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The Tippet

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April Meeting:

Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 P.M.

Libertyville Civic Center

135 W Church St
Libertyville, IL 60048

Featured Speaker

Nick Volk

Local Guide and Owner

On the Creek Fly Shop; Cross Plains, WI

Subject

Fishing the Driftless Area

Nick Volk is a local guide and owner of the fly shop-
On The Creek, which is located in Cross Plains, WI.

During his presentation, Nick will discuss the tactics,
and flies to use in the driftless area and may even
reveal a location or two.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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STREAM MONITORING IN HP UNDERWAY

Highland Park Ravine Stream monitoring has started,
and is off to a great start. This project is special in
many ways, not the least of which is that we have great
enthusiasm from the public, and some members and
non-members alike have stepped up to do some local
community water monitoring. Thanks, especially to the
handful of members that have come forward to do their
first work within their local chapter.

Jay Hawthorne and Darwin Adams met me on stream
along with Highland Park staff members to build a
water monitoring weir from local stone that turned out
quite nicely and will simplify measuring stream
volume. We also mounted a staff gauge, and deployed
a three bottle siphon sampler to measure sediment
transfer during storm events. All of this was done just

in time for an afternoon on-stream class in water
monitoring for the Green Schools Initiative group from
Highland Park High School. The students will be
working with us as partners on this project.

Last Saturday morning a large group met to do
sampling for the first time, and run through our
protocols. Sampling went well enough for a first run
through, and everybody had a good time. We will try
and do monitoring two times a month with cooperation
of our volunteers and partners. The Illinois Council of
TU has given the funding for two temperature probes
for each of the two streams, and was further generous
enough to provide the software and equipment
necessary to retrieve the data, and make it available to
Dr. Hinz of the Illinois Natural History Survey. We are
hoping all of this work will eventually make it possible
for the return of healthy ravines that are welcome
resting and spawning areas for Lake Michigan fish. We
will try and hold a workday in the summer to do a
stream clean-up and address some bank stabilization
issues. If you would like to help on this project please
contact Matt Jennings at mattsbug@comcast.net

APRIL GBTU OUTING IN WISCONSIN

The next GTBU outing is just around the corner. It is
scheduled for April 9, 10, & 11 for the S.W. Wisconsin
Driftless Area. All plans are now set and preliminary
information indicate fishing is excellent (e.g. hopefully
no snow this year). Randy Cochran landed both a 20"
and 24" a couple of weeks ago. GBTU folks will be
gathering at the Old Towne Inn both on Friday and
Saturday evening. Dinner on Saturday evening is
schedule for 7 PM with a social gathering around 6:30.

Please pay your fees to Fung prior to the trip or call
him on or before Friday, April 9th at 1 847 922 2457.

Additional trips are being planned for the early summer
with at least one short trip coinciding with a workday
service project June 26 in conjunction with Southeast
Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Chapter workday.
The new Trout Unlimited President, Chris Wood, is
likely to attend. This will be a great opportunity to

show GBTU collaborative efforts and have some good fishing as well.

GBTU WORKDAYS FOR 2010

Please set your calendar now and join GBTU, SEWTU, Fox Valley TU and other chapters at some or all of the following workdays:

April 17th - Milwaukee River Cleanup
May 8th - Fox Valley TU in central Wisconsin
June TBD - Elk Creek, Note: 26th likely date
July TBD - Paradise Springs
August - Open
September TBD - Aldo Leopold TU, Baer Creek
October TBD - Genesee Creek
November - No workdays in November
December TBD - Rosenow Creek in Waukesha County

FLAPJACKS FOR FISHERIES UPDATE

Planning for the April 24th Flapjacks for Fisheries (FFF) charity event is fully underway. We are looking for more volunteers to help out with various aspects of planning and preparing for the event. If you are interested, please contact the appropriate committee lead (listed below).

- Food – Mark Wortsman mwortsman@aol.com
- Logistics – Jim Tingey tingeyj@comcast.net
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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM ON TRACK

What a difference a month makes. The coordinated efforts of both schools seems to be going well. The fish that were donated by Jim Tingey's class are significantly larger than last year's efforts, maybe 4 inches in size. A combination of the good water conditions, correct food, and diligent attention by students, teachers, and Volunteers have made a contribution to the success of TIC.

These last few weeks until the release are critical as the water changes including the addition of Lake Michigan water will need to occur almost every other day and maybe even daily nearing the release. Our goal to release the fish on Earth Day, April 22 is still on

track. Everyone who would like to attend is invited. The release will occur around 11:45 AM at the Sheridan Shore Yacht Club/Wilmette Harbor. Bring a sack lunch and join in on the festivities.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Wow! Things are sure hopping around GBTU this year. First I hear that we are the recipients of an Embrace A Stream Grant for our work on Paradise Springs Creek while on our annual "Arkansas" Trip. When we all return home activity really picks up for all of us on the Highland Park Ravines Restore team, and then it turns out we get press coverage both in the March/April Parks Department of Highland Park publication "Naturalists Notebook"

http://sz0067.ev.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~NAN_MARAPR_2010.pdf?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=207580&part=2

and in the April 10th Highland Park News from the Pioneer Press.

http://www.pioneerlocal.com/highlandpark/news/2131636_highland-park-streamfish-040110-s1_article

I am heartened to hear that GBTU will once again be turning out 18 people for our Annual Spring Wisconsin Trip. Thanks to Fung Chin for planning such a great trip that it sold out! I asked Jim Bailey our Conservation Director if he can put together a calendar of work days so we can get dates for the year out to the chapter and he comes back with a monster of a year that has at least one workday in each month. Way to go Jim! This is sure going to be a great year! I can't wait to see just how much good work GBTUers can get done this year.

None of this will happen without your help, especially if we don't have a good Flapjacks for Fisheries Fund-raiser. The raffle prizes are big and bountiful this year, the pancakes will be hot and all you can eat, there will be plenty of interesting fly fishing related stuff to see and discuss. Please, buy a \$10 ticket and come help us accomplish our goals for this year. Children are always encouraged to attend and tickets for them are \$7, we will have educational activities for them. So, we hope to see you all there!

Take care, Matt Jennings
President GBTU

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