



The Tippet

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November Meeting:

Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM

(Note: screening will be held in room across the hall from usual meeting room at Libertyville Civic Center)

Featured Speaker

Wally Bock

Subject

FILM SCREENING: RED GOLD

A copper and gold mine is proposed at the headwaters of Talarik Creek and Koktuli River in Bristol Bay, Alaska. This system is the world's largest salmon fishery where tens of millions of trophy-size salmon return to spawn every year.

The film, *Red Gold*, describes the numerous stakeholders in the fishery, including Native Americans who rely on the salmon as a diet staple, Alaskan commercial fisherman who rely on it for their living, and the local economy that benefit from sport fisherman who have united against the proposed mine.

Red Gold is an award winning film that was first shown at [Telluride Mountainfilm](#) where it garnered the "Audience Award" and the "Festival Director Award."

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CHAPTER MEETING RAFFLES ARE BACK!

At this month's meeting we will be raffling off several items, including a **Wright & McGill Boron 5Xe 5-Piece 9' 8 Weight Fly Rod and a Wader/Boot Bag**. Just in time for Fall and Winter tributary fishing! ([See page 3 for more info](#)).

Tickets are 5 for \$5 or 25 for \$20.

RAVINES UPDATE

The ravines of Highland Park haunt my thoughts until I am compelled to haunt them. I have spent hours stalking up and down our two ravines like the angular shape of a giant heron. I was absolutely sure that stray fish would amble up our ravines looking for fresh gravel in their autumnal runs. We have seen Suckers move up them in great numbers on the waters of Spring storms. We had found unexplainable Steelhead smolt ascending them in June. So, it would figure that come Fall it should be a veritable smorgasbord of different fish sheltering and spawning in our ravines.

All we needed was some rain! These small tributaries of Lake Michigan do lack for water, but I thought surely some water would fall during the time for the runs. I was wrong. The flows in the ravines have become almost completely subterranean, with only small pools remaining. We will keep our eyes to the skies, and our hopes filled with fish as we conduct our monthly monitoring on Saturday, November 20th.

Be looking for workdays in the Spring, as the plans for restoring Millard Ravine are being finalized. Remember, we are a partner on the \$200,000 grant The Parks Department of Highland Park received on GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) monies and our commitment comes in the form of volunteer labor during the reclamation project.

In October a group of ten volunteers came out and supported the project through the building of a low water monitoring weir, entertaining the HP Lakefront Commission members, and doing our monthly chemical monitoring. Much was accomplished, and much more remains to be done.

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VOLUNTEER UPDATES

A return workday was held on Genesee Creek with nearly 20 volunteers mostly from SEWTU chapter with 5 volunteers from GBTU, OBTU and LWTU chapters. The eager volunteers split into three work crews; one to build a boardwalk in an area frequently flooded, one to cut and clear buckthorn and one to clear out two major blockages of the stream.

PARADISE SPRINGS CREEK PROJECT ACHIEVES IMPORTANT MILESTONE

Paradise Springs Creek, a natural spring fed stream, was a morass of slow moving warm water before restoration work began several years ago. Located in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest in Southeast Wisconsin, this stream leads into the Scuppernon River.

Paradise Springs Creek has a rich and interesting history but poor agricultural practices in the past contributed to it's falling on "bad times." As the stream banks eroded, the water flow slowed and warmed. Invasive aquatic and terrestrial plants took hold, including non-native species and braided the river, further exacerbating the decline of the stream. Over time, the stream became hard to see in some areas as it struggled to move through the riparian prairie. The native fish species disappeared.



Paradise Springs Creek was choked by stream vegetation, which led to slow water velocity and higher stream temperatures, which resulted in conditions that did not support sustainable trout populations.

The purpose of the Paradise Springs project is to perform habitat improvement techniques on the ditched portion of the stream and to boost native eastern brook trout through natural reproduction. Thanks to the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Trout Unlimited volunteers from Wisconsin and Illinois, much of the stream has been restored to its natural state.



The work of GBTU and other chapters has restored the creek's natural stream bed, increased water flow and depth, and provided cover for trout to support a sustainable population of trout.

This project is a fine example of the achievement of the Trout Unlimited mission to conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Paradise Springs Creek may soon take its rightful place as a class one trout stream to the delight of trout fishers in the Southeast Wisconsin and Northern Illinois areas.

The work began in earnest several years ago, led by the Southeast Wisconsin Trout Unlimited chapter and has continued most recently under the leadership of the Illinois-based Gary Borger chapter and support from SEWTU, OBTU and Lee Wulff Chapters of TU. The work included building and placing lunger structures, removal of non-native plants, removal of aquatic vegetation restricting stream flow such as elodea, reintroduction of native grasses and other work to restore the stream to a natural state.



An Embrace-a-Stream grant from Trout Unlimited has provided funding to continue and accelerate the project to restore Paradise Springs Creek.

The objectives outlined by GBTU in the grant proposal have guided the work on Paradise Springs Creek and are as follows:

1. Provide adult brook trout cover.
2. Restore spawning riffles.
3. Restore stream sinuosity.
4. Reduce width to depth ratio.
5. Increase depth to bend ratio.
6. Increase stream velocity.
7. Decrease sedimentation.
8. Restore pool riffle run sequence.
9. Control nuisance aquatic and terrestrial plant species.
10. Maintain riparian prairie purity by harvesting and planting seeds of native species.

GBTU is grateful to SEWTU and the Oakbrook TU chapters for helping with matching funds, and volunteer labor hours on the stream to move the project segment funded by the Embrace a Stream program to completion. We thank the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for directing the design of the restoration and helping us to implement the goals and objectives of the project.

There is more of the stream to be improved, however, and GBTU is accepting the challenge and looks forward to working with their partners at SEWTU, OBTU, and Lee Wulff chapters.

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Trout in the Classroom Update

GBTU has 2 schools participating for the 2010-2011 season. There is a lot of interest and anticipation around the start of the new Trout in the Classroom season and we look forward to another successful program year.

Hubbard Woods Elementary School and Maine East High School are readying their equipment and tanks. Maine South received their GBTU donated equipment

from Wilmette Pets last month. Both teachers, Mr. Todd Burleson of Hubbard Woods and Mr. Pat Voitik of Maine East report that their students are anxiously waiting on the delivery of the trout eggs which will take place in the next couple of weeks.



Todd Burleson shown above with the trout aquarium at its new location in the school library at Hubbard Woods Elementary School.

As mentioned last month, Hubbard Woods program is been expanded to the entire school of 350+ students where the tank is now located the school library. Maine East will have 20+high school seniors working on the fresh water ecology science program. These programs will now reach close to 400 students.

Anyone wishing to assist in the delivery of the eggs will be welcome. A message will be sent out once we receive confirmation of the delivery date and time (last year it was the week before Thanksgiving). Likely, the pickup point will be in Joliet and there will be a caravan depending on the number of volunteers.

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CHAPTER MEETING RAFFLE INFO



Wright & McGill Co. Boron 5Xe Fly Rod - 5-Piece
Fly fishermen and women seeking the ultimate in packable precision, power, elegance, and accuracy need look no further than the Wright & McGill Boron 5Xe Series rods. Five layers of graphite surround the 5Xe's hollow boron core for exceptional strength and feather-

like weight, enhanced by Fuji SiC titanium snake foot guides. Outside, a custom Portuguese cork cigar grip and polished rosewood reel seat add looks to match the performance within. To complete the package, Wright & McGill presents each Boron 5Xe wrapped in a felt storage sack and housed in a lacquered carbon composite case with machined aluminum end caps.



Outcast Wader Bag - The Outcast Wader Bag features wet and dry storage compartments, fold out matt for changing, and extra pockets. Dimensions: 19 x 10 x 13 Color: charcoal.

2011 Fly Fishing Shows

2011 (and late 2010) Fishing Show Calendar

11th Annual Fly Tying Expo - Great Lakes Council of FFF
December 4, 2010

Location: Holt High School, Holt, MI
Fly Tyers: Jeff Bear, Chris Helm, Dennis Potter, Oscar Felieu, and more than 80 others will be there demonstrating their tying skills. Vendors will have products available for purchase.
<http://www.ffglc.org/index.html>

Renzetti's Fly Fishing & Rod Building Fair

December 4, 2010
Location: Renzetti's plant in Titusville, FL
<http://www.renzetti.com/help.php?section=about>

Indiana on the Fly Show - Reel Women - Reel Men

January 8, 2011
Location: Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
Speakers: Joe Humphreys, Tim Holschlag (smallmouth bass fishing), April Vokey (guide from British Columbia). Seminars on trout, steelhead and bass fishing.
<http://reelwomen.webs.com/indianaflyfishingshow.htm>

Ice Breaker - Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

January 15, 2011
Location: Promega Center, Fitchburg, WI
Speakers: Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka authors of "Modern Midge", plus Mat Wagner the fly fishing guide and fly shop owner from Viroqua, WI.
<http://www.swtu.org>

Spring Opener - Badger Fly Fishers

February 12, 2011
Location: Radisson Hotel (West), Madison, WI
Speaker: Gary Borger. Vendors, tying demonstrations, raffles, etc.
<http://www.badgerflyfishers.org/>

Troutfest '11 - Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

February 26, 2011
Location: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, WI
Speakers: CWTU's TroutFest '11 includes 10 mini-seminars, raffles, fly tying demos, artisans, water monitoring and stream work day volunteers, youth fly tying instruction, guides, outfitters, etc.

<http://cwtu.org/events/index.html>

Madison Fishing Expo

February 25 - 27, 2011
Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
Speakers and Programs: TBA
<http://www.madfishexpo.com>

Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

February 25- 27, 2011
Location: Ramada Tropics Resort, Des Moines, IA
Speakers: Larry Dahlberg, Bill Sherer, Chris Helm, and Ron Cisar
<http://www.hawkeyeflyfishing.com>

South Eastern Wisconsin Fishing & Hunting Expo

March 4-6, 2011
Location: Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI
Speakers: TBA
<http://www.sewifishandhunt.com>

2011 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo (the granddaddy of fly fishing shows)

March 12 & 13, 2011
Location: Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, Warren, MI
Speakers: TBA, over 61,000 square feet of exhibition space, vendors, casting and tying demonstrations
<http://www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com>

Canoeopia - Rutabaga Paddlesport Shop

March 11- 13, 2011
Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
Speakers: TBA
<http://www.paddlers.com/canoeopia/page.asp?pgid=1001>

Cabin Fever Day - Fox Valley Trout Unlimited

March 19, 2011
Location: Waverly Beach, Menasha, WI
Speaker: TBA
<http://www.foxvalleytu.org>

Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo - Chicago & Minneapolis

Date: TBA
Location: TBA
Speakers: TBA
<http://www.greatwatersflyfishingexpo.com>

Sowbug Roundup - Mountain Home Arkansas

March 17 -19, 2011
Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center, Mountain Home, AR
Speakers: Guest Tyers include Diane Blair and Mary Janco plus 100 fly tyers from America and Europe, seminars, vendors, etc. Great fishing opportunities on the White and Norfolk Rivers.
<http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/SB%202008.html>

Bronzeback Blowout - Chicago

Location: American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL (suburban Chicago)
March 5, 2011
Speakers: TBA
<http://www.illinois-smallmouth-halliance.com>

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show 2010

March 9 - 13, 2010
Location: Wisconsin Expo Center, West Allis, WI
Programs: TBA
<http://www2.jsonline.com/sportsshow>

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