



THE TIPPET



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OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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COMING EVENTS!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet at the Timbers Char House. Cocktails at 6pm ; Dinner at 7 pm. \$25 for dinner and raffle. Contact Jim Panagakis at 847-705-8044 (home); 847-687-5801 (work); 847-991-7266 (FAX) or email j440850@attbi.com for advance reservation.

Guest speaker is nationally recognized fly tier and entomologist, Art "Doc" Mazzier!

THE TIMBERS CHARHOUSE is in Highland Park, approximately 1/4 mile north of Lake Cook Road on Skokie Highway on the east side of the street.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Fund raiser for the Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited . Details inside.

MARCH TBA

Annual "spring fling" to Fennimore, WI (Mark Wortsman or website, www.garyborgertu.org)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8:

Dinner meeting at the Timbers Char House. Dorothy Schramm of Michigan's FFF affiliate FlyGirls is the guest speaker.

APRIL TBA

Annual fishing trip/EAS workday in Viroqua, Wisconsin. Details as they are available

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Dinner meeting at the Timbers Char House.

**GARY BORGER CHAPTER
WEBSITE IS www.garyborgertu.org**

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS . . .

Nationally recognized entomologist, fly tyer and casting instructor Art "Doc" Mazzier. Art is closely associated with DRIFT, the Dupage River Fly Tyers which meet weekly at the College of DuPage. When it comes to the bugs that trout eat, how to tie them, and when and where to feed them to the trout, nobody knows better than Doc. Come on out and join us for a night of fun and education with Doc!

THE TANGLED LEADER

By Mark Wortsman

Plan on getting an early start to the trout season by joining me on our annual excursion to Fennimore, Wisconsin in March. See me for details at the next Borger TU meeting or check out our website, www.garyborgertu.org.

Don't forget to circle your calendar for Saturday, March 6th, and join us for our first annual benefit dinner and silent auction at the Richmond Hunt Club in McHenry. We will also have many nice door prizes to raffle as well. Cost is \$50 per plate. Send your check to

**Jim Panagakis
1365 E. Norman Dr.
Palatine, IL
60074**

Hurry, you don't want to miss an evening of fine dining, live entertainment, and much revelry with fellow TU supporters.

Have a Happy New Year! See you February 12th at Timbers!

Tight lines!

BENEFIT UPDATE

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN,
FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH!!!!!!**

*The benefit and dinner will be held at the
Richmond Hunting Club
5016 IL Rte 173
Richmond, IL*

*Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person Send checks to
Jim Panagakis
1365 E. Norman Dr.
Palatine, IL
60074*

*Seats are limited; no more than sixty reservations will
be accepted. RESERVE NOW!*

*Persons interested in shooting a round or two
of sporting clays before the dinner can contact Jim
Eubanks at JEuba44718@aol.com .*

FEATURE ITEMS;

- A TRIP FOR TWO on the Big Manistee River. Two day's fully guided driftboat fishing and one night's lodging at High Bridge Cabins (donated by the Tippet.)
- Trident fly rod/ Orvis Deerfield
- Casting Clinic
- Private Dinner for four cooked by Brooks Scott
- Patagonia Clothing Item, Patagonia Chicago



“put up one hell of a fight”

ON THE FLY!

*The purpose of this column is to present a
forum for the members to share experiences,
recommend destinations and guides, identify points of
interest, advertise fishing items for sale, post helpful
hints, find a fishing partner, review a book, complain
about the Tippet, etc.*

*Thanks to Dick Dragiewicz for this piece of
good news!*

TRIBES WILL PAY \$16.5 MILLION FOR MINE SITE

**THE SOKAOGON MOLE LAKE CHIPPEWA
AND THE FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
ARE ELATED BY THE DEAL.**

Wisconsin State Journal :

Ron Seely. Environment reporter

In a historic turn of events, the most vocal opponents of the proposed zinc and copper mine near Crandon stood in the state Capitol Tuesday afternoon and said they now own the mine site.

Leaders with the Sokaogon Mole Lake Chippewa and the Forest County Potawatomi tribes seemed almost reluctant to believe the news as they spoke at the press conference.

"We have bought the Crandon mine," said Sandra Rachal, chairwoman of the Mole Lake band. "We will withdraw the permit application."

The press conference in Madison followed intense weekend-long negotiations between the two tribes and Northern Wisconsin Resources Group, the lumber company that bought the mine site in April. As midnight approached Monday, a deal was struck; for \$16.5 million, the tribes bought the 5,939-acre mine site, the mineral rights and some timber rights.

The tribes will split the cost, said Glenn Reynolds, a lawyer for the Mole Lake band. The Potawatomi will spend \$8.5 million, all gambling money, while Mole Lake will pay \$8 million in borrowed money, Reynolds said.

"Without the gaming revenue, this could not have happened," Rachal said.

The final papers were signed early Tuesday, putting an end to a 25-year controversy. Not long afterward, Mole Lake tribal members crowded the street outside the offices of the Nicolet Mineral Co. in Crandon and slapped a huge "Sold" banner across the Nicolet sign. Tribal members pounded a drum in an impromptu drumming ceremony. Everybody, said Mole Lake vice chairwoman Tina Van Zile, was hugging and crying.

"It is a day that will be remembered for years," Rachal said.

The tribes have no plans to mine the 55-million ton zinc and copper deposit, said Gus Frank, Potawatomi chairman. The tribes and other mining opponents have long said the mine poses too great a threat to the Wolf River and to tribal waters and rice beds.

"This purchase protects the Wolf River, the wetlands and the ground water of northern Wisconsin," said Frank. "It ends the threat to the tourism economy - the economy that most of us in northern Wisconsin, including the tribes, depend on."

Rachal also said the purchase will allow protection of Spirit Hill, the resting place for more than 500 Chippewa and Sioux warriors who died in a battle over the Mole Lake rice beds 200 years ago.

"Our ancestors lived here," said Rachal. "They fought and died to protect these lands. It is our job in the future to continue that tradition."

Gordon Connor, co-owner of the Northern Wisconsin Resources Group and project manager for Nicolet, maintained Tuesday that the plan to build the mine was environmentally sound and that its loss is a blow to the northern Wisconsin economy. He said the decision to sell the mine site, possibly to the tribes, was made some months ago when the Connor family became convinced that getting permits to operate the mine would be too expensive.

Connor was critical of the Department of Natural Resources and placed almost all the blame for the mine not getting built on the agency's permitting process. He said the process was so burdensome that the company could not find a partner to help build and operate the mine.

"They all said 'We don't want to do business in the regulatory climate in Wisconsin,'" Connor said. "What kind of message does that send?"

Connor said the company is considering legal action against the DNR and would argue that the drawn-out permitting process represents an illegal "takings" of the company's right to develop the mine.

Officials with the DNR, however, said it has been doing the job it is supposed to do and said Connor is wrong to blame the regulatory process for preventing the mine.

"I think that is an unfair assessment," said Elizabeth Kluesner, a DNR executive assistant. "This was a very complicated process that needed a high level of regulatory oversight."

Bill Smith, DNR deputy secretary, said the permitting process has been long and complicated because the mine site on the headwaters of the Wolf River and in the midst of lakes, wetlands and rice beds.

Already on Tuesday, Kluesner said, DNR staffers were talking about how to begin sorting through the two rooms full of documents related to the proposed mine and make arrangements to archive the material against a day it may be needed again.

Others praised the action by the tribes to buy the mine site and end the controversy.

"Action by the two Indian tribes is not only a victory for their efforts to preserve their heritage, it is a gift to all of the people of Wisconsin who treasure our outdoors," said Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, a longtime opponent of the mine.

SHOP TALK!

TROUT AND GROUSE
300 S. HAPP ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS
847-501-3111
www.grandslamshops.com

TRIPS

Chile: Feb 28 to March 7, 2004.

Fish Chile with **Paul Melchior**. The Paloma River is one of Chile's finest, with large populations of outsize browns. Lodge guests have access to over 25 miles of secluded river, as well as a number of other productive local waters, from small spring creeks to trout filled lakes. Modern accommodations, superb meals and warm Chilean hospitality are also hallmarks of a visit to Paloma. \$3450 per week. Space for 7 anglers only.

Chetumal Bay Exploratory Trip with Curt:
April 17 to April 23, 2004.

Explore perhaps the next bonefishing "frontier." Chetumal Bay is South of famed Ascension Bay, and has seen few anglers over the years. Extensive flats hold the promise of large numbers of bonefish and permit, while mangrove shorelines beckon with tarpon and snook potential. Anglers stay at a comfortable, small hotel at the edge of the bay, with daily guided excursions into this vast, untapped fishery. \$2290 for 5 days fishing from Cancun. Limited to 5 anglers.

SCHOOLS

2004 One-Day Fishing Schools

April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18

Our one day schools are the very best way for a beginning fly fisher to get up to speed on a wide variety of essentials, from basic fly casting to gear, knots, fly selection and on the water strategy. The class includes continental breakfast and lunch from Northfield's Three Tarts Bakery as well as the use of quality rods, reels and related accessories. Tuition: \$195.00 per person

Intermediate Fly Fishing School:

Move up to the next level. This "on the water" weekend school will take place in central Wisconsin, with quality trout water right out the front door. Advanced casting, reading the water, stream strategy, entomology, knots and leaders are just some of the subjects to be covered, plus plenty of guided fishing so students can further polish their skills. Enrollment will be limited to 8 students, so we can maintain a 2: 1 student/instructor ratio. The school begins Saturday morning and ends mid afternoon on Sunday. Tuition

includes all meals on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, soft drinks, classroom and on the water instruction and guided fishing, use of quality tackle.

Local accommodations (not included in the tuition) can be arranged for school participants. \$650 per person.

FLY TYING CLASSES

Beginners. Thursday evenings 7-9 PM Feb 5, 12, 19 and 26. \$80 per student; classes taught by Paul Melchior

Advanced Trout Flies. Thursday evenings 7-9 pm; April 1, 8, 22. \$60 per student classes taught by Paul Melchior.

Fly & Field
560 Crescent Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137
E-mail: Flyfield@Flyfield.com

Beginners. Saturdays 11-1 PM Feb 7,14,21,28 March 6, 13, 20, 27; classes taught by Art "Doc" Mazzier

Intermediate. Saturdays 2-4 PM Feb7, 14, 21, 28 March 6, 13, 20, 27; Art "Doc" Mazzier

Advanced Specialty Trout Flies. Saturdays 1-3 PM Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 and Feb 1, 8, 15, 22. Classes taught by Wayne Pray.

*"There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process."
---- Paul O'Neil*

PASSAGES

IS THERE A MERMAID

IN YOUR CREEL?

Fly fishing is such great fun, I have often felt , that it really ought to be done in bed. Not that high frolic is the only thing the pursuit of fish and the pursuit of females have in common; these ancient sports have more going for them than just that - as I'll now try to tell why. First off, just as both diversions are best conducted in decent privacy, away from distracting crowds, so too the most gratifying results are best obtained by subtlety rather than by force, by seduction rather than rape. Again, just as both pastimes quickly pall when the conquest is too easy, so too the lures used in the wooing, whether jewels or jassids, must be presented with the utmost skill and grace.

- Robert Traver - Trout Magic, 1974

SALMON SUPREME

One bite of this sportsman's rendition of eggs benedict will take you back to your favorite stream where once again you'll battle the mighty salmon.

2 English muffins split
2 tablespoons butter
4 eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 green onion (use green part only) thinly sliced
1/2 cup skinned and boned smoked salmon broken into small chunks
dash of pepper

Using a small bowl, beat eggs with salt and pepper, melt butter in frying pan or double boiler. Add eggs and cook slowly, stirring frequently until done with a creamy consistency.

Simultaneously toast English muffins, butter lightly and divide salmon on each muffin. Spoon the eggs over the salmon, sprinkle with paprika and top with finely chopped onions.

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE!!!

The Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited needs your monetary support. The assessments are used to fund this newsletter, pay for speakers, and fund our conservation projects. Trout Unlimited National requires that 4 times a year we send meeting notification to the entire 350+ northern Illinois membership. The national office provides no funds help with mailings or anything else. To be a viable and vital chapter we need your contributions. Donations of \$25 individual, \$30 family, or \$100 sponsor go a long way! 2004 assessments were due on January 1, 2004. Send you checks to:

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