



# Rip Rap

## January Meeting

When: Wednesday, Jan. 5  
 Where: JR Ranch, Hudson  
 Dinner: 6:30  
 Program: 8:00

### President's Lines:

Another episode of the Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Banquet is in the books. Again, this year, we had a genuinely good time and raised a little money to keep the chapter functioning for another year. Thankyou, Banquet Committee participants: (Mike Alwin, Jon Jacobs, Karen and Tony Stifter, Bill Lovegren, Mark Waschek and Chuck Goossen) for another flawless job at organizing the evening, with fun and value for all who attended. We are also very thankful for all who contributed the silent auction items. These are the real key to the money-raising efforts at the Banquet. The book, "Northern Waters" was a quick sell and I'm regretful that I didn't order more copies. Forty-five percent of the sale price of the books sold was donated to the chapter. Thankyou to Jan Zita Grover and Graywolf Press for that additional contribution.

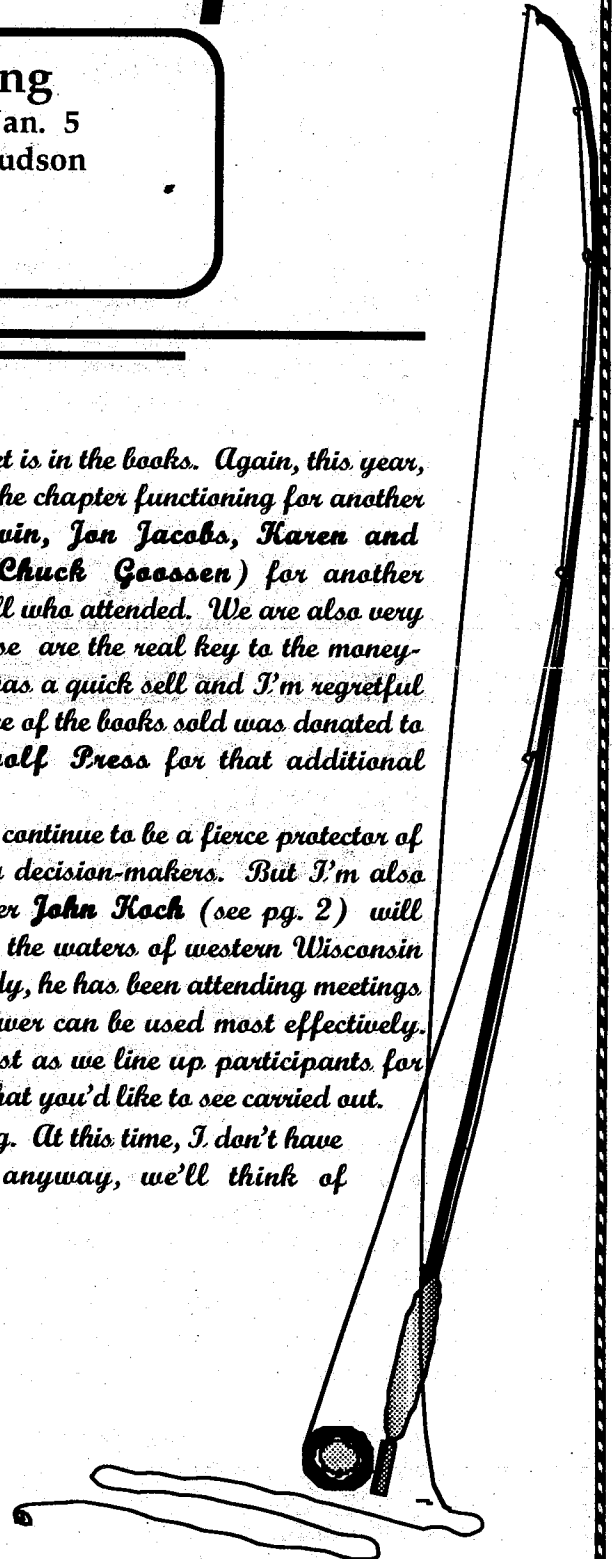
As we start the next calendar year, Kiap-TU-Wish will continue to be a fierce protector of cold-water resources in the areas of education and influencing decision-makers. But I'm also anxious for us to resume our in-stream work as well. Member John Koch (see pg. 2) will coordinate our 'wet' projects for the coming year. John knows the waters of western Wisconsin well, and has a passion for trout that can inspire others. Already, he has been attending meetings and planning sessions that will pinpoint where our muscle power can be used most effectively. Consider adding your name to our e-mail and telephone call list as we line up participants for upcoming projects. Let John know if you have any pet projects that you'd like to see carried out.

See you at the January meeting. At this time, I don't have a speaker yet, but come anyway, we'll think of something!

Brent Sittlow  
 President

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## Kiap-TU-Wish Bulletin Board...

### JohnKoch Volunteers to organize Work Projects...

To all Kiap-TU-Wish members: I'm putting together a list of volunteers willing to lend a hand in anticipation of several stream projects being scheduled with the DNR for this summer and beyond. Project possibilities include restoration work on the Trimble, maintenance work on the Kinnickinnic, the conclusion of the Cady Creek project, a Rush River watershed survey (lots of people needed for this one), Eau Galle River restoration. If you sign up, you'll be eligible for the fun! Fun to include: building structures, brushing, showing up at meetings, netting fish, rolling rocks, etc., etc. If you want to get involved, call me at (715) 684-2228, or send your name and phone number to me. My address is: John Koch, W4345 850th Ave., Spring Valley, WI 54767. My e-mail address is: <wis\_flyfishing@hotmail.com>

### Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting and Banquet...

The Annual Meeting and Banquet of Wisconsin TU will take place on February 5, 2000 at the Oshkosh Park Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. The meeting will begin at 10am, and the banquet festivities start at 7pm. If you're interested in going, please contact Brent Sittlow, (number on the back of RipRap). An overnight (or two-night) stay is usually required. Rides can be shared, as well as hotel rooms. If you desire to donate items to the auction or have anything else to contribute, Brent can put you in touch with the Banquet organizers.



### More Swinging Gate Contributors..

Won't you join the ranks to  
contribute \$100.00?

Paul Walker  
Marty and Jan Engel  
Dan and Joan Bruski  
Bill Lovegren  
Ted Mackmiller  
Carol LeBreck  
Hudson Nichols  
Clarke Garry  
Howard West  
Duke Hust  
Herb Lundberg  
Roger Fairbanks  
Nathan Nesje  
Thomas and Kathleen Keith

Presently, we are at about \$6300. This includes the Wisconsin State Council contribution of \$1000. toward our goal of \$10,000. John Hunt from Twin Cities Chapter of TU has assured us that they will contribute too. Their Board met December 21st, so we are waiting to see how big their donation will be.

### Factory Farms in Western Wisconsin draw the attention of environmentalists...

The Wisconsin Stewardship Network home page on the internet is a great place to follow the progress of the fight to halt unsafe factory dairy and hog farms. Find it at <<http://www.wsn.org/factoryfarm>>. You can read accounts of town board meetings, objections of citizens, the reports of surveys and requests for moratoria, letters objecting to press reports, background information, and many other useful and documentary information on this website. In addition, John Shafer, of Spring Valley, has set up a site about the dangers of factory farming on the Rush River. You can find it at: <<http://www.uwrf.edu/~js5j/template11.htm>> Check it out!

## Reader Responds...

"Skip,

I'm really disappointed in your article and your feelings on this project. (Skip's Loose Threads: "How far have we gone before we've gone too far." December RipRap.) It sure looks as if you want your cake and eat it too!. What about the birds, wildflowers, etc., that you ask about? What harm was done to the birds? Where are the wildflowers you mention? Even if there was some, they sure aren't harmed in any permanent way. Where did you find deer trails near the creek? There are none as such. Do you think the frogs are harmed? How? Waterweed survives and will return in full form. Small rodents-what are you talking about? Rats? Mice? Golphers? (sic). What?

You ask alot of questions but offer no specifics and certainly have no answers in the article. Do you have any answers? This "shotgun" approach serves no purpose.

Now I know why you "stood around" the day you were there and didn't help! I hope that when you want to fish the creek, you will find a hard time getting entry. You certainly won't be welcome on the land my family owns. I doubt that Steve Galoff, the Feiler family, the Webb family or the Sauressigs will welcome you. You will have a long walk (to) where you (may) be given access!

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Editor's Note: I was not present at the Cady Creek worksite last Summer. The pictures in RipRap last month were furnished to me by Brent Sittlow.

### Question: What is the greatest threat to trout streams in western Wisconsin:

- Cows and unsafe agricultural practices
- Development
- Factory Farms (hogs and cows)
- People that don't care about trout water
- All of the above

## Skip's Loose Threads... Fly-Fishing Community Planned for Roberts Area, Executive Homes and Lots for Sale.

Don't miss out on the chance of a lifetime, to own your own piece of heaven, close to the cities, right here in St. Croix County. A planned, gated community, with blue-ribbon trout stream open year-round for your fly-fishing pleasure. **Grundbewegter Bros.**, contractors are offering a limited number of executive home sites with direct access to a year-round, club-managed, trout stream.

Constructed through gently rolling wooded hills, the new trout stream, **Whippany Race**, will have all the features you expect in a world-class trout stream: ice-cold water, prolific insect hatches, a variety of water types from pond to run to boulder-strewn riffle. No expense has been spared to make your fly-fishing dream come true on this exclusive property. The three miles of trout stream itself will be constructed from the finest materials: native limestone, St. Croix River rock for breeding gravel, the finest varieties of water weed. The water supply is pumped from the aquifer at the rate of 120cfs round the clock, 365 days a year, at the most desirable temperature of 46 degrees.

Provisions have been made to separate the trout stream water from run-off from yards, fields, and other sources of pollution. The epoxy/fiberglass stream-bed liner prevents all natural drainage, which could harm water quality, from entering the stream. Angler's will wade through Whirling Disease disinfectant before being allowed in the stream proper.

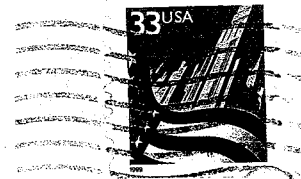
Fish (Rainbows, Brooks and Browns) will be raised in "stew ponds" to use the English phrase, out of site until they are of sufficient size (16"-22") to stock in the stream itself. The **Whippany Race Fish Manager**, trained in fish culture and eco-system management, will maintain the stock of fish at an optimal level for the finest sport imaginable.

Fishing privileges are reserved for residents only, providing the sort of 'community' that is rarely found on public water. Guest privileges are available at a cost to be set by the **Whippany Race Association Fishing Club**. Among the other emoluaments are the fly-fishing hut, with rustic chairs, fly tying desk and materials, a place to get out of the rain. Also, the **Whippany Race Pro Shop**, where the most modern quality tackle can be purchased, including professional guide service and classes in casting, fly-tying, entomology, and trout cuisine.

Tim is running out! Realize your fondest dreams with a homesite at Whippany Race, just a short drive from the Twin Cities. Prices begin at \$200,000 for five-acre lots. Several choice stream-side locations remain. For a color brochure and more information, call at your earliest convenience: (612) Fly-Fish, and ask to speak to the Whippany Race representative.



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## RifRaf...

### Gone Fishin'?

#### **Humor contributed by Herb Lundberg**

Three fishermen were sitting by the side of a river holding rods with lines in the water. A game warden comes up behind them, taps one on the shoulder and asks:

"Excuse me, fellas, I'd like to see your fishing licenses."

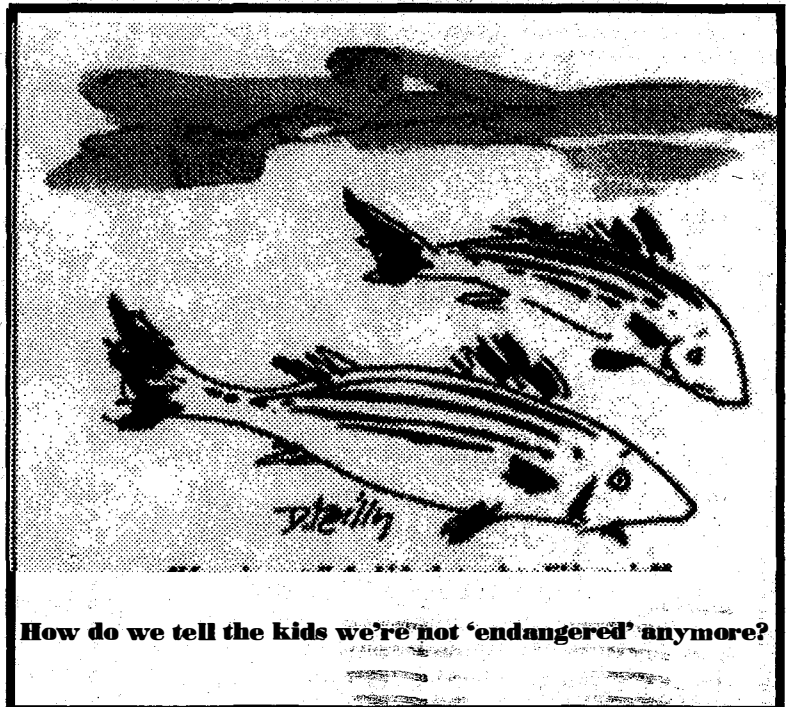
"We don't have any, replies the first angler."

"Well, if you're going to fish, you need fishing licenses", said the game

"But officer", replied the second angler, "we aren't fishing. We all have magnets at the end of our lines and we're collecting debris off the bottom of the river."

The game warden lifted all the lines and, sure enough, there were horseshoe magnets tied to each one. "Well, I don't know of any law that says you can't collect debris like that with magnets" said the game warden, and with that, he left.

As soon as the warden had disappeared, the three started to laugh hysterically. "What a dumb fish cop" one said to the others, "doesn't he know there are steelhead in this river?"



**How do we tell the kids we're not 'endangered' anymore?**

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