



# RipRap

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## MAY MEETING INFORMATION

BY GREG DIETL

**W**isconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist Marty Engel will give his annual presentation at the May 6 membership meeting. Marty's topic is "Rush River-Class I or Class II Trout Stream?". That should generate some interest. Nobody knows the trout waters in western Wisconsin better than Marty. Marty's presentation at the last membership meeting before summer is usually the best attended meeting of the year. You will learn and have the opportunity to ask questions about the state of our area streams. He may even have some information for the bronzeback fishers among us. Get there early for dinner and a good seat.

Bob Smith's Sports Club, downtown Hudson. Wednesday, May 6, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting and presentation.

### KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER



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**This is the last RipRap until September. Have a great summer of fishing! See you next fall!**



# VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES

BY GREG DIETL

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## **Chapter President Position**

Ok, I'm no longer President. That position is vacant. So, if you are looking for something to do, contact me or any board member.

## **Chapter Project Nomination**

Kiap-TU-Wish has been notified that the Pine Creek project was nominated to the National Fish Habitat Action Plan Board as one of "ten waters to watch" for 2009. From the National Fish and Wildlife Service: "These projects are usually highlighted to Congress members in April and a brief summary is written on each of the ten waters and placed on the national website: [www//fishhabitat.org](http://www.fishhabitat.org). In addition, there is usually some local media attention about the restoration work in progress."

The nomination came from Louise Mauldin, Fish and Wildlife Service and Jeff Hastings, TUDARE. "The project is considered one of the partnership's original showcase projects and fully met the criteria below set by the National Fish Habitat Action Plan communications team. It is a chance to highlight the monitoring work that is occurring on the stream, in particular brook trout, as well as other fish/biota and physical habitat."

Project Selection Criteria:

- a. Size and scope of the project
- b. Media Friendly-media market size, charismatic leaders and dedicated partners.
- c. Strong community involvement
- d. Potential for success—needs to show data of habitat loss or need for conservation (numbers, inventory, scientific recommendations)

This nomination is a true honor for the chapter and is primarily due to the efforts of Kent Johnson and Andy Lamberson in establishing the ongoing monitoring efforts to evaluate the long term effects of stream restoration.

Thanks to all Kiap-TU-Wish volunteers who worked on Pine Creek and will continue to work this summer on the 3rd year of the project. And, thanks to all the partners: the West Wisconsin Land Trust, owners of the property; TCTU, Fairmount Minerals, Clear Waters TU, the Maiden Rock community, the NFHAP and TUDARE.

## **Parker and Pine Creek**

We will most likely be starting more work on Parker Creek in May and Pine Creek in July. Watch the website and emails for updates on both projects.

## **Welcome New Members**

Jason Nicholas  
Ryan Sura  
George Haas

## **Spring Appeal**

Spring Appeal letters are in the mail. Please consider a chapter "stimulus" donation. This is one place where you can see your dollars at work.

This is the last newsletter until fall and the last meeting until September. I hope you all have a summer to remember. Fish a lot and then fish some more! Be safe and remember to put in some time on Parker and Pine. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



# SCOTT'S SCOOP

BY SCOTT HANSON, EDITOR

I have been to many April Fly Tying meetings in my years as a member of Kiap-TU-Wish. I've even been fortunate enough to have tied at a handful of these meetings. So when I showed up at last month's meeting to see what some of our local tyers were working on, I was expecting to see a lot of trout flies being tied, along with a few bass bugs or pike flies. I did find all of those, but I also came upon some of the most beautiful salmon flies I've ever seen. They were stuck in to a piece of foam near the vise of Cole Madden, a young local tyer who goes to Stillwater High School. Knowing what his answer would be, I couldn't help but ask Cole if he had tied all of them in the hour or so that he was tying at the meeting. Of course he hadn't, but I was surprised to learn that it usually takes him several hours to complete one of these amazing flies! I'm glad Cole has the patience to tie these flies, because I sure don't. Three of his flies are photographed to the right. Make sure you tell Cole if you like his work.

I promise that I won't spend too much time this issue writing about the Best Baby in the World, my infant daughter, Chelsea, other than to say thank you to all of you who sent me your well-wishes. I am happy to say that Chelsea and her parents are all doing well, even if we are slightly more sleep-deprived than we were before she was born. Next time you see me, if I stumble around like a zombie and walk in to a wall or two, you'll know why.

When you check out the rest of this issue, you'll notice that there is a survey included on pages 5 & 6. The Board is trying to get a better idea of what the membership wants out of them and the chapter, so please fill the survey out, fold it along the dotted lines, and send it in. The board will take all of your answers in to consideration as we move forward as a chapter.

Lastly, this is the final issue of RipRap until September. Don't forget to keep us in mind as you go through the summer months. If you have an article inside you that's itching to get out, put it down on paper or on your computer screen, and send it to me. My email address is [scott@yes-tech.com](mailto:scott@yes-tech.com). All articles or other ideas are appreciated.

Have a great summer! I'll see you back here in the pages of RipRap in September!



**3 Examples of beautifully-tied traditional Salmon Flies tied by chapter member Cole Madden.**

Photos by Scott Hanson





# WHY DON'T MORE MEMBERS ATTEND WORK DAYS???

BY HANS JUNG

**A**t a recent Kiap-TU-Wish Board Meeting and again at the March chapter meeting we had a discussion about why chapter member turnout for work days on stream improvement projects has been low in recent years. While the total number of volunteer hours chapter members put in last year on the Pine Creek project was impressive, most of that volunteer time came from a handful of members. Now that we have embarked on the 2009 field work season with two projects that need volunteers – Parker Creek this spring and Pine Creek in the summer – the need for chapter members to take part is more critical than ever if we are to continue the chapter's outstanding record of habitat improvement.

So that brings me to the point of this article; why don't more members attend the work days? Is it because the Kiap-TU-Wish chapter is not meeting the expectations of its members? Is the chapter involved in activities that you, the members, believe we should be? Or are we spending time and resources on some activities that are inappropriate or only of limited interest to the members? What actions and activities would increase the chapter's membership and increase member involvement in chapter activities? People, of course, are the core of any organization.

Of course no organization can meet all the expectations of all its members. Kiap-TU-Wish will certainly remain faithful to the mission of TU ... To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. But to achieve this mission requires an active and committed membership. So if our chapter can more fully meet the expectations of its members, thereby building a larger and more active membership, then we will be better positioned to fulfill the TU mission. And hopefully have fun doing it!

All of us have very good reasons why we don't attend a specific project or other event, no apologies are necessary. But if we can motivate more of the membership to make that extra effort when it fits their schedule, the pool of volunteers will be bigger. Then we will have more folks out cutting brush, spreading seed, and mucking about in streams placing lunger structures. Someone commented at the March meeting that we looked like an AARP gathering. No one can dispute that the active membership is mature. Why are younger members less involved? Do we need to actively seek out a younger membership?

The Board freely admits it doesn't have all the answers, particularly as it relates to what motivates members. So the board would like to hear from the Kiap-TU-Wish membership. Included in this issue of Rip Rap is a one-page survey seeking your input. Please fill it out and mail it back. Alternatively, call or email a board member with your suggestions, concerns, and (if absolutely necessary) complaints. Let's see if we can get more of the membership actively involved in chapter activities.

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## FLY TYING CORNER: FEMALE ADAMS PARACHUTE

BY SCOTT HANSON

### *Female Adams Parachute*

**Hook:** Any standard Dry Fly hook, sizes 8-26

**Thread:** 8/0 in Red or Gray

**Tail:** Brown & Grizzly hackle fibers or Mayfly Tails

**Egg Sack:** Bright Green or Yellow dubbing

**Body:** Muskrat fur or gray Superfine dubbing

**Post:** White Antron yarn

**Hackle:** Brown & Grizzly mixed



# MEMBER SURVEY

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In an effort to better serve chapter membership, the Kiap TU Wish Board is undertaking the survey below to gauge the level of satisfaction with the current chapter activities and to solicit direction for the future. Please consider taking the time to fill out and mail the survey to the address below. Your input is vital to maintaining a strong and vibrant Chapter.

1. What was your main reason for joining Kiap TU Wish, Trout Unlimited?

- Learn about Local Fishing
- Participate in Conservation/Habitat/Educational Activities
- To improve angling skills
- Socializing

2. What in particular triggered your decision to join?

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3. Which educational Activities should the chapter be offering?

Community and School Based Education

- Demonstrating fly casting
- Demonstrating fly tying
- Fly fishing clinic       Stream Ecology
- Water issues

4. Would you participate in any of these educational activities?

- Yes    No

If No, Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. If you could design a volunteering role for yourself, what would it be?

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6. What would you suggest needs to be improved to make the chapter membership a better experience in the future?

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7. Would you recommend others to volunteer for this organization?

- Yes    No

If No, Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Would you be more able or interested in participating at stream workdays if work was on Saturday rather than a weekday, earlier or later in the day, or included another activity such as fishing, entomology lesson, or pot luck meal before or after the work?

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# FLIES FOR FOOLING TROUT

BY JAMES R. HUMPHREY

It is difficult to improve on the list of the “Terrific Twenty” flies that were listed in the first edition of Trout Streams of Wisconsin and Minnesota. In the second edition we added a handful of useful flies with the exclamation that we might end with a Thrifty Thirty! If I continue I shall no doubt wind up with a Fabulous Forty. I’ll spare you a Faithful Fifty. Here are the names of a small box of starter flies that will serve you season long. Later you may expand the acquisition of other famous and fabulous flies, as you will assuredly do, as do we all.

Here’s the list of flies with which to begin your career as an expert fly-fisherperson for trout: (1) Griffith’s Gnat in size 20, a substitute for midges year around, and mandatory for winter fishing on bright days between 11AM and 3PM. (2) Gold-ribbed Hare’s Ear for all seasons down under. (3) Adams for any time that mayflies are sailing on top. It’s a dark fly, especially for early season. (4) Elk Hair Caddis. If I were limited by government fiat to one topwater fly all season long, I would take this one. (5) Olive Woolly Bugger for medium fish and big fish and for busters in streams and lakes. (6) The Hopper, not too large, and it need not be fancy. One friend bends it on on September 1 and leaves it on to the bitter end. (7) An all-purpose favorite is the Pass Lake with the back-slanted wing, a sub for an unfolding mayfly, for a caddis on top; and just under the surface for something delectable coming up. It is very like the Trude of western waters. (8) Perhaps the Pink Scud should be listed farther up, because scuds are omnipresent in every spring creek and are often the major item in a trout’s diet. I have even seen purple scuds which may be like seeing a purple cow; but I swear it. (9) I have romanced “An Ant For All Seasons,” and I have no reason to change my mind. (10) I shouldn’t neglect the ubiquitous Blue-winged Olive, a sub for many species of mayflies. (11) The Light Cahill in several sizes is a redoubtable sub for light-colored mayflies that show during the summer months.

But what to do about replicating the spentwings, also known as spinners, when the dying mayflies are supine in the film? You may trim the bottom of an Adams to spread-eagle it or acquire a gray or rusty spinner.

When you greet your friendly fly shop proprietor, ask for his or her recommendation for the best fly for the area waters. Add it to your list. The Royal Coachman, according to legend invented by a coachman for one of the English George’s, is in the fly boxes of most elderly anglers, perhaps out of a decent respect for tradition. You might try it when all else fails. So here I am, flirting with a Baker’s Dozen. In an article, “Meet The Beetles,” in the fall of 2005 issue of Midwest Fly Fishing magazine, Jonathan Jacobs makes a persuasive argument for the use of those terrestrials. Who am I to say him nay?

Now let us review the list to see if we can further reduce it to a handful which won’t break the bank: Elk Hair Caddis; Adams(or Blue-winged Olive); Gold-ribbed Hare’s Ear; Pink Scud and Olive Woolly Bugger. You have five, two for topwater and three bottom seekers, enough to send you on your way to the nearest spring creek.

I said that my choice for a single fly if they impounded my boxes was the Elk Hair Caddis, because I enjoy watching the fly ride the mini-currents on top. Edward Hewitt opted for the Brown Bi-visible, and it was my first choice for many years; but the Gold-ribbed Hare’s Ear will take more trout, because trout forage on or near the bottom for 80% of their food.

Artificial flies are designed by creative tiers to replicate the form and color of living insects which are indigenous to the angler’s home waters. The study of aquatic insects is a science, and for some anglers a joy to explore. You don’t need to know the scientific names of the insects that populate your waters, but it’s more fun to know some of them by name. When you see a beautiful woman in waders, ponytail and pink shirt isn’t it friendlier to call out “Esmeralda” rather than “Hey, you.”





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## **DON'T MISS THE MAY MEETING!!!**

**THE MAY MEETING IS ALWAYS THE MOST  
WELL-ATTENDED OF THE YEAR**

Marty Engel will be talking  
about the Rush River fishery.  
Wednesday May 6th, 2009 at  
Bob Smith's Sports Club  
Dinner starts at 6PM  
Meeting begins at 7PM  
See you there!

This is the last issue of RipRap until September.  
Keep sending in your article submissions during  
the summer. Deadline for the September issue is  
Wednesday, August 19th. Have a great summer!

