



# The Tippet

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## March Meeting:

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM

## Featured Speakers

Rob Thompson

ThirdYear Flyfisher.com

and

Mark Mellicker

## Subjects

### All you need to know about knots-Mark Mellicker

Discussion and demonstration on knot tying for fly fishing. We will cover the most common knots such as: the Nail Knot, Surgeon's Loop, Perfection Loop, Surgeon's Knot, Improved Clinch Knot and more! Find out which knots are best for certain situations and how to avoid/limit knot failure. Learn how to build your own tapered leaders and what leader materials to use. We will have material for everyone to try their hand at tying each knot. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Night of the Hex and Musky Country – Zero2Hero – Rob Thompson

If you've fished with him you know Robert Thompson as RT. If you don't know him, you'll be glad to meet him at our next meeting, where he'll give a video presentation featuring two of his outstanding videos: Night of the Hex, and Musky Country - Zero2Hero (Z2H).

## GBTU SPRING OUTING–WI DRIFTLESS AREA

Fung Chin

The annual GBTU spring outing to the Driftless area is scheduled for April 15-17 in Westby. After a long winter and cool spring, the fish should be feeding well. Reservations have been made at the Old Towne Motel, Westby and including 6 double rooms and 1 single room. The outing includes dinner at the Old Towne Inn on Saturday night.

Any members wishing to attend must sign up with Fung and have the trip cost- \$120 paid in full 3 weeks prior to the trip. If you need to cancel after reservations have been made, it is the responsibility of that member to fill their open spot.

## ARKANSAS TRIP A HIT

9 Gary Borger and 10 Central Texas Federation of Fly Fisher members met in Cotter, Arkansas for the annual winter trip. Water levels were low due to little to no water release due to dam maintenance. This required technical fishing which yielded good results.

Highlights included fishing on the White and Norfolk rivers, a beautiful 27 “ rainbow caught by Matt's son- Clyde Jennings, and a visit with Bob Nunley, bamboo rod maker and his shop. The fishing activity was full as

everyone retired for the evening by midnight each night.



Clyde Jennings's 27" Rainbow

Next year's venue will be Gene's Trout Resort on the Norfolk River.

**STOP THE SPREAD OF DIDYMO**

Matt Jennings

Hey All GBTU member's, here's a reminder to help fight the spread of an algae called "Didymo" (*Didymosphenia geminata*), otherwise known as "Rock Snot". If you were on our trip to Arkansas you know the place is being taken over by the stuff, it can really have an impact on aquatic organisms. Let's not transport it to the "Driftless Area". Didymo can spread to new waters on fishing gear, especially felt wading boots. Soak wading gear for one minute in a 2% bleach solution (1 cup household bleach and 3 gallons of water), then let dry thoroughly. Do your part to slow the spread of this dangerous invader!

**FLAPJACKS FOR FISHERIES UPDATE**

Gary Elliott

With the Annual Flapjacks for Fisheries Fundraiser on April 30th quickly approaching, we need your help with raffle donations! The raffle is one of the key components of fundraising for the year and allows us to continue the important coldwater conservation work we do. As you know from past pancake breakfasts, we assemble a great selection of donated items for raffle and silent auction. Donations range from fly fishing equipment and house wares to gift cards and guided

trips, and we are happy to accept whatever you can offer.

In addition, this year we are also encouraging monetary donations that we can then use to buy items at significantly discounted pre-negotiated rates through TU National and other sources. Remember that your employer may match such donations, thus multiplying the benefit to GBTU. So, for example, if your employer were to match your \$100 donation, we can then buy a \$400 rod for the discounted rate of \$200. Checks can be made payable to Gary Borger TU. Should you need documents regarding our 501(c)3 non-profit status, they can be obtained by contacting Scott Foster at [greystone13@comcast.net](mailto:greystone13@comcast.net)

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Both monetary and item donations can be dropped with Scott Foster at an upcoming Chapter Mtg. or sent to:

Scott Foster  
565 Elder Lane  
Winnetka, IL 60093

In addition, we are still in need of 2 volunteers to help manage the raffle set-up and ticket sales on the day of the event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Scott Foster at [greystone13@comcast.net](mailto:greystone13@comcast.net)

**GBTU RECEIVES WISCONSIN DNR AWARD**

Jeff Conrad

The Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GBTU) and the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SEWTU) have been instrumental in providing support for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Paradise Springs, Scuppernong River and Genessee Creek trout habitat restoration projects in Waukesha County. And on March 2nd, 2011 the efforts from both chapters was recognized by the WDNR and each were awarded the 2011 External Partner / Cooperator Award.



Since 2008, the GBTU chapter has repeatedly responded to the call for local volunteer assistance on the projects, providing materials, volunteer hours, and financial assistance. Regardless of weather conditions, distance of travel, or desirability of tasks, the GBTU chapter has shown strong dedication and commitment to restoring this valuable and unique fisheries resource in the southeast portion of the state.

Paradise Springs is located near Eagle, WI in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The stream flows from a popular trout pond and winds through the nearby prairie before joining the Scuppernong River approximately two miles downstream. Since the first stream restoration and bank structure installation, trout habitat has improved dramatically. Paradise Springs is becoming an increasingly popular fishing destination for anglers near and far. However, without significant increases the resources dedicated to the restoration project, greater improvements and maintenance at Paradise Springs was unlikely to progress swiftly.

Our chapter leapt at the opportunity to contribute to the habitat maintenance and restoration project at Paradise Springs, Scuppernong River and Genesee Creek. In the past few years, we have contributed the following accomplishments at Scuppernong Creek and Paradise Springs Creek:

- Fabricated over 150 lunger structures.
- Implemented ¼ mile of bank cover installation erosion control techniques.
- Removed streamside invasive buckthorn.
- Installed biologs as an effective erosion control and bank stabilization.
- Collected local prairie seed as a part of the Scuppernong Prairie restoration effort.
- Removed instream invasive aquatic plants.
- Assisted in bank cover installation.
- Donated thousands of dollars of funding for lunger structure fabrication.
- Acquired Embrace-A-Stream National TU grant (\$4,500) for use on Paradise Springs Creek.
- Acquired Friends of Wisconsin TU Grant (\$4,000) for use at Paradise Springs Creek.
- Worked alongside volunteers from the Illinois based Oakbrook and Lee Wulff chapters. The Oakbrook chapter also contributed \$1000 to the project.

The GBTU chapter has provided countless hours and endless commitment to protecting and enhancing our coldwater habitat in the southeast region, as well as across Wisconsin. Thank you to the volunteers who have participated during the numerous workday outings over the years. Without your help the success of this “home waters” project would not have happened. Special thanks go to Jim Bailey and his wife Nancy for their dedication and leadership on this project. They truly are beacons, shining a light on a project that reflects the vision and mission of Trout Unlimited.



Jim Bailey accepting WDNR award on behalf of GBTU

**GBTU FLYTYING NIGHTS A BLAST!**

Matt Jennings

Last month we did two flies. The ubiquitous Bead head Zebra Midge and La Fontaine's Emergent Sparkle Pupa. Many tips were shared and plenty of good flies came from the vises of participants. This month we will tie Hare's ear nymphs and Egg patterns for steelhead.

We will meet March 17th, in the board room of Housing Headquarters, 175 East Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 at 6:30 p.m. Let Matt Jennings know if you will be there, or if you have questions contact him at [mattsbug@comcast.net](mailto:mattsbug@comcast.net).

Those that want to can pitch-in for pizza, and bring your own drinks.

The other Fly Tying Nights will be April 21, and May 19th. All Fly Tying Nights this year will be held at Housing Headquarters. So put them on your calendar

**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM-MARCH UPDATE**

Fung Chin

During the last month, both schools participating in the Trout In the Classroom (TIC) program have reported the largest fish have grown to well over 2" and they continue thrive. When feeding, the fish response shows an aggressive behavior when food is presented.

The Hubbard Woods School students have organized themselves into groups to plan the release. A group of last year's students returned to assist this year's group. Anyone interested in observing the trout release is invited to the Tower Rd Beach on April 21 at Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL. The Maine East High School release will be at the Flapjacks fundraiser on April 30, Sheridan Shores Yacht Club, Wilmette, IL.

This past month, the Hubbard Woods Trout in the Classroom program website went live. Besides the real time trout cam, there is excellent content about the program, students, volunteers and links to other sites.

If you haven't had a chance to view the site, click on the following:

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

On March 5th, Trout in the Classroom will participate in an outreach program at the McHenry Great Outdoor Expo., Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffle Road, Woodstock, IL. Information on the Trout in the Classroom program will be displayed as well as live trout.



Hubbard Woods School Trout tank

TUDARE- STREAM RESTORATION PLANNING WORKSHOP

Jeff Hastings

Do you want to help GBTU increase their project planning and implementation capability of stream restoration projects? The TUDARE- Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort is hosting a Stream Restoration Project Planning Workshop, to be held March 26th and 27th in Westby, Wisconsin.

The program will feature case studies from local chapters, panel discussions from agency professionals, and plenty of opportunities to learn from experienced chapters. The training sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and conclude on Sunday at noon. For the last several years the workshop has had about 60 to 80 participants, yet the facilities are able to accommodate 100!

There will be plenty of opportunities on Saturday and Sunday for fishing the coulees!

For details and to reserve your spot contact TUDARE Project Manager Jeff Hastings 608-606-4158 or email him at [jhastings@tu.org](mailto:jhastings@tu.org). You can also contact the GBTU Chapter President Scott Foster at [greystone13@comcast.net](mailto:greystone13@comcast.net)

SMALLMOUTH FLY TYING EVENT

The members of the Illinois Smallmouth Alliance ([www.illinois-smallmouth-alliance.com](http://www.illinois-smallmouth-alliance.com)) have invited the members of GBTU to join them for a Bassbugger Tying Event at Chicago Flyfishing Outfitters [www.chicagoflyfishingoutfitters.com](http://www.chicagoflyfishingoutfitters.com) on the afternoon of Sunday, March 20th from 11:00 – 3:00.

Three demo/tie-along sessions are scheduled, with a limit of 8 people per session as follows:

- 11:00 John Loebach – Sparkle Minnow
- 12:00 Capt. Austin Aducci – Great Lakes Goby
- 2:00 Matt Jennings – Matts Bug

Please call Jon Ulenhop at Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters to reserve your spot now! (312) 944-3474. If you want to attend as an observer, there will be plenty of room beyond the 8 tying seat slots. Feel free to join us for the whole event or just sign up for a slot. Our hosts are Andy & Jon at CFFO -lets get some nearby members out & we'll do more here in the future. This is a fully stocked fly

shop lots of materials & rods on hand to try out, Sage, St. Croix, Rajeff, Echo, Scott, Winston & more.



GBTU HATS STILL AVAILABLE

*Purchase a Gary Borger hat to help shade your eyes while fishing and show your support for the Chapter. The tan hat is \$20.00, the dark hat is \$22.00, or you may purchase both hats for \$40.00. Hats are available for purchase at the GBTU monthly meeting. Thanks, Darwin Adams.*

NOTICE TO GBTU BSA MENTORS

Darwin Adams

To the people who signed up and ones who want to be mentors for the BSA Merit Badge, we are having a meeting April 7, 7 to 7:30 pm before the regular GBTU meeting at the Civic Center. There are a couple of items that we need to go over before the May 7 BSA merit badge day. Contact Darwin Adams at [darwnla@comcast.net](mailto:darwnla@comcast.net) or in person at the next chapter meeting.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Darwin Adams

We still need materials for the program. If you would like to donate here are some of the items we could use: number 6 tying thread (any color), floss, soft hackle, hooks, rubber legs, tippet material, or what ever you would like to donate. Please bring the items to the GBTU meetings or contact Darwin Adams at [darwnla@comcast.net](mailto:darwnla@comcast.net) for more information.

March - April Events	Dates
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, March 10
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, March 17
Ravine Monitoring	Saturday, March 19
ISA Bass Bug Fly Tying	Sunday, March 20
TUDARE - Stream Restoration Workshop	Sat/Sun, March 26-27
Board Meeting	Thursday, April 7
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, April 14
GBTU Spring Outing (WI Driftless)	Fri/Sun, April 15-17
Trout in the Classroom Trout Release	Thursday, April 21
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, April 21
Flapjacks planning meeting	Friday, April 29
Flapjacks for Fisheries Event	Saturday, April 30

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