



Rip Rap

November Meeting

When: Wednesday, Nov. 3
 Where: JR Ranch, Hudson
 Dinner: 6:30
 Program: 8:00 Brian Sittlow

President's Lines:

I'd like to thank those of you who have already contributed to the Kiap-TU-Wish fundraising effort for the Swinging Gate Property on the Kinnickinnic. The State Council has provided \$1,000. in seed money from the "Friends of Wisconsin TU" fund. I'm very optimistic that individual members and friends of Kiap-TU-Wish will come through and successfully raise the rest of the \$10,000 shortfall experienced by the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust when they sold the property to the D.N.R. You may remember that KRLS bought that valuable piece of land at auction to prevent it from falling into the hands of developers.

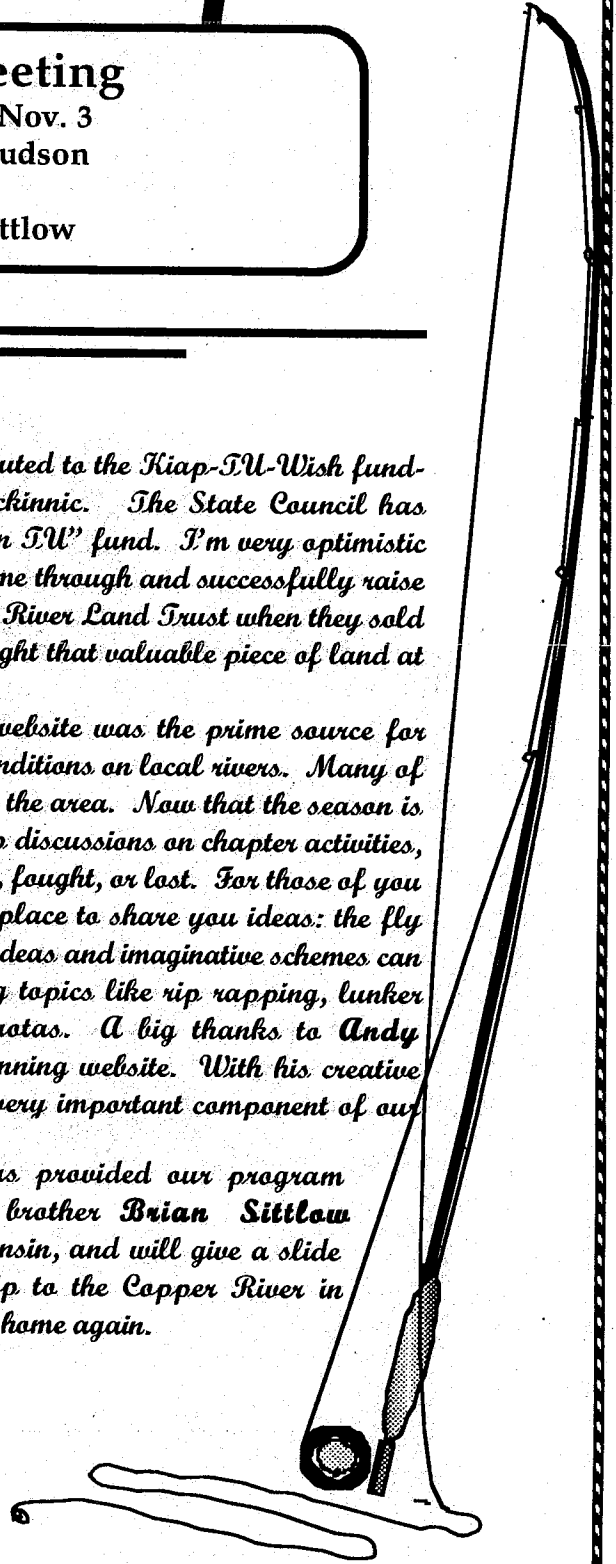
Again, this past fishing season, the Kiap-TU-Wish website was the prime source for information regarding water, insect hatches and other fishing conditions on local rivers. Many of us provided reports and guidance to anglers new to the sport or the area. Now that the season is over, the website can be the focus for environmental issues, group discussions on chapter activities, suggestions for work projects, and reminiscences of trout caught, fought, or lost. For those of you who aren't 'online' yet, anywhere you can find me is the right place to share you ideas: the fly shop, over coffee or a beer, a phone call, letter, etc. A lot of good ideas and imaginative schemes can spring up when two or more members get together, concerning topics like rip rapping, lunger structures, dam operation, spawning areas, or stocking quotas. A big thanks to **Andy Lamberson** for monitoring and updating our TU Award-Winning website. With his creative thinking and expertise, Andy has taken on and maintained a very important component of our outreach. Good job, Andy!

A stroke of luck has provided our program speaker this month. My brother **Brian Sittlow** happens to be back in Wisconsin, and will give a slide show presentation of his trip to the Copper River in Alaska. It's nice to have him home again.

Sincerely,
 Brent Sittlow, President

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Kiap-TU-Wish Bulletin Board...

Brian Sittlow to show slides at November meeting...

Kiap-Tu-Wish is pleased to present Brian Sittlow of New London, CT, as program speaker for our upcoming meeting on November 3. Brian is originally from the Roberts, WI area, and started his career in the US Navy after attending the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. His degree in Marine Engineering and Nuclear Propulsion took him into the submarine program. While training and working on submarines, his travels have taken him to Orlando, Idaho Falls, New London, two trips to the Mediterranean, numerous forays to the Caribbean, under the polar ice cap and most recently the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Norway. (Ed. note: I didn't know there was a submarine base in Idaho Falls, did you?). When Brian isn't driving submarines, he spends his time pursuing his passion of fly fishing. Although the Navy life doesn't accommodate trout fishing very well, due to the salinity of the water, Brian has enjoyed many hours on fresh water rivers, including the Delaware, Gun Powder, San Juan, Big Horn, Green, Henry's Fork, Snake, Madison, Yellowstone, Wenatchee, and most recently the Copper River in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska. In addition to trout fishing, Brian has taken up some saltwater Striper fishing around his home base in Connecticut.



Brian Sittlow releases a large Rainbow caught from the Copper River, Alaska

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Due to the wizardry of modern technology, and the persistence of webmaster Andy Lamberson, the text and scanned graphics of the newsletter RipRap is now available on the web. Adobe Acrobat 3.0 allows editor Skip James to change the format of the pages of the newsletter to pdf., a cross-platform language readable by any computer with an Adobe Acrobat Reader, a program that is free-ware and downloadable from Adobe's website at <http://www.adobe.com>. So now, in addition to topics proposed by visitors to the website, members and others can discuss Rip Rap articles as well. Hope everyone enjoys the enhanced capabilities of our site.



Holiday Banquet set for December 1....

The highlight of the social season, the annual Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Banquet, will be the December meeting. The festivities begin with a social hour at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30 and a program featuring Jan Zita Grover at 8:30. This year's program features stories from Grover's newly published book, *Northern Waters* (autographed copies of the book will be available for sale at the banquet.)

A terrific value in entertainment at only \$20/person, the party will take place at our ancestral mansion, the JR Ranch.

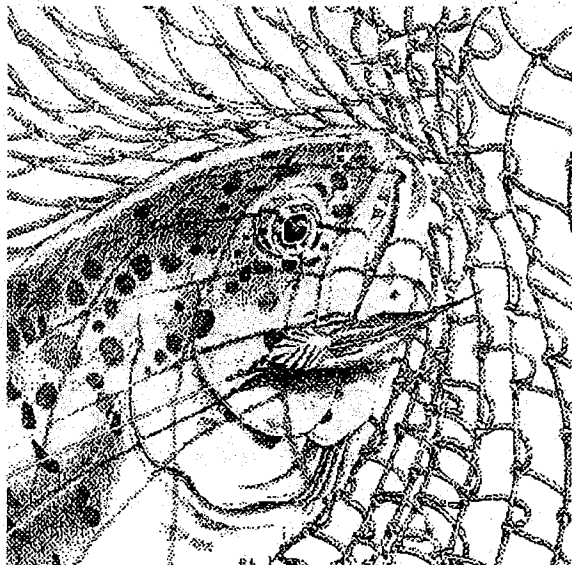
One extremely popular component of the Holiday Banquet is the silent auction, one of Kiap-TU-Wish's few fund-raising activities, so don't shirk your duty. Items to be donated need not be angling related, and hand-crafted items are particularly popular. Donations should be delivered to Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop or to Jon Jacob's home at 703 Summer St. Hudson well in advance of the event to facilitate better merchandising at the auction.

Finally, if you'd like to help produce this year's Banquet, volunteers are welcomed. Please call Brent Sittlow, Jon Jacobs, or Mike Alwin.

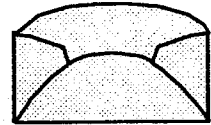
Reservations must be received by Nov. 27.

Call Now!

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Chapter Mail...



October 13, '99

Dear fellow chapter members,

I just spent the last five days with a friend in Vermont. She just took up fly fishing so we decided to spend a few days up in central Vermont fishing. She lives in New Hampshire.

I was not at all impressed. There is no life in their streams! We fished a couple of small streams and the Lamaille River, one of the top three or four streams (supposedly) in Vermont. We saw one fish, believe it or not. There was no vegetation in the streams, no bugs under the rocks, no bugs on top of the water, little or no sign of life. I saw a couple of Blue Wing Olives. I saw one frog. I found a March issue of American Angler at the B&B and read an article on the Battenkill River, which was south of us (we didn't fish it). The article said that the fish numbers in the Battenkill in the early 90's were in the range of 1400 6-10 inch fish per mile, but that now the levels were only 100 per mile in that size range, and only 50 per mile in the 10-14 inch range! They've had some floods and droughts, which they think are connected to the sudden and rapid decline in fish populations. I would add the upsurge in development and probably a lack of local groups keeping a close eye on the stream watersheds.

I came away with a deep appreciation of all of the efforts that you and your Kiap-TU-Wish folks make for the Western Wisconsin streams. Our streams may not be nationally famous, which is fine, but they are great fisheries thanks to your efforts. Wow! You guys should be sainted. I realize that those streams could become basically worthless as fisheries pretty quick. Thanks so much for caring and working so hard. We definitely can't take the health of those streams for granted.

Sincerely,
Cathy Villas-Flores



Sarah Parsakalleh takes first in the Youth Division

The 1999 Lake Elmo Fly Casting Championships..

The grueling competition on October 2 reduced the field of sixteen contestants to these winners:

In the Accuracy Event, the Youth Division winner was Donnie Johnson and Sarah Parsakalleh took second place. In the Adult Division, Kevin Becker was first, Greg Loper was second, and Bobby McGraw was third.

There were two distance events, one for standard equipment (graphite) and one for primitive equipment (bamboo, wood or fiberglass.) In the Standard Equipment Men's Division, Bill Hinton was first, Jay Bolser second, and Kevin Becker third. The Women's Division winner was Deb Bergstrom. In the Youth Division, Sarah Parsakalleh was the first place winner and Donnie Johnson took second. The Primitive Equipment contest was won by Bob Nasby, with Allison Jacobs taking second place and Denny Hook taking third.

Congratulations to all the winners and a special thanks to Deb instead, Jon Jacobs, Bill Lovegren and Ellen Clark for helping to make this year's contest a success.



Overall winner Bill Hinton and sponsor Mike Alwin

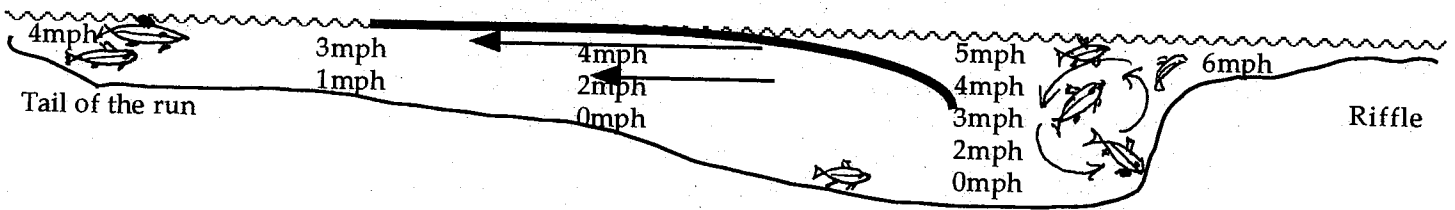


Allison Jacobs...What a feat to be second in distance to Bob Nasby!

Skip's Loose Threads...

Deep Nymphing and other Delusions

The other day, a good fly fisher told me of hooking a trout in a deep run, after adding more and more tippet to his leader, and more weight to both nymph and leader. The story went like this: He noticed flashes at the midpoint of the run and figured there was a good trout on the bottom feeding on nymphs. The water, he said, was over ten feet deep at that point. Just above the deep run was a very shallow riffle, which flowed into the run at an angle, past a large boulder on the left. The current in the riffle was fresh and speedy, and as it emptied into the run, it slowed considerably. Between the place where the angler stood in the run and the deep place where he'd spotted the feeding fish, the current slowed by half. The distance from the riffle inlet to the deep place where the fish fed measured about ten feet. (see diagram) This was a very lucky angler. He may have caught the fish he saw, but most likely he hooked a different one. Refraction makes deep lying fish appear farther away than they really are.



Riffles are great food factories for fish. Most of the insect and other tiny life in a stream come from riffles. That's where most of the nooks and crannies are, that's where the light is strongest, the oxygen most plentiful, and where bugs and other critters are safest from predators of the finny variety. When riffles deepen into pools and runs, whatever food is carried along loose in the current enters near the surface of the run, not the bottom. There are eddies, (actually underwater backrollers) which circulate food bits into deeper water by the entrance if and only the drop off is steep enough. An example is the old log dam on the Willow Race near the right angle bend upstream of Priester's pool. Most changes in depth are not as severe as that one, and the food is simply carried along near the surface. As the current speed slows down in the run, the biomass carried by the upper levels of current tends to sink slightly. The depth to which the food sinks is determined by the length of the pool, current speed, and the activity of the food itself. During it's course through the pool or run, therefore, the food becomes more evenly distributed at various depths. Toward the tail of the pool, of course, the water speeds up again, since it has less room to spread out in, and the food becomes concentrated once more at the surface.

Because of these facts, it's clear where the feeding lies will be. Most of the trout will congregate at the head of the pool, feeding on the biomass just delivered in the upper water level from the riffle above. A few may glide down to the tail of the pool, wary of predators from above or sloppily wading fly fishers, and feed at the lip, just before the current enters the next riffle. The food is most concentrated at these two points. For the most part, only frightened fish will gather at the bottom of the pool or run.

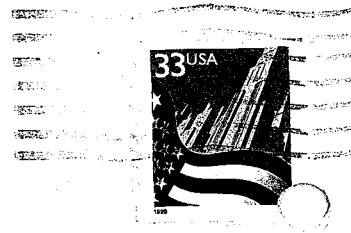
What happens to a floating line/leader/weighted nymph that is cast onto the surface of a run? The weighted nymph will pull down, and the pressure of the faster currents near the top of the pool will pull it up again. The line/leader will describe a parabolic curve, since the slowest water at the bottom of the pool allows the nymph to sink the most, but the line on the surface where the water is fastest pulls the nymph upward the most. The more weight is added to the leader or fly just changes the degree of curve, and in most cases where the water is over four feet deep, and the fish holding part of the run is less than twenty feet or so from the riffle, your nymph will never reach the bottom.

Unless you fish with a sink tip or a sinking line (which simply makes the parabolic curve flatter), the most reasonable thing to do is to fish with either an unweighted nymph, or a slightly weighted nymph, (say a beadhead), and concentrate your efforts at the head of the run, dropping the fly in the riffle and allowing it to search the top levels of the run. When you're feeling really competent, try the tail of the pool by fishing across and down. Adding more length to the leader or more weight to the fly will not allow you to fish the feeding lies in pools and runs more effectively, and they severely hamper your ability to strike a fish quickly.

This article is meant to be controversial. If you'd like to write a rebuttal, the editor would welcome your input.



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- Nov. 6 "Building an Angling Library
Jon Jacobs and Mike Edgerly
- Nov. 13 "Fly Fishing Collectibles"
Denny Hook.
- Nov. 20 "Fly Tying "
Jim Parker
- Nov. 27 " A New Vise (Vice)"
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