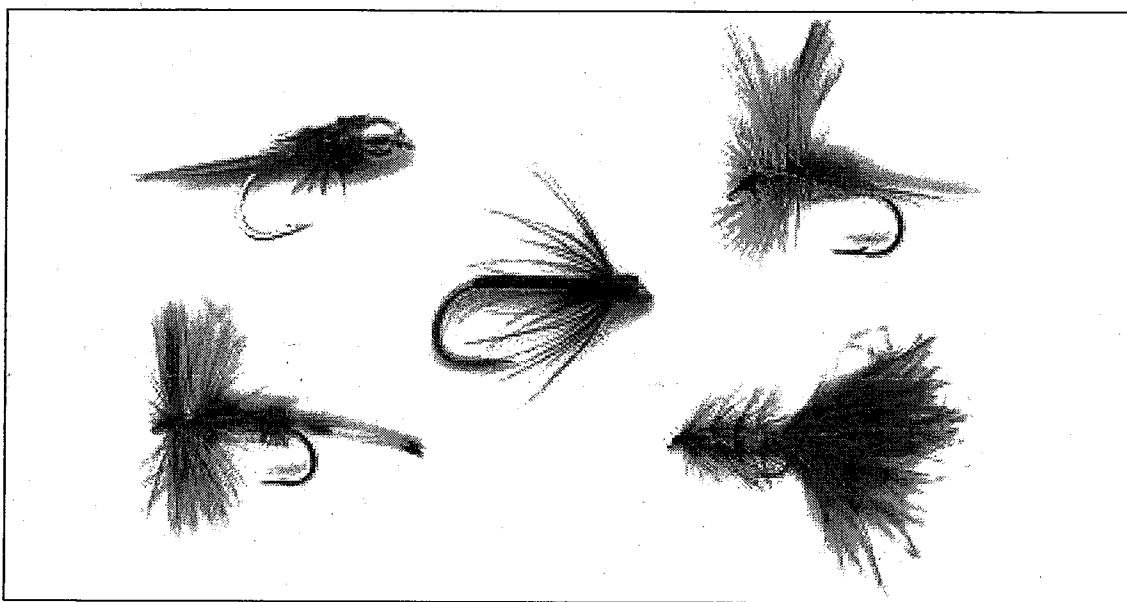


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April meeting features Dry Fly Dick fly tiers



Trout fishing

*"Give a man a fish
and he has food
for a day; teach
him how to fish
and you can get
rid of him for the
entire weekend."*

Zenna Schaffer

By Jonathan Jacobs

Here are two sure-fire signs of spring: New, green growth poking through the damp soil on south-slope hillsides and fly tiers holding forth at the April K-TU meeting. We have a stellar lineup this year: Andy Roth of Bentley's Outfitters, Jim Thomson of the Laughing Trout club, Dick Schwartz of the St. Paul Fly Tiers and Kiap-TU-Wish members Bob Diesch, Andy Lamberson, Maria Manion and Bill Woods. At press time we were waiting to find out if talented teenage tier Cole Madden of Hudson would be able to join us and there may be another surprise tier or two as well.

All of the tiers have something unique

to offer, either in the way of a pattern, a technique or a personality, but leading the league this year is Andy Lamberson, who had offered to bring the equipment and expertise necessary to restore your gunked-up and beat-up flies from last year to useable condition. Be sure to rifle through your fly boxes looking for the worst of the worst so that Andy can work his magic on them.

This is always an enjoyable evening. Mark your calendars and come on out to Bob Smith's Sports Club, 601 2nd St, Hudson on Wednesday, April 4. Dinner, including the ever so tasty rib special, is available from 6 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM.

Kiap-TU-Wish board report

President's Lines

By Greg Dietl

Nick Westcott and Andy Lamberson were elected to the Board of Directors at the annual chapter business meeting in March. Nick is new to the board and Andy is a returning veteran. Please welcome them and thank them for stepping up and getting involved with Chapter activities. Chapter members approved by laws changes making all board members elective terms 3 years. Board membership will be continue to be staggered but all terms will be 3 years.

The DNR has requested chapter members' assistance in watching for and reporting potential problems such as beaver dams, erosion, pollution, fish kills on the streams and rivers that can affect fisheries and water quality. The DNR cannot be aware of all these problems

without assistance. Please be on the lookout for these issues or any other observations you think could be a water quality issue and report them to the DNR.

The chapter received a \$10,000 Embrace-A-Stream grant for Pine Creek for 2007. Gary Horvath wrote the grant proposal and did an excellent job. We also received a \$2,000 Friends of Wisconsin TU grant. Andy Lamberson, Bruce Maher and I are in the process of applying for a Wisconsin DNR Rivers Grant for Pine Creek.

The chapter needs a new RipRap editor. Rod Hanson will be leaving that job after the May issue. This is a very important chapter function and needs attention soon. If you have any interest in this role, please contact me or any board member.

DNR Spring Hearings

The annual DNR spring hearings are being held on April 16, 7 PM, at various locations. There are proposed changes to limits on the upper Kinnickinnic River and Plum Creek. Details about these and other changes can be found on the DNR website. It is important to attend these hearings and vote on the proposals. I strongly encourage members to get out and vote. All the hearing sites are listed on the DNR website. I have included the hearing sites for Pierce, Pepin and St Croix Counties:

Pierce County
Ellsworth Senior High School
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323 Hillcrest
Ellsworth

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Rush River Clean Up

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Rush River real time flow gauge

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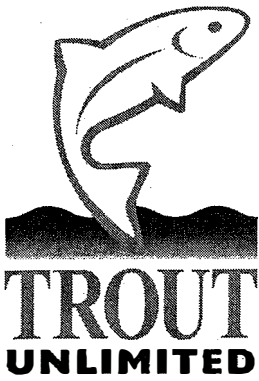
Saturday May 19

Casting School

Saturday July 21



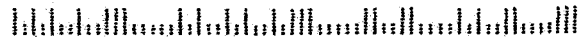
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Upcoming programs

May—Wisconsin DNR

Deadline for May RIPRAP is Friday, April 20