



# RipRap

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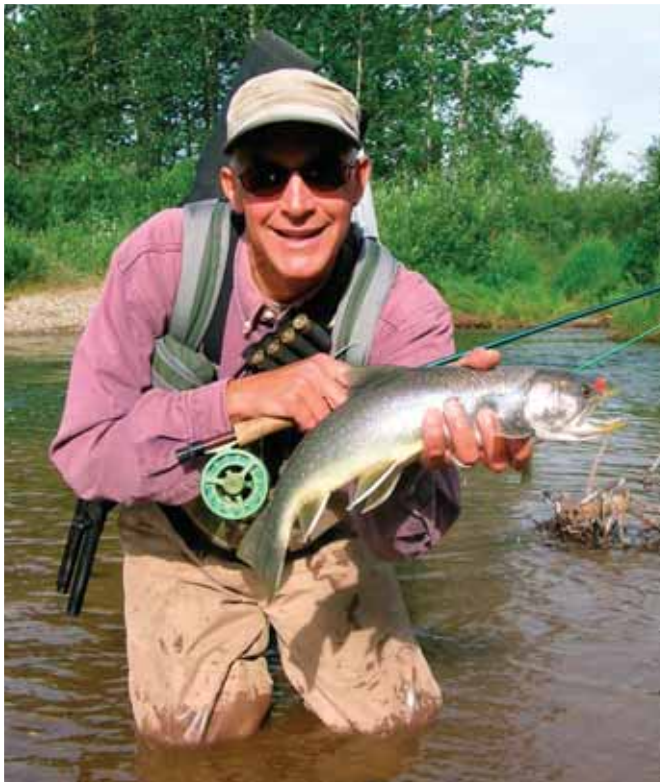
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## NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

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**W**e will be entertained by Scott Thorpe at the November chapter meeting on the subject of trout fishing in Ireland, don't miss it

*Bob Smith's Sports Club, downtown Hudson,  
Wednesday November 3rd, 6 PM for dinner, 7 PM  
for meeting and presentation.*



Scott Thorpe

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Check out all the good  
things inside this issue of  
RipRap!



# STRATEGIC PLAN

BY JONATHAN JACOBS

## *Board seeks assistance from membership in formulating a Strategic Plan*

The board and officers of Kiap-TU-Wish have determined that formulating a Strategic Plan for the chapter is an urgent matter. The Plan would help guide the board by providing a template for action over the next several years. The sense of the board is that this would be a project for a committee. The idea is that a committee comprised of three board members and/or officers and three rank and file members would, with a limited number of meetings and some e-mail give and take, produce a document for final approval by the board. Ideally, the plan would be in place by turn of the year.

There are several reasons why the input of members is important in this process. First, the board is quite busy with the everyday business of the chapter and it isn't practical for the entire board to integrate "brainstorming" into its regular meetings. Second, the fresh perspective provided by the members would be most valuable. Third, it's obvious that the chapter is blessed with a membership of high educational and professional achievement and it would be unwise not to take advantage of that.

If you have experience or interest in strategic planning, I urge you to volunteer for this project. Without becoming too strident about it, I'd like to say that your chapter needs you on this. If you're busy, and everyone is, this is an ideal venue for you to provide a service. It's a project of limited scope with a definite timeline, allowing you to get in, work hard, and get out again. Please contact a board member or officer indicating your interest as soon as possible. The board would like to finalize the membership of the committee at its November 15 meeting.

# MEMBER CHANGES

BY GARY HORVATH

A group of Kiap-TU-Wish members residing in Pepin County recently approached the Chapter to request a move to the Wisconsin Clear Waters Chapter out of Eau Claire. This was discussed at the Kiap-TU-Wish Board meeting on October 4th and the board agreed to honor the request. At the recent State Council meeting held October 9th in Viroqua, the Council voted unanimously to transfer Pepin County to Wisconsin Clear Waters. The State Council approval will be communicated to TU National which will perform the zip code reassignment. Members living in Pepin County should receive notification from the Wisconsin Clear Waters Chapter of these changes once they occur. If a member has previously indicated to National that they wish to stay in the Kiap-TU-Wish chapter they should not be affected by the reassignment process. When all is said and done and you find yourself wanting to switch chapters you may do so by:

- Calling Customer Service at 1-800-834-2419 to change your chapter.
- Email [trout@tu.org](mailto:trout@tu.org) and give your name, address, member #, and the chapter # and name you want to be assigned to.
- Mail a TU National mailing back to us (such as a Membership Renewal Statement) with the correction written on the mail piece. Make sure you're sending to the Wooly Bugger, WV address.

If you have questions or concerns you can contact President Kyle Amundson at [kdamundson@gmail.com](mailto:kdamundson@gmail.com). If you are interested in getting involved with the Wisconsin Clear Waters Chapter you can contact President Tim Meyer at 715-579-6795 or by email at [apacheroad@charter.net](mailto:apacheroad@charter.net).



I can't believe it's already time to start thinking about the Annual Holiday Banquet. Man, this year has just flown by, hasn't it? Every year, the Banquet Planning Committee finds wonderful presenters for the entertainment part of the evening, and has again this year. Read all about it in Jon Jacobs' article on page 5. Be sure to get your donation items for the silent auction over to Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop soon, if for no other reason than the fact that I can rifle through everything the next time I'm working, and figure out exactly what I want to bid on before everyone else has a chance. That's a good reason to donate your things early, isn't it?

Don't forget that we have another meeting before the Holiday Banquet hits us: Scott Thorpe will be talking about fly fishing in Ireland at the November meeting. Scott is always highly entertaining, so make sure you head over to Bob Smith's on Wednesday, November 3rd and check it out.

This issue of RipRap is chock full of interesting articles and information. Thank you to all of you who contributed, I appreciate it greatly. I think that the best RipRaps, and I'm sure you will agree with me on this, are the issues for which I don't have to write very much. If you can make your way to the end of this column, you won't have to read another word of mine, so this is a particularly good issue. I think you will really like the story titled "Lucy" which was sent in by Dale Fretland. This is the second piece that Dale has sent me for inclusion in RipRap, and I found it to be highly entertaining. I hope you do, as well. Read it on page 6.

Other than that, I hope you have a great month, I hope to see you at the November meeting, and I hope you bring some really good stuff to Bob Mitchell's for the Holiday Banquet silent auction. I'll be looking for it soon! See ya next month!



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## STATE COUNCIL BANQUET

BY GARY HORVATH

The State Council banquet will be held in Stevens Point on February 5th, 2011. This is the 40th anniversary of the State Council and banquet organizers are planning on taking it up a notch. There will be live music and a hospitality room and presentations occurring between the Council meeting and the banquet from SIMMS on the invasive species/felt sole issue; SAGE Rod company will be on hand; and a presentation on the Becoming an Outdoor Woman program; Chris Wood from TU National will also be there. As part of the fundraising effort Kiap-TU-Wish donated \$500 and was asked, along with all other chapters, to provide a fly box with flies from our area. Please consider donating a few of your flies towards this effort. You may mail them to the Chapter at PO BOX 483, Hudson WI 54016, or bring them to a chapter meeting. Tickets to the banquet will be available at the Chapter meetings in Hudson or watch for information in the next publication of Wisconsin Trout.



# FLY TYING CORNER

The flies for this month's Fly Tying Corner come from Chapter Webmaster, Greg Meyer. They are two must-have flies when there are Blue Winged Olive mayflies on the water, so, essentially, all year long. The Loop Wing Emerger looks just buggy enough that it would probably work, no matter what actual insects are around. Tie some up and give them a try next year.

## *Blue Winged Olive CDC Dun*

**Hook:** TMC 102y

**Thread:** Olive 8/0

**Tail:** Brown Z-Lon over Coq de Leon

**Abdomen:** Olive goose biot

**Thorax:** Olive dry fly dubbing

**Wing:** 2-3 CDC feathers with small amount of Z-Lon mixed in (optional)

**Note:** Adapted from Shane Stalcup's fly



## *BWO CDC Loop Wing Emerger*

**Hook:** TMC 2487 Pupae #16-20

**Thread:** Olive 8/0

**Tail:** Brown Z-Lon over partridge

**Abdomen:** Olive goose biot

**Thorax:** Olive SLF dubbing with olive-dyed grizzly hackle (1 or two turns)

**Wing case:** 2 CDC tied in at tips pulled over thorax

**Note:** Adapted from Shane Stalcup's fly



Photos by Scott Hanson



# SARAH SANFORD & EMILY WEMLINGER HEADLINE THE HOLIDAY BANQUET

BY JONATHAN JACOBS

The banquet committee is excited to announce that Chapter stalwarts **Sarah Sanford** and **Emily Wemlinger** will relate, with additional photographic support from **Mike Colling** and **Mike Wemlinger**, tales from their summer trip to British Columbia in search of cutthroat and bull trout at this year's Holiday Conservation Banquet.

The date is Thursday, December 2; the place Tartan Park, 11455 20th Street North, Lake Elmo, MN. The event begins with a social hour at 6 PM with dinner and program to follow later.

The dinner menu will feature carved baron of beef and chicken saltimbocca, Caesar salad, vegetarian pasta salad, green beans and carrots with balsamic glazed pearl onions and oven roasted baby red potatoes with rosemary.

Reservations for the event may be made by calling Michael Alwin at 651/770/5854 or Jonathan Jacobs at 715/386/7822. The cost per person is \$35 if reservations are made in advance. The price for last minute registrations is \$50.

The lead item in this year's fundraising silent auction is a day of drift boat fishing for smallmouth bass, northern pike and muskellunge donated by chapter friends Larry Mann and Wendy Williamson of the **Hayward Fly Fishing Company**. Additional auction items will be listed in the December RipRap.

Your auction donation is, as always, most welcome. Please drop off your auction items at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop.

There are volunteer opportunities available on the night of the banquet. If you are interested, and you should be, please contact either Michael or Jonathan.

We look forward to seeing you on December 2nd!



*Photos from last year's  
Holiday Banquet*

*Photos by Deb Olmstead*



## Lucy was a wild and crazy kind of gal!

She consumed daylight with a demonized ferocity! Her passion for nightlife was insatiable. She would awaken my friend, Harlan, begging for a night out, or, for ... something.

Now, I've never been quite clear how Harlan and Lucy ended up together. He deserved better than the psycho who shared his space. In fact, I never figured Harlan for being the cat type – but, then, there's a lot I've never gotten quite right. Nevertheless, there they were – together in northern Minnesota with Lucy defending her turf against all invaders: chipmunks, rabbits, racoons, pine martens. She even savaged a red fox out of *her* yard. To appreciate this diminutive tornadic feline fury, one must realize that this devil in a black fur coat was the ugliest, scrawniest, nastiest collection of sinew and muscle south of Canada. Her appearance and her temperament were created without a blueprint. She was truly one of a kind. Thankfully.

When Harlan knocked on my door around 10:30 one summer night, I wasn't expecting Lucy to be the night's centerpiece. But she certainly was! Har wondered if he could borrow a cat crate or any cat-sized container in order to hold Lucy during the night so he could bring her to the vet in the morning to have a barbed fly removed from her tongue. For Lucy, a fly rod propped in a corner with the fly attached was an irresistible toy. Until the fly bit her in the tongue. And stayed there. I guess the cat-screams and destruction caused by a rampaging runaway Lucy dragging a 3-weight rod were pretty remarkable. And, I'm betting Harlan's wife, Nancy, added some interest to the moment too. Har was unusually quiet about that aspect.

OK. So, at 10:30 p.m., a good friend was at my door, bug-eyed, sweat on his forehead, and looking for help. In my best Walter Mitty style, I told him not to worry and to forget about the crate. I'd dig deep into my surgeon's bag of tricks and be at his house in 15 minutes. Knowing my training and my skills weren't remotely medical, he gave me one of his "What the hell?!" looks; then returned to his pickup and pointed its headlights homeward.

I got dressed and awakened my chief medical assistant/wife (Beth), and chose the appropriate supplies from my vast collection of surgical implements: a thick bath towel, two pair leather gloves, a side-cutter pliers, a key-chain Swiss army knife, and a stick from the yard. Then, into the darkness on a mission of mercy – or something like that.

By the time Beth and I got to Harlan and Nancy's house, the broken glass and porcelain had been swept up, the lamps returned to their tables, and a bottle of bourbon sat on the counter beside the sink. The operating room had returned to normal and the anesthetic awaited – as did the patient. Confined to a large Tupperware container with a weighted oven rack as a lid, Lucy snarled unrepeatables. I couldn't understand her. But perhaps her diction suffered since she had a #14 soft hackle buried in her tongue and a length of tippet dangled from her curled lips.

I briefed my team on the procedure and we began. Harlan and Nancy, wearing gloves, mummified Lucy in the bath towel and held her tightly on the kitchen counter. As I opened her mouth, Beth jammed in the stick as far rearward as possible. With Lucy's jaw propped open and immobilized, I pulled out her tongue-with-fly, trimmed the fly's dressing with the Swiss army knife's scissors and blade, snipped off the hook's eye with the side-cutter, and pushed the hook through and out. All done!!

Lucy burned for cover as soon as she was unwrapped.

At about that time, we realized that the anesthetic remained unused, sooooo..... the night became just a bit longer as the surgical team tested the pharmacy and toasted the patient.

Now, as with many of life's experiences, there's something to be learned. Since the lesson probably isn't about surgical procedure, it might be about the importance of keeping hooks secure from curious pets. But, for me? .... I learned never, never, never to hook up with a cat like Lucy.

She was one wild and crazy kind of gal!



# RIVER FALLS RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM WATER STAR WISCONSIN

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River Falls recently received recognition for its “exemplary water protection efforts” from the new Water Star Wisconsin program. Water Star Wisconsin was launched on Earth Day and honors cities, villages, towns and counties that have taken important steps to protect surface water and groundwater, such as strengthening storm water controls, ensuring water quality, protecting habitats and encouraging residents to conserve water. River Falls is one of only three gold-star communities in the state. The gold level designation is the highest of the three levels in the program.

The City was judged to have three success stories:

1. The city provides stormwater utility credits, property tax reduction, cost sharing, low/no-interest loans or other financial incentives for homeowners that install rain gardens, native shoreline vegetation or make other significant stormwater conservation improvements.
2. River Falls established a shoreland zoning ordinance expanding buffer protections in 2003 and basing it on model ordinances from the Center for Watershed Protection. City buffer regulations protect 1,200 acres along the Kinnickinnic River and its tributaries, twice the amount protected under state and county setback codes.
3. River Falls has been among Wisconsin’s leading municipalities in implementing ordinances to control stormwater. River Falls established ordinances regulating stormwater runoff rates from new developments in 1982, completed a water management plan to protect local stream waters from stormwater degradation in 1995 and rewrote ordinances to regulate stormwater volume and total suspended solids in 2002. City stormwater regulation changes in 2002, included infiltration requirements two years ahead of any state infiltration requirements and were stronger than what the state would later require.

You can learn more about the Water Star program online at <http://www.waterstarwisconsin.org>

## RIPRAP: REAL OR VIRTUAL?

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*The Board is kicking around the idea of sending out RipRap via email, but only to those of you who would prefer that. The rest of you can still get the paper version mailed out to your house. Below is a survey box that you can send in stating your preference. You can also email the Board and let them know how you feel. That address is [kiaptuwish@hotmail.com](mailto:kiaptuwish@hotmail.com).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would rather have RipRap sent to me via email. My email address is:

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No, I like getting RipRap in the mail, and want to continue to do so.

Please mail to:  
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Hudson, WI 54016-0483

Or email your preference to:  
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## **DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!!**

Scott Thorpe will regale us with tales of fishing in Ireland!

Don't miss it! Wednesday  
November 3rd, 2010 at Bob  
Smith's Sports Club - Dinner  
starts at 6PM-Meeting begins  
at 7PM

The deadline to make submissions for the  
December issue is Wednesday, November 18th.  
Thank you!

