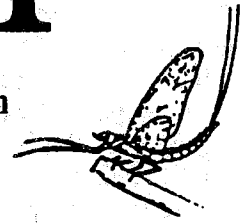




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KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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Notes from Jon Jacobs

The spring conservation hearings are scheduled for Monday, April 24 (see directory of locations below). Of critical interest to conservation-minded trout fishermen is question 2 on the agenda: "Trout bag limits, size limits, and seasons on inland waters."

This issue will bring to a vote the proposal that the DNR has developed and Kiap-TU-Wish has heartily endorsed. The TU state council has said that "the proposed regulations represent a chance for a great improvement in Wisconsin trout fishing and management. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS BE APPROVED AT THE CONSERVATION HEARINGS.**"

We agree. Mark this event on your calendar and make plans to attend and vote. In a recent clarification, it has been determined that all who attend the hearing have a voice and a vote. We will take a few minutes at the April meeting to review the proposal and the organization of the meetings.

Meeting Schedule:

St. Croix County:
Monday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.
American Legion Post 240
410 Maple St., Baldwin

Pierce County:
Monday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.
Ellsworth Jr. High
254 S. Chestnut St.
Ellsworth

Andy Lamberson, fly fishing guru and Kiap-TU-Wish's Mel Krieger analog, has expressed his willingness to serve as tripmaster for group outings to waters as near as the Race or as distant as Belize (or did he say the Rush?). Anyway, Andy feels that small group outings to water that can withstand the pressure would be an excellent way for our members to become better acquainted with new water and with one another. See Andy for further details.

Mike Alwin and I split attendance at a Minnesota symposium titled "Rivers, Fish and the Angler." The symposium was held at Bell Museum and both of us came away from it with a lot to think about.

-Jon Jacobs

FISHWORKS '89 COMES TO A HAPPY FINISH

Fishworks '89 came to an early end on February 25th when 15 volunteers from Kiap-TU-Wish, the Willow River Rod and Gun Club and Twin Cities TU put the finishing touches on a half mile of the lovely South Branch of the Willow.

These touches included cutting brush and removing downed timber from the stream banks and removing a couple of obstructions from the river itself.

The Willow River Rod and Gun Club and Kiap-TU-Wish planned and executed the project, as well as shared the culinary responsibilities of feeding the slaving masses at lunch hour.

Workers included Mike Alwin, Gary Horvath, Mike Reiter, Gene Tharp, Jon Jacobs, Chuck Goosen, Nancy Yanke, Steve and Matt McConaghey, Andy Lamberson, Jim Samways, Steve Deegs, Floyd Hedding and Bob Berendt.

The committee is already studying proposals for next year's projects, as well as plans for determining the interests and intentions of our chapter members.

-Mike Alwin

Meeting Notice

Kiap-TU-Wish's countdown to spring continues this month with a visit from Mark Kubler, the superintendent of Willow River State Park.

Mark will fill us in on plans for development at the park. He'll also bring the latest information on a subject that's been a focus of controversy: The future of the Willow Falls dam.

So join us on Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sports Club in Hudson.

Chapter News

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

As a result of last month's chapter elections, a few new faces have appeared on our board of directors. The board now consists of Mike Alwin, Russ Schalk, Don Curtis, Craig Mason, Andy Lamberson and Gary Horvath.

Jon Jacobs remains as chapter president, and a heartbeat away from Jon's office is our new vice-president, Andy Lamberson. Remaining as secretary and treasurer are Chuck Goosen and Vern Alberts, respectively.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kiap-TU-Wish is committed to conducting two kids' fishing clinics this year, one at Willow River State Park and another in River Falls. The chapter is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer to help.

We need fly tiers, fly casters, and outdoor enthusiasts with the zeal to evangelize on behalf of coldwater fishing. If you're interested, contact Mike Stanton or Jon Jacobs.

Angling Exhibit Has Ups and Downs

My wife and I dropped by the Bell Museum of Natural History the other day to look over the traveling exhibit from the American Museum of Fly Fishing. I found much of the exhibit to be interesting, with a few notable exceptions.

The vast majority of the exhibit is devoted to hand-tied flies positioned with a piece of angling art. Even though many of these flies were tied by luminaries such as Art Flick and Theodore Gordon, I have to admit I couldn't tell them apart from the flies I fritter away my paychecks on at Bob Mitchell's.

More interesting were the flies tied by Chauncey Lively and Yas Yamashita. Their imitations of adult mayflies and various aquatic forms even made my wife gasp, in spite of the fact that she considers fly-tying to be about as interesting as solid geometry.

There was a remarkable display of antique fly reels. Also on hand was Daniel Webster's fly rod

(circa 1847), which had a missing tip section. (Apparently some things never change--such as doors slamming on fly rods.)

There was also a fascinating assortment of antique fly reels, and a display of celebrity fly-fishing paraphernalia, including a Hardy rod used by Ernest Hemingway and Bing Crosby's fishing hat and pipe. As I squinted at the bite marks on Bing's pipe stem, I thought to myself: "This isn't angling. It's Beatlemania!" I, for one, am not captivated by celebrity clothing.

Still, the exhibit is worth a visit if you're otherwise in the university area--say, to watch the University of Minnesota thrash Wisconsin at some athletic contest. There are many worthwhile events going on in conjunction with the exhibit--and it's one more way to make it through the maddening months of March and April.

-Brian Lowey

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