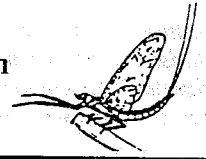




# RIP-RAP

Restoration, Improvement and Preservation  
Through Research and Projects



Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

April 1990

## ELECTROFISHING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers are badly needed for two ambitious stream census projects taking place in April on the Willow and Lower Kinni. DNR Fish Manager Marty Engel will be heading up the project, which will be mark and recapture operations requiring large numbers of volunteers during several days of work.

To volunteer for these projects you must be in good physical condition and be able to work on the river for a full eight hours. You should be a sure-footed wader, and be prepared to bring rain gear, a dry change of clothes, lunch and hot coffee.

Electrofishing is hard work, but there is no better way to get to know a stream. You will be glad you invested the time. The tentative dates of the operation are April 16-19 on the Willow and Race and April 23-26 on the Lower Kinni. More details are available from Marty Engel (715)684-2914, Craig Mason (612)736-9626(W), or Mike Alwin (612)439-8159 (H).

## FISHWORKS '90 WRAPS UP FOR THE SEASON

On March 10th and 24th our hearty Fishworks '90 crew completed the first phase of the headwaters project on the Kinni. On the 10th the crew was aided by several inches of fresh snow and were able to burn nine piles of brush and timber before leading an assault on a beaver dam on the upstream end of the project area.

Rising waters from the snow melt and the breached beaver dam helped control the fires but also scattered some of the debris over the area. Consequently, on the 24th the crew concentrated on burning the remaining piles and cleaning up the mess.

Volunteers included: Kent Johnson, Craig Mason, Lorn Pracht, Jon Jacobs, Marty Engel, Mike Alwin, Gary "The Burn" Horvath, Orv Johnson, Chuck Goosen, Dave Dorn, Bob Bradham, Rick Femling, Jeff League, Suzanne League, Sam Campbell, Murry Humble, Bill Hinton, Dick Tessmer, Andy Lamberson, Ivan Schloff, Mark Dostal, All Roy, Herb Lundberg, Rod Lundberg and Skip James.

The project has now been completed to below the bridge. What remains is a quarter mile stretch upstream of the bridge. The river is narrower and even more heavily wooded in this section and there is a better than even chance that Fishworks '91 will find us toiling in this stretch. Our thanks to the many volunteers who helped us on this successful project.

--Mike Alwin and Craig Mason  
Stream Improvement Co-Chairs

## ELECTION RESULTS

Last month's chapter elections continued the Kiap-TU-Wish tradition of re-electing incumbents. Due to an ice storm voting was light, and here is Jon Jacobs' verbatim report on the election results:

"Wisconsin board members Kent Johnson and Gary Horvath were elected and re-elected, respectively, or respectably, as Dizzy Dean used to say. We welcome Kent, firm in the knowledge that  
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## April Meeting Notice

**When:** Wed., April 4  
8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Act 2 in  
Midtown Hudson

April is fly-tying month at Act 2, time to fill up those fly boxes and swap lies while sampling the products of some of the Midwest's finest breweries.

The Redoubtable Dry Fly Dick Frantes tells us he's lined up the following impressive array of tiers:

"Both 71 year old Herb Becker--a bamboo rod, bluebird and duck house builder-- and his crony Orv Engen will be there to teach how flies were tied before 5 cent an hour foreign tiers began the era of short-cuts, fake materials and assembly-line procedures. Our own Cathy Dicherry and Craig Mason will also be there. Cathy was taught tying by the elderly Wizard of the Willow and knows her stuff, and Craig catches so many trout, he must be doing something right. Rounding out the group will be Chuck Goosen, who will teach you how to make a net to be proud of."

Kiap-TU-Wish thanks Dean Hansen, who impressed us at the March meeting with his presentation on entomology. Dean covered the basics this time out and we hope to have him back next year for the hard core bug maniacs in the chapter.

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# KIAP-TU-WISH TO INVITE ERIC CLAPTON TO WISCONSIN

*Editor's note: A recent documentary on Channel 2 revealed that Eric Clapton, the greatest electric guitarist the universe has ever seen, is also a dedicated fly fisherman. In the interest of broadening Trout Unlimited's appeal to young people, we propose to invite Mr. Clapton to Wisconsin to learn about TU and experience Midwestern angling at its best. To this end, we've sent Mr. Clapton the following letter:*

Dear Mr. Clapton,

On behalf of Kiap-TU-Wish, an organization representing several hundred trout anglers and rock 'n roll aficionados, we would like to invite you on a weekend of fishing on the Kinnickinnic River.

The Kinnickinnic is one of the most famous trout streams in central North America. For its entire length the "Kinni" is crystal clear, free of pollution, and ice cold. The Kinni flows through peaceful meadows, rolling farm country, and spectacular gorges. And the fisheries it supports are as diverse as its scenery: From native brook trout at its headwaters to the trophy brown trout you fish for in your native England.

While you are fishing, you will be guided by chapter member Mike Alwin, a fly-fishing instructor at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Michael, like you, is an accomplished guitarist whose musical preferences range from Stravinski to Sid Vicious. Michael has also followed your musical career with reverence and awe.

During your visit you will stay with chapter member Brian Lowey in his home in historic Stillwater. Brian has no musical skills, although he can play a crude version of "Sunshine of Your Love" on a touch-tone phone. But Brian will provide you with a private room, clean bed linens and two meals a day. You will have to cook your own lunch (while Brian and his wife Wendy are at work). All they ask in return is that you take their dog, Fergus, for a walk after lunch.

After each day of fishing, Kiap-TU-Wish will treat you to Lienenkugels and Slim Jims at the Act 2 bar in Hudson, the home of the famed North Hudson Pepper Festival. And if you should wish to ascend Act 2's stage with your guitar and launch into "Crossroads"--well, that's fine--although some of the older patrons may ask you to keep the volume down.

This offer is genuine and will extend through the 1990 fishing season. As a gesture of good faith, we've included an assortment of hand-tied flies appropriate for use in the Kinni. All expenses will be paid except for your transportation. We anxiously await your reply.

Sincerely,

  
Brian Lowey

  
Mike Alwin

## Election Results (cont. from page 1)

he'll do good work. A very special thanks to outgoing board member Don Curtis. Don's voice was one of reason and intelligence, and he will be missed."

Here, in extremely small print, are the complete election results:

**President:** Jon Jacobs. **Vice President:** Andy Lamberson. **Secretary:** Chuck Goosen. **Treasurer:** Vern Alberts. **Committee Assignments:** Fundraising: Jean Mitchell. Education: Mike Stanton. Membership: The Redoubtable Dry Fly Dick Frantes and Andy Lamberson. Stream Improvement: Michael Alwin and Craig Mason. DNR Liaison Committee: Jon Jacobs, Mike Alwin, Andy Lamberson, Chuck Goosen, Ivan Schloff. Programs: Jon Jacobs, Andy Lamberson (ex officio) and Mike Dziki. Newsletter: Brian Lowey



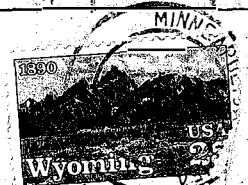
### ERRATA

We erroneously reported last month that Russ Schalk was up for re-election to Kiap-TU-Wish's board. This, as everyone knows, was a bone-headed mistake, since Russ has just finished the first year of his two-year term and got to sit this election out. Our apologies to Russ.

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**Remember: Earth Day is April 22**