



# Rip Rap

## April Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 6  
 Where: JR Ranch, Hudson  
 Dinner: 6:30  
 Program: 8:00 Fly Tiers Special

*Where else on earth would you rather be than fishing a Midwestern trout creek in the Spring of the year? Turkey's gobbling, geese honking, ducks winging, and of course, the trout responding to nature's buffet of insects and other treats. Spring has a way of rejuvenating my being each year. I hope that each of you has lots of time to soak in the warm ad length of our changing days.*

*Spring also means DNR and Conservation Congress hearings. Please plan to attend the site nearest you. Obviously, the biggest issue for folks interested in trout is the proposal to modify the current early season. The proposed changes wouldn't have much of an effect on our local streams, but barbed-hook possession rules and five-day closure before the general opening day are issues that might effect us. I think that all sports people should take advantage of this forum and participate.*

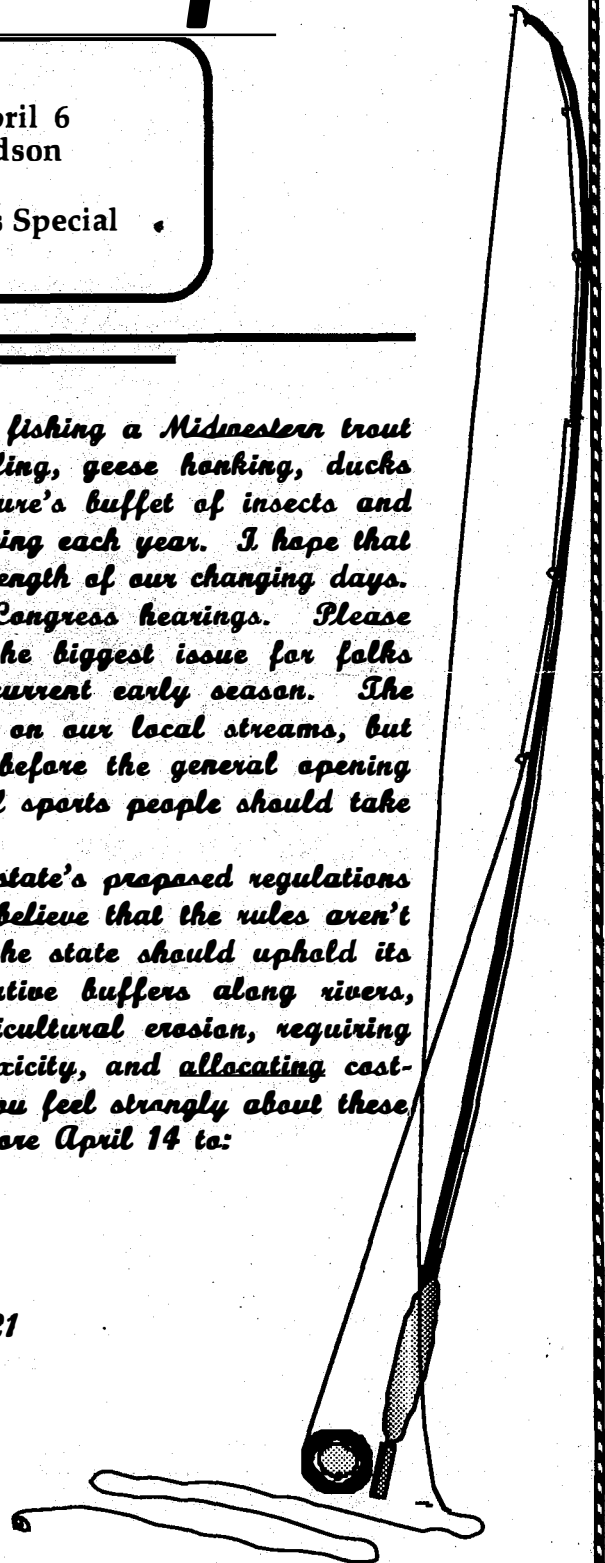
*On March 27, the DNR held hearings on the state's proposed regulations to mitigate non-point pollution. Many in the DNR believe that the rules aren't stiff enough to protect the resource. At minimum, the state should uphold its own water-quality standards by demanding vegetative buffers along rivers, restricting livestock's access to rivers, reducing agricultural erosion, requiring municipalities to address runoff temperature and toxicity, and allocating cost-share dollars to repairing damaged waterways. If you feel strongly about these issues, you may write before April 14 to:*

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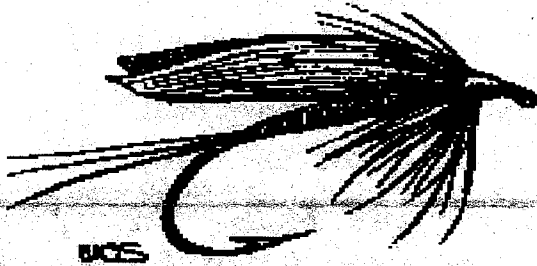
*Sincerely,  
 Brent Sittlow, President*



# Kiap-TU-Wish Bulletin Board...

## Fly Tiers show their skills at April meeting...

Thanks to Jon Jacobs for rounding up a group of talented fly-tiers, among them Brent Sittlow, Tony Stifter, Scott Hanson, Jay Johnson and Mike Edgerly. Jon tells me that he has 'maybe' responses from other tiers as well, so there will probably be a few more than listed here. So come, ask questions, see the latest pattern to imitate that bug you've never had success with. Experimental fly tying materials, new tools, new methods will be featured. The door prizes will most certainly be flies from local tiers.



## Swinging Gate Fund Drive Contributors...

We've successfully finished off our "100 Anglers for \$100" campaign. Thank you to all who participated. With your help, we raised not only the \$10,000, but another \$2,000 to spare. The Board of Directors will set these extra dollars aside for property or stream improvement work on the Swinging Gate property.

Frank and Millicent Fennell  
Katherine Moe  
E. M. Schaffer  
James Brewer  
John Peckham  
Merrimon and Carol Hipps

Charles and Carol Denny  
Harry Rockwood  
Bill Shogren  
John and Brenda Barton  
Clint Miller  
Thomas and Karen Idstrom

Peter and Deborah Mahon  
Michael Valentiner  
Robert Mayrand  
Peter Libera  
Steven Timmer  
Brad Pepiin

## Clinic News...

Way back on March 26, 1995, a number of standing committees were formed by the Kiap-TU-Wish Board of Directors to further the chapter's conservation goals. One of these committees was the Education Committee. At its first organizational meeting the committee adopted two goals:

1. Educate the community
2. Inform and involve the membership

We seek to accomplish these two goals by organizing and delivering the chapter's annual Fly Fishing Clinic in River Falls.

This year's clinic will be held on June 3rd in Glen Park and runs from 1-9pm. Students will receive instruction on casting, knots, entomology and stream craft and will be guided for the evening's fishing after supper. Attendees will receive leaders, flies and instructional booklets and the chapter graciously picks up the tab for everything, including the meal. Our behavioral objective is to actively engage folks in the protection of their priceless Kinnickinnic River. In order to pull this off, we need your help. Members can volunteer in one of two ways. First, consider being a guide/mentor. You can work the whole clinic or just an afternoon or evening shift. It's great fun, ask the folks who have taken part before. Second, donate a dozen flies to the effort. Your donation will help defray the costs and the students are always impressed by hand-tied flies. If you'd like to volunteer or if you have questions, call me at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, (651) 770-5854

Mike Alwin

## Proposed Extension of Early Trout Season effective March 1, 2001

This is the text of the statewide question proposing continuing the early season. If approved, the rule would take effect April 1, 2001, unless otherwise indicated.

"22. Modify the Early Catch and Release Trout Season (effective March 1, 2001). The early catch and release trout season began in 1997 and is currently in effect on all trout streams (a few sensitive streams are excluded) from March 1 to the Friday before the regular open season (first Saturday in May). Last year, the Natural Resources Board appointed a Task Force representing all trout-fishing interests to advise them on compromise proposals that would continue to provide early fishing opportunities while protecting the resource. Under this proposal, most streams west of U.S. Highway 51 or south of State Highway 23 would be open, with only selected streams open east of U.S. Highway 51 and north of State Highway 23. The early catch and release season would also be shortened, with a 5-day rest period for the week before the regular open season. As before, only artificial lures with barbless hooks would be allowed, and the use and possession (pending the outcome of legislative action) of barbed hooks would be prohibited. "

Editor's Note: The question goes on to enumerate specific waters that would be included in the early season by county. There are no specific listings for St. Croix or Pierce counties, but they are covered by the following sentence:

"All other counties - All trout streams in all other counties not listed above would be open during the early season EXCEPT portions of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior tributaries that are open to harvest during this time period."



**This happy angler is John Koch, who was recently elected to Kiap-TU-Wish's Board of Directors. He will be in charge of stream projects. I asked him for some biographical information, and he sent me some meager facts about his life, but suffice it to say, he's a fly fisher. Here's his photo, so if you see him at a meeting or on the stream, say hello.**

### Brushing Resumes...

Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers working under the guidance of DNR fisheries managers brushed DNR easement land on the Andrea property, downstream from the Cty JJ Bridge on the upper Kinni.

Members present include:

Brent Sittlow  
John Koch  
Gary Balwierz  
Ed Constantini  
Marck Waschek

DNR Personnel:  
John Sours

Craig Aschenbrenner  
Sam Buell  
Margie Balwierz  
Gareth Horvath  
Dan Conley

Brian Spangler

Bob Bradham  
Tim Minor  
Steve Parry  
Andy Horvath  
Marty Dahlke

Dean Johnson

## **Bush River residents clash over Juli-Mar Dairy expansion plans:**

Dateline March 7, 2000

The Martell Town Board had their attorney write the attached resolution restricting large CAFO's (confined animal feeding operation) in environmentally sensitive areas. \* The meeting notice was published in the Pierce County Herald newspaper on January 12th and the 19th. Several people opposed to the resolution conducted a calling campaign. They told people a lot of misinformation such as that this would be general zoning for everything and that it would put all the farmers out of business. To counter this, a ballot with a copy of the attached resolution with a 'yes' or 'no' on the bottom was given to each resident when they registered at the meeting. The town attorney was present and explained the resolution and monitored the meeting to make sure it was conducted legally. A motion to pass the resolution was made and seconded. Discussion was called for. A motion was made and seconded to limit discussion to forty-five minutes and a vote was taken. Seventeen out of two hundred and eight present voted to not have discussion. Ballots were then turned in and checked by one person in favor of the resolution and one against. The result was one hundred twenty-six in favor and eighty-two against. Due to the size of the town hall some residents had to stand outside and listen to the meeting. We had people out there to monitor and make sure they got to hear all that was said in the meeting. The resolution was then sent to Pierce County.

We knew that a small group made up of people who want to get back control of the town board and opposed to the resolution were holding meetings. We underestimated them. they conducted another phone campaign and went door-to-door to a lot of the residents of the township. They told them outrageous lies about the resolution...that the town board would be taking all the zoning over from the county and that it would raise their taxes. One I know of was told that he wouldn't be able to build the pole shed he had planned for a garage if this resolution went through. This is what they did to get signatures on their petition. They also had people write letters to Pierce County complaining about the town board and that the vote was illegal for various reasons. One of them even made calls to Baldwin to try and discredit our town chairman who teaches agriculture at the Baldwin High School. They got one hundred eighty signatures on their petition using misinformation.

The Pierce County Land Management Committee met last night. (March 6) They said only the Martell Town Chairman could speak. They placed all the letters they received and the petition into the records. They voted four to one to turn down Martell Township's resolution. They stated that the letters and the petition proved that not enough information was given to inform the residents about the resolution. The opposition got to speak through their letters and the petition they got by spreading misinformation and coercing signatures in person and over the phone. I told the zoning administrator to call some of the people on the petition the afternoon before the meeting (which was when I found out about it). He said he didn't have time and that the petition showed a majority of the residents didn't want the resolution to be approved. Silly us, we thought a legally conducted town meeting with a written ballot was enough.

A large CAFO in St. Croix County is expanding its herd from 750 cows to 1750. They do not have enough land for their nutrient management plan so they plan on removing about half the moisture and hauling it to Martell Township and stockpiling it until it can be spread on the fields. We have more residential than farms now because these same farmers have been rushing to sell lots on all their unillable land because they knew they wouldn't be able to sell it for as much after all the manure is piled all over. The owner of the CAFO in St. Croix County is right on the Rush River and is planing on rerouting the channel. The ones profiting by this are the same ones who spread the misinformation.

Help!

What do we do now? Is there a legal tactic we can use? We don't know what to do and we are getting burned out after fighting this for over a year. Please send me any ideas.

Harold Fosmo, Jr.  
W5403 780th Ave.  
Spring Valley, WI

\* the proposed ordinance was included with the original e-mail from Mr. Fosmo, but I thought the issue was clear enough without printing it.

## and that's not all ! ...

### More developments in the CAFO wars

reported by Harold Fosmo

Dateline March 24, 2000

A hearing before the St. Croix Board of Adjustment was held at 8:30 this morning in Hudson. Juli-Mar wants to expand from 750 cows to 1,750 at their site at the headwaters of the Rush River and its tributaries. They plan on using an experimental method to remove the moisture from the manure and store it in a bunker. The manure then will be transported to Pierce County and spread on fields for fertilizer.

Duane Popple of the DNR(cousin of Tim Popple who heads the Kinnickinnic Priority Watershed Project) testified that an environmental assessment study would have to be completed to assure that the project would be environmentally safe and that the study could take up to two years to complete. Juli-Mar's attorney, their engineer and other associates all testified that Juli-Mar has been such a good steward of the land that they wouldn't do anything that wasn't environmentally safe. John Vrieze (who runs a CAFO) testified he just received his environmental assessment study and he has built and been operating (his farm safely) for some time now.

Juli-Mar is urging St. Croix County to issue the necessary permits so they can build the dairy and start operations without waiting for the environmental study to be completed. They said it should be OK (to begin construction without the completed study) because the paperwork is in the system and their people say it is safe.

The Rush River Town Board and others who oppose this expansion testified that Juli-Mar doesn't currently obey the rules, so why should anyone believe that they would (be better stewards) now. There is a lot of opposition in St. Croix County to this expansion and a lot of opposition in Pierce County to having the manure brought there and spread around. Juli-Mar's attorney and engineer hinted that the manure may still be 'headland stacked' in Pierce County in the future. Headland stacking is still an experimental method. It involves spreading the manure in wind rows and turned over periodically to remove more moisture. We've heard that the odor from this is very bad and (that the proposed site) would be contiguous to residential properties.

## Skip's Loose Threads...

### The Baetis Shape-Shifter

Many books, plus the experience of fishing, point to a floating-nymph-emerger-dun as the most reliable imitation to fish during a Baetis hatch. In my fly boxes, this has, until now, meant multiple imitations: parachute duns, nymphs with a visible, fluorescent ball of dubbing on the thorax, soft-hackle emergers, winged no-hackles. This year I'm going to try something different. I call it the Shape-Shifter, with homage to Star Trek Next Generation. The advantages are that the wings on the imitation can be instantly converted from emerger to dun, by simply snipping them with scissors where they join the back of the thorax. Another advantage is that this imitation is hackleless, making it easy to tie in tiny sizes. Flotation is provided by tails and dubbing.

#### Shape-Shifter Materials:

Hook: Tiemco 100

Thread: 8/0 dark olive

Tails: Dark dun fibres

Abdomen: Dark olive tying thread

Thorax: Dubbing blend of 2/3 muskrat, 1/3 grey squirrel, with guard hairs picked out at the sides to imitate legs.

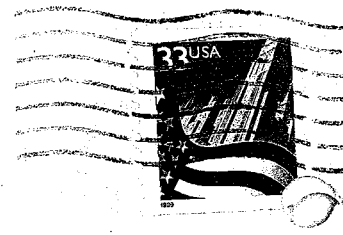
Wing/Wingcase: Grey Antron yarn, tied as a loose wing case.

#### Directions:

With the hook in the vise, anchor thread and wind rearward until over the point of the hook. Tie in tail fibers equal in length to hook shank. Wind thread forward to midpoint of the shank and tie in a piece of Antron yarn so that the loose end hangs back over the hook. Put dubbing on the thread and wind forward to produce a ball of fur that covers the front half of the shank. Then, fold the Antron yarn over the fur ball and tie down behind the hook eye. Leave a little slack in the Antron. Fish in the film as an emerger. If the trout seem to prefer an imitation with upright wings, simply clip the back of the yarn and you have a dun imitation.



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**DEADLINES**

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Visit our Website for Stream Reports, Chat and Chapter News  
<http://www.lambcom.net/kiaptuwish/>

**Board issues caveat  
regarding web site...**

The Board and Officers of Kiap-TU-wish would once again encourage on-line web shoppers of Amazon.com to use our link. By using the link, the chapter gets a percentage of the sale. It is our hope to pay for the yearly costs of the chapter's website with this feature. However, we would discourage the purchase of angling related books with this link. We feel that the support and steadfast commitment of local shops that feature angling equipment far outweigh the sales from an on-line company. Please continue to support our local shops and sporting good retailers with your business. Thanks

**Continuing Education...**

The WITC Education program in New Richmond sponsored "Spring Break for Seniors" this past month. They put together a weeks worth of educational and informative mini courses on various topics from investment, gardening, crafts, to angling. Kiap-TU-Wish entered the fray to teach "Trout Fishing and Cold Water Conservation". Although student attendance was a little light, a good session of trout tales and scientific know how was exchanged between teacher Brent Sittlow and the seniors.

**Need a new fishing hat?...**

The Wisconsin State Council of TU has sponsored a peer pressure law enforcement campaign. They're marketing an attractive hat that says "Trout Watch" in bold letters with "I will report violators" in small print underneath. The back of the hat has the TU logo. If you want one, send \$9.50 to:

Heartgraphics  
616 Main St. West  
Ashland, WI 54806

Order online at: [wwheart@win.bright.net](http://wwheart@win.bright.net)

**Don't miss the State Council Meeting...**

The Wisconsin State Council of TU's meeting will be held Saturday, April 29 in Sheboygen. The event will be hosted by the Lakeshore Chapter. If you are interested in attending, or if you have a burning issue of statewide significance you want to bring up, contact Brent Sittlow to arrange transportation.