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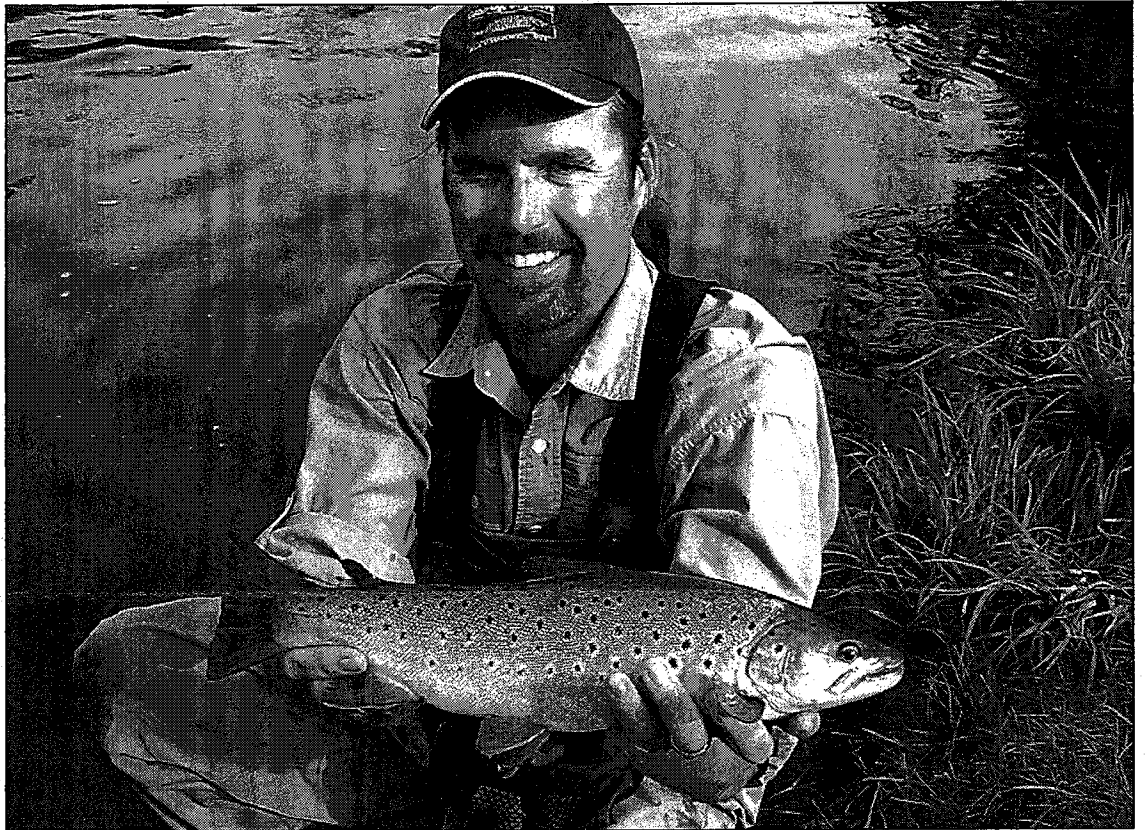
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## The "Afton Angler" to share trout, pike, steelhead, secrets at February meeting

By Jonathan Jacobs

Brad Bohan, a professional fly fishing guide from the Hayward, WI area, is our February speaker. Mr. Bohan, who grew up in Hudson, is a passionate angler – so passionate that he developed an alter ego, The Afton Angler that you can learn about by visiting Mr. Bohan's web site ([www.aftonangler.com](http://www.aftonangler.com)). Mr. Bohan recently completed a stretch with Cabin Life Outfitter's in Hayward and has recently accepted a position with the Winneboujou Club, one of

the oldest and most respected private clubs on the Bois Brule River. Mr. Bohan guides fly anglers for trout, steelhead, northern pike and muskellunge throughout northern Wisconsin.

Your opportunity to meet this highly experienced and incredibly enthusiastic angler is on Wednesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. at Bob Smith's Sports Club, 601 2nd Street in Hudson. Dinner is available in the meeting room from 6 p.m.

## Trout fishing

"There's no taking trout with dry breeches."

Cervantes

# NASCAR northerns



By James R. Humphrey

Jim Humphrey is the co-author of Minnesota and Wisconsin Trout Streams. He lives in Oak Park Heights, MN and is a featured contributor to RipRap, whose readers are getting a pre-publication look at "Figments and Fragments", excerpts from Mr. Humphrey's forthcoming book, which he says will be "anecdotal, discursive and far ranging."

In a Figment and Fragment called "Wilderness Walleyes" published earlier in RipRap, I mentioned a sortie into Lake Nipigon to demonstrate the proclivities of paid guides to take us from pillar to post to prove they are earning their price.

I am a fisher for trout, but I have not disdained the pursuit of other fish. Our party on Nipigon pushed north from our primitive dock on Nipigon, past Shakespeare Island to the mouth of the Wabinoash River, but that was not far enough away from civilization. We toiled up the Wabinoash River into Wabinoash Lake. I will not complain over the carry of gasoline motors around a stretch of rapids, although I remember thinking that we were crazy; all that for a few mythical northern pike.

In due time but not in good order we reached the lake and launched our boats, screwed on the seven-and-one-half horsepower outboards and proceeded with the Tom Sperry method. You will not believe this: well, maybe you will since I swear to the truth.

We attached KB spoons, large ones, to a 40 pound test line attached to a heavy-duty cane pole. We revved the engines to three-quarters power, which was pretty fast, and pushed out into the lake. The northerns hit those top-bouncing spoons like NASCAR drivers; we threw the poles overboard, then circled to pick up the poles and land our monsters. I am ashamed to say how many dead fish were brought back in triumph to line up on the grass of George's lawn in Madison, Wisconsin, but those were years

before Catch-and-Release. At least I portaged north of Wabinoash Lake into Lake Obongo where the northerns were reputed to be even larger and swifter. Isn't that a wonderful name for a wilderness lake? It's like something out of the heart of darkness in Africa. No wildebeest, but plenty of black flies.

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If you value the newsletter and would like to ensure its continued distribution in its current form, please consider a tax-deductible donation to support it.

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## Raffle to benefit Pine Creek project

# Drift boat is a beauty

By Greg Dietl

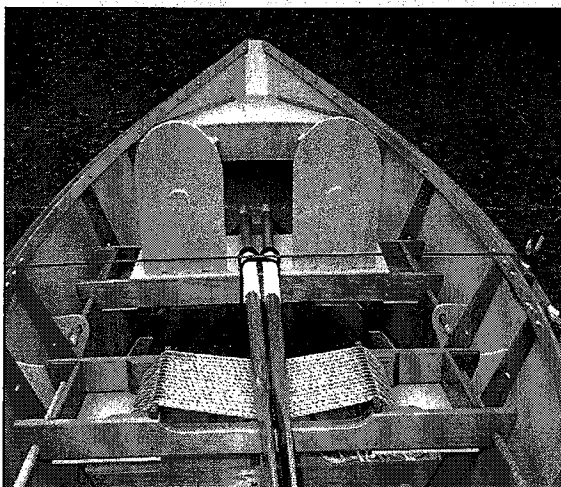
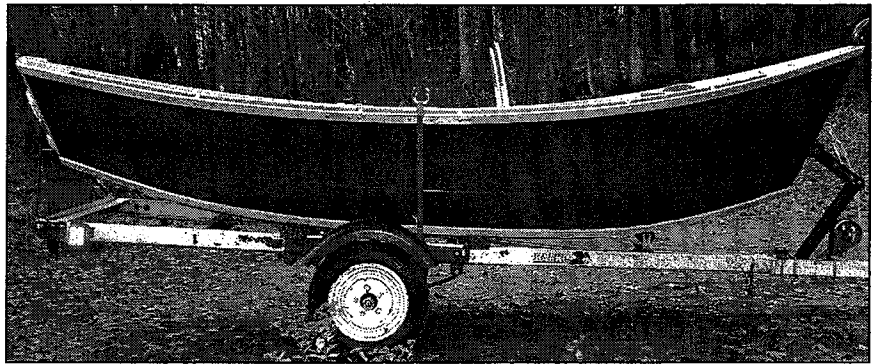
Kiap TU Wish is kicking off its drift boat raffle. This is a drift boat hand built by a small meticulous crew of chapter members who dedicated many, many hours of their time and expertise in bringing this boat to reality.

The purpose of the raffle is to raise funds for a stream rehab project in 2007 on Pine Creek near Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. There are a number of partners in this project and money is needed. Ojibseau and Twin Cities chapters have agreed to help sell tickets, also.

What we need is for members to step up and buy and or sell tickets. Think about friends or contacts you have in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Arkansas... who may want an opportunity to win a drift boat while contributing to an outstanding Trout Unlimited stream project. In fact, tickets should be viewed as a contribution to a good cause as well as a chance of winning a great boat. Buy tickets and put a friend's name on them if you can't use it yourself!

Tickets are available for a \$10 donation with all funds going to Pine Creek. We had 1,500 tickets--although we've already sold some, we still have plenty left. They are available by contacting any Kiap Chapter Board member, for sale at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, or contact me directly at [mc-caiglee@hotmail.com](mailto:mc-caiglee@hotmail.com) and I can get them to you. You can call me at 651-436-2604.

This raffle has a great potential for raising funds for the Pine Creek project and



showing the drift boat crew how our members can get behind them and make this a major fund raising event. Step up and help make this Kiap TU Wish effort a major winner.

What we have here is a beautiful 14 foot Greg Tatman boat. The hull is spruce plywood. The solid wood components are oak, mahogany and Port Orford cedar. The boatbuilders worked hard to create a good looking, durable boat, treating all the wood with a mixture of boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits to stabilize and preserve it.

Solid wood components received at least three coats of urethane spar varnish, while plywood pieces were primed with an oil base primer and treated to multiple coats of Tatman-recommended oil base enamel.

The exterior of the boat is Evergreen and the interior is Slate Gray. The exterior bottom is coated with two coats of Kevlar-reinforced epoxy manufactured by TAP Plastics. The boat was constructed with SPAX brand fasteners and has UHMW plastic oarlock bushings, a UHMW anchor "bang plate", a 30lb. pyramidal anchor, a Bo's anchor system, bronze oarlocks and GULL brand oars.

# Kiap-TU-Wish board report

## **Kiap-TU-Wish thanks outgoing board member Corey Mairs**

Chapter and board member Corey Mairs has resigned from the board and relocated his family and business to North Dakota. Kiap TU Wish thanks Corey for his active chapter participation, Board of Directors position and membership on the Finance Committee. Corey was an active chapter and board member who donated many hours to chapter business as well as outstanding ideas to the finance committee. Corey also helped garner many donations to past Holiday banquets. Corey presented a slide show at a chapter meeting on his western fishing adventures on his "home waters".

Corey had a business opportunity to go home again. Once again, Kiap TU Wish thanks Corey for his contributions to the chapter and wishes him and his family the very best in their new location. He has a standing invitation to join us at meetings or on the stream when he's back in the area.

## **Kiap-TU-Wish welcomes Bob Lorenzen to board**

Kiap TU Wish wants to introduce and welcome new board member Bob Lorenzen. Bob has been a chapter member for two years. He has participated in many chapter events and work projects. He's been on Tiffany, Gilbert, South Fork, Kinni and other projects. Bob has a strong conservation ethic and interest in prairie restoration and is also a member of the KRLT and participates in Land Trust events. While Bob considers himself relatively new to fly fishing, he is eager to learn and brings a ton of energy and interest to the chapter and the board.

Bob and his wife live in Burnsville, MN. He has worked for Unysis for over 30 years and has lived in Iowa, Nebraska, California and now Minnesota relocating for Unysis. He has two grown children.

Bob also is an interpretive volunteer at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley.

Kiap TU Wish welcomes and thanks Bob Lorenzen for his active chapter and board membership.

## **New Rip Rap Contributors**

Thanks to the following folks who have joined the list of people who support RIP-RAP with a financial gift.

Charles Metzsig  
Paul Wiemerslage  
Loren Carver  
Michael Grant  
Rose Creek Anglers  
Ken Hanson  
Tracy Nelson

Know that your support helps keep the newsletter publishing from month to month and helps keep members in touch with Kiap-TU-Wish chapter activities.

## **Annual business meeting scheduled for March**

In accordance with chapter by-laws, announcement of the annual business meeting, to be held this year at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Bob Smith's Sports Club, 601 2nd Street, Hudson is hereby made.

The agenda for the meeting includes reports from the president and treasurer and the election of board members. Look for more details in the March issue of RipRap.

# The Crawdaddy Bugger

By Jonathan Jacobs

At the January meeting, I carried on about a crayfish imitation that I'd been using for smallmouth bass fishing. It incorporates elements of a traditional woolly bugger, a Whitlock Near-Nuff Crayfish and a Holschlag Hackle

Fly. Despite the lengthy instructions, it's an easy and straightforward fly to tie.

Because it's keel weighted with a copper barbell and lead wire,

it rides hook up

in the water. The weight gets it down in the water column quickly and helps impart a nice jiggling action to the fly. The instructions call out the materials for an olive-colored fly, but shades of brown/tan or dirty orange work, too.

## Crawdaddy Bugger

(Illustration by Allison Jacobs)

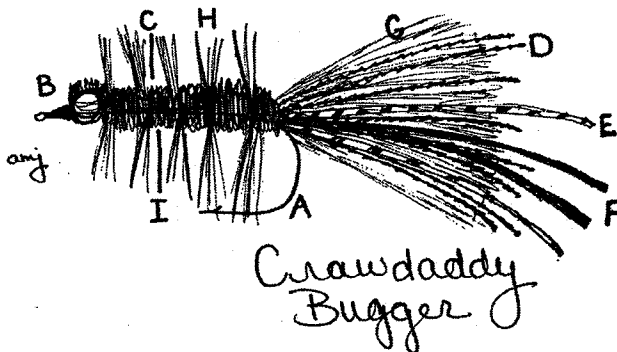
### Recipe

- Hook: Tiemco 5263, size 4 typical
- Thread: Dark 6/0 Uni Thread
- Weight: Copper barbell, small, and .035" lead wire
- Tail: Eight strands black crystal flash, two strands green fleck sili-legs, two strands brown round rubber legs, two clumps olive blood marabou.
- Body: Olive Antron chenille, medium
- Hackle: Brown saddle hackle

### Instructions

Mount the hook (A) in the vise and start the thread two eyes spaces behind the hook eye. Built a small thread bump and seat the barbell (B) against it. Secure the barbell with figure eight wraps, finishing just behind the barbell.

Double a length of .035" lead wire (C), center it atop the hook shank and lash it down. The lead should extend to within ¼ inch of the hook bend. Cover the



lead with thread wraps, finishing at near the hook bend. Tie in eight strands of Krystal Flash (D) the same length as the hook shank. Tie in two strands of sili-legs (E) about ¼ inch longer than the Krystal Flash. Tie in two strands of round rubber legs (F) ½ inch longer than the Krystal Flash. Tie in two clumps of blood marabou feathers (G) slightly shorter than the Krystal Flash. Tie in a brown saddle hackle feather (H) by its butt end. Tie in a length of chenille (I), leaving approximately a two inch tag facing forward. Advance the thread 1/3rd the length of the hook shank. Wind the tag end of the chenille around the hook three times, tie it off and trim it. Advance the thread to the hook eye. Wind the standing length of the chenille over the entire length of the shank (This will produce a tapered body), tie it off and trim it. Wind the saddle hackle forward to the hook eye using 5 turns. Tie it in and trim away the excess. Build a thread head, whip finish and cement.

### **Kiap members continue to help in big way with Gilbert Creek Project**

*By Greg Dietl*

The ongoing stream improvement project in Dunn County on Gilbert Creek continues. The WI DNR and Dunn County Fish and Game had brushing dates on January 14 and 21 and Kiap volunteers supplied around 40 hours of work. Work was on the Middle Branch of Gilbert Creek at the County Q bridge. Many pesky box elders were felled. Kiap member Randy Arnold is a master with the chain saw while others followed behind him stacking his work. Members participating on the 14th were Andy Lamberson, Randy Arnold, Bob

Lorenzen, Greg Detl; on the 21st were Paul Quinn, Randy Arnold, Bob Bradham, Ted Mackmiller, Ron Zaudke and me.

This is a long term project which has some of the promise of Cady Creek and certainly has a dedicated crew of workers from Dunn County Fish and Game, DNR, Ojib-leau Chapter of TU, Kiap and local school, county and other partners. More dates will be scheduled and posted on Kiap web site.

Kiap has provided many hours of volunteer help on this project over the past two years and looks forward to continuing to work with this fine group of partners.

### **Rush Clean-up set for April**

*By Sarah Sanford*

Here are the basic details of the Rush River Clean-up. I'd really like to have some of you who participated last spring to provide a comment on the day along the lines of whether it was a good time, you'd do it again, the value of such an event in the scheme of things, etc..

"The second annual Rush River Clean-

up is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. A fitting celebration of Earth Day, in the view of the event's organizer, Sarah Sanford. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool to the Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club by 9 a.m... Anglers and non-anglers alike are needed. If you would like to sign up, send an email to: [rushclean2006@yahoo.com](mailto:rushclean2006@yahoo.com)."

### **Update on South Fork of Kinni Project**

*By Greg Dietl*

The DNR has begun work on the South Fork of the Kinni just east of River Falls along Hwy 29. I don't have many details right now. According to John Sours, WI DNR, help will be needed in the spring building

lunker structures. He estimated 100! structures will be needed. So, for those of you who have been itching to do some structure building you chance is coming.

I'll post on the Kiap website and in Rip Rap when I know more.

# ● New look newsletter

By Jonathan Jacobs

How about the snazzy, up to date appearance of RipRap? The fresh, new look is the work of Rod Hanson, a K-TU member from River Falls who does this sort of thing professionally. For the moment, Rod has signed on as production editor. He's taken on the responsibility of layout, design, print production and mailing. He's also come to my rescue by cleaning up some of my more outlandish copy.

I would like very much to see Rod replace me as editor next fall. However, Rod has forewarned me that, while he's willing to edit copy, he has no intention of being in a

position where he has to write the newsletter.

So, if you like the idea of the chapter having a professionally edited and produced newsletter, there are two things you should do: First, write for the newsletter yourself. I know very well that our members are an intelligent lot with interesting things to say and charming stories to tell.

Jump in! Don't worry that your prose doesn't meet some particular standard. After all, my drivel has appeared here for years. Second, let the board and officers know that RipRap is important to you and that it is a project worthy of their support.

## ● First Annual D. F. Flote Fishing Story Contest

By Andy Lamberson

Ok...I admit it...I'm bored. I've been tying flies all Holiday season. I've re-organized my fly boxes. Tied a few leaders..... and boy am I ready for March!! So... I'm challenging all you "literary masters" to help keep me...and dozens of others like me..... entertained!

I'm challenging all of you to participate in the First Annual: 1st Annual D.F. Flote Fishing Story Contest.

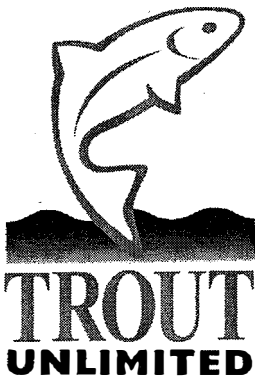
There is only one rule: Keep you entry clean enough that your mother could read it!!

No other rules. BEST story wins!! Maybe we'll even have winners in multiple categories....like best serious essay, and not so serious essay. Like I said ..no rules.

What makes BEST??? We will vote at the March Meeting for the Grand Prize Winner or Winners!

Ummmm...did I tell you about the day I landed over 100 fish on the Kinni including 2 over twenty inches on a size 22 midge pupa on 9X tippet!!! Or here is another one... Did I tell you about the day that Gary Horvath landed over a dozen fish????

PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR ENTRY (as a Word Doc.) AND I WILL POST IT ON THE SITE ASAP.



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## Meeting Schedule

February 1, 2006

**Brad Bohlen, guide and author of Cabin Life Outfitters,  
Hayward Wisconsin**

March 1, 2006

**Annual Business Meeting**

April 5, 2006

**Dry Fly Dick Trantes Fly Tiers**

May 3, 2006

**Wisconsin DNR**

Deadline for February RIPRAP is Friday, February 17.