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## **December Meeting:**

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**

**Libertyville Civic Center**

135 W Church St  
Libertyville, IL 60048

### **Featured Speaker**

Ed Stein

Catching Sailfish on the Fly  
Thursday, December 10

Join us for the GBTU Holiday meeting and listens to Edward Stein of flyfishtravler.com speak about Catching sailfish on the fly.

Ed is a two-time past president of the Illinois Steelheaders, owner of Flyfish Traveler, an attorney, a PADI Advanced SCUBA Diver; and an avid fisherman. Having landed and released nearly 5 dozen Pacific sails on fly, his largest at 130 pounds, Ed has *Pez Vela* down to a science.

In addition to technique, Ed will discuss what to bring, including tackle, flies, lines, knots, etc. Ed will touch on a few other offshore fish and inshore fish to be found at his favorite fishing grounds, namely, the Pacific sides of Guatemala and Costa Rica. Ed will also talk about Peacock Bass in the Amazon and his most recently discovered trip-of-a-lifetime, namely, helicopter fishing for coastal rainbows, browns and Atlantic salmon from the Pacific Ocean in Chile.

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## **Upcoming January Speaker Biography**

Jeff Kennedy is an accomplished artist and fisherman who has an intense focus on fly-fishing. State senators, pro golfers and fly fisherman have purchased his watercolor paintings. Jeff's work has appeared in American Angler, Fly Fusion, Duck's Unlimited magazine and the Croatian magazine, Sportski Ribolov. He is also a regular guest on Fishing Florida Radio. Jeff spent the entire year of 2008 painting and fishing fly everyday for 365 days. Part of the challenge was the discipline to accomplish this objective every day and the other was to expand his creativity and to help find his artistic voice. To follow Jeff's daily fly journey visit [www.drawingflies365.blogspot.com](http://www.drawingflies365.blogspot.com).

## **RETURN TO PARADISE SPRINGS**

GBTU's final workday of the year will be a return to Paradise Springs on Saturday, December 12th at Waukesha County Fisheries Buildings. GBTU and our friends at Southeast Wisconsin TU will once again be working together on our project to restore the brook trout fishery on Paradise Springs Creek.

We will be finishing up the remaining Mini-lunker structures that we didn't finish at our September workday. *We will also be doing some in-stream work, please bring your waders if you can help out in the creek. Bring gloves, eye protection, and warm clothes for this one.* As always, there will be a grand Brat-feed after the work is complete. Come out and do some good and have some fun.

We will get started at 9:00 AM and work until around noon. To get to the Waukesha County Fisheries Building drive to Eagle, WI. Take Hwy. 59 west from Eagle, towards Palmyra. The service center is a few miles outside of town on the south side of Hwy. 59. Look for a TU sign at the entrance.

## **Fundraiser Activity - Gift Wrapping at L.L. Bean**

Sunday Dec. 13, 2009 - The GBTU fundraiser will take place at the L.L. Bean in the Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, from 9 AM till 7 or 8 PM. Last year, there was an excellent turnout by many members and their families which raised funds for the youth camp and increased exposure of GBTU's mission to the public. A number of members and their families have already signed up for morning, afternoon, and early evening shifts. More is needed- please donate a few hours towards a worthwhile cause this holiday season. Contact: Joan Butzow.

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Sometimes good work brings good luck, and so it is that GBTU may have a chance to help out with some very interesting habitat restoration work right in our own backyard. I was wearing my ever-stylish GBTU ball cap while helping out with Cub Scout buckthorn eradication recently when Rebecca Grill of the Highland Park Parks Department asked what I knew about fish habitat in the ravines along Lake Michigan.

Wow! I have been surreptitiously scouting these same ravines, and picking up information on possible historical data relating to fish habitat. Furthermore, I knew I had a knowledgeable ally in Illinois Council Chair and ravines enthusiast, Ed Michael. A meeting was quickly set and we toured the two ravines with parks staff and Sara Creque of the Illinois Natural History Survey. In the end there was plenty to suggest these sites could definitely use some attention that TU could have a role in.

The first step in restoration work is getting a baseline of data. So, here is our current status. TU volunteers will do twice monthly monitoring at nine monitoring sites on two ravines applying standards laid out by Parks Department personnel. With the hope of gathering supportive data that could be used to one day restoring and protecting some rare and beleaguered habitat right here in Northern Illinois.

These opportunities don't come around often, and this would be groundbreaking work for a TU chapter to be involved in. The Great Lakes are the single largest repository of fresh-water cold water habitat in the world, and protecting them is paramount to our mission. I am excited that we have this chance to do this important work and I look forward to what it could bring to GBTU and our partners.

We are looking for individuals that wish to commit to the monitoring efforts. Let's see where TU can go when

GBTU leads the way!

Matt Jennings  
President Gary Borger TU

## **Arkansas Trip - First Outing for 2010**

The first GBTU trip of 2010 is set for February 19-21, 2010. The location is Gene's Trout Fishing Resort, 324 River Acres Drive, Salesville, Arkansas 72653-979 and we are booked for Lodge #7 [www.norfork.com/genes/lodge7.htm](http://www.norfork.com/genes/lodge7.htm) It overlooks the North Fork River and has 19 individual beds, a pool table, DVD, 2 televisions and a stereo. Boats with motors are \$108 for four people.

Guides are up to individuals but may we suggest arranging through Mountain River Fly Shop. Recommended guides include Steve Dally, Bob or Jeremy Hunt.

( <http://mtnriverflyshop.com/Steves%20Guide%20Page.htm>  
( [www.blueribbonflyfish.com/guidedTrips.php](http://www.blueribbonflyfish.com/guidedTrips.php) )

Dinner will be provided at the lodge for 2 nights and dinner at a nice local restaurant Saturday night. Breakfasts will be provided, but will be cook your own. Lunches will be cold cuts and snacks that will also be fix-it-yourself. Many snacks will be included in the cost along with sodas and coffee. All alcoholic beverages are the responsibility of each individual (as is your behavior). There is a large stocked kitchen located on the premises.

The cost to G.B.T.U. members is \$175 and we will hold open the slots until the end of December. Beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, any open spots will be offered to other TU chapters in Illinois and SEWTU. The Texas FFF group will be bringing 8 chapter members. For anyone that is interested, please drop me an email. This trip will be enjoyable way to kick off the 2010-fishing season.

## **Trout in the Classroom Update**

November's highlight was the delivery of 200 Rainbow Trout eggs, by Joan Butzow and Fung Chin, to the Central Elementary School in Wilmette and the Hubbard Woods Elementary School in Winnetka. The student's excitement was punctuated with a loud cheer when the fish eggs were brought into the classroom. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the eggs hatched into alevins- a wonderful surprise for the returning the students. The students are diligently tracking and testing all of the chemical levels daily and posting answers to fellow classmate questions on the hallway bulletin board. [Click here](#) to view a short video of the 128 alevins at the Central Elementary School.



**New Zealand Brown**



**Kenosha Harbor Pike**



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