



**GARY BORGER CHAPTER**  
**TROUT UNLIMITED**

# THE TIPPET

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## **The GBTU April SW Wisconsin Trip is On!!!**

After last years trip to the driftless area of Wisconsin got great reviews, we are going to do it again! It's very much like the same format of last year. Here is the scoop:

When: April 11, 12 and 13, 2008

Where: The Eagle Creek Inn, Fennimore, Wisconsin

### Agenda:

Arrive Friday night to a special happy hour with special drinks and snacks for GTBU members.

Fish Saturday, attendees will be provided with a sack lunch containing a sandwich, chips apple and a brownie.

A dinner will be provided Saturday night, the tentative menu will be a choice of 12 oz prime rib, shrimp, broiled or fried, Chicken Cordon Blue, Walleye Fillet, broiled or fried, Chicken Parmesan. All dinner selections will include soup and salad bar, choice of potato or vegetable and sourdough bread.

Sunday: Fish and travel home!

What does this fabulous trip cost?

### **Two night's Double occupancy**

Includes:

Two night's accommodations

One sack lunch

One dinner

**\$125 per person**

### **Two night's single occupancy**

Two night's accommodations

One sack lunch

One dinner

**\$165 per person**

**We were able to keep the price the same as last year! So sign up ASAP as space is limited, the Eagles Nest only has 13 rooms! We encourage people to double up so we can make the trip available to more people! Call or e-mail Jim Eubanks at 847-838-5894 or e-mail at [jeuba44718@aol.com](mailto:jeuba44718@aol.com) Please provide name phone, e-mail and if you have a roomie or will you stay with a roomie we select.**

**Let's go fishing!**

**Jim Eubanks**

## President's Message

### **Stream Restoration Project Training March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Hey Folks

This is it, the single most important meeting for GBTU to make conservation headway. I hopefully can go, and according to Jeff Hastings we have a couple more saved spots as long as we act fast.

This is a great meeting and I would love to give the other spots to those thinking of being active in the future conservation efforts of GBTU. i.e...want to be a leader for GBTU next year. So, please let me know soon if you would like to go. I think it costs, but is very reasonable. The Bailey's went last year and can answer some questions. Everybody I've ever talked to about this one says "Go...Go...Go...!" so it must be pretty good.

Space is very limited.

Let me know soon, Matt  
[mattsbug@comcast.net](mailto:mattsbug@comcast.net)

## New Board Member

The Chapter would like to welcome our new Membership Chairman, **Glen Davis**! Glen is an enthusiastic member of the chapter and supporter of cold water conservation.

Glen can be reached at  
[gadavis38@comcast.net](mailto:gadavis38@comcast.net)

## Local Happenings

### This Month's Meeting:

**February 13th, 2008 | 7pm  
Libertyville Civic Center**

### **Bob Long Jr. –Fly Fishing Chicago's Waterfront.**

Our presenter, Bob Long Jr., is the head of Mayor Daley's Fish`N Kids Program. They take kids age 6 – 12 fishing: 43,650 in the last five years, as a matter of fact. 90% caught at least one fish. No charges, no fees.

Long began writing articles about flies and fly-fishing beginning in 1988. His first articles appeared in Midwest Outdoors. He has since appeared in **Eastern Fly Fishing, Salmon, Trout and Steelheader, Fly Fishing, Fly Fisherman, American Angler, Fly Tier** and the **Outdoor Notebook** . He has been a featured presenter at numerous clubs and fishing shows.

Bob is an accomplished photographer, Fly tier and in his spare time loves Jazz.



## Save The Dates:

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly GBTU Meeting

April 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> GBTU Spring Trip

Hope our members can have good showings at these events; lot's to do in the winter with the Gary Borger Chapter!

Outings and special events to be added soon!

Please visit our website [www.garyborgertu.org](http://www.garyborgertu.org) and sign up for our email distribution list

*“We who go a-fishing are a peculiar people. Like other men and women in many respects, we are like one another, and like no others, in other respects. We understand each other’s thoughts by an intuition of which we know nothing. We cast our flies on many waters, where memories and fancies and facts rise, and we take them and show them to each other, and small or large, we are content with our catch.”*

*W.C. Prime  
I Go A-Fishing (1873)*

## News from TU National

### **Film/TV--Trout Unlimited: On The Rise**

TU is excited to announce that its new television program, "**On The Rise**," hosted by Frank Smethurst, will be airing on the Outdoor channel this spring.



[Watch the "On The Rise" trailer](#)

### **ORVIS Zero Gravity**

Upgrade to a LIFE membership & receive an ORVIS Zero Gravity Fly Rod, our way of saying thanks for taking care of the fish, so the fishing can take care of itself.



[» Become a Life Member](#)

## From The Editor

Well folks, trout season is open and this is the first year I've missed opening weekend. It's going to warm up this week and that should continue the big melt off. Look out trout, here we come!

Our "Lighter side with Webb" section was a big hit last month, so were giving it an extended run. "Weeb" by the way, is none other than our **Outings chairman, Jim Eubanks**. Jim put together the great trip to Arkansas and has now set up the spring trip as well! Thank you Weeb!

The Tippet is always looking for pictures, stories, recipes and trip reports for our newsletter. Please send any information to Jeff Fjeldheim at: [usasail@comcast.net](mailto:usasail@comcast.net)

Please keep on checking our new and improved website [www.garyborgertu.org](http://www.garyborgertu.org) as our Webmaster, Randy has been hard at work and there is a lot of pictures and information.

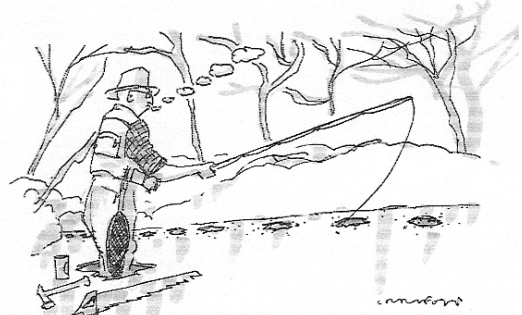
**There has been a lot of Illinois and Driftless area conservation issues of concern lately and I have been sending out information as it comes. Please see our website of contact the Tippet for more info.**

Please submit info to:  
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c/o Jeff Fjeldheim  
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## The Lighter Side with Weeb

### **Top 10 Signs That the River Is Too Crowded**

1. "Minimum Flow" refers to the parking situations.
2. The San Juan Shuffle is now a line dance at the local cowboy bar.
3. Guides establish a shantytown on a drift-boat logjam.
4. Lawn-chair anglers implement stadium seating.
5. Bankside RV's now in double-wide.
6. Anglers team-fish using the three-man weave.
7. Guide bandana colors indicate Crips or Bloods.
8. Some wily entrepreneur introduces the first Wade-up wet bar.
9. "Fishing widows" deemed a key to the 2008 elections.
10. Your local fly shop actually makes a profit.



ICE FLY-FISHING WITH **GBTU**

## Our Work Day at Scuppernong Creek

We arrived around 8:30 and the weather was clear, but very cold, certainly in their single digits. By 9 AM most of the people had arrived. There were five from our chapter and together with the DNR folks we had about thirty-five people.

We split into two groups, one group heading up to the spring and the other going downstream by the old abandoned hotel where the wooden bridge is that leads to the marl pits.

Nancy and Randy and I went first to the downstream location. There the job consisted of wheeling wheelbarrows full of gravel across a wooden pedestrian bridge and then down to the stream at a point where the warm water marl pits fed into the creek and dumping the stone to create a dam barrier between the two bodies of water. The main purpose of the barrier is to prevent predatory bass and pike from entering the stream to feed upon the juvenile trout. We had twenty tons of gravel to move, but many hands made light work and we were able to accomplish the DNR guys' most optimistic expectations. We built three dams and were done by noon.

The other main job for the day was the placing of biologs along the stream bank about two hundred feet downstream from the main spring. Biologs are basically artificial logs made of woven hemp tubes filled with coconut husks, about 14 inches in diameter and 10 feet long. These are placed along the bank at the edge of the water and then staked in place with rebar and wooden stakes. Then the mud from the stream is shoveled from the bottom of the stream and used to backfill behind the biologs. To do this the workers had to get into the stream and sink past their knees into

the muck. A difficult job. Then a woven hemp map was placed over the work to hold it in place and staked. Again, the many hands helped ease the work load and we completed the job by noon.

Then, of course, we had lunch. The usual beer soaked brats along with home made chili made by SEWTU president Dan Aramus. Kind of like a tailgate party - after the game. We all felt really good about the work we'd accomplished. The stream will be healthier and more productive thanks to our efforts.

And for us GBTU'ers we had a little surprise bonus at the end. Matt struck up a conversation with the head DNR guy and let him know that eventually we'd like our chapter to tackle a stream project ourselves. He knew of a place and thinks there might even be funding in place. Matt, Darwin, Randy and I went to look at the location for the proposed project with the DNR crew after lunch. It looks good. We're looking into it.

Thanks, Jim Bailey

**Editor's note:** Jim Bailey is our chapter's conservation chairman and I know I speak for the group when I say that we have had more opportunities to work with other groups as well as more people involved than we've seen in many years – all due to Jim's tireless networking and concern for cold water fisheries. **THANK YOU JIM BAILEY!**

### Scuppernong Photos:



For more Photos of GBTU events go to:  
[www.garyborgertu.org](http://www.garyborgertu.org)

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## Going to Grits -- GBTU trip to Arkansas!

On Friday 15, 2008 eight members of GBTU set off to Salesville Arkansas to meet with some of our Southern comrades in arms and fish the North Fork River. We all met at Gene's Trout Fishing Resort, a fine fishing camp located right on the North Fork River. The river is a short, four and one miles long tail race river from the dam that impounds lake Norfork to the confluence of the White River and holds large numbers of Rainbow, Brown, Brook and Cutthroat trout.

The accommodations were our own excellent lodge with a pool table, gas fireplace and plenty of space to house the 16 people on the trip.

The members wasted no time in getting in the river Friday afternoon and catching fish right in front of the lodge just before the Mellicker brothers cooked a spaghetti dinner for the group. Saturday dawned rainy and the light rain continued all day with temperatures in the mid forty's, but didn't dampen the fishing with good numbers of all species of trout caught.

Dinner Saturday night was at The Whispering Woods grill and all thought the food and service excellent.

Sunday dawned bright and windy but didn't hinder the fishing, with lots more fish caught on Sunday than on Saturday. The fish caught had the most vibrant colors I have ever seen with deep red on the rainbows and bright deep color on the cutthroats. Somebody said it was from eating the many sowbugs and scuds in the river. It was a very enjoyable trip with good fellowship, lots of fish caught and meeting new friends from Texas. All were in agreement, we should do this trip again.

Thanks to everyone who submitted pictures to the Tippet including **Bud Mellicker!**



Darwin Adams lands a beauty



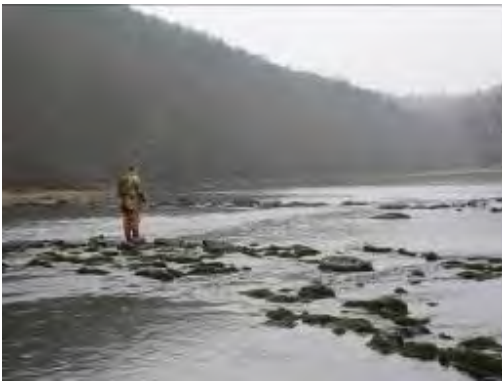
The Prez and his catch, Matt Jennings



Mark Wortsmann and Mark Mellicker



Randy Cochran



Mark M.



Mark W.



Mark and Mark



Jim Eubanks

*“In 1918 I realized that the growing use of the automobile, with its easy transportation, would soon spoil all public trout fishing...”*

*Edward R. Hewitt  
A Trout and Salmon Fisherman for  
Seventy-Five Years (1948)*

## **Shop Talk**

### **From Trout and Grouse**

**Note the new location!**  
**840 Willow Rd, Suite P**  
**Northbrook, IL 60062.**  
**New number is 847-480-0111**

T&G 2008 One-Day Fly fishing School Dates  
Tuition \$195.00

All Dates are Sundays, class meets 9:00am -  
3:30pm, rain or shine

April 20, May 4, May 18, June 8, June 22, July  
13, July 27, August 10

#### **Trips**

2008 Menomonee Smallmouth \$1700.00 per  
person

8/3 - 8/7 with Curt Schlesinger only 2 spots left

8/6 - 8/10 with Paul Melchior 4 spots left

Xcalak Mexico Bonefish with Paul Melchior  
\$2995.00 per person

May 24 -31 - limited space

Check soon for 2008 Fly Tying Class Dates

### **From Orvis Chicago**

**Contact T.J. Roy at 312-440-0662**

#### **Schools and Seminars 2007/2008**

Seminars – All Seminars will start at 11 am on  
Saturdays

#### **2/23-Open Forum**

#### **3/5-Fly Casting 101**

Join us at the Chicago Casting Pond for a free 2 hour  
casting seminar. The Orvis Chicago instructors will

be available from 10am to 12pm for free casting  
lessons. Whether you are new to the sport or need a  
touch up on your cast, the pros at Orvis Chicago can  
get your cast ready for the upcoming trout season.  
All gear will be provided. Space is limited, so please  
RSVP. For more information about the location or to  
RSVP, please contact Orvis Chicago at (312) 440-  
0662.

### **2007/2008 Fly Fishing Schools**

#### **2 Day Trout Schools**

Orvis fly-fishing schools are the easiest and most  
enjoyable way to learn this fantastic pastime. The  
course content includes a heavy emphasis on  
mastering the cast. You will also receive expert,  
hands on instruction that will cover the following  
fields: knot tying, entomology, fly selection,  
equipment, accessories, reading water, fighting and  
landing fish, and much more. Essentially, the school  
is designed to teach you the essential skills necessary  
to go out on your own and experience success!

At our schools we teach the Orvis Four Part  
Casting Method, which is widely accepted and  
adaptable to all casting conditions worldwide. In  
depth, on the water instruction will teach the student  
how to interact with moving water and proper  
technique for fishing multiple types of flies. In order  
to ensure that every student receives proper feedback  
and plenty of one on one instruction, we limit our  
schools to maintain a four to one student to instructor  
ratio.

Our schools are held on a blue ribbon trout  
stream in pastoral southwest Wisconsin, the west fork  
of the Kickapoo River, which teems with brook and  
brown trout. The setting is simply spectacular, with  
beautiful wooded bluffs surrounding our manicured  
school site. Cost includes all instruction, necessary  
equipment, Wisconsin fishing licenses, along with  
lunches on both Saturday and Sunday. Upon  
completion of the school you will receive a certificate  
of achievement. If you have any other questions,  
please contact Orvis Chicago at (312) 440-0662.

Cost for the two day school is \$430

May 24 & 25

June 14 & 15

August 30 & 31

September 20 & 21

### **Fly Tying Lessons**

#### **Lunch Break Fly Tying**

We are now offering private fly tying lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays from December 4, 2007 through April 24, 2008 from 12pm through 2pm. These lessons are completely catered to what you want to learn. The instructors at Orvis will teach you the how to use the tools, master necessary techniques, and work with all types of materials to tie patterns for wherever you fish. All materials and equipment is included, plus you will receive a 15% discount on any fly-tying merchandize after your class. If you have any further question or would like more information on our tying lessons, please call (312) 440-0662 to speak with an Associate.

#### **“Second Step” Steelhead School**

During the fall, winter, and spring, tributaries to Lake Michigan are invaded by steelhead, salmon, and huge brown trout. These fish, on migratory runs, allow the most determined of anglers a chance to hook up with fish that are known for bone-jarring strikes and blistering runs. Our “Next Step” Steelhead school is essentially a crash course in steelhead fishing. We will cover rigging, two different types of presentation, reading water, hooking, fighting, and landing fish. Each school is limited to 6 anglers (3 per instructor) so each student receives plenty of personal coaching. Included in the cost is all instruction, tackle, and flies. You must provide your own waders and appropriate layering undergarments, as well as a Wisconsin fishing license and Great Lakes Stamp. An intermediate proficiency in casting is also a plus, as we will be skipping basic casting instruction. However, no previous Steelhead fishing experience is necessary.

Schools will be held on a river in southeast Wisconsin, anywhere from one to two and a half hours away. Due to the fickle nature of these fish, constantly changing weather patterns, and high pressure that our local rivers get, the location of the school will be determined the week before your school is set to take place. Each school will last about 6 hours, and drive times should be less than two and a half hours. Upon payment, you will receive an information packet about how to prepare

for wading in cold temperatures, other recommended accessories, and a basic time schedule. Three to five days before your school, we will contact you with the school location and provide directions. If you have any further questions, please contact T.J. Roy at Orvis Chicago (312) 440-0662. Come prepared for the cold and excited about taming these chrome torpedoes!

Cost is \$215 per student.

Dates

Saturday, March 22

Saturday, April 19

*“I learned how to fly fish in the hit-and-miss, trail and error way that makes things stick, and I learned patience, persistence, acceptance, and probably a few other good thing, too.”*

*John Gierach  
Another Lousy Day In Paradise  
(1996)*

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