



The Tippet

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September Meeting:

Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 PM

Libertyville Civic Center
135 W Church St
Libertyville, IL 60048

Featured Speaker

"What I Did This Summer" Meeting

Come prepared to share your summer time fishing experiences with your friends at the fall kickoff meeting. It has been several months since we all got together at the Summer Barbecue and lots of exciting stories are waiting to be told. If you want to participate, please send an e-mail to Matt Jennings (address below) and bring a "thumb" drive if you have slides and/or pictures to show.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The September meeting of Gary Borger TU will feature elections of new officers for the 2010-2011 year, and give members a chance to share their summer fishing adventures with fellow members. If you have some pictures or video of an adventure from this summer put them on a thumb drive and bring them with you to share. Your current President (Matt Jennings) and your potential future President (Scott Foster) will have an exciting presentation of a trip taken to Montana/Idaho. Randy Cochran will share pictures from his Colorado trip. Let us know if you would like to share your story too.

We will hold elections for President, and for Vice-President, we currently are looking for someone to step-in to the office of Secretary for the Chapter. Two very committed, energetic, and talented individuals

have stepped forward to guide our chapter to new heights. Scott Foster has some great ideas for the future and is ready to get started as the new President. Gary Elliott is willing to bring his proven, concise, and strong leadership style that he displayed in organizing our Flapjacks for Fisheries event to the Vice-President's position. This can only bring good things to our active chapter and make us more successful. I ask you to support these candidates, and more importantly to be active within GBTU to make a better future for the cold water fisheries that we all appreciate. Please, come out and cast an "Aye" for a strong new path for GBTU. We will also discuss upcoming fall fishing trips, and chances to volunteer as the Chapter year really ramps up.

Take care, Matt Jennings
President GBTU

SALMON FISHING – WED, OCTOBER 6TH

Fellow GBTUers on October 6th we will be having our annual half day salmon fishing trip to the Milwaukee River. This is usually at the height of the Salmon runs and we will try and catch fish from sun-up through around 10:00 in the morning, so people can get back to work and be a little productive in the afternoon. So, plan on getting up really early for this one to catch a few nice big Kings or maybe a hard fighting Steelhead before heading back to work. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Sep. 9th meeting or you can write Matt Jennings an email mattsbug@comcast.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCOUTFEST

Barry Coddens and GBTU are looking for volunteers for the upcoming ScoutFEST 100. This is a celebration of 100 years of scouting in the United States. TU was asked to participate in the day's events and we are putting together a program which will include fly casting, fly tying, and information on TU's conservation efforts and Trout in the Classroom program.

The folks at Elliott Donnelly Chapter of TU have agreed to cover the TIC program and to get additional volunteers to participate in casting and tying. We will need approximately 20 people for the day. The event runs from 9-5 on Saturday September 18th. If you can participate, please contact Barry Coddens who is coordinating resources.
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JOINT TU WORKDAY A BIG SUCCESS

A joint TU workday with more than 70 TU members and friends was completed at Scuppernong Creek outside of Eagle, WI on Saturday, August 28. GBTU members joined with other TU members from SEWTU, OBTU and LWTU chapters, local scouts and incoming TU CEO, John Christianson and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Reporter, Paul Smith building more than 20 king-size lunger structures to stabilize stream banks, gathering native prairie seeds to re-establish native flora, clearing elodea from the stream and beaver dam busting to restore stream flow and return lower natural water temperatures. The workday was followed by another great Brat Fest lunch giving all a chance to catch up with friends.



BLAST FROM THE PAST: TIPPET SAYS

Tippet Says: **Take time to get out and fish this next month!** We live within easy driving distance of some of the best "BIG" salmonid fishing in the world. We may not have the scenery of Tierra Del Fuego, Alaska, or New Zealand, **but our fish are Bigger!** The standing World Record Brown Trout was caught on a Lake Michigan Tributary in Michigan last fall. Then just to make sure Wisconsin wasn't outdone Roger Hellen may have upped that mark right off the Racine shoreline recently. **That 41 pound 8 ounce fish could easily have run up the Root, Pike, or Milwaukee River this fall if not caught.** This is not to mention some of the most accessible Steelhead, King, and Coho fishing in the world. Remember if you miss it in the next month, you'll just be sitting at home staring at the snow thinking "I can't believe I didn't get out as much as I was going to, AGAIN THIS YEAR!".

Watch the weather and if it rains check the river levels at:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Remember, any spike will bring in the big fish! Go get'em!!!

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GBTU FALL OUTING

The next GTBU outing is just around the corner. It is scheduled for **Sept. 24, 25, & 26** in the S.W. Wisconsin Driftless Area. This is the last weekend for the 2010 inland trout season and there are over 200 miles of trout streams in the area. The trout are busy trying to put on weight in preparation for the upcoming winter season. This is a great time for trout fishing. If last year's trip is any indication for this year, good fishing will be had by all, e.g. at last year's season ending trip Randy Cochran caught an 18" brook trout in a small stream. The fish become really active as the water temps start to dip again.

This outing will be a camping trip at the West Fork Sportsman Park located in Avalanche, WI. The facility has complete camping grounds, showers, and restrooms. For those wishing to attend, but not camp, there are numerous motels and bed & breakfast in the area. Each member is responsible for their own for accommodations however, if anyone needs recommendations or questions, please contact Fung Chin fcarch@mac.com.

Itinerary

Friday- Sept. 24 th

Arrive during the afternoon and in the evening to the West Fork Sportsman Park in Avalanche, WI. Dinner

will be around the campfire with everyone preparing their own dinners on the grill.

Saturday – Sept 25 th

Everyone is on their own for fishing and should team up with more experienced members. Saturday evening dinner will be held in the Old Towne Inn Supper Club, 100 E Old Town Rd, Westby, WI at 7 PM for a prime rib dinner, informal gathering at the restaurant beginning around 6:00 PM.

Sunday- Sept 26 th

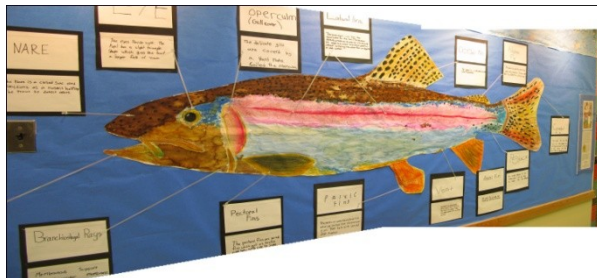
Breakfast: Meet at 8 AM-Borgen's Café, 109 S. Main St., Westby WI. Afterwards, depart for the final fishing for the day.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM 2010-2011

A new season is around the corner for Trout in the Classroom for the 2010- 2011 program. With the success of last year, Hubbard Woods Elementary School will again be hosting the program. Todd Burleson, the 4th grade teacher will expand this year's program to include the entire school body of more than 300 students.

Two additional schools, Horace Greeley Elementary School in Winnetka and Maine South High School in Niles have asked to participate in the program. Final details and funding will be worked out shortly.

The success of last year's program was made possible by the students, parents, volunteers with in excess of 4,000 hours spent on the program. Special recognition goes to Gary Borger chapter members – Joan Butzow and Jim Tingey for their dedication, leadership, and participation. Volunteers are still needed for this year's program- anyone that has any interest should contact Fung Chin fcarch@mac.com .



HIGHLAND PARK RAVINE PROJECT

On September 16th, at 7:00 PM at Heller Nature Center, a meeting will be held to kickoff "Year 2" of ravine monitoring. There have been several big wins behind the scenes for our ravines. There has also been much "behind the scenes" work done by Rebecca and Liz of HPPD staff to produce a complicated and necessary

document called a QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) for the \$200,000 grant for Millard ravine. This has been a process that the USEPA requires to make sure projects are on the right track. This process means that we now will have new parameters to test for. The great news for us is that these have led to more concise and less time consuming testing protocols. We will no longer be doing many of the "Habitat" measurements.

Any interested parties should attend the meeting and we will have a copy of the plans for Millard ravine and the QAPP. There will also be a "testing calendar" to sign-up volunteers for next year. In the next couple months we will also need to monitor our streams closely for fish running up them during times of increased flows in the fall. We have already identified several surprising species using our ravine streams during different times of the year. We have had a very successful ravine clean-up at Moraine, and need to schedule another in the next couple of months. We will be expected to organize much of the volunteer efforts that are incorporated into the Millard Plan to stretch our \$200,000 grant. So, Please put this on your calendars and come out to get your voice heard as to how you think we should proceed, and keep making a difference! For more information, please contact Matt Jennings mattsbug@comcast.net .

Thanks, to all for helping make this a successful project so far!!!!.....

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