



**GARY BORGER CHAPTER**  
TROUT UNLIMITED

# THE TIPPET

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## **This Month's Meeting:**

**June 12th, 2008**  
**Special June Dinner Meeting**  
**Bella Via**  
**1899 Second Street**  
**Highland Park Illinois**

**Guest Speaker:** [Andy Kurkulis](#)

We're back at Bella Via. For the month of June we are heading back to a favorite haunt of GBTU members. We will have raffles, a great speaker, and lots of good food and drink. If you've been missing out on the meetings this year, what better way to catch up with your fellow TU members than over a beautiful dinner table set by the folks at Bella Via. Come find out what the chapter has been up to. Hint, it's a lot! We hope to see you there.

Andy Kurkulis from Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters will be discussing his fishing adventures in South America. Come enjoy some amazing photos and great stories.

Featured raffle items will include a guided trip in SW Wisconsin, a day at Smallmouth

School with Bob Long Jr, Jim Tingey artwork from his Catch and Release Artwork.com, and a fly box full of hand tied spring creek flies. We will also be giving attendee's first crack at raffle tickets for this year's big giveaway, a Winston Fly Rod! Dinner cost is \$30 per person.

RSVP to me and more information at  
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## Tangled Leader

By Mark Wortsmann

Dateline: May 16-18, 2008 Destination:  
West Fork Sports Club - Avalanche, WI

Since last August when Luke and I had to cut short our camping adventure in Avalanche due to the flash floods, we have been talking about getting back there again. It just so happened that this time we were able to convince a couple of other Borger Chapter TU friends to make the trek and camp out with us. Michael Rasmussen, Randy Cochran, Tony & Charles Perlstein, Matt & Clyde Jennings, Bob & Wade DeGraff and Brad Angelbeck & his son Matthew .

This May has been colder and wetter than ever. We watched the weather forecast as we planned and packed for our trip. It looked like we might catch a break and get decent weather so off we went after the school bell sounded. The Durango was packed with enough gear to outfit a small REI / Fly shop, not to mention the snack aisle at the local Seven Eleven. We pulled into the campgrounds around 8 pm and quickly found a camp site and set up our tent. We made the obligatory run over to Trappers for firewood and waited for whoever else was showing up that Friday evening. Shortly, Michael and his trusty Chocolate Lab, Jackson, arrived followed by Randy. Matt & Tony and their boys were scheduled to arrive on Saturday morn. We made some small talk as we got a campfire going, but after a long drive and a few raindrops, we all decided to retire for the evening.

Saturday, we awoke early and made a run up to the Amish Maple Grove Bakery for some turnovers, maple cinnamon rolls and other goodies. We mixed in a hearty campfire breakfast of eggs and bacon and were well fortified for stalking trout. Of course, one of our favorite fishing holes is just down the road from the campground and we spent

considerable time hooking numerous trout there before heading back to camp for a mid-day lunch and some walk-in fishing next to the campground. Remarkably, the fishing and streams were excellent considering the flooding that washed out some of the streams late last summer.

We caught up with Matt and Tony after lunch and headed to Bloomington to fish some secret honey holes, but as luck would have it, a bus full of Fly Fishing students from College of DuPage had dispersed around the favored spots. There should be a law concerning no more than four fishermen to a vehicle! Later that evening, we helped celebrate Randy's birthday with a sumptuous dinner including marinated shrimp and steak punctuated by not one but two thunderstorms (what do you expect in Avalanche!). The fishing Sunday was every bit as good as Saturday. This is a great place to take newcomers to our sport – the fish are friendly. We broke camp about noon and headed home, but for Luke and I, no trip to Avalanche is complete without a side trip to Rockton to visit Wild Things to check out the pelts and furs and then, eat the BBQ Chicken at the Rockton Bar next door with all of the Bikers!

We are already thinking about another trip in June!

### For Sale:

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***Mention you saw it in "The Tippet" and help our chapter!***

## Membership Corner

If you are interested in conserving and restoring our coldwater fisheries, educating young people and the general public and developing friendships through fishing then the Gary Borger Chapter is the place for you to be. We are really excited by the energy in the Gary Borger Chapter and we have developed tremendous momentum pursuing our common goals of Conservation, Education and Friendship.

As a relatively new member of the group, I can tell you how inspired I am by the enthusiasm and dedication of our chapter's members. In only a few short months we have had the opportunity to listen to great speakers talk about interesting subjects related to the 3 areas of interest mentioned above. We have been able to participate in restoration projects with other Trout Unlimited chapters, help plan educational activities for young people both in and out of the classroom, support community education through special events and participate in numerous fishing trips with other members.

It is our ambition to expand our efforts and have an even more far reaching impact. To do this, we need more active members and we want to extend a personal invitation to each of you to become active in your chapter. If you are looking for an opportunity to give back to your community, help preserve our coldwater fisheries for the next generation or just enjoy developing friendships with others that share a common interest then we hope you will join us soon at one of our activities like our monthly meetings or restoration projects. Our monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (including the summer) at 7:00 PM in the Libertyville Civic Center. You can check our website for details

on our monthly meetings or upcoming restoration projects.

We hope to see you at an upcoming activity. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or would like more information. If you are already an active member, please bring a friend who shares your interests.

Tight lines,  
Glenn Davis  
New Member Committee  
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## GBTU Trip To The Sand Country

Ah good members of GBTU, our fearless leader (6x or 7x) has been beating me up to plan another trip so ....

GBTU will be making a foray to the **Sand Country of Wisconsin** on June 27, 28 and 29. Details are not set in concrete as the place to stay or where we will have our dinner, however it probably will be in the large metropolis of Wautoma. This will allow us to fish the Pine, The White, The Tomorrow, The Mecan, Flume, Little Wolf, Wedde, Chaffee... there's so much water there. Folks, our demented leader will ask the fearless members to fish at night on the Hex hatch. If you haven't had the experience, it's fantastic!

The distance to the fishing is about the same as going to Fennimore.

I am planning an exploratory trip soon if anybody wants to go, the only thing, it might be in the middle of the week, however, I'm flexible.

Details should be out by the end of the first week in June. – Jim Eubanks

## The Lighter Side with Weeb

(Well, maybe the heavier side this month!)

### **Dueling BBQ**

After several insults and bets the Texas connection (Matt Jennings) and the Memphis BBQ King (Jim Eubanks) will settle our bets July 20, 2008. **The winner of this contest is you, members and family of GBTU.**

You and your family are invited to a BBQ at the Eubanks Place (that's near the North Pole) for most of you. The address is 39571 N. Channel View, Antioch, IL.

Any side dish you wish to bring and your favorite beverage. GBTU will provide cokes, Pork ribs (Yum), Pulled pork and Brisket from Texas.

Bring your fishing stuff, I live on the chain of lakes and there might be a bluegill or bass lurking.

All we ask, for you to call Jim Eubanks 847-838-5894 to confirm your attendance and the number in your party so we will know what size pig to steal.

### **GBTU Hats are in!**

We have our club's new caps. Darwin will bring some to the June dinner for sale. The prices are \$20 for the regular bill cap and \$22 for the long bill cap. If you purchase one of each at the same time, the cost will be \$40. The members who have seen the caps are raving about them.....

*Thanks for all of our chapter VP, Darwin's hard work in getting these put together!*

## GBTU April Trip to Fennimore, WI

This past April Jim Eubanks (GBTU Outing VP) ran a weekend trip to Fennimore, WI. There were 18 of us from the club that attended the fun weekend. Some people went up early Friday afternoon to do some fishing before the others came up.

Friday evening after dinner, Matt Jennings, Mark Mellicker, Randy Cochran, and Jim's son-in-law tied some flies for the next day's fishing, while others sat around partaking in some beverages. Saturday morning, while having breakfast, we made plans where we were going to fish. We picked up our box lunch and headed out. Saturday had some wet drizzle moments. Few members were able to trick some trout into taking the fly. Again, after a fine dinner, the fly tiers were out tying their flies for the next day's fishing.

Sunday was a cool nice day. Some of us left for home in the morning while others stayed until the afternoon. Fishing was good for the ones that stayed for the day.

Over the weekend some of us managed to fish areas where local TU clubs restored some of the streams. These areas were found to be productive. This shows TU projects are working.

We are all looking forward to next year's spring trip Jim. Thanks again for another fun trip.

Darwin  
Vice President

## Trip Photos



Tony P. with a great looking Brown



Mike R. - The King of Wisconsin

## June 14<sup>th</sup> Workday

GBTU'ers, we have a workday coming up on June 14th. We will be working alongside our friends from SEWTU, and other chapters concerned with driftless area projects, on Elk Creek. Last summer the creek sustained damage from the late summer floods and our focus this year will be on rebuilding stone structures blown out by the flood and repositioning across stream logs. We will be working in the water, so bring your waders and also heavy iron pry bars and shovels. If anyone has a block and tackle or a come along we could that would be very much appreciated. Work will begin at 9 AM and continue until noon. The tradition Wisconsin bratwurst lunch will be provided by SEWTU.

To get to the work site - if you're coming up Route 14, continue about 14 miles west past Richland Center, then turn Right (north) on County Hwy U until you come to Elk Creek Road, then turn Right. We'll be a couple of miles down the road on the right side.

This is a great opportunity to make a real contribution to conservation while helping to improve and maintain a great trout stream. We look forward to seeing you there.

--Jim Bailey

***Editor's note:*** If you've been wondering how hard Jim Bailey, our conservation chair and the rest of the crew have been working, check out this list of recent work days completed by our chapter with SEWTU:

### Date Location

5/19/07 Camp Creek

6/23/07 Elk Creek

7/21/07 Nichols Creek

8/18/07 Paradise Springs

9/15/07 Allentown Creek

10/20/07 Genesee Creek

12/08/07 Paradise Springs

1/26/08 Genesee Creek

2/23/08 Scuppernong Spring

4/19/08 Milwaukee River Cleanup

5/10/08 Chicago River Cleanup

## From The editor

There is so much going on in our chapter as a group and with all of us as individuals it is sometimes hard to know where to begin!

I spent a wonderful 4 days camping with my son Jake at the *West Fork Sportsman's Club* in Avalanche over the past weekend. I have to tell you that I was a bit apprehensive teaching a 5 year old how to flyfish. At that age kids need action, action, and more action and we all know about what the odds are of a 5 year old catching a trout on a spring creek having never touched a fly rod! Upon our arrival, I gave Jake a 3 minute explanation about rigging the rod and casting the fly and wouldn't you know it, he hooked and landed a Brookie within 5 casts! Check out the picture in our photo section.

Speaking of kids, a main focus of our chapter going forward will be the education of youth regarding conservation as well as fishing. Our officers are finalizing plans for a formal alliance with the *Boy Scouts of America in Lake County*. Look for more information in future editions of this publication. Also, thanks to Joan Butzow's networking we are working on a *Trout In The Classroom* Program at Lake Forest High school.

A separate attachment to this newsletter is a letter from the Illinois Council regarding the *Trout Unlimited Youth Camp*. This is a worthy cause. Please give it consideration!

The Tippet would like to thank *Jim Tingey* for a donation of some his artwork to our raffle at this month's dinner. Jim is the artist behind *Catch and Release Artwork*. I had the chance to get a sneak preview of Jim's soon to be launched website. His art and website look fantastic. The Tippet will put out word to you when Jim's site goes live. In the meantime, come on out to dinner and meet him in person!

As always, your editor is looking for member's photos, stories, chapter activity reports, and fly tying recipes to include in The Tippet. Send all information, comments and suggestions to:

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## 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

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

### **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

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 merchandise 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.

**“The most indispensable item in any fisherman’s equipment is his hat. This ancient relic, with its battered crown and well-frayed band, preserves not only the memory of every trout he caught, but also the smell.”**

**Corey Ford  
Tomorrow’s The Day (1952)**

## **Save The Dates:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> – GBTU Dinner Meeting at Bella Via

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Work Day on Elk Creek

July 10<sup>th</sup> – GBTU monthly Meeting

July 20<sup>th</sup> – BBQ Contest at Weeb's

July 20-25<sup>th</sup> TU Youth Camp

August 14<sup>th</sup> – GBTU Monthly Meeting

Hope our members can have good showings at these events; lot's to do 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

**“To me, bream on a fly rod are as pretty fishing as a man can want, but there are times when they aren't worth working for.”**

**John Graves  
Goodbye To A River (1960)**

## **News from TU National Coho Returned to Endangered Species List**

In response to a federal judge's ruling that scientific evidence did not support delisting the fish, the government returned Oregon's coastal Coho salmon to protection under the Endangered Species Act. More than two million Coho salmon once spawned in Oregon's coastal rivers. In 1997, runs bottomed out at about 14,000, a decline of more than 99 percent from historic levels.

Twenty-seven coastal Coho stocks are now protected by the ESA. » [Associated Press article](#)

### **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](#)

### **In the News-from [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)**

**Turning back the clock: Volunteers aid greenback cutthroat's recovery**

» [Estes Park Trail Gazette \(CO\)](#)

**Sportsmen say deck tilts in favor of development**

» [Casper Star-Tribune \(WY\)](#)

**Angling for scientific answers on the Gros Ventre**

» [Jackson Hole News and Guide \(WY\)](#)

**Snake River Water Management: An interview with Scott Yates**

» [Fly Fisherman magazine](#)

**Diverse group calls for sustainable wild salmon conservation practices**

» [CBS5.com KPIX TV \(CA\)](#)

## Chapter Photos



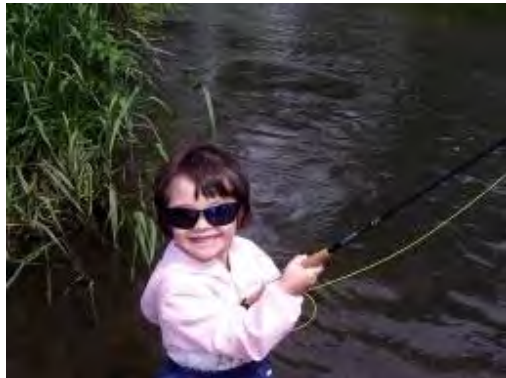
The Editor's son, Jake, 5 and his first fly caught Trout!



Getting to know the local wildlife! Note cool Power Ranger Glasses.



Jake working the water!



Jim Eubank's Granddaughter, Evie -age 4!



Happy boy!



Alex and his prize!



Alex in action!



Your Editor, filling space with a picture of himself with a dinker.



Ed Stein and 38lb. Golden Dorado



Piranha on the fly?

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