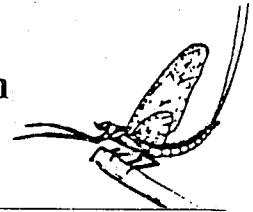




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HOW OTHERS VIEW US

On a gorgeous fall morning last October, Andy Lamberson and I found ourselves assembling our fishing tackle in the parking lot at Square Lake. As we fumbled with waders, rods and reels, a large chunk of a man got out of his car and walked past us towards the lake. Judging by his green outfit, we thought he might be the local DNR game warden, but he made no attempt to check our licenses.

As we made our way down the wooden steps to the lake we recognized several of our TU chapter members fishing along the shoreline and walking the path. Sure enough, the burly man was stopping to talk to each fisherman and we could see them reaching for their wallets. We decided to take our time getting into the water, figuring the warden would check our licenses upon his return.

The warden finally

approached us in a business-like manner. His square jaw was set tight and his eyes were squinting. (There's something intimidating about a person like this, even when you know you are totally within the law.) Andy and I fumbled

and he almost smiled.

"You know, fellas," he said, "I have to tell you something. In my job I have to deal with all types of outdoor users: Canoeists, duck hunters, boaters, deer hunters, campers--you name it. Of all the groups that I deal with, fly fishermen are by far the most decent. They seem to have very few fishing violations." With that fine compliment he wished us luck and ambled off up the hill.

Later on, as I mulled over these words, I realized something very important: As TU members (whether we fly fish or not), it is our responsibility to always set a good example of outdoor ethics to others. The only way we are ever going to be able to save some of the natural wonders we have left on this planet is by educating others to treat our resources with tender loving care and great respect.

-Craig S. Mason

Coming next month...

A Special Stream

Improvement Issue!

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- A look at Kiap-TU-Wish's greatest projects
- A preview of this year's projects
- A first-ever Kiap-TU-Wish membership survey!

through our wallets and finally displayed our licenses.

After getting a nod of approval from the warden, he seemed to stare out towards the lake for a moment as if deep in thought. Suddenly his eyes took on a slight twinkle

Notes From Jon Jacobs

At our November board meeting, we learned from DNR fish manager Marty Engel that the intrepid folks at the Rush River-Eau Galle club intend to build 50 to 100 lunger structures assembly-line-style in Martell over the winter for placement in the Rush. I'll be contacting their prexy to

see if we can be of any assistance.

Andrew C. Lamberson (The Elder) and I stocked 25,000 rainbow trout fry from the Osceola State Fish Hatchery in the Willow and Race springs on Nov. 10. The fish were older and hence a bit more developed this year than last. We hope this results in a better winter survival rate. They were certainly frisky little devils.

I'd like to wish a special Happy Holidays to some people who labor away rather thanklessly on behalf of trout and a cleaner

environment--the staffers at the Wisconsin DNR.

Before I became heavily involved with TU, I regarded all state workers as what the French disdainfully term "fonctionnaires." Not so. Every person I've become acquainted with in the DNR is well-educated, bright, hard-working and dedicated. They battle public and official apathy, well-heeled environmental despoilers, and very frequently their own bosses--all with limited budgets and a paucity of effective legislation.

WINTER PROJECT ANNOUNCED

Kiap-TU-Wish is particularly pleased to announce this winter's first work project. Assistant Fish Manager Marty Engel has suggested that we tackle an area on the Kinni headwaters. This is an area in which the DNR removed a number of beaver and which now needs to be restored. The work to be done includes brushing, clearing debris from the banks, and removing some trees. The project will be described in greater detail at the January meeting and also in the January RIP-RAP.



A Banquet Reminder

We hope to see you on Wednesday, December 6 at the Hudson House for our Christmas Banquet. (The Hudson House is at the 2nd Hudson exit on eastbound I-94.) The reservation deadline has been extended to noon on Dec. 4--so be sure to call Jean Mitchell (612 770-5854) by then and be ready to tell her whether you want chicken, steak or shrimp for dinner.

Cocktails are at 6:30, followed by dinner, a delightful talk by Charlie Johnston, and our fabulous silent auction. We still need auction items--and don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for local food shelves. See you there!

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