

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

Don't forget to join us for our March meeting on Wednesday, March 7--and remember our new location, the Act 2 restaurant and bar in Midtown Hudson. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

This month's special guest will be **Dean Hanson**, an entomologist and apiarist who is also a keen fisherman. Dean has a terrific program on aquatic insects that includes slides, fly-selection guidance, and even live specimens! With luck, we'll also have a few fly-tiers on hand to demonstrate some of Dean's deadliest flies.

But first, the chapter has a little business to attend to. Kiap-TU-Wish stalwarts surely will remember that March is the time for our exciting annual business meeting. There will be reports from chapter officers on chapter activities and finances, followed by our electrifying chapter elections.

This year **Russ Schalk** and **Gary Horvath** are up for re-election, and **Kent Johnson** is seeking the seat currently held by **Don Curtis**, who is planning to drop out of public life after a productive term on our board. Kent is an environmental scientist attached to the water quality department of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission. He is a Hudson resident and, it goes without saying, a devoted angler.

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KIAP-TU-WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY

Kiap-TU-Wish has been invited to participate in the celebration of Earth Day in River Falls. The celebration will run from April 21 through the 29th, and some of the events planned include speakers, displays, community clean-ups, and live animal shows.

Our chapter has reserved a booth in the Riverside Mall on Friday April 27th and Saturday April 28th. Our purpose will be to spread the word about Trout Unlimited and to increase the public's awareness of the wonderful Kinni that flows right through town.

Our plans for the booth include the following:

- 1) An aquarium displaying live aquatic trout foods from the Kinni. (We have been asked to display a few live brown trout, and this is being looked into.)
- 2) Fly-tiers demonstrating the art of reproducing some of the critters in the aquarium.
- 3) A slide or videotape show of local TU projects.
- 4) TU hand-outs and educational literature.

This is a golden opportunity for us to reach the general public, and we definitely need volunteers who will be willing to man the booth for a few hours and chat with visitors, tie flies, or pass out literature. We will try to work in shifts so that you won't have to tie up the entire day.

Everybody in TU should speak up for their planet during Earth Week, and this is a perfect way to get involved. If you're interested in helping, or if you have some additional ideas (or can loan us some fish tanks or other aquarium equipment), call Craig Mason at (715)425-2282 (home) or (612)736-9626 (work).

-Craig Mason



FIFTY YEARS AGO ON THE KINNI

(Orv Johnson recently received a missive in the mail from an old friend from River Falls, and the letter contained a few good yarns about the Kinni in days of yore. Here's a bit of that letter.)

"You sure brought back memories when you said you fish in the Kinni. My dad took more large German brown trout out of there than anyone from 1915 to 1955. The Rod and Gun Club mounted one, and I guess it is still in the state capital with his name on it. I have his fly rod he won in (a fishing contest) in the 1920's.

"About a month before the season opened I would go with him up the river north of River Falls 2 to 6 miles. We would crawl up on the bank on our bellies just up-river from a deep hole where the water was quite shallow. A little before sundown we would watch for the big fish. They would come up from the deep pool to feed in the shallow water. You could only see their dorsal fin above the water, some times you would see just a big "V" wave as a really big one swam up to feed."

WISCONSIN TROUT SEASON IN JEOPARDY

Surely most chapter members are aware of recent news reports suggesting that the Wisconsin DNR is at least considering closing a portion of Wisconsin to trout fishing this year due to low water conditions in many streams. The latest news suggests that streams in the northeast and southwest parts of the state are in the greatest danger of being closed. DNR officials think streams in our region will have sufficient protection from the new regulations so that closing them won't be warranted.

ACT 2 A SMASH HIT

Eighteen members turned out for dinner at Act 2 before the February meeting, a record of sorts and certainly a good indicator of membership attitudes towards our new milieu. Over twice that many turned out for the meeting, which featured a truly superb steelhead primer by **Bob Nasby**.

Act 2's management plans to re-arrange seating in our space to give members more elbow room. To avoid a last-minute rush, diners are advised to show up at about 6:45 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Dick Frantes reports that three members had the wisdom to renew their memberships for three years for the bargain price of \$50.00. They included **Rod Christenson, Byron Torgeson and Howie West**.

Dick also passed on news of the deaths of some old friends of our chapter. Long-time member **Ted Ingersoll** recently died at the ripe old age of 90. **Corky Hope**, a one-time game warden from Hudson, also passed away recently.

FISHWORKS '90 MARCHES ON

The morning of February 10th was greeted by the sound of a tireless crew of 18 chopping and hacking their way through debris near the Kinni headwaters. It was this month's phase of Fishworks 90, a project designed by fish manager Marty Engle to clear the Kinni's banks of current-choking debris and stabilize them by encouraging plant growth on them.

On February 10th our crew cut trees and created several piles of timber and brush. Thanks to the recent snows it should be safe to burn these piles in the next couple of weeks, and we will need light duty workers to keep watch over these fires.

Workers on the 10th included the following:

Orv Johnson, Mike Alwin, Chuck Goosen, Craig Mason, Murray Humble, Herb Lundberg, Corrine Lundberg, Marty Engel, Gary Horvath, Paul Wright, Al Roy, Jeff League, Mary Hinton, Bill Hinton, Mike Dziki, Jon Jacobs, Dick Schwartz and Dan Schwartz.

The Feb. 24 work date was canceled when Kiap-TU-Wish's stream improvement czars met in emergency session and invoked the Rule of 20 when the wind chill on the 24th hit 32 below zero. But two more work dates remain in March, March 10 and March 24. Interested volunteers can call Mike Alwin at (612)439-8159.

SMOKING BAN AT CHAPTER MEETINGS PASSED

A final note: By unanimous voice vote at last month's meeting, members declared our meeting room at Act 2 to be smoke free. The editor wishes to thank those smokers who agreed without hesitation to abstain for a hour or two during meetings. They demonstrated great respect for those in the chapter with respiratory ills, as well as those who are trying to prevent them.