

Kiap-TU-Wish Trout Unlimited April 2003

President's Lines

1. The Town of Kinnickinnic has filed their lawsuit against River Falls. We can now send our "Friend of the court" letter.

2. Kent Johnson and I have had multiple meetings with River Falls with very promising results: The city is giving serious considerations to a shoreland ordinance that would require specific set back from first, second and third level streams (and dry runs, which are a 3rd level). The very good news is that River Falls actively solicited our input and is seriously considering the guidelines suggested by the Center for Watershed Protection which start at 100 feet and increase depending on the "level" of the stream and other critical factors.

3. River Falls has also solicited input for a Request for Proposal for "biotic indexing" on the Kinnickinnic to determine IF the storm water ordinance is working (specifically to the Hans Hagen Development and the DeLander development. Based upon input from Kent Johnson, I wrote (representing S.E.H.) a letter to River Falls with alternative suggestions including utilizing the work being done by Clarke Garry, Marty Engel and Kiap-TU-Wish. The meeting went very well and I think we will see important fact-based information from the project.

From the River Falls Journal:

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 3, at the high school. That's the day when the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee brings its show to River Falls for a state hearing on Gov. James Doyle's two-year budget proposal. This is an opportunity for citizens from our little region to exert influence on the rest of the state where power revolves around the Milwaukee/Madison axis. Credit for bringing the hearing to the local high school goes to our two local legislators, Sheila Harsdorf of River Falls and Kitty Rhoades of Hudson, both members of the powerful Joint Finance Committee.

We need to get as many TU members to this meeting as possible. At risk is our Area Fisheries Manager and ALL of our Conservation Officers. We need to have a STRONG showing by our members supporting the fishing license increase and STRONGLY suggesting that the state should increase our trout stamp fee. Without these increases, we lose BIG TIME.

More info at the meeting and in Rip-Rap. EVERYONE needs to take the day off from work, show up at the meeting and VOICE your opinion and then go enjoy the early trout season.

See you all at dinner.
Andy Lamberson

Business meeting results:

By Jonathan Jacobs

At the annual chapter business meeting held Wednesday, March 5, Bill Lovegren of St. Paul, MN was re-elected to another three year term on the board. Corey Mairs of New Richmond, WI was newly elected to a three year term and Jonathan Jacobs of Hudson, WI was elected to fill the remaining year of the term of John Koch, who resigned from the board in February.

The chapter voted to amend its by-laws to reflect a proposal introduced by Gareth Horvath of River Falls, WI to remove the Wisconsin residency requirement for the offices of chapter president and vice-president. This will allow any member to serve the chapter as much as his or her talent and ambition will allow.

Michael Alwin of Stillwater, MN introduced the following resolution in a motion that was seconded and subsequently was adopted by the membership:

Whereas the membership of Kiap-TU-Wish believes the Kinnickinnic to be a valuable, high quality river and whereas the State of Wisconsin has designated the Kinnickinnic as a Priority Watershed, I move that the Kiap-TU-Wish membership direct the Chapter's Board to increase its efforts to protect the Kinnickinnic by adopting the following strategies:

1. Continuing to work with the City of River Falls on stormwater and development issues.
2. Notifying all interested news media about the continued threats to the river.
3. Organizing public meetings in the City of River Falls to initiate a dialog with the residents about the various impacts of development.
4. Contacting other levels of government (township, county and state) for assistance in protecting the river.
5. Contacting other conservation groups (national, state council, Sierra Club, River Alliance, etc.) for assistance in protecting the river.
6. Seeking out membership attorneys and other interested attorneys for pro bono legal advice and direction.

As directed by chapter by-laws, the newly constituted board will meet before the April meeting for the purpose of electing officers and conducting other business that may come before them. The results of the meeting will be announced at the April membership meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 2 at Bob Smith's Sports Club, 601 2nd Street, Hudson, WI.

TU supports DNR request for license fee increases

By Jonathan Jacobs

Wisconsin anglers have not seen a license fee increase in the past seven years, while normally fees increase about every four years. Despite careful budgeting and efficient use of moneys (State law mandates that the DNR spend no more than 16% of its budget on administrative costs) the Department of Natural Resources now finds itself in a desperate crunch. The state's overall budget is in woeful condition. Legislative action to correct this has shifted additional millions of dollars of burden to the DNR. Projected expenditures in the next fiscal year simply to maintain current services amount to \$74 million dollars, while projected revenues amount to \$56.9 million dollars. Failure to cover the shortfall will have dire consequences on fish and wildlife programs, with budget reductions from 25 to 31 percent. This could result in:

- A fifty percent reduction in trout stocking.
- Closing two hatcheries
- **Cutting trout habitat work by 20%.**
- Cutting 10 fish biologists, 15 technicians and 10 hatchery staff.
- Cutting time biologists and wardens spend on customer service, responding to clubs/ partner requests
- Cutting 40 full-time warden jobs.

There is no doubt that Wisconsin does a good job managing fisheries resources and that fishing license fees are a bargain. In fact, thirty states charge more for resident and non-resident licenses than Wisconsin does, but very few provide better angling opportunities for either cold or warm-water angling. Considering the cost of travel, equipment, lodging, snacks and whatnot, the license is undoubtedly the least expensive thing about angling.

Under the proposed license fee increase, the cost of a resident individual license would rise from \$14 to \$20 and a husband and wife license would increase from \$24 to \$35. Non-resident licenses would increase by comparable amounts – from \$34 to \$40 for an individual and from \$52 to \$65 for a family license. These are modest increases, particularly since they would be the first in seven years.

The fate of this proposal lies in the hands of the state legislature and most specifically with its Joint Committee on Finance, which is chaired by Senator Alberta Darling (608-266-5830) and Representative Dean Kaufert (608-266-5719). Senator Sheila Harsdorf (608-266-7745) and Representative Kitty Rhoades (608-266-1526) of western

Wisconsin both sit on this committee. These two local legislators have arranged for a **public hearing on the budget to be held at the River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls on Thursday, April 3 from 10 AM to 5 PM.** This meeting and calls to committee members are your opportunities to let committee members know that you appreciate the high quality angling experience available in Wisconsin and that you are willing and ready to support the states fisheries programs through a license fee increase. **Please make every effort to contact the appropriate legislators and to attend the meeting.**

KLRT fly fishing raffle

By Eric Forward

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT) introduces its 2003 Fly Fishing Raffle. This raffle is a major fundraising effort for the KRLT. The proceeds go directly to KRLT conservation programs. First Prize includes a 7 ½ foot, five weight, bamboo rod made by noted local rod maker Dave Norling, a Hardy reel and weight-forward five weight floating line (a total value of \$1,700). Other prizes include four half-day guided fishing trips on the Kinnickinnic or other area streams, a fly-fishing print, a handcrafted wooden landing net, and a box of smallmouth bass flies.

The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. The drawing will be held at the KRLT annual meeting on May 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The winner need not be present to win. Please contact Eric Forward at the KRLT office for raffle tickets or more information at 715-425-5738.

Town of Kinnickinnic sues River Falls over annexation

By Jonathan Jacobs

According to the *River Falls Journal*, the Town of Kinnickinnic, along with property owners along Quarry Road are suing the city of River Falls and are seeking an injunction to stop the city's annexation of some 234 acres where developer Hans Hagen intends to build a subdivision.

The *Journal* reported that Town Supervisor Paul Goudreauld read a press release at a town board meeting that said in part, "The town believes that this legal action is the only means by which it can protect the Kinnickinnic River's unique and sensitive environmental features, and protect its residents from potential tax increases."

As reported in President Andy Lamberson's "President's Lines" in this issue, the chapter intends to file a friend of the court brief in this matter. Attend the April membership

meeting to learn further details of this important legal action.

TU National spurns K-TU grant request for South Fork project

By Jonathan Jacobs

Even though *Trout* magazine, the official publication of TU National, recently published an extensive article on the effect of urbanization on the nation's streams and despite a well-written grant application describing a carefully and scientifically planned project, Trout Unlimited has denied the chapter's request for an Embrace-A-Stream Grant.

Kiap-TU-Wish has proposed to form a partnership with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to study the effect of stormwater runoff on the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River as it passes through the university's campus. The purpose of this joint project with the University of Wisconsin - River Falls is two-fold: to identify the storm water impacts currently degrading the South Fork; and to evaluate the effectiveness of a proposed constructed wetland on campus and other possible best management practices in the watershed for managing storm water runoff. Beyond this research component and its practical application for storm water management, the project will have tremendous educational benefits for students, faculty, and the River Falls community.

The University of Wisconsin - River Falls has prepared a very good water quality monitoring strategy for accomplishing the project objective: improvement and restoration of the South Fork in an educational setting. The scientific data generated by the monitoring project will help local decision-makers identify water quality problems, make informed land use decisions, and measure water quality improvements as a result of these decisions. With water quality and habitat improvements, the South Fork can once again become a healthy and vital trout stream.

The Embrace-A-Stream grant would have plugged the remaining \$9,500 funding gap needed for the monitoring project. The project, when fully funded, will establish 3 monitoring stations on the upper and lower South Fork, and on the "Unnamed Tributary" which carries storm water from the east side of River Falls. These stations will continuously measure dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, conductivity, turbidity, and water stage (which can be translated to stream flow). Furthermore, one of the stations will have a telemetry system that will allow real-time access to the data.

The total project budget is \$42,500, which includes monitoring equipment (\$41,500) and materials and

supplies for construction of 3 stations (\$1,000). Of the total project budget, the UW-River Falls Foundation is contributing \$27,000, and the City of River Falls is contributing \$5,000 (from its storm water utility). Kiap-TU-Wish has pledged the \$1,000 for construction materials and supplies. We've also pledged about 100 hours of labor support to help build the stations. We were counting on the \$9,500 EAS grant to complete the deal.

Now that National has spurned an outstanding project (both for its research and educational benefits), the next step is to request funding from Twin Cities TU and Friends of Wisconsin TU. Another possibility would be to request project-related money from our membership, as an opportunity to step up and support research to better understand impacts of development and guide restoration efforts on the South Fork.

It's difficult for us here in the Midwest to understand and interpret the criteria that TU National uses in distributing Embrace-A-Stream grant money. Kiap-TU-Wish has for years on its own and using local resources done cutting edge work on some of the most complex and urgent issues facing our natural resources. K-TU produced an award winning and highly regarded video on this issue. Kent Johnson has made numerous presentations to professional and scientific societies on the topic. Kiap-TU-Wish members have faithfully mailed their checks for membership to the national organization, which has returned very little to the chapter to support its programs. If you are curious about how the national organization distributes grant money, you may direct your questions to:

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Web slide show displays WI development, fragmentation

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<http://www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/IntegratedPrograms/lc/> is the web address of a US Forest Service Northeast Experiment Station that provides a slideshow of the results of a fragmentation study in the Midwest over the past 60 years. The study was conducted by the Forest Service and the UW-Madison and uses housing density to track the amount and locations of development that has occurred. The maps of increased development and fragmentation are eye-popping, especially for southern Michigan and

Wisconsin. By looking at the progression of increased housing density over wide areas, a person can easily conclude that fragmentation is occurring very rapidly over large areas of all the Midwest states except Iowa. These maps show that if we don't get a handle on growth soon, most rural areas will become suburbanized with the resulting loss of open space and all of the associated environmental benefits such as wildlife habitat and clean water.

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Procrastination

By Hap Lutter

"Procrastination is the thief of time." - Edward Young, 1765

While browsing the Web I came upon an article which piqued my curiosity. It was a piece entitled "Tomorrow... tomorrow: why we procrastinate"[1]. Although I have long been aware that procrastination is a part of my personality, I was interested to see if there was information to further expand my knowledge and fine tune my procrastination tendencies. This article, like many on the Internet, was a self help piece purported to give an intellectual discussion about procrastination and allow me to better understand and control my tendencies.

I often go through an introspective, critical self-examination at the beginning of the New Year to determine if my concerns about the last year are those of neurotic self absorption or valid defects in the way I am running my life. Looking at my list of procrastinated unperformed tasks which included planned assistance in the brushing project, attendance at the public environmental meetings and multiple letters/emails to people about water issues, I realized that it was time to look at the level of my procrastination index.

Sometimes I find that my procrastination takes the form of small directed compulsive tasks where I arrange the work I am doing in neat piles, thinking this is getting me to completion. We all have little procrastination tricks we do such as looking for the appropriate color pen, finding untrammelled paper to work on, or needing to make a very clear work space before we make those calls or finish those emails. It is when these little road blocks get in the way of our major forward progress that we need to do a critical assessment.

The internet article I mentioned quotes psychologists Joseph Ferrerai, Ph.D. and Timothy Pynchl, Ph.D.. These men have done studies upon procrastination and have elevated the topic to a level beyond what I think it deserves. I was delighted to see that there were

various categories of procrastination and various levels of intensity. This meant of course, that we could rate ourselves and give ourselves an index where we stand compared to others. The psychologists stated that in 20 percent of the population, procrastination is chronic and can be debilitating. These are people who chronically do not pay their bills on time, fail to buy a fishing license until they are ready to step into the water, fail to file income taxes on time, and do their Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve at the Super America store. Already I am happy with this grouping since it only rarely includes me.

The categories of people who procrastinate are definitely made up of people you recognize. {1} See if you can find yourself in any of these:

[1]The first is the Arousal Type or Thrill Seeker Group who by waiting to the last-minute on a deadline- crunch receive some adrenaline rush. These are people who feel they may be more creative with a deadline looming ahead but actually throw away a the valuable resource of time. These are your fishing buddies who mess around in the eve of opening day until the sport shop closes and then you all have to wait in the morning for him to get his license.

[2]A Fear- of- failure group, is made up of those who feel that by completion of a task they put themselves at risk to be ridiculed by others. By presenting a copy of their finished work they place it up for scrutiny of others. We all fall into this group when we fail to assist in the year end clinic for fear we can't teach casting as well as the others or can't show beginners how to fish at the same level as some of the old timers.

[3]Decisional Procrastinators are those who cannot make decisions and therefore set up multiple subcommittees to study the problem. These are the people who make extensive and expanding lists of problems and solutions but are never able to focus on the important core of an issue. By doing these other tasks they appear to be heading toward the problem's solution but really procrastinate around the periphery. You have met these people in the public meetings and committees. Developing a task force to look at the problem and bring it back to the group is a common tactic for this type of procrastination.

I was pleased to see that I really didn't fit completely into any of these groups but decided it might be useful to create a group that fit me. I call my group Procrustian Procrastinators. Procrustes was a character out of Greek mythology who owned a very malevolent bed. He waylaid travelers and invited them to sleep in his bed. The bed was designed to make everyone conform to the size available. If the traveler was too short the bed would

stretch him and if he was too tall a guillotine-type knife would adjust the leg lengths to fit the bed.

I am often forced to make Procrustian adjustments in the final design of a project to make it fit into my procrastinated time frame. When I have procrastinated long enough that I know there isn't time or energy to complete the task I use the equivalent of the procrustian bed and chop off as much on the front or end so it can fit my time frame. Sometimes this means it removes the best part of the project leaving only the core.

Some experts say that the root problem of procrastination is self regulation. I think this is too simplistic a statement. We can self regulate as much as we want but getting a the job done is more a matter of hedonistic utilitarianism. We put off onerous tasks and select those that give more immediate gratification. When I was first looking at this problem I thought it was a matter of controlling the number of tasks that I was attempting within a time frame. But then I realized, even if the list were much shorter I still set a priority based on the pleasure/pain principle each task brings. It therefore is not really a time management problem (psychologist Dr. Ferreria says that telling someone who is a chronic procrastinator to purchase weekly planner is like telling someone with chronic depression to just cheer up.). We can manage our time well, it is that we don't have enough of it.

It is interesting that one of the concluding statements of this Internet article is that procrastinators can change their behavior. It does take a lot of mental energy for all of us. For me, I think it's a matter of "biting the bullet", and pacing myself. We have all been challenged by the resolution passed at the chapter meeting on March 5, 03 to increase efforts to protect the Kinnickinnic. The 6 parts of that resolution all require a commitment of time and energy. I know I will need to be Procrustian and cut out some parts of the resolution to be able to contribute. But this is what we all should do. Look at the 6 points of this resolution and find one you can work on. Pursing that to the fullest will give you a warm feeling that you have lowered your procrastination index

[1]Marano,Hara,Tomorrow...Tomorrow: why we procrastinate, Psyched for success,ediets.com/news/article.cfm/article

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Requiem for an old friend

By Ken Hanson

My flyfishing activities always spark memories of past experiences. When I'm out fishing I might remember a certain fish, a productive riffle on a favorite stream, or perhaps a special moment with a friend. Whenever I sit down to tie flies, my memories generally turn to Bob Mitchell and the times I spent in his fly shop.

Over 20 years ago, when my friend Jay and I decided to set aside our spinning gear and seriously take up flyfishing, we were fortunate to have a place to go for guidance. We started hanging around at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop. We bought our first real flies from Bob in preparation for a long weekend in Southeast Minnesota's East Beaver Creek. (I'm still not sure why we chose such a challenging stream.) We were young and broke but we each splurged on some flies. I bought three hare's ears and three Adams (the Adams is still my favorite fly) while Jay bought three hare's ears and three Caddis dries. Bob's friend Dick Schwartz tied the hare's ears. During our trip we actually managed to catch some trout on flies and the following weekend were back in the flyshop bragging about how we caught our limit. It was not long afterward that Bob gently suggested that we get involved with Trout Unlimited.

You always felt welcome in Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop. On weekends the shop was always full of Bob's fishing and tying buddies. To us they were like famous celebrities and we felt honored that they would even talk to us, let alone share fishing information. Jean was always stationed at the desk playing the role of greeter and cashier and in her spare time she would roll chenille onto cards. It didn't matter if Bob and Jean were busy helping other customers because someone else would always be willing to put down their coffee cup and come over to offer their help. Being a young dad, I would often bring my kids to the shop and Jean would always play the role of baby-sitter, allowing me to concentrate on my fishing habit.

It wasn't too long after Jay and I took up flyfishing that we decided we needed to learn fly tying. We started out with the idea that it was an economic thing and we would save money (Right!) but soon learned that there was more to it. For me it's become a hobby and perhaps even an art form. We took basic tying and followed up with two sessions of advanced tying. This may sound a little extreme but it was one of the best things I have ever done in terms of flyfishing education. Bob and his friends taught us good tying techniques and their favorite patterns. They also shared information about how to fish certain flies and where they liked to fish. Taking classes also introduced me to more members of the flyfishing community and allowed

me to develop some long lasting friendships. During one of these classes we asked Dick Schwartz how he tied such perfect hare's ears and he told us, "Tie a couple thousand of them and you'll figure it out." He was right.

When I sit down to tie I still use the skills, habits and advice that Bob taught during our basic class. He taught us to make a habit of placing a hook in the vise and plucking it with a thumbnail. According to Bob, a good hook would resonate and a bad one would make a dull thud. I believe this habit came from the days of lower quality hooks but I still do it. I still remember how to measure material against the hook for proper tail and wing proportions and how to do a pinch loop. And most importantly, I remember to tap my hair stacker on my knee when tying late at night so I won't wake up my wife.

Bob, thanks for the guidance and opportunity to learn about flyfishing and thanks for the memories.

Ken Hanson of St. Paul, MN is a long-time member of Kiap-TU-Wish.

Lineup set for "Dry Fly Dick" memorial fly tying demonstrations

By Jonathan Jacobs

Join us on Wednesday, April 2nd at Bob Smith's Sports Club, 601 2nd Street in downtown Hudson at 7 PM (Dinner is available from 6 PM) for our April meeting. This year's fly tiers include Occie Ammerman, Brad Eaton, Scott Hanson, Ron Kuehne, Andy Roth and Sarah Sanford. If Jupiter aligns with Mars and the moon is in its seventh house (and if his work schedule permits it), we'll also have Steve Boyd, who tied commercially for Frantes Fine Flies and Folderol and who has at least a story or two to tell about Dry Fly Dick Frantes.

The tiers each have their own specialties. Mr. Ammerman creates expertly crafted spun deer hair bass bugs; Messrs. Eaton and Hanson tie elegant parachute patterns; Mr. Kuehne ties deadly Clouser minnows; Mr. Roth ties Western flies, including effective midge patterns, and Ms. Sanford ties delicate feather winged duns employing the "Wally wing" technique.



Stones and their home

Editorial by Jonathan Jacobs

Have you had any opportunity to take advantage of Wisconsin's catch and release early season? At this writing I've been out three times and it's been wonderful each time. I don't know how I ever hung on until the first Saturday in May in the Dark Old Days prior to 1997. I fished once in somewhat high and discolored water and caught only two fish in about four hours of fishing, but I was out twice when conditions were more propitious and had spectacular good fortune, catching numerous (by my relaxed standards, anyway) trout. The first trout of the year was a little jewel of a brook trout, our native char, that came to a scud pattern fished deep. Scuds and nymph patterns have both been effective, as they almost always are, but the really exciting fishing has been a dry fly, specifically a stonefly pattern that I like to think of as my own invention, but in reality is just a modified elk hair caddis.

There are at least a couple of stoneflies around the water at this time of year. One of them is tiny, probably best imitated on a size 18 hook, but the insect is so slender that I find it difficult to conjure up an imitation, although I've seen a Gabe Schubert-tied pattern that used a trimmed, dyed black goose biot for a wing that looked good in the hand. The other bug is much more substantial. It hits the water hard and scoots around like a miniaturized hen mallard doing its best to lure predators away from its nest. You'll see them pop up out of the water, too, and I suspect all of these behaviors have something to do with egg laying, or ovipositing, if you're of a scientific bent. Trout seem to relish them and will rise eagerly to a well-presented imitation when there are even a few naturals on the water. I've tried a Stimulator in the appropriate size and color. I thought the palmer hackle and collar hackle combination would do an crackerjack job of imitating the insect's manic behavior on the water, but thus far the fishes' reaction to that pattern has been tepid at best. Here's a pattern recipe for a fly that's worked better for me:

Hook: Tiemco 100 or equivalent, size 14.

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 black.

Egg sac: A single turn of chartreuse dubbing tied in at the hook bend.

Abdomen: Black dry fly dubbing.

Wing: Dyed black deer hair, tied somewhat sparser, longer and with less flaring than on a caddis imitation.

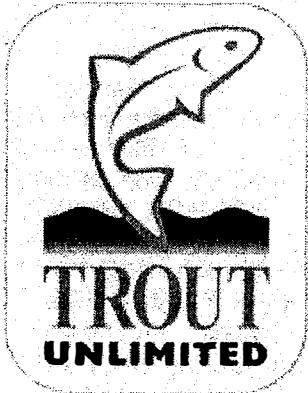
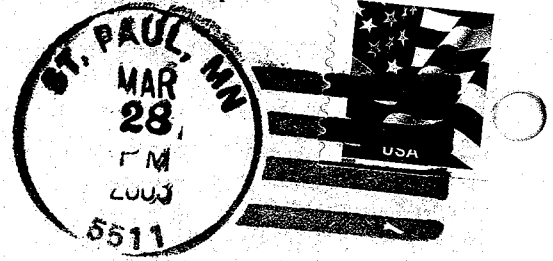
Hackle: The very best quality dun hackle you have, tied collar style in dense turns.

I've seen these insects on the water into April, so there's time to get out there and have at it. First, however, you

have some business to take care of: I've fished these stonefly imitations on two separate sections of the upper Kinnickinnic River. The river flows through state-owned lands in both cases. I'm certain that many of you know, fish and love these two stretches of river as much as I do and consider them to be your home water, first, last and always. In many ways they represent both everything that's right with trout streams in western Wisconsin and wrong with them, too. Kiap-TU-Wish has worked hard in cooperation with the DNR, which has in its turn worked hard to design and execute well thought out projects in both stretches. Now the river, the DNR, Kiap-TU-Wish and all who love and care for high quality trout streams are in trouble. The river faces constant pressure from development, the DNR is facing a funding crisis and TU members share the pain of both.

Look where the river is now and where it might be if the State of Wisconsin hadn't had the foresight and financial wherewithal to purchase and restore these stretches. Think how much more development might arise along the river's banks were they not in public ownership. Think of all the other examples of our DNR working hard and effectively on behalf of the coldwater resource. Now make arrangements to make your opinions on the necessity and the wisdom of a license fee known to your legislators. You can call or write them, but better yet, attend the budget public hearing in River Falls. Details on this hearing appear elsewhere in this issue of RipRap.

Now let's consider development for a moment. I need to say at the outset that while I understand on an intellectual level the need for development, emotionally I regard it as a curse on the land arising from the folly that we think we can extract more from the Earth than it has to give. We appear to be a self-destructive species bent on reproducing itself right off the planet while taking the best parts of the natural world with it in the process. With that rant behind me, let's get practical. At the March meeting you passed a six point resolution, printed in this issue, directing the K-TU Board of Directors to be more aggressive in dealing with development and its concomitant issues. I should welcome this resolution, but I'll repeat what I said at the meeting: I don't think this resolution directs the few fine people who have been putting forth a superhuman effort attending meetings and writing letters to do more of that. It means that the Board should find ways to get all of you involved in the effort to preserve and protect the Kinnickinnic. I'm sure that in a membership as bright and articulate as ours, many of you have both ideas and time to contribute to this cause. Let's hear from you on how you intend to help. And if you can't find the will to help, expect that someday, in the interest of accuracy, we'll have to amend the name of the chapter to Ap-TU-Wish.



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DEADLINE FOR MAY RIPRAP: FRIDAY, APRIL 25

The year I was born, the population of the United States was almost exactly half of what it is now. That pretty much explains the "good old days."

- Tom McGuane in the 2003 Sage catalog.