



The Tippet

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February Meeting:
Thursday, February 10, 2011
7:00 PM
Libertyville Civic Center

Featured Speaker
Dustan Harley

Subject
Fishing the St. Joe River

It has been said for the fly-fisherman, the St. Joe River is an enigma wrapped in a mystery. This program will unwrap the mystery of what is quite possibly the best steelhead fishery in the United States. This presentation covers the vast angling opportunities that the river and its tributaries offer throughout the year. Included are techniques for steelhead, salmon, smallmouth bass, rod/reel selection, fly selection, terminal rigging, and reading the water.

About the speaker: Dustan Harley was born less than a mile from the Saint Joseph River and can't remember a time when he wasn't on the river fishing. He grew up fishing on the rivers of Indiana and Michigan and is lucky enough today to spend most days on those same rivers. He founded Ripple Guide Service in 1999 to give fishermen an unforgettable experience. He guides the rivers of Indiana and Michigan for steelhead, salmon, trout, smallmouth bass, pike, and just about anything else that swims. Dustan has also spoken to fly fishing clubs from Tennessee to California. When not on the river, he can be found fishing with his children or designing new flies for the fish he loves to fool. www.rippleguides.com

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GBTU WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

GBTU welcomes several new members to our chapter. We hope to see you at our meeting this Thursday or another upcoming event!

- Bruce Sents - Glenview, IL
- Thomas Gajewicz - Libertyville, IL
- Thomas Govekar - Zion, IL
- Joseph Szabelski - Lake Zurich, IL
- Jeff Runge - Prospect Heights, IL
- Aaron Rudy - Island Lake, IL
- Jack Bartels - Highland Park,
- Mikael Johnson - Spring Grove
- Steve Aull - Libertyville

PARADISE SPRINGS WORKDAY – FEB 19

This winter's been a difficult one for us, but we have a chance to continue working on our chapter's most important conservation project so far.

We will be partnering with SEWTU along with OBTU and LWTU for a workday scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19th at Paradise Spring Creek in the South Kettle Moraine watershed in Waukesha County, WI just west of the town of Eagle. We will be channelizing the stream by setting in biologs and shoring up the banks, putting in gravel for spawning bed and pulling elodea.

Work will begin at 9AM and continue until noon. Bring shovels, rakes, loppers, work gloves, eye protection and neoprene waders if you plan to work in the stream. Dress appropriately for cold weather outside work - hats, warm boots, gloves or mittens, etc. There will be a hot lunch provided for all volunteers free of charge.

Directions from north suburbs: Take 94 to 50, then west on 50 to Rt. 12, just east of Lake Geneva; then north on 12 to the Rt. 67 turnoff, then north on 67 to the town of Eagle. Take a sharp left in Eagle onto Highway 59, take 59 west to county road N, then north

on N to Paradise Spring, which is well marked with a brown WDNR sign.



GBTU AT GREAT OUTDOOR EXPO—MARCH 5

The Gary Borger Chapter will be sponsoring a booth at the Great Outdoor Expo scheduled for March 5th and 6th at North Woodstock High School in Woodstock, IL. The two day event features numerous speakers and is concentrated heavily on fly fishing. For more info on the expo go to: www.greatoutdoorsexpo.net. Volunteers are needed. The emphasis will be on fly tying (always a favorite of the kids attending), our conservation work and education (both Trout in the Classroom and the Merit Badge Program). For more information please contact Barry Coddens at bac248@northwestern.edu

COLDWATER CONSERVATION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE



With NASA recently declaring 2010 the hottest year since temperature records began in 1880, many questions have been posed about climate change: Is this really that big of a deal? How do we know this isn't a natural event? How will it affect cold water resources? Join us on February 8 at 8pm EST for a discussion of what TU knows about the state of climate change, what it means for trout and salmon, and what our members, volunteers, and chapters across the country can do about it. To register, contact Rob Keith. rkeith@tu.org

RAVINES PROJECT UPDATE AT FEBRUARY GBTU MEETING

Want to know more about the details of our Ravines Project? Rebecca Grill, Natural Areas Manager, from Park District of Highland Park will be answering questions

about our ongoing cooperative efforts to monitor and restore fish habitat in Illinois ravines. Rebecca will provide blue-prints and give background on the habitat restoration phase of the Millard Ravine project. Stop by her display before the meeting and ask questions about this important work in Illinois. Besides the display there will be an informative presentation during the meeting. So, come to the meeting to learn more details about this important fisheries restoration work that GBTU and PDHP are leading the way in.



GBTU FLY TYING NIGHTS ARE ROLLING!



February 15th is GBTU Fly Tying Night. Beginner Fly Tying Night was a blast, but now we're rolling. This month we will do two flies. For Arkansas we will tie a Beadhead Zebra Midge, and for the daring few La Fontaine's Emergent Sparkle Pupa. We will meet in the board room of Housing Headquarters, 175 East Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 at 6:30 PM. Let Matt Jennings know if you will attend. If you have questions, please contact Matt – mattsbug@comcast.net. Those that want to can pitch-in for pizza, and please bring your own drinks.

Future scheduled Fly Tying Nights will be held on March 17, April 21, and May 19th. All Fly Tying Nights this year will be held at Housing Headquarters (see above). So hold the time now on your calendar.

ILLINOIS SMALLMOUTH FLY TYING EVENT – GBTU MEMBERS INVITED

The members of the Illinois Smallmouth Alliance www.illinois-smallmouthalliance.com have invited the members of GBTU to join them for a Bassbugger Tying Event at Chicago Flyfishing Outfitters on the afternoon of Saturday, March 19th. Details are still being worked out, but you can expect to watch interactive demo's of at least three bass patterns, enjoy a presentation by a local guide, make some new friends, and get to know Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters, one of the region's premier fly shops www.chicagoflyfishingoutfitters.com. We'll publish more info as it becomes available. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



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 Wortsmann
- Finance/Tickets – Mark Mellicker

- Program – Kyle Kamp
- Raffles – Scott Foster
- Exhibitors – Frank Leigner
- Venue Aesthetics & Signage – Randy Cochran

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!

ANNUAL GBTU 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

<http://www.rainbowdriveresort.com/largelodge.asp>

Check-in times are 2 PM and check out is 11AM. 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 fearch@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!



ORDER YOUR OWN GBTU NAME TAG We have just set up a program through which members can order the new GBTU Name Tags! These high-quality tags use a magnetic attachment system and display 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.

To order, please send your check to Gary Borger TU and at our new address: PO BOX 414, Winnetka, IL 60093.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM FEB-UPDATE **FUNG CHIN, TIC COORDINATOR**

Despite the record snow and cold, the fish keep growing and are thriving. The largest fish now are averaging 2" in length and feeding aggressively. Mr. Burleson has challenged the Hubbard Wood students to organize and develop the release program scheduled for Thursday April 21. Anyone interested in attending the release should plan to be at the Tower Road Beach in Winnetka at 7 AM.

Maine East is reporting their fish are doing well and growing. Their release will be featured at the GBTU Flapjacks fundraiser in May.

On a side note, I was in London last week and was able to view the fish from my hotel room. A great way to relax and keep in touch during a business trip. If you haven't seen the fish cam yet, click on the link-

<http://www.winnetka36.org/HubbardWoods/ResourceCenter>

Article from Chicago Tribune Local

Hubbard Woods School Children to Release Trout Fingerlings Into Lake Michigan

Thursday, April 21, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Tower Road Beach, Tower and Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL Tel: 847-446-0920

Come out and watch Hubbard Woods School students release fingerlings into Lake Michigan.

When: April 21st at 7 AM. Where: Tower Road Beach, Winnetka, IL Why: The trout study has been an ongoing multidisciplinary unit approach to ecology and conservation. The students worked with organizations and experts, such as Trout Unlimited, Shedd Aquarium, The Wilmette Pet Store; Hubbard Woods alum, and expert fishermen to learn from, and care for, their trout eggs.

Contact Todd Burleson, the Resource Center Director, for more details.

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February Calendar

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