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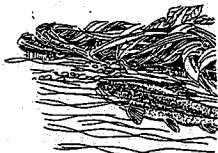
Notes From The President:

I would like to thank everyone who attended this years Christmas party and silent auction. Special thanks go to Jon Jacobs, and Mike Alwin for coordinating this years event and to Charlie Johnston for speaking on such short notice. I would also like to thank everyone who donated items for the silent auction. This year we raised over \$1000.00 to cover newsletter expenses.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will notice that Kent Johnson has been hard at work interpreting temperature data on the Kinni. The chapter is extremely grateful to Kent for all the hard work he has supplied on this issue.

Please note that the annual brushing project on the Kinni will start on January 13th. Work for the last three years has significantly increased aquatic vegetation and improved the health of the trout in that section of stream. These work days provide an opportunity to meet other chapter members and they are a great way relieve cabin fever. Please plan on attending one or more of the work dates listed in the newsletter. See you at the January meeting.

Gary



JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Wed. Jan 3rd
TIME: Dinner at 6:30
Meeting at 8:00
WHERE: JR Ranch

Karen Voss and Tom Bernthal, from the Wisconsin Wetlands Association will be the guest speakers at our January meeting. Karen will give a talk on "Wetlands, Trout Streams and Stormwater Management in Developing Areas." Her talk will focus on the connections between coldwater streams and associated wetlands and how they are both impacted by different stormwater management strategies, as a watershed is developed. This should provide a good starting point for discussing how these issues will play out in our area. Tom will give a brief description of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and their activities.

Karen works for the Department of Natural Resources out of the Western District Office in Eau Claire, as a Nonpoint Pollution Specialist. She works with the Priority Watershed program and with local governments and educators to provide assistance for water resources education. She has also been active in leading wetland tours for WWA.

Tom Bernthal is the outgoing co-chair of WWA. He has also worked on wetland and water resources projects for the DNR. Currently, he is working on a project to evaluate the effectiveness of the shoreland zoning program.

PLANS SET FOR FISHWORKS 96

Plans for this years Fishworks project have been finalized. This years goal will be to continue upstream from last years project to the Hwy 65 parking lot. This would provide a large section of improved stream on sections under DNR control. We will start at the north parking lot on River Road finishing the far bank, left uncut, from last year. From there we will proceed upstream. Volunteers should bring warm clothes and a lunch. We will need people in waders and volunteers with chain saws. A good brush lopper is also a good idea. This years work days are:

January 13, January 27
February 10, February 24
March 9, March 23

Work starts at 9:00 am and continues until 3:00 PM. As always the KIAP-TU-WISH RULE OF -20 will be in affect. Listen to WCCO radio at 8:00 am, and if the temperature or wind chill is -20°F or lower the work date is cancelled.

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Skip's Loose Threads

by Skip James

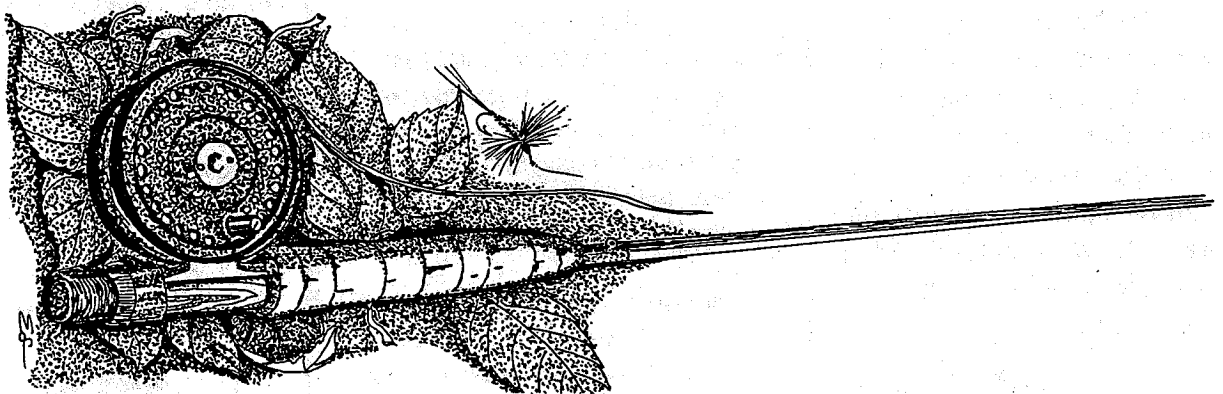
My friend Mike has been bitten by the collecting bug. He has an insatiable urge to look in antique shops for old bamboo flyrods, reels, and other exotica. Now I admit that I've been subject to this malady for many years myself, and my closet includes six cane rods that have given me pleasure both as handyman projects, and as delightful fishing tools. They were built by Heddon, Winston, Dunton, Orvis, Leonard, and South Bend in the period from 1935-1965. All were acquired in local antique shops for \$25-\$100.

Just two weeks ago, while on tour with the SPCO, I purchased a 'smuggler' rod for \$5. that I found in a Williamsport, PA antique shop. A seven piece bamboo built for Abercrombie & Fitch around 1900, it may have been made by the Leonard shop. A & F. was the retail outlet for Leonard for years, and their cheaper rods had the A & F label rather than the Leonard mark. The handle is reversible, so that with an alternate tip, the rod becomes a very light casting rod, as well as a short, six foot flyrod. What a mess! One section has become unglued, there are hardly any guides left, and most of the ferrules are loose. It made a nice present for Mike, and I expect at some future time, and with a sly grin, he'll take that little cane rod

out of his chest pocket, put it together, and fish with it. He could carry it easily in his trumpet case.

A little reading before prowling can save you big bucks, and help you avoid worthless junk. The Bamboo Rod, by Claude M. Kreider, was first published in 1951, and describes in clinical detail how to build a bamboo rod from scratch. A paperback reprint put out by Centennial Publications of Grand Junction, Colorado, is available for \$15.95. Martin J. Keane's Classic Rods and Rodmakers, full of photos and descriptions of fine cane rods was published by Winchester Press in 1976 for \$15.00. The Bamboo Rod Restoration Handbook, by Michael Sinclair, \$25.00, was published in 1994 by Centennial Publications. This latter book tells you how to recognize various brands of rods from their reel seats, silk wrappings, ferrules, and the color of the cane.

It's a wonderful sensation to fish with a rod you have resurrected from ruin, particularly if it's three years older than you are. My latest project was refinishing a two piece, two tip Heddon 8 footer, sold in 1938 through Kennedy's Sporting Goods in St. Paul. What a sweet casting 5-6 weight! Now, I really need a silk line to go with it. By the way, last weekend, there were at least a dozen bamboo flyrods in various Stillwater antique shops. There's probably a few different ones now...hmmm.



Kent Johnson Presents Poster on Stormwater Impacts To The Kinni

Chapter Board Member Kent Johnson presented a poster entitled Urban Stormwater Impacts On A Coldwater Resource at the November 5 - 9 meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry in Vancouver, British Columbia. The data for this poster was derived from the chapter's network of temperature monitors installed on the Kinnickinnic River.

The chapter maintains four continuous temperature monitors on the Kinnickinnic River throughout the City of River Falls. This network has been in place since 1992 and was established in response to concerns over thermal pollution to the Kinni from increasing urbanization around River Falls.

Kent's poster includes data documenting thermal impacts to the Kinni from stormwater and outlines preventative measures. Kent has maintained the sites for the chapter and has spent a great deal of his time reviewing the data. A copy of the report will be available for review at the January meeting.

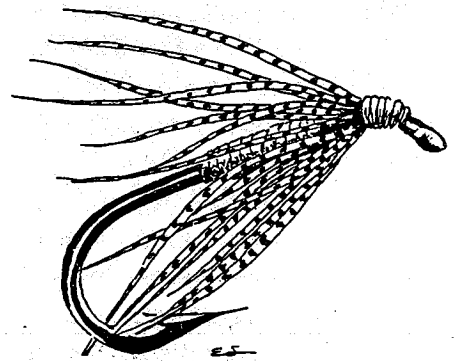
STATE COUNCIL CONSERVATION AWARDS BANQUET SET FOR FEBRUARY 3rd

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited will hold its 11th annual Conservation Awards Banquet on February 3rd at the Oshkosh Hilton Hotel and Convention Center. Cocktails will be served at 5:00 PM. followed by a dinner at 7:00 PM. consisting of: appetizers, plated salad, Roast Wisconsin Turkey, Tenderloin Bourguignonne, Baked Virginia Ham, vegetable, rolls, beverage and a selection of pastries for desert. This years guest speaker will be Ms. Nina Leopold-Bradley reflecting on her father Aldo Leopold and his conservation legacy.

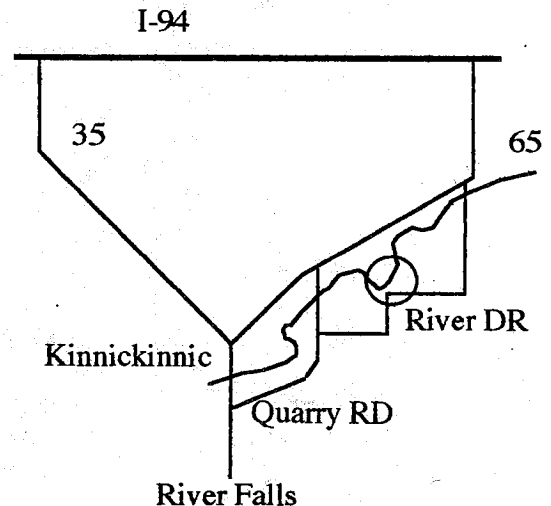
This is the primary fund-raising event for the State Council. There will be a variety of raffles along with silent and live auctions featuring many fine items. Another event featured is the honoring of individuals who have made significant contributions to Wisconsin's Coldwater fisheries. Tickets are \$25.00 each and must be purchased in advance by writing to: Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 291, Menasha, WI 54952. All ticket requests postmarked on or before January 13 will be eligible for the early bird drawing of \$100.

Southern Wisconsin Chapter Icebreaker Scheduled

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter will hold its' annual "Icebreaker" trout fishing clinic on January 20, 1996 at the Park Ponderosa Ballroom in McFarland, WI. Ed Shenk of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Dorthy Bergman-Schramm of Pentwater, Michigan and Clay Riness of Coon Valley Wisconsin are this years featured speakers. The meeting also features raffles, door prizes and a clinic on fly casting by Ed Shenk. Tickets are \$9.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and can be purchased by writing Lynn Blenker, 6832 Schroeder Rd, #27, Madison, WI 53711. Contact John Strauss at 608-835-5672 for more information.



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Directions:

- From I-94 take ST HWY 35 South
- Turn **LEFT** on ST HWY 65 (North towards New Richmond)
- Proceed approx. two miles to QUARRY RD
- Turn **RIGHT** on Quarry RD
- Proceed approx. 3/4 mile to RIVER DR
- Turn **LEFT** on RIVER DR to work area



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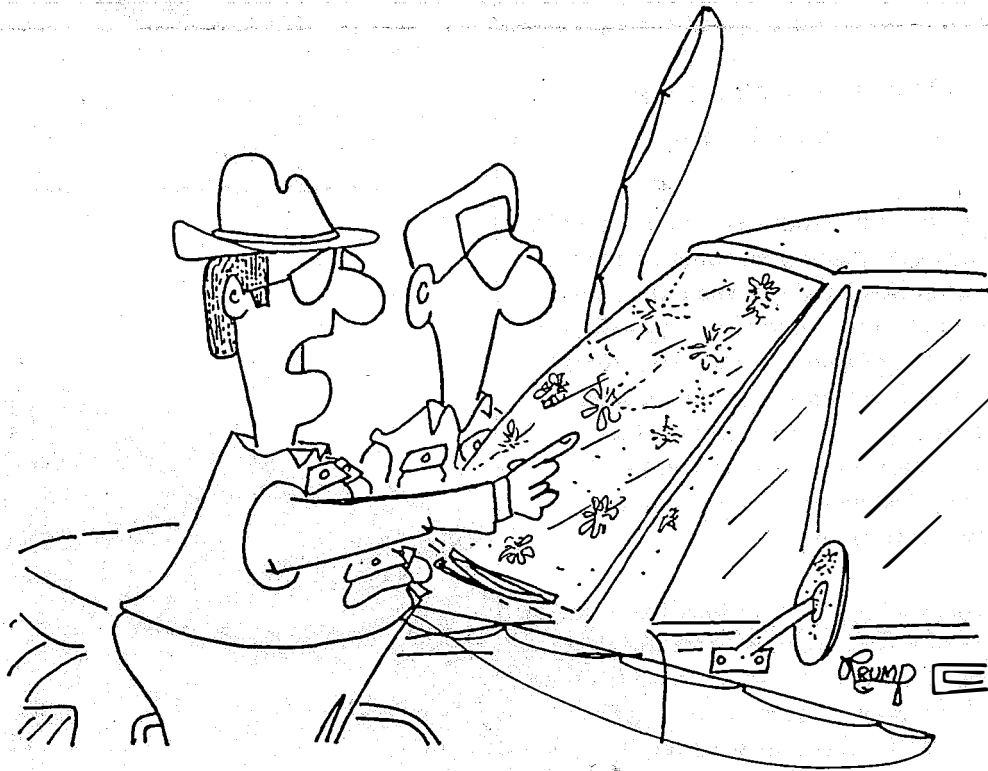
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DEADLINES

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WINDSHIELD ENTOMOLOGY

"Now, see... here's a *Rhithrogena morrisoni* and that one is a *Pteronarcys californica* and this is -- never mind, that's a rock chip -- but over here..."