



RIP-RAP

*Restoration, Improvement and Preservation
Through Research and Projects*

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

March, 1992

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Meeting Notice

Kiap-TU-Wish will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 8:00pm at the Hudson House in Hudson Wisconsin.

Items that are currently on the agenda:

Mark Kubler: Plans for the improvement of the Willow River below Cty Rd. A in Burkhardt. Discussion of Rip-Rap project on the river and what can be done to make the river a trout stream.

Andy Lamberson: Review of Chapter Activities and Finances. Challenges for 1992 and beyond.

Election of Board of Directors Members.

Nominated are: Jon Jacobs (Wi) and Skip James (Mn.)

Updates on the River Falls Bypass on the Kinni

Temperature Monitor placement plans

Dinner starts at 6:30 Meeting at 8:00

Please contact Andy Lamberson if you have an item to be included on the agenda.

Willow River: Burkhardt Section

If you have not had an opportunity to go and see the NEW section of the Willow River in Burkhardt...go and see it before the next meeting!!!

With the removal of the Willow Falls dam, the pond that was behind the dam is gone and in its place is some of the best looking stream in the area!! Those who have seen it have all come away saying "incredible!!" and are very excited about the possibilities.

So put on your mud boots (an absolute necessity!!) and go explore. You'll get pumped!!!

Contact Ivan Schloff at (612)291-7457 for more information.

FISHWORKS REPORT

The Jan. 18 work date was cancelled when the "Rule of -20" was invoked at 8:00 AM by Co-Chairs Gary Horvath and Mike Alwin. The wind chill was -23 that morning but it's been beautiful the two work dates since then and a lot of work has been accomplished.

On the first of February over a dozen trees were taken out of the water. Then the crowd of hustlin' bustlin' workers moved upstream to reconnoiter before beginning to timber and debrush the next section. On Feb. 15th the growing band of brush busters cleared over 200 yards of the west bank, cutting trees and brush and taking out selected deadfalls. They also had to pile the debris into some **very large** piles which need to be burned.

Workers on these two dates were: Gary Horvath, Jon Jacobs, Mike Alwin, Marty Engel, Herb Lundberg, Al Roy, Craig Mason, Tom Battey, Chuck Goosen, Brian Spangler, Gary Albig, Murry Humble, Bill Skinner, Bill Hinton, Matt Putzier, Ted Mackmiller, Jack Burgeson, Andy Lamberson, Joe Skinner, Mark Dostal, Tony Stifter, Jeff Broderick, Alex Broderick, Paul Wright, Rod Simonson, Orv "Scarce as Hens Teeth" Johnson, Dick Frantes, Dave Dorn and Justin Becker.

The next work dates are Feb. 29th and March 14th and 28th. We know that on Feb. 29 we'll be working on the east bank, so workers are advised to walk upstream to the site on the east side of the river. We're also pretty sure we're going to be burning brush piles on the 29th, so we can use a few more folks for light duty...tending fires and cooking an occasional hot dog. Families would seem to be a good fit for this kind of work.

One more time...follow these directions, don't read the previous erroneous map! Take I-94 to WI 65. Go south about a mile and turn left on Cty Rd N. Follow N approximately 2 miles and turn right on Cemetary Rd. Follow Cemetary Rd for about 1 mile and turn left on Steeple Dr. Park near the bridge and walk up the east side. Stay off the farmers property.

Wear warm clothes, bring a change of clothes and coffee and lunch. We could use an extra chain saw and heavy rope, and we need a few more people in waders. Fire marshalls should bring a rake and a bucket

Mike Alwin

FISHWORKS

That stretch of the upper Kinni looked normal; no way to fish it, no way to wade it, and no way around it! As we got closer, it became clear that those trees were separated from the bank, and were waiting to be pulled out, cut up and burned. It was the work of Marty Engel's C. C. Corp but the comparison to a tornado was inevitable. Our job; to get it out of there.

Now, whenever a group of men volunteer to undertake this much physical work to "assist nature" by way of improving trout habitat, a lot of motives are present. We're willing to believe in the science of bank stabilization, bigger and more numerous fish is good, and maybe this will last a generation or two. But the yearning for a primeval society where men of all sizes, shapes and abilities are valued by their willingness to contribute what they had might be a subconscious (and perhaps imaginary, I admit!) desire in this. Permit me to compare the activities to roles in a more primitive culture, just for fun. (Believe me, nothing personal is implied or intended!)

Fire tenders are generally the steady-paced, maintenance minded individuals whose focus is on the process, rather than the task. They tend to be night people; that's when you have fires. They start later but stay longer than others. This staying power may be the key characteristic of the group. You never see a young buck who can work a slow, steady pace all day long. Too eager for action and results, they make better warriors, or, with training, hunters. Fire watching takes concentration and attention to detail, again not the long suit of the young and restless.

Warriors are represented by those who actually enter the water. The physical risk they are willing to take is obvious to those who stay on the bank, as is their strength and stamina. This group will sacrifice for the community, finding the concepts of duty and obligation to apply. Foot soldiers, really, to the leadership that is also willing to sacrifice a few to small battles in order to win the war. They know that some boots will leak, some feet will freeze, and some courageous individuals will go in "over the top" to snag a submerged log. This results in lost time as the more prepared change sox on site, and the least

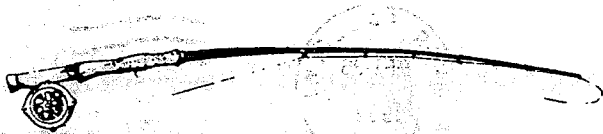
prepared fall back to a warm pickup cab, and may be lost for the duration. This attrition is an unavoidable cost of progress. The self-sacrifice is much admired by the shore standers, who silently wish they had boots so they could compete in the manly job, or, more openly and endlessly, explain where their boots are and why they didn't bring them. Heros, you see, are always warriors.

Hunters are similar to warriors as strong, risk-taking individuals, and a few are former warriors, but usually not. The skill players of the campaign, their risk-taking is more calculated, as in "If it will really make a difference, I'll go in". Making a difference, being more efficient, means using a tool (usually a chain saw) to generally raise hell and keep the warriors busy. Secretly, they suspect the warriors of coveting the saw, and so protect their position by occupying the warriors with plenty of debris to retrieve. This insecurity, added to a goal oriented, career minded mentality, makes them appear nervous and anxious. They do a lot of shouting, drawing attention to themselves, and of course they have the noisy saw. It's a vain attempt to be heroic, however; drowning a chain saw would be seen as stupid, so they are forced to be careful of their actions. There was never a careful hero, which they really know, and so secretly plan for a promotion to the shore, hopefully as a log stacker, but more likely as a fire tender, which is, of course, beneath them.



Shore standers vary in their approach to task and so a hierarchy of sorts evolves. The clever ones who left their boots at home on purpose are generally loudest in encouraging the warriors and hunters, saying they wished they had boots, and all that. Their intent, of course, is to be the boss. Who hasn't known a manager who claimed to wish he were back on the line, but everyone knows it's bullshit. And the warriors respond, not because they don't know bullshit, but because the managers have clearly identified where the glory, either intentionally or more likely, inadvertently. Only warriors will emerge (entomologically) with a Wet Sock decoration, the Purple Heart of stream

That leaves the brush stackers and the log rollers on the bank, both members of the Cave Builders Local brotherhood. The original task of cave builders was modifying raw materials and creating something useful. It's a stretch, I know, but the job here is building a pile of logs and brush that will burn. Log rollers are former Boy Scouts who wanted to bring boots but didn't have any they could depend on. Being prepared means having reliable gear plus a backup, after all. They may carry a sharp axe for no apparent reason, but more likely a good, solid saw they care about, won't let others use, and keep well away from the water. These team players instinctively arrive as a group when a rope needs hauling, and queue up automatically to carry off a sectioned tree. The sense of observation and timing are obvious characteristics here, and any management only screws it up. Independent and task oriented, they will suffer a supervisor up to the point of his taking credit, which they will not allow. To date, some "accidental" trips and log drops have happened to would-be supers, but no limbs have been severed, although the thought has occurred. Notice the sharpness of their saws; no whining or straining here, just bare down and the chips fly. Efficient, reliable, not unlike a fiberglass Fenwick, as opposed to a flashy Sage, or a worthless Berkley. Even the professional treeman is impressed with the saws and the teamwork, because it's clear to him where the real work is being done.

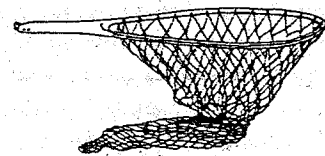


The brush stacker represents a problem no society can avoid; the individual who can't do anything. The Brotherhood has maintained a classification for these guys, which is similar to a fireman on a diesel train. He may have been a Cub Scout, actually forgot his boots and probably his lunch, and accomplishes little, stops often, and talks too much. What's clear is the lack of male modeling, and an overdependence on the female mode of operation. He's never learned to work in concert, and probably fishes because his mother (excuse me, wife) told him to. To his credit, he's gotten himself (hopefully) to the wilderness on a cold afternoon, he wants to do something, and he possesses what appears to be a good heart. It's just circumstances that impeded his manhood, and, who knows, maybe the Chief can move him along, since he's already pointed in the right direction.

Space won't permit an in depth discussion of the Chief and Shaman as manager and technical advisor of the project. That may be just as well, because, though useless, managers are hard to come by in volunteer groups, and embarrassing the Wisconsin DNR would be really foolish.

As the great Sage, albeit inexperienced fisherman, D. F. Flote often says, "Give what you Got". Depending on your view of "got" in English usage, there could be one or more messages there, all of which mean volunteering some time, in this case to stream improvement for trout. If you haven't joined us before, please do. As I hope this little piece points out, everyone is welcome, and there is absolutely no reason to fear the management!

Tom Battey



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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1992

INTERNATIONAL MARKET SQUARE

275 MARKET STREET

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SOCIAL HOUR: 6 PM DINNER: 7:15

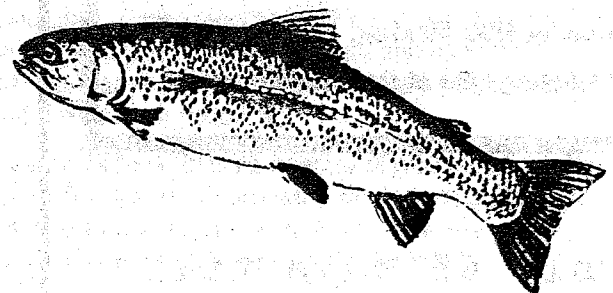
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RUSH RIVER PROPERTY

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PROTECT THE RESOURCE. A 40 ACRE PARCEL ON THE RUSH RIVER JUST DOWN STREAM FROM THE HWY 29 ACCESS IS FOR SALE. THE RIVER RUNS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY AND WAS PLANTED WITH RED PINES, WALNUT, ASH AND OAK ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE PROPERTY OR PARTICIPATING IN A PARTNERSHIP PURCHASE, PLEASE CONTACT ANDY LAMBERSON FOR DETAILS AND A MAP.

SHOCKING!!

Don't forget to save some time to participate in this years work with the DNR "electrofishing" the lower Kinni and the Willow River. As part of the new regulations on these streams, the DNR shocked the rivers before the new regs went into effect and will shock the river at scheduled intervals to access the value of the new regs.

You'll find the experience even worth taking a day of vacation for!! Tentative dates are April 13-16 for the Willow and 20-23 for the Lower Kinni.

WIDE RIVER ANGLERS OPEN HOUSE

Chapter member, Mark Larson's Wide River Angler's is having an open house on March 20,21 and 22nd. As part of the open house there will be a display of House of Hardy Tackle and Clothing as well as an R.L. Winston Rods display. Dick Arney will be doing a tying demonstration on "Tying the Little Ones" on Saturday, March 21 from 1-2 pm. So, come out and try casting one of those Winston rods you've always wanted, or check out the Hardy Smuggler rods. Some Repls Samples are still available.

Call Mark at (612)430-2582 (home) or for more details.

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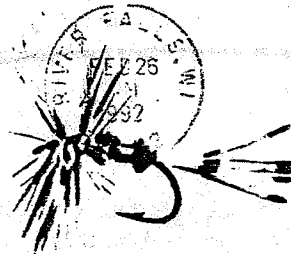
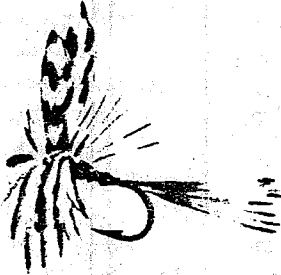
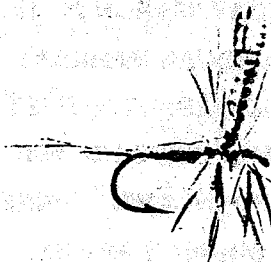
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1991-92 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 4- Business Meeting

April 8- Fly Tiers

May 6- Marty Engel Wisc. DNR

Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 8:00

All Meetings are at the Hudson House .

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