

Kiap-'U-Wish News and Notes

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SOME NOTES FROM JON JACOBS...

Members Urged to Help Push For New Regulations

I hope that by now all of you have received and taken action on the packet of letters the chapter mailed on January 21st. I believe that new fishing regulations based on proven scientific principles are critical to improving the quality of the cold water fishery in western Wisconsin. So if you haven't taken action on the letters, please do so soon.

The letters were composed and mailed in a very short time and were not fully detailed. We assumed that everyone is fully aware of the most recent proposal put forth for the Lower Kinni. It provides for a slot limit protecting fish from 12 to 18 inches long, and it allows a daily bag limit of three fish with only one over 18 inches. It also allows the use of natural bait. It is not a radical proposal by any means.

Also, the letter addressed to the various officials mentions only the Kinni. Please note that the chapter supports the DNR's proposals for ALL of Pierce County, including Category 4 for the Rush and Trimble rivers. If you would like to state your opinions in a letter of your own, please do so. Members of the Conservation Congress in this area are also interested in hearing from you. Their names and addresses are:

Mike Reiter, 461 Park View Dr., New Richmond, WI 54017.

Gene Seguin, Box 181, Ellsworth, WI 54011.

Gerald Lahner, 715 Gilbert St., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Roger Britton, Box 177,

Durand, WI 54736.

Wisconsin residents should strongly consider attending the spring hearing in their county of residence, where a vote on the proposed regulations will be taken.

(Grateful acknowledgment for their efforts on the mailing project are due Andy Lamberson, Neva Lamberson, Craig Mason and Karen Jacobs.)

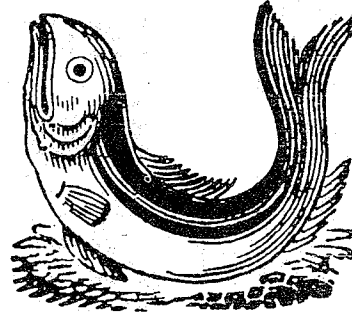
Chapter Urges Willow Falls Dam Removal

The Willow Falls dam and its future are a matter of

intense interest in our area. The DNR has proposed removing the dam and performing extensive mitigation work. The chapter's board supports this.

Removing the dam may create a new stretch of trout stream and it may help bring colder water to the Willow and Race below the Willow Falls dam.

The DNR is responsible for many dams statewide, and the action taken on the Willow Falls dam may help set a precedent favoring flowing water over impoundments (continued on back page)



FLY-FISHING EXHIBIT NOW AT BELL MUSEUM

Beginning February 1st and running through June, the Bell Museum of Natural History on the University of Minnesota campus will be the home of a traveling exhibit from the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, Vermont.

Gawk at the fishing tackle used by famous anglers from Ernest Hemingway to Bing Crosby! Gape at antique fly tackle dating back from Victorian times! Hobnob with angling celebrities from all over the country!

Rod building, fly tying, and net making will also be featured in workshops on February 4th.

All this is happening in conjunction with a new conservation group known as River Heritage. On March 17th and 18th the group will

sponsor a symposium at Bell Museum titled "Rivers, Fish and The Angler"

The symposium "will feature nationally-known figures in a discussion on the policies and philosophies of river fisheries management. The goal of the symposium is to inform Minnesotans and stimulate their respect for Minnesota's rivers and fisheries."

A number of other Fly-Fishing related activities will be taking place in conjunction with this exhibit and symposium, and we'll keep you informed.

(The Bell Museum is on the east side of the Minneapolis campus at the corner of Church Street and University Avenue. Its phone number is 624-1852.)

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across the state.

This is a VERY political issue. Opinions should be expressed to the following parties:

Gov. Tommy Thompson, Room 115E, State Capital Bldg., Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707.

State Rep. Sheila Harsdorf, Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708.

State Sen. Richard Shoemaker, 139 S., State Capital, Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707.

Thanks to Marty Engel

It seems like every month that we have reason to say thank-you to Marty Engel. This month it's for his presentation at our January meeting and for generously

donating back to our chapter the Orvis bag presented to him by the redoubtable Dick Frantes. We'll put it to good use, Marty!

-Jon Jacobs

Stream Improvement Begins January 28th

Don't forget, January 28 marks the beginning of this winter's stream improvement project. This year we're brushing a portion of the South Fork of the Willow River.

The work promises to be fairly easy, and if that weren't enough, the chapter is even providing lunch! All we ask is that you bring your own bodies, equipped for the weather with warm clothes and gloves. A hand saw, large loppers or a small chain saw would also come in handy.

The work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue to

3:00 p.m. Work dates include January 28, Feb. 11th and 25th, and March 11th and 25th.

Here are directions to the project area:

Take I-94 east to highway 63. Go north on 63; three miles past county road G take a left and proceed one and a half miles to the work site.

If you're coming from the north, take highway 64 to county road T. Go south on T for two miles, take a left, go one mile, take another left, and proceed one mile to the work site.

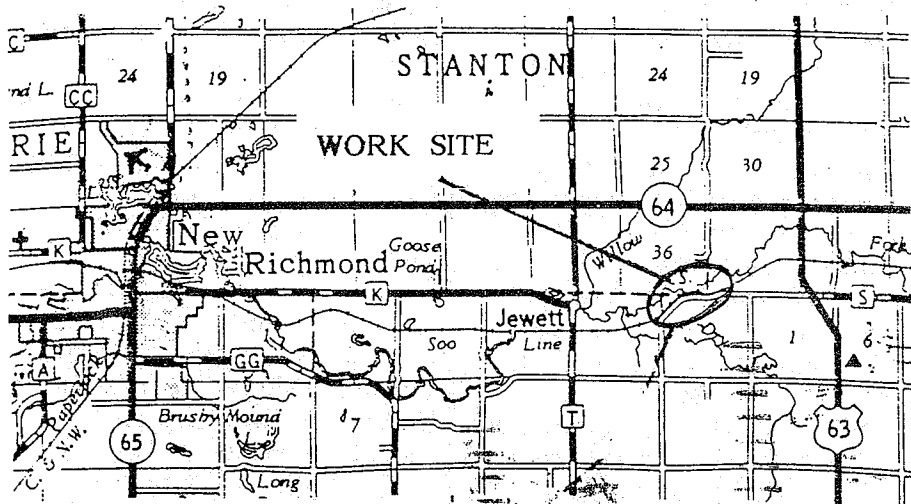
FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 1
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: The Sports Club in Midtown Hudson

This month Buzz Sorge, a water quality specialist with the Wisconsin DNR, will join us at the Sports Club.

Buzz will be here to bring us up to date on the water quality of local streams, and he'll also have information for us on two exciting new classifications of waters designed to protect unique ecological resources.

So if you're interested in what's happening to the water quality of our western Wisconsin streams, don't miss our February meeting.



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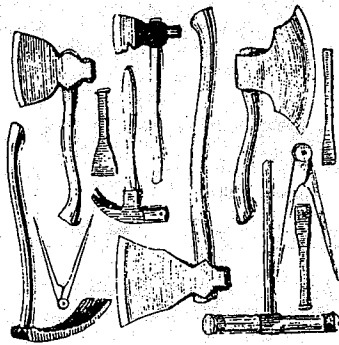
SOUTH FORK IS STREAM IMPROVEMENT TARGET

Fishworks '89, a joint project between the Willow River Rod and Gun Club and Kiap-TU-Wish, will commence this January on the South Fork of the Willow River east of New Richmond. The project will begin on January 28th and continue every other Saturday through March.

Designed primarily as a brushing project and directed by area fish manager Marty Engel, the project area will move downstream from the '87 project and will attempt to stabilize the banks and get more sunlight into the stream while at the same time preserving in-stream trout cover.

There are some log jams that need removal and some

box elder that will have to be felled, but the bulk of this project is brush removal. As such, this is relatively light, fast work and even children can get involved.



You'll need hot coffee, warm clothes and gloves, a hand saw, large loppers or a small chain saw. Lunch will be provided by the chapter and maps and greater details

will be available at the January 4th meeting.

The work will commence at 9:00 a.m. each day and run until 3:00 p.m. As usual, the RULE OF 20 will be in effect.

Marty Engel has also mentioned the possibility of another project on the Kinni, but no firm plans have been made as of yet.

-Mike Alwin

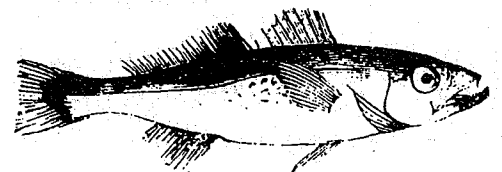
JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 4
 Time: 8:00 p.m.
 Place: The Sports Club in Midtown Hudson

Tonight area fisheries manager Marty Engel will make his annual trek to the Sports Club to update members on local fisheries news. He'll also answer any questions from the floor. This is the time to begin arming yourself with information before the season opener, now a trifling 120 days away.

This is traditionally our most popular meeting of the year, so don't miss it!

The Twin Cities chapter of Trout Unlimited has graciously invited Kiap-TU-Wish to join them for a special January meeting at which the guest speaker will be the redoubtable Doug Swisher. The time and place will be Harding High School at 7:30 p.m. on January 10.



CHRISTMAS PARTY & AUCTION AN ASTONISHING SUCCESS

Last month a record-shattering 91 party-goers packed into the Valley House to celebrate at Kiap-TU-Wish's annual Christmas party.

The turnout smashed all previous attendance records. The huge turnout was due, no doubt, to the magnetic charm of our guest speaker, Charlie Johnston, and the lure of the silent auction that followed.

Charlie (who was modestly introduced by Bob Mitchell as the "greatest man alive") dazzled party-goers with exotic tales of trouting in far-off Scotland.

Afterwards, all 91 in attendance stampeded over to the silent auction table to snap up the bargains to be had there.

The item that fetched the highest price was a beautiful custom-made rod

crafted by Dorothy Bergmann that sold for \$190.00. Also of note was \$17.00 paid for a carrot cake donated by the Potvins. Even the bartender at the Valley House elbowed his way through the crowd and peeled \$55.00 off his bankroll for an outdoor print.

By the time the dust had settled the chapter had netted \$1,182.00 from the auction, much of it destined for stream improvement work. (In fact, the next day chapter stream improvement czar Mike Alwin was seen ogling chain saws in a local showroom.)

There was still one more beneficiary of the party: Local food shelves, which retred five bags of food, courtesy of the generosity of chapter members.

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SOME NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JON JACOBS

First of all, I'd like to extend thanks to the following:

-Jean Mitchell, for her tireless efforts in organizing the banquet and silent auction.

-Charlie Johnston for his tremendous presentation.

-Everyone who donated to the food shelf project (5 grocery bags full!).

-All who attended, for making the silent auction and the entire event such a fine evening.

According to an article in the Hudson Star-Observer's December 14 issue, the Willow Falls dam may be beyond repair! TU's board has gone on record in favor of the dam's removal.

The DNR has scheduled a public meeting on this matter at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 4 at the Willow River State Park Education Center.

LITTER PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS

Last fall a group of TU volunteers gave up part of a Saturday to help pick up litter along the Kinni.

They included Mike Alwin, Janet Chernynaev and her son Matthew, Gary Horvath, Bill Skinner, Andy Lambertson, Craig Mason, Bob Bradham and son, and Dave Beck. Our thanks to one and all.

Kiap-TU-Wish Offers Renewal Enticements

Craig Mason and Dick Frantes have taken up the reins of Kiap-TU-Wish's membership drive, and they're offering some tempting incentives to entice members to extend their memberships. Here's Dick with the details:

"We strongly recommend you renew your membership at least two months early. Because of the inflexibility of computers, plus human error, errors and delays can otherwise occur.

"Do yourself and TU a favor and renew for two or three years. Or consider a life membership--we have five life members now. You won't miss any publications, and if dues are increased, you'll come out ahead.

"Because of normal

attrition, it will take more effort by all members of Kiap-TU-Wish to increase our membership. So to provide an added incentive, and because of the generosity of Jim and Ethel Loga, Jim Kroll, Perry Palin and others, we are offering 3 flies for two-year renewals, 6 flies for 3-year renewals, and 6 flies for a new member.

"Type and perhaps pattern of your choice are available (while supplies last)! For info call Craig Mason (715)425-2282 or Dick Frantes (612)457-5979."



We're going to HIRE OUR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TU DOUBLE IN SIZE IN TWO MONTHS!!!

Watch your mailboxes! During January, every TU member will receive information about our exciting **DOUBLE-DAYS** Program—an opportunity for TU to double in size in just two months.

AND . . . we're going to pay our temporary staff members—**Y O U**—\$5 for each new, regular (\$20) member you recruit during **DOUBLE DAYS ! ! !**

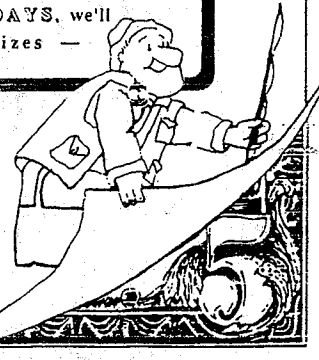
THERE'S MORE . . . As an added bonus, for each new regular member you recruit under **DOUBLE-DAYS**, we'll enter your name in one of four remarkable grand prizes — New Zealand, Alaska, West Yellowstone, or guided fishing.*

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP OUR NATION'S COLDWATER RESOURCE?

Take a few minutes in January and February to recruit a new TU member. Increase our **CLOUT FOR TROUT**; earn money for yourself, your chapter or your council; and increase your chance of winning a fabulous prize!

More information about **DOUBLE DAYS** has been mailed. Questions . . . Call Wendy Newman at 703 / 281-1100.

* Almost \$15,000 in prizes.



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