinni

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Summer Fishing Stories September 7th

At our September meeting, Kiap-TU-Wish members will share their summer fishing stories. Grady McAbee and Joseph Duncan will be there too, sharing their adventures from Wisconsin's 2016 Trout Unlimited Youth Camp in Waupaca.

Don't miss it!



Grady with trout. Success!

photos courtesy of the McAbee family



Joseph mentoring a 2016 camp participant