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JANUARY PRESIDENT'S LINES

BY KYLE AMUNDSON

Chapter news

The chapter banquet was a big success, and our change in venue went smoothly. Thanks to Allison Jacobs for being the emcee. Thank you Angie Hong, Washington County Conservationist, for the excellent presentation. Congratulations to Greg Meyer on his Gold Net award for all the excellent grant writing.

State Banquet

The state banquet will be held the first weekend of February. The site is the same as last year, in Rothschild, a suburb of Wausau.

National Banquet

The national banquet will be held in Madison next year (September) and the state council is looking for volunteers, mainly for folks to set up auction items and collect money. If you are interested you can contact me for more information.

Project Activity

The project committee is planning for future projects (with help from Marty Engle and John Sours), including possible brushing projects this winter. We will keep you informed via email of any winter activity.

Welcome New Members: Doug Stai (New Richmond), J. Wagner (Hudson)

Kiap-TU-Wish meetings are held at Bob Smith's Sports Club, the first Wednesday night of the month. The January meeting is on the 2nd. Dinner begins at 6 PM, Meeting to follow at 7 PM.



BANQUET REDUX

BY MICHAEL ALWIN

Another Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Conservation Banquet has come and gone, and if you weren't there let me tell you what you missed. Guests arriving in time to peruse the merchandise donated for the silent auction and the bucket raffles must have been astounded, because the swag was stellar. We had fabulous tackle: rods, reels, vests, waders, rain gear and maps to secret places. We had an astonishing number of fly assortments: bass flies, trout flies, poppers, streamers, dry flies and nymphs. We had our usual collection of books and DVDs. We had a lovely selection of pottery and other art pieces as well as dessert items that always go for premium prices. We had a handsome array of hand crafted items: jewelry, game boards, table ware, textiles and embroidery. We had incredible services donated to the chapter: guided float trips, guided wade fishing and gourmet lunches, haircuts and a private wine tasting class. And for fly tyers we had an absolutely stunning assortment of tool kits and materials, including the most beautiful fly tying bench we've ever had. You should have been there.

Our speaker that evening, Angie Hong, delivered a well organized and interesting presentation on natural landscapes and deserves our thanks for her effort on our behalf. The food at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center was excellent, the service was wonderful and the staff there needs a big "thank you" for helping us make this event special. Volunteers that night included Greg Meyer and Heather Logelin who helped sell raffle tickets and might have set new records in doing so. Assisting in setting up the silent auction and bucket raffles were Ken Hanson and Paul Wiemerslage. Special thanks should be directed to Paul for housing all of our swag at his house, opening the door for Greg Dietl, Tom Schnadt, Tom Henderson and me so we could organize the swag, and then hauling it all over to the Event Center on the day of the banquet.

The Banquet Committee began working on this year's event in September. Thanks to our superior organizational skills only three meetings were required in order to pull off this boffo event, and from the last meeting in November to the night of the banquet nobody stressed. The Banquet Committee consists of Tom Schnadt, Greg Dietl, Allison Jacobs, Tom Henderson and Temporary Chair, Deb Alwin. I thank them for their dedication and hard work on the Chapter's behalf and for pulling off what I think was our best banquet, raising over \$5000 in our under-the-radar Kiap-TU-Wish way. You really should have been there.

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A COUPLE OF PICS FROM THE BANQUET



ABOVE- CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER GREG MEYER WAS AWARDED THE KIAP-TU-WISH GOLD NET AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANT WRITING BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT KYLE AMUNDSON. **RIGHT-** CHAPTER MEMBER JEFF HIMES SHOWS OFF A FLY BOX HE WON IN THE BUCKET RAFFLE. THE FLIES WERE TIED AND DONATED BY PAUL JOHNSON.



SCOTT'S SCOOP

BY SCOTT HANSON, EDITOR

I am writing this in my dining room on the Thursday before Christmas. It has been a snowy and blustery morning here in Oakdale, but the word on the street is that much more snow fell to the south, especially around Des Moines, and to the east. A little extra snow should be a good thing for our beloved trout streams come springtime, so I'm not complaining. Especially since here at my house there was barely enough to shovel!

Even though we are in the middle of winter, trout fishing shouldn't take a back seat in our minds. There are always flies that need to be tied to restock our fly boxes, and don't forget to clean your rods and reels to get last year's scum off of them. If you are from hardy stock, you may be heading out to southeastern Minnesota in a couple of weeks, so you better get to work on all the preparations.

For the rest of us normal folks, we can take our time getting ready for the season, and even take some time to sit down with a good book to help us get in the fishing mood. The presenter for our January meeting can help you with that, He is Kent Cowgill, author of the new fishing-themed book, *Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs*. Make sure you get over to Bob Smith's on Wednesday, January 2nd, to get to know him. I'm sure it will be a wonderful evening of fun stories.

Have a great month!



JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

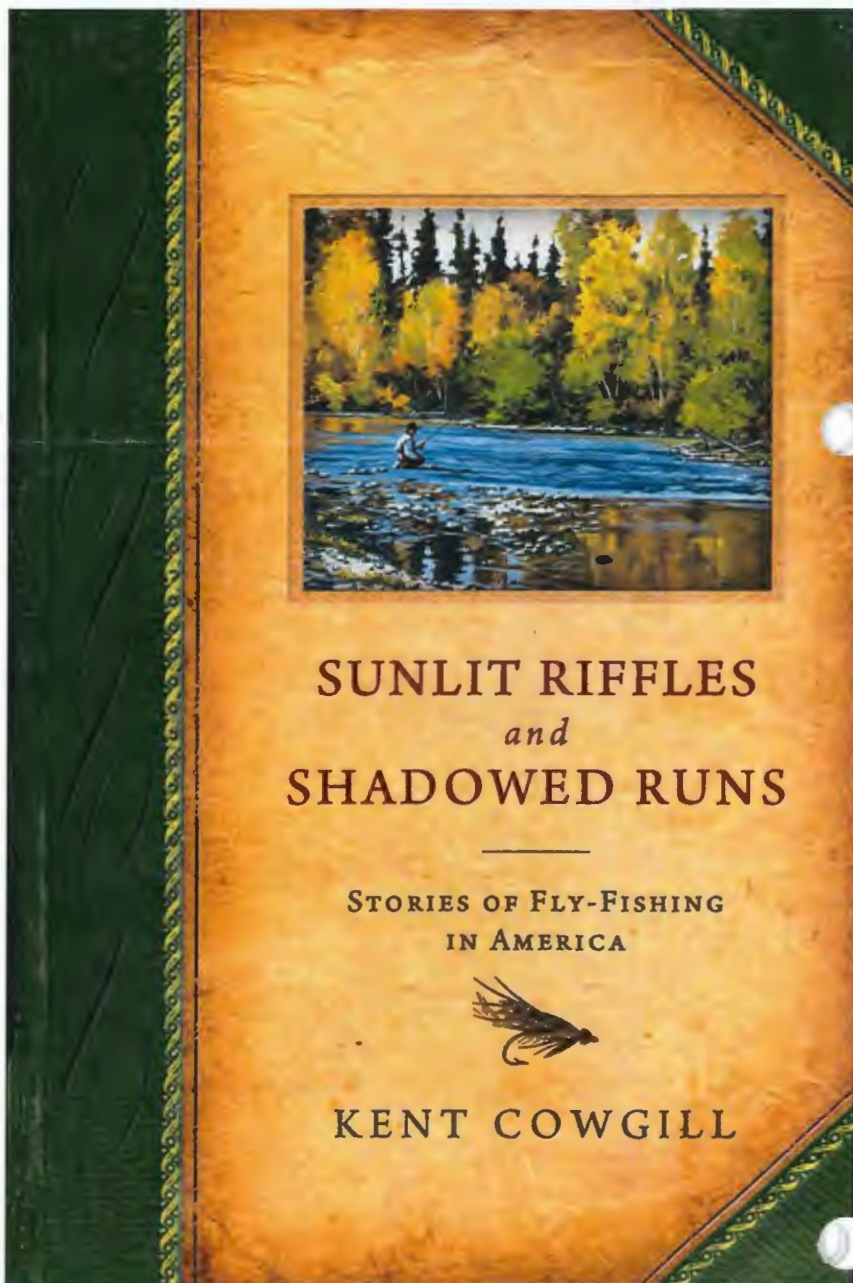
Join us at the January Kiap-TU-Wish for a fun-filled night with Kent Cowgill, author of the new book, *Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs*.

Ranging from the riotously comic to the nostalgic, edgy, and suspenseful, the sixteen stories in *Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs* offer richly developed and engaging portraits of characters across the spectrum of life, all absorbed by the thrill of fly fishing. A marriage betrayal on a trout stream in the north woods, a young boy's coming of age as a fly fisherman in the Black Hills of South Dakota, angler rage on the redfish flats of the Gulf of Mexico, an epic quest for bullish rainbows in Montana's celebrated Bighorn, the quiet mystique of Wisconsin's Brule River, the intensity of combat fishing on a salmon pool in the Pacific Northwest, these are just a few of the fascinating tales of fly fishing offered in *Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs*. Rendered in sparkling prose that will resonate with every angler, this collection will also delight any reader who enjoys outdoor pastimes.

An Emeritus Professor of English at Winona State University in Minnesota and the winner of the 2010 Robert Traver Award for fly fishing fiction, Cowgill knows how to turn a phrase—and he knows that the time to set the hook is when the reader least expects it. *Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs* is published by Terrace Books, an imprint of the University of Wisconsin Press (uwpress.wisc.edu), and is available wherever books are sold.



AUTHOR KENT COWGILL



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY TOM HENDERSON

Kiap-TU-Wish is led by four officers (Pres, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer). In addition, the by-laws call for seven other board members, so the max total is eleven. Currently, there are nine total. The board members are elected by the general members present at the March meeting. Board members serve for a three year term. At its next meeting after the March general meeting, the board elects the officers.

Three board members are up for re-election this coming March, in addition to the two vacancies. Please consider becoming a board member. New members are welcome!

The board sets its own meeting schedule but is required to meet at least six times per year. For the past couple of years, we have met on the third Monday of the month at Perkins in Hudson, skipping a couple of months each year. By the way, any member is welcome to attend any board meeting.

A nominating committee has not yet been appointed. If you would like to serve on the board, or have more questions, let any board member know. There are no special qualifications. It is not necessary to be a good fly fisher; after all, I'm not and the other members are threatening to make me president next year.

So what does the board do in a typical two hour meeting besides eat and talk about fishing? One important item is to set a budget for the coming year. We determine which projects to tackle. The board decides whether or not to participate in various events, such as the Expo or River Falls town and country days. We often are asked to support various causes, such as being asked to oppose a construction project near some stream. The activities we do in the future will depend on the interests of future board members. One such possibility is a program called "Trout in the Classroom" in which elementary classes raise trout from eggs and (with DNR permission) release them.

Being a board member provides the opportunity to not only interact with people who share the common bonds of sportsmanship, fly-fishing, and conservation but provides the opportunity to directly participate in the process of making a difference in the health and productivity of the resources we all enjoy. It is an easy role to step into and one with large personal reward

Help us make our world a better place.



TRIMBELLE HIGHWAY "W" PROJECT

BY TOM HENDERSON

Equipment has been moved to the site of the Hwy W project!

Last winter, volunteers cut brush and hundreds of trees along the Trimbelle River south of county rd W, about a mile north of Beldenville or eight miles south of River Falls. Members have contributed money and several grants have been received to pay for rock and lumber, equipment and labor, for the restoration project. We have most of the cost covered, and Greg Meyer continues to write grant requests.

This stretch of the Trimbelle has several significant cold water springs and a few trout. The banks are two to three feet high and readily erode. The bottom is mostly sand, but with a gravel substrate. By reducing erosion, the project will improve conditions for some distance downstream.

The land is owned by the Wisconsin Dept of Transportation, so access is not an issue.

Stay tuned for more updates.



THIS IS A PHOTO OF THE TRIMBELLE, BELOW HIGHWAY W, IN NOVEMBER. PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON



FLY TYING CORNER: PINK KLINK

BY BRIAN SMOLINSKI



1. Lay the wire over the length of the hook and wrap over it with flat smooth wraps, giving it some body

2. Wrap the wire back over the thread body and tie off the wire. Tie in a soft hackle feather at the thorax

3. Cover thread body and wire wraps with glossy cement (Hard as Hull, Sally Hansen, or something similar)

4. Dub thorax and wrap hackle desired amount of turns (The dubbing is Hareline dubbin, with some Ice Dub mixed in for extra flash).

5. Tie off and finish

Note- A small tungsten bead is a great addition for fishing it deeper or in faster water

RECIPE: Pink Klink

HOOK: Daiichi 1167

THREAD: 210 Denier Fluorescent Hot Pink

RIB: Fine Ultra Wire, Black

HACKLE: Speckled Hen

BODY: Flat wrapped thread with a wire rib, covered in cement or nail polish

THORAX: A blend of Fluorescent Pink Harelin Dubbin and Fluorescent Shell Pink Ice Dub





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DON'T MISS THE JANUARY MEETING!!

Wednesday, January 2nd at
Bob Smith's Sports Club in
downtown Hudson.

The deadline to make submissions for the
February issue is Wednesday, January 23rd.
Thank you!

