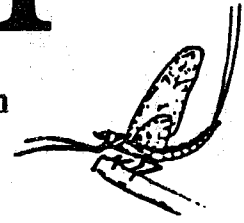




RIP-RAP

Restoration, Improvement and Preservation
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Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited

May 1989

Notes From Jon Jacobs

FLOODWATER DAMAGES WESTERN WISC. STREAMS

Thanks to Mark Kubler for his presentation last month, which included dramatic video footage of the incredible high water episodes that the Willow and Race experienced in late March.

This situation was common throughout western Wisconsin. The snow pack melted suddenly in unseasonably warm temperatures and flowed rapidly over the frozen soil.

There were reports that the high water mark on the Rush at Martell was barely under the new bridge deck. A bridge also washed out on the upper Kinni and the lower river shows evidence of heavy scouring and gravel deposition.

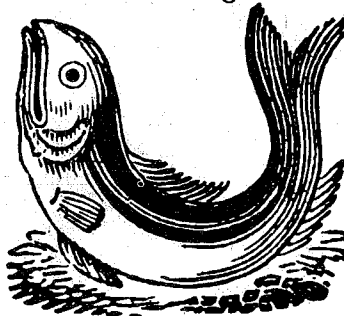
All this is part of the long-term cycle on the river, but the short term effect is difficult to categorize: On one hand we have many areas that were becoming clogged with sand and silt and are now clean gravel. But on the other hand, we have loss of plant and invertebrate life and bank destabilization.

On the Willow and Race

system, there is now a new gravel bar at the bifurcation that seems to be altering the flow distribution between the two rivers. (The DNR will be effecting repairs immediately).

There is also a possibility that the DNR will plant some rainbows to compensate for the loss of fish that must have resulted from all this. So be prepared to be conscripted to a stocking crew!

May is our last meeting of this season. I want to thank Bob Smith's Sports Club for generously allowing us the use of their facility. Have a good summer, proselytize on behalf of Trout Unlimited while astream, and be prepared to furnish details of your summer at the September meeting.



KIAP-TU-WISH NOTES

MAY MEETING NOTICE

Our May speaker will be Bob White, Rod and Reel Magazine's guide of the year and a very talented artist. Bob has guided in Alaska and has just returned from another season of guiding in Argentina.

Obviously, a fellow like Bob has a few good yarns to tell--so be sure to join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sports Club in midtown Hudson for our last regular meeting of the spring.

LATE NEWS FLASH

Early results from the polling at the April 24th conservation congress meetings showed strong support for the proposed changes in Wisconsin's trout fishing regulations.

At the bellweather Pierce County meeting the proposed regulations passed by a whopping margin of 128 to 23. We'll no doubt hear more about the polling at the May chapter meeting.

TRASH PICK-UP

On April 8, Gary Horvath, Jon Jacobs, Andy Lamberson, Craig Mason and new member
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KIAP-TU-WISH NOTES, CONT.

Kent Johnson took a tour of the Kinni below Glen Park. While there, they hauled out six large and incredibly heavy bags of trash left behind by the flood waters. Our thanks to them for reminding us what Trout Unlimited is all about.

WARNING TO GARAGE SALE HOLDERS

Jean Mitchell would like to remind chapter members not to throw away potential auction items during the rush of spring cleaning.

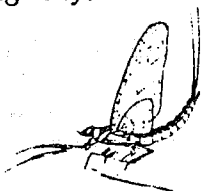
Last December's chapter auction netted Kiap-TU-Wish over \$1,000--some of it from the sort of items that might otherwise be sold at a garage sale or left in the attic.

Items can be big or small--and they don't even have to be related to angling: Among the fly rods and reels at last year's auction were luggage, miter boxes--and even carrot cakes. So hang onto those items for next winter's auction.

SEE YOU NEXT FALL

The May issue is traditionally the last each spring for the RIP-RAP, providing your editor an opportunity to take the summer off and try to recover a portion of his mental health.

Barring any special announcements, you won't hear from us again until September. So here's best wishes for a summer filled with cooperative fish, normal rainfall, and clouds of mayflies filling the evening sky.



Clip and Save! The Most Important Kinni Hatches

As a farewell present to our readers (this is, after all, the last RIP-RAP of the spring), we've put together a list of some of the most reliable and productive Kinni hatches you're going to run into this summer.

We also have some suggestions for matching each hatch; so all you need to do is carry this with you and you can't go wrong this season.

Late April, Early May

-Paraleptophlebia: A reddish brown nymph or dry fly is a good bet for this hatch.

May through September

-Beaetis: No. 16 olive nymph, or blue wing olive dry fly.
-Caddis: No. 10-20

Late May through June

-Ephemerella: Widely known as the "sulfur hatch," a No. 16 parachute-style dry with olive body and yellowish wings and tail is a good choice.

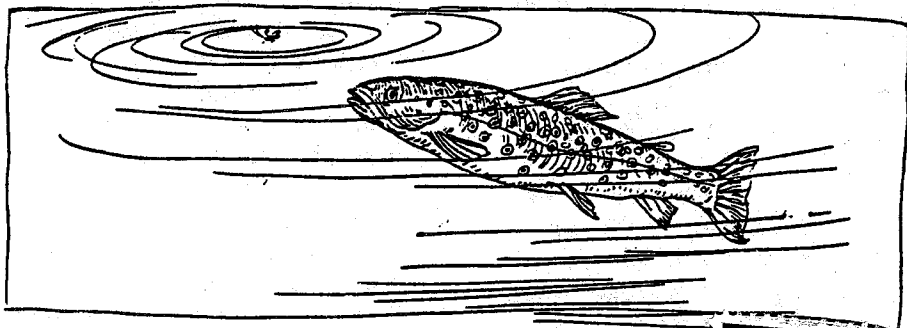
Late June through July

-Hexagenia: Try a large wulff or a light cahill.

July-September

-Tricorythodes: No. 20-24.
-Pseudocloeon (sporadically): Blue-winged olive.
-Centropilum: A No. 20 yellowish mayfly.

(Thanks to Mike Alwin for some frantic last minute help in putting this together.)



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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

September has once again crept up upon our group of tired, sunburned anglers, so in our first meeting of the year we've signed on Bob Mitchell to help us eulogize summer. His presentation, titled "The Gift of Trout," includes slides and an oration sprinkled with quotations from some of our most articulate angling writers. So be sure to join us next Wednesday as we raise our glasses together to bid summer farewell. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Sports Club in downtown Hudson.

NEW MEMBERS

This summer brought three new members into our fold. They are Earl Olson, Don Sutliff, and Robert Ulbricht.

COMING SOON

Jon Jacobs is threatening to hold something he calls "Heresy Night"-- an evening devoted to presentations on fishing for (eek!) fish other than trout....Also, next month you can count on receiving an actual Kiap-TU-Wish newsletter rather than a flimsy post card....In next month's **RIP-RAP** you'll also learn how Mike Alwin's eight-year-old used rock throwing to get an angler to reveal his secret fly! (Try it yourself!)

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The **RIP-RAP** is read by fellow anglers, by the DNR, by outdoor writers, and by TU's national office-- so it's a nifty place to send observations, complaints, and questions. Send them to:

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