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JANUARY MEETING: CHAPTER PARTY AT PINSTRIPES BOWLING

On **Thursday evening, Jan. 13th**, 2011, GBTU is having a holiday gathering at Pinstripes in Northbrook in lieu of the normal chapter meeting. All members, significant others, and friends are invited to unwind after the holidays.

The evening will consist of fun and food with bocce bowling from **6-8 PM**. Included in \$27/ person ticket will be food, bowling, and a raffle ticket for a GBTU door prize. Everyone is responsible for his or her own drinks. **After 8PM**, others may want to continue and try their hand at regular bowling- everyone will be on their own for that activity. _

Please contact Fung via e-mail, fcarch@mac.com, for more information.

Pinstripes is located at 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook, IL (847) 480-2323

DECEMBER SPEAKER

Many thanks to Joseph Meyer for his outstanding presentation on fly tying at the December GBTU meeting. His presentation was one of the chapter highlights of 2010! GBTU wants to express both their appreciation to Joseph for his presentation and looks forward to seeing him at upcoming meetings and events.

GBTU HAS A NEW ADDRESS

All correspondence, etc. can now be sent to:
Gary Borger TU
PO BOX 414
Winnetka, IL 60093-0414

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I'm very pleased that Jeff Conrad has volunteered to take on the new Communications Director position. Jeff has been a very active member of the chapter over the past year, participating in work days, outings, chapter meetings, etc., and we can all look forward to getting to know him better as he now takes his contribution to the next level. Jeff can be reached at treetopflyr3@hotmail.com.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR GBTU MEMBERS

In anticipation of the March release of their new book, *Improved Trout Waters of Minnesota and Iowa*, Todd Hanson and Dave Vetrano are offering GBTU members a 5% discount on both their new book and/or their very popular earlier book, *Improved Trout Waters of Wisconsin*. In addition, they will be donating 5% of GBTU member purchases directly to Gary Borger TU. As Todd states, "5% for you, 5% for TU!" If you haven't seen or used the WI book, just talk to some of your fellow members that have, and let them convince you! The MN & IA book promises just as good a following. When ordering, please **be sure to mention Gary Borger TU**. <http://www.garyborgertu.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/GaryBorgerOffer.pdf>



2011 CALENDAR FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY

2011 Events - Jan/Feb	Date
Chapter Holiday Party	Thursday, January 13
Ice Breaker - Southern Wisconsin TU (Fitchburg, WI)	Saturday, January 15
Beginner Fly Tying Class - 6:30 pm - Housing Headquarters, 175 East Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061	Thursday, January 20
Workday - Allenton Creek	Saturday, January 22
America's Outdoor Show - Stephen's Convention Ctr. Rosemont	Wednesday - Sunday, January 26 -30
Chapter Meeting (John Galligan - Book Discussion)	Thursday, February 10
Fly Tying Night - 6:30 - Location TBD	Tuesday, February 15
Annual Arkansas Trip to the North Fork River	Friday - Sunday, February 18-20
Paradise Springs Workday	Saturday, February 19

RAVINES UPDATE

It's only been a little over a year since Gary Borger TU (GBTU) members, Parks Department of Highland Park (PDHP) staff, and concerned community members formed an intrepid band to monitor water conditions in HP ravines with the hope of restoring lost fish habitat. This monitoring was further supported by the Illinois Council of TU and members of Oak Brook TU.

This is a pilot project to spread the word that these ravine streams are lost fish habitat and deserve to be restored. The cumulative loss of this habitat the whole length of the Lake Michigan shoreline in Illinois is staggering. The blockage and destruction of this habitat as a matter of municipal policy needed to be addressed, even if originally done for good reasons. It is GBTU's belief and wish that new and innovative measures and practices can be developed, to work for all parties using the ravines, including the fish of Illinois.

Beginning this month machinery will move into Millard Ravine to create fish habitat once again. This work will be armed with \$200,000 in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funds, secured by the PDHP with GBTU as a major partner. V3 Companies, an environmentally focused construction contractor, will cut down steel pilings and notch concrete at the mouth of the ravine for fish

passage. V3 operators will Create deeper pools, build in overhead cover, restore gravel beds, create weirs, and stabilize banks. This work is meant to knock down barriers between the communities of people living beside the world's largest freshwater cold-water depositories and the fish that live in them. All work will be overseen and was designed by Shabica and Associates, an internationally known coastal consulting firm, and experts in shoreline and ravine restoration. Work should be completed in time for spring runs of fish to use the new habitat.

Come out June 18th for TU National Stream Clean-up Day, and help GBTU and other members of the community as we do some final touches to the restored habitat. We will also be cleaning up other ravines in the area. Millard ravine is at the end of Ravine Drive in Highland Park, come see the new habitat!

GBTU ON GOOGLE GROUPS

The Borger chapter has been operating a message board for some time now and we want you to be a part of it. Much of the group's informal communication happens here including impromptu outings, discussions about work days, and random musings from our membership. if you would like to get all of the insider info, visit: <http://groups.google.com/group/garyborgertu>. From there you will need to create a Google Account. After you have your account, signing up is as easy as clicking the "join this group" link. If you have questions or problems joining the group, please contact the group administrator, Michael Rasmussen, at razmaspaz@gmail.com.

ARKANSAS TRIP

The intrepid members of GBTU will once again travel to Arkansas on February, 17 – 21. This year's location will be at the Rainbow Drive Resort on the banks of the White River about 12 miles south of the Bull Shoals Dam, located at 669 Rainbow Landing Drive, Cotter, AR 72626, (870) 430-5217. Check-in times are 2 PM and check out is 11 AM.

<http://www.rainbowdriveresort.com/largelodge.asp> 16 attendees have already signed up with 8 members from GBTU and FFF Central Texas, respectively. There is still room for 1 or 2 additional attendees. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fung Chin at fcarch@mac.com mobile- 847 922 2457.

Agenda

Saturday night- after dinner, a tying flying jam will occur for anyone who is interested. Please bring your fly tying materials to demonstrate and/or learn new patterns. We are asking all participants to bring a fly tying exchange item – doesn't need to be expensive but useful for fly tying- keep it under \$15.

Additionally, there will be silent auction and raffle items for fundraising for the various T.U. service projects. Anyone that has items to contribute, please bring them to the outing.

Meals

The trip is inclusive of dinner for Thurs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Continental breakfasts will be provided however you can cook your own if desired. Lunches will be cold cuts and snacks that will be fix it yourself. Many snacks will be included in cost along with sodas and coffee. All alcoholic drinks are your own responsibility, as is your behavior. There is a large stocked kitchen on premises.

Cost

The cost to G.B.T.U. /FFF members is \$135 for the entire trip. A flat fee for the entire 4 days was negotiated- so come for just for the weekend or entire time. Either way, this cost is less than the 2010 trip.

Guides

By now, arrangements for guides should have already been booked. Guides are up to individuals but may we suggest arranging through Mountain River Fly Shop, Steve Dally is good <http://mtnriverflyshop.com/Steves%20Guide%20Page.htm>, or Bob at Blue Ribbon Flies www.blueribbonflyfish.com/guidedTrips.php or Jeremy Hunt.

Boats

You will likely need boats and motors when power generation is occurring. These can be rented at the Rainbow Drive Resort. When power generation is off, wading can be an alternative. As in all cases, these waters can be unpredictable and please, use caution and good judgment. Buddy up with another person. We want this to be an enjoyable experience for all attendees. See you in Arkansas.

Fung Chin

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GBTU SCOUT PROGRAMS FOR 2011

UPDATE

GBTU will conduct three BSA Merit

Badge classes on May 7, 2011, June 4, 2011, and September 10, 2011. The meetings will be held at the Nippersink Forest Preserve in Round Lake, IL. A planning meeting will be conducted in early February.

The Scout instruction will include fly casting, fly tying, knots, and conservation. Additional volunteers are needed to help conduct the classes. Anyone interested in volunteering for the BSA Merit Badge program or who would like information on the program please contact Darwin Adams darwinla@comcast.net.

NOTED AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT FEB MEETING

Author John Galligan will be our guest at the February 10th Meeting. John will be talking about his new book "The Wind Knot". John's new book will not be released to the public at that time, but he is offering copies to our members as a special preview:

"After five years of self-imposed exile on the rivers of America, trout bum Ned "Dog" Oglivie has burned his waders and hat, given away his rod, and turned his Cruise Master RV away from the famous Hemingway water in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, bound for reconciliation with his past. But some men never make it home."

Softcover copies \$10(usually \$15), Hardcover copies \$20(usually \$25). John's other books will be available. Come out and get your book signed, ask questions about Ned "Dog" Oglivie, or just pick-up a good read to finish the winter off...

JOIN GBTU MEMBERS AT UPCOMING ICEBREAKER OR OPENER

Getting tired of winter? Join GBTU on a trip to IceBreaker 2011 or Badger Fly Fishing Opener! Southern Wisconsin TU will be hosting their 28th annual IceBreaker event on Saturday, January 15. This year's big event is going small! The keynote speakers are midge experts Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka, co-authors of Modern Midges. Rick and Jerry will have two presentations, along with Matt Wagner of the Driftless Angler who'll share a few effective spring creek techniques. Badger Fly Fishers are throwing their annual 2011 Fly Fishing Opener, February 12th. Speakers will include Gary Borger, our chapter's namesake and additional speakers, including Bill Sherer who will be talking about

fly fishing for Muskie. For more information please contact Barry Coddens bac248@northwestern.edu or Matt Jennings mattsbug@comcast.net.

GBTU FLY TYING NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Want to learn fly tying? Want to build your skills? Maybe you just want to fill your flybox? GBTU will have 5 Fly Tying Nights in 2011. January 20th will be Beginner Fly Tying Night.

We will cover 3 classic flies and skilled volunteers will help you through making some nice flies. We will cover the Woolly Worm, Parachute Adams, Pheasant Tail! GBTU will have tools and vices to borrow, if you just want to give it a try. GBTU will provide the materials for the 3 flies. This should be fun time, and a good way to try Fly Tying. We will meet in the board room of Housing Headquarters, 175 East Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Matt Jennings mattsbug@comcast.net if you plan to attend or if you have questions. Those that wish to can pitch-in for pizza. Please bring your own drinks.

Additional Fly Tying Nights will be held on Feb 15, March 17, April 21, and May 19th. So reserve time on your calendars now.

FLAPJACKS FOR FISHERIES

3rd Annual Flapjacks For Fisheries Fundraiser

GBTU's third annual Flapjacks for Fisheries fundraiser is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Sheridan Shores Yacht Club in Wilmette, IL. Be sure to mark your calendars now! This year's event is sure to be even better than last year's. We're working hard to increase the exhibit offerings that will be available and the raffle items will surely test your budgetary will power. As for the flapjacks, we're sorry, it's just not possible to make them any better than those provided at our past fundraisers! Proceeds of the fundraiser go towards GBTU's efforts in stream conservation and education.

This event is not possible without the concerted effort of many dedicated GBTU volunteers. This year's committee leads are as follows:

Overall coordinator - Gary Elliott

Logistics - Jim Tingey

Publicity - Glenn Davis

e-Marketing - Randy Cochran

Food - Mark Wortsman

Finance/Tickets - Mark Mellicker

Program - Kyle Kamp

Raffles - Scott Foster

Exhibitors - Frank Leigner

Venue Aesthetics & Signage - Randy Cochran

Post-event Follow-up

These folks will need help as the event nears. If you are interested in helping with one of these committees please be sure to contact the committee lead. Regardless, we hope to see you at the fundraiser on April 30th!

Gary Elliott

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

Trout in the Classroom January Update

Fung Chin, Trout in the Classroom Coordinator

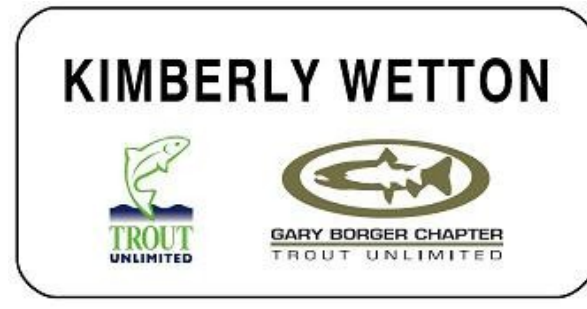
A new year and what a difference a month makes. The fish are growing quickly and have weathered the holidays successfully, thanks to a dedicated group of GBTU volunteers including Frank Leigner, Scott and Thomas Foster, Jim Tingey, Fung Chin and Mike Jacobs from EDTU as well as volunteers from Hubbard Woods School. The reports from Maine East indicate that the fish are in excellent condition and growing quickly as well.

Hubbard Woods School has installed a webcam on the fish tank. The video camera captures the fish activities which can be viewed at any time. The live feed is found in the following address- www.winnetka36.org/HubbardWoods/ResourceCenter. Apple QuickTime software is required to view the video feed.

Maine East will release their trout at the GBTU Flapjacks fundraiser on April 30. This will be an opportunity for everyone to learn about the Trout in the Classroom program, students' efforts, and participate in the release. Hubbard Woods School will be releasing their fish near Earth Day.

GBTU NAME TAGS NOW AVAILABLE!!

We have just set up a program through which members can order the new GBTU Name Tags! These high-quality tags feature a magnetic attachment system that displays the member name as well as the TU and GBTU logos. The price is \$11 each. For an additional \$3 we can have them sent directly to the address of your choice. Get on the list now by contacting Scott Foster at greystone13@comcast.net with the spelling of your name and whether or not you would like them sent to your address (add \$3 shipping fee) or whether you will pick them up at a future meeting. Payment can be made out to Gary Borger TU and sent to our new address: PO BOX 414, Winnetka, IL 60093.



CONSERVATION WORKDAY ON 1/22

GBTU will join SEWTU to support a workday on Allentown Creek, approximately 20 miles north and west of Milwaukee on Saturday, January 22. We'll meet at the park-and-ride (Hwy. 41 and Hwy. K) at 9:00 am. Then carpool over to the work site on Wildlife Rd. We will be brushing and removing vegetation from the creek. Loppers, bow saws, etc. would be good to have. We'd like to have some people there with neoprene waders to get in the creek and pull out some of the brush that is obstructing the flow. SEWTU is looking for a few FISTA trained volunteers to run chainsaws as well. The DNR crew said they would provide the chainsaws but feel free to bring your own if you'd like (please note that anyone using a chainsaw must be FISTA trained). If you plan to attend, please advise Jim Bailey jlbailey2@hotmail.com.

Link to map for the park-and-ride and the work site.
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&ll=43.38222,-88.308105&spn=0.058014,0.154324&t=h&z=13&msid=212364636628026641418.0004995d15db704b84310>

GBTU HATS – A FASHIONABLE WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER

We still have Gary Borger Chapter hats left. Why not buy and wear one on the water to advertise the Gary Borger Chapter of Illinois. So purchase a hat at \$20.00 for a regular bill, \$22.00 for long-bill, or two hats for \$40.00: one regular bill and one long-bill. You can purchase them at the monthly meeting. Support our chapter

Darwin Adams

FUNG RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD

GBTU member, Fung Chin, was recently awarded with the H.F. Johnson Community Service award from the Johnson Foundation. Fung was one of 4 recipients which included awardees from Europe, Africa, and Mexico. An award of \$500 will be donated to GBTU.



GBTU member Fung Chin with Curt Johnson, Chairman of the Board, Diversey Inc.

The H.F. Johnson Community Service Award is named for Herbert Fisk Johnson, Jr., the company's third generation family leader. The award recognizes S.C. Johnson and Diversey Inc. employees and retirees who have made valuable contributions to society through their involvement in community service. It is defined as time and effort provided by an employee or retiree without pay or company sponsorship in which their volunteer service benefits the local community or society in general.

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