



# The Tippet

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## **April Meeting:**

**Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 PM**

Libertyville Civic Center  
135 W Church St  
Libertyville, IL 60048

## **Featured Speakers**

**Jim Galligan**

***The Wind Knot***

## **Subjects**

Come see author John Galligan on April 14 who will be talking about his new book "The Wind Knot". John's new book has been highlighted in the spring issue of *Trout* magazine.

*"After five years of self-imposed exile on the rivers of America, trout bum Ned "Dog" Ogilvie 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."*

Soft cover 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" Ogilvie, or just pick-up a good read to finish the winter off... Find out more about John and his books here:

<http://www.johngalligan.com/>

## **THIRD ANNUAL FLAPJACKS FOR FISHERIES**

The third annual Gary Borger Flapjacks for Fisheries fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 30th at the beautiful Sheridan Shores Yacht Club in Wilmette, IL. All Gary Borger members are encouraged to participate in this fun morning of breakfast, informative exhibits, and exciting raffles. Planning committee leads from throughout the GBTU membership have been hard at work since January planning this year's event. It

promises to be every bit as fun, interesting, and successful as past years.

Venue setup for this year's event will take place on Friday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. All members who can make themselves available early on Friday evening to help move furniture and/or to assist with general setup throughout the evening are encouraged to contact Jim Tingey at [\(847\) 287-5053](tel:8472875053). We need your help!

Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event. However, as this event benefits the entire chapter, we are asking that every member help sell tickets in advance. Please contact Mark Mellicker for your advance ticket packet.

Thanks to all who are helping to make this year's event a success. We look forward to seeing everyone at the fundraiser on April 30th!

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FLAPJACKS**

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 given to Scott Foster at an upcoming Chapter Mtg. or sent to:

Scott Foster  
565 Elder Lane  
Winnetka, IL 60093

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLAPJACKS**

Volunteers Needed to Help Set-Up for Flapjacks. We need approximately 4 volunteers to help set up GBTU's Flapjacks for Fisheries fundraiser. Responsibilities will include lifting and carrying furniture, setting up displays, signage, and other misc. tasks. All volunteers will meet on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm at the Sheridan Shore Yacht Club in Wilmette.

Please contact Jim Tingey at 847-287-5053 or at [tingeyj@comcast.net](mailto:tingeyj@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

### **RAVINES RESTORATION**

The first phase of fish habitat work on the ravine in Millard Park is coming to a close and we're hoping the fish will find it "Homey". The channel has been narrowed, pools have been deepened, cover has been created, concrete has been removed, steel has been lowered, and gravel has been added all in a hope that fish will find the stream more inviting when they need to get out of Lake Michigan.

This project has been great working with the folks from the Parks Department of Highland Park especially Rebecca Grill, Steve Meyer, and Liz Ettelson. Thanks for being the first lakefront entity to take a chance on creating ravine habitat for the fishes.

Thanks also to our friends at Shabica and Associates for their design expertise and oversight on this groundbreaking project. Charlie Shabica, Jon Shabica, and Stefanie Nagelbach all were great at incorporating their local coastal engineering knowledge into this project. A giant "Thank You" goes out to Andy and the crew from V3 Companies for all their abilities to make the plans become reality.

A special note of "Thanks" goes out to Ed Michael of the Illinois Council for his constant sharing of information and endless enthusiasm for this project. The project would not have been possible without his help.

The second phase will involve lots of TU volunteer hours to wrap-up the little stuff and continue the habitat work upstream. Come out on June 18th and help roll some rocks on this newly renovated stream. Remember, April 16th we will do our monthly stream monitoring!



Jim Tingey, Fung Chin and Randy Cochran at Ravines Restoration Site

### **FLIES FOR FLAPJACKS!**

We are pulling together a few boxes of flies to raffle at Flapjacks for Fisheries and need your help! If you can spare them, please consider donating some flies to the effort. We'd like to get them in multiples of six per pattern, but as always, are happy to receive whatever you can part with. Please bring them to the next Chapter Meeting on Thursday, April 14th or send them directly to the Chapter mailbox at Gary Berger TU, P.O. Box 414, Winnetka, IL 60093. We could also use a few new fly boxes!

### **GBTU SPRING OUTING – APRIL 15-17**

The annual spring outing to the Driftless area will take place on April 15-17. GBTU will be based in Westby, WI. After a long winter and cool spring, the fish should be feeding well. Reservations have been made at the Old Towne Motel, Westby and scheduled for April 15-17 including 6 double rooms and 1 single room. The outing includes dinner at the Old Towne Inn on Saturday night. The cost is \$120.

Any members wishing to attend the outing please contact Fung Chin. Reservations are first come, first served and non-cancellable.

### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE**

This month, all of the hard work over the past 5 months will end with the release of the trout. For the trout, this is a new beginning as they embark on their journey to their home- Lake Michigan. Students, teachers,

administrators, parents and volunteers have put in countless hours studying, maintaining, and raising the trout from eggs to now averaging well over 3" in size.

The 1st release is the Hubbard Woods School at 7AM on Thursday, April 21st at the Tower Rd Beach, Winnetka, IL. The K- 4th grade students have designed the entire release day program. Additionally, the program will be on display in an empty storefront as part the Earth day activities for the community.

The 2nd release is the Maine East High School will take place at the GBTU fundraiser, Flapjacks for Fisheries, at 9 and 10 AM on Sat. April 30 th at the Sheridan Shores Yacht Club, Sheridan Rd, Wilmette, IL. Please join us for the releases.

Finally, GBTU conducted 3 outreach programs to the outdoors show and LL Bean retail store last month. These programs consisted of the moving the trout to an aquarium for the entire day, displaying the trout and the GBTU mission, and returning them to the main tank at school at the end of the day. These outreaches are one of the 1st ever conducted by the Trout in the Classroom and reached a large number of the public who had never seen the program.



Mr. Todd Burluson at LL Bean Retail store in Skokie, IL

### UPCOMING WORKDAYS

#### Saturday, April 16th - Menomonee River Clean Up:

All GBTU members are invited to join SEWTU in Milwaukee (Miller Park area) to work on the Menomonee River Fish Barrier Removal Project. For those not familiar with this effort, a major concrete removal project will be taking place in the Miller Park/Menomonee River corridor this summer, which will allow fish to finally pass upstream, opening up over 25 miles of stream to trout, salmon, and other fish runs. This project should result in salmon and steelhead in Wauwatosa, and all the way up to

Menomonee Falls. Come out and be a part of this HUGE project that will open a major fishery to the children and citizens of multiple municipalities! Parking will be in the Miller Park Stadium Lot, just opposite of TGI Friday's Restaurant (1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214). The Brewers are playing in Washington, D.C., so parking should not be an issue. Work will go from 9:00 - 12:00 noon, removing trash and cleaning up the corridor. Wear clothing appropriate for the task, bring eye protection and gloves, and come ready to be part of a truly great project!

Saturday, May 21st - Scuppermong River (Paradise Springs): With Spring weather back we'll be picking up work on the Scuppermong where we left off in the Fall by installing biologs and cleaning out invasive weeds. We'll meet up at 9:00 am at the Paradise Springs parking lot located on County Road N, just north of 59 heading west out of the town of Eagle, WI. The lot is well marked with a WDNR sign. We'll wrap work up around noon and have the traditional brat lunch at the DNR building down the road.

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Ravines Workday: Gary Borger TU and the Parks Department of Highland Park are conducting a workday and you are invited. The workday will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at Moraine Park, 2501 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Volunteers will be cleaning up the ravine under guidance of Parks Staff. Another large group will be led over to Millard Park to do in-stream work to include rock and woody debris removal, and other habitat enhancement as a continuation of recently completed stream improvements on the lower part of the stream. This will be a chance to do a workday right in our own part of the world!

A brat lunch will be served afterwards for all workers. Let's turnout in big numbers for this one and make it a great day!

Please, be ready to work with rubber boots or waders, work gloves, and eye protection. Contact Matt Jennings at [mattsbug@comcast.net](mailto:mattsbug@comcast.net) or (512)787-0193 for details.

### CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

It's with regret that I announce the resignation of Jim Bailey as our Conservation Director. Over the past few years Jim and Nancy, his wife, have spearheaded the Chapter's conservation work, building both our capabilities and the relationships leading to our first grant award and stream restoration project. We will all

miss Jim's leadership but look forward to his and Nancy's continued participation, contributions, and passion for conservation.

Scott Foster

*A Note from Jim Bailey:*

*"I would like to thank you, the members of our chapter, for your participation and support for the GBTU conservation program we've had over the past few years, particularly for the work we've done together on Paradise Spring Creek. Circumstances now require that I need to step down as conservation director for the chapter. It is my hope than someone will soon step forward to carry on the fine work we've been doing. I will gladly assist my replacement if my assistance is requested. I thank you all for the opportunity you've given me to serve you these past few years."*

#### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM GAINS NATIONAL EXPOSURE**

Hubbard Woods School is prominently featured on the [National Trout in the Classroom Website](#) and is also linked to the main [Trout Unlimited](#) website. GBTU is listed for the State Specific Resource for Illinois.

Try accessing the Trout in the Classroom website, go to schools, click on school links, click on view all, Hubbard Woods comes up. Click on the image and it will bring you to the HWS site. GBTU is listed for the State Specific Resource for Illinois. When you click on Illinois, our chapter name comes up and our website is accessed.

#### **FLY TYING NIGHTS!**

Thanks to Randy Cochran for sharing a Steelhead egg pattern and a favorite streamer pattern at last month's Fly Tying Night! We've had lots of fun and learned a few tricks along the way this year. Please come on out for the last two GBTU Fly Tying Nights of the year. This month we will tie an English streamer called the "Viva", that's kind of a reverse "Egg Sucking Leech" and an old classic in the "Royal Wulff".

We will meet April 21st, in the boardroom 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. For question please contact Matt: [mattsbug@comcast.net](mailto:mattsbug@comcast.net). If you want pizza, you may pitch in with the group. Please bring your own drinks.

All Fly Tying Nights this year will be held at Housing Headquarters. The last Fly Tying night will be May 19th. So put it on your calendar.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Gary Borger chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mark Brenner - Northbrook, IL  
Robert Dubler - Gurnee, IL  
Craig Grant - Alington Heights, IL  
Thomas Greider - Waukegan, IL  
Augustus Groves - Arlington Heights, IL  
Steve Kietzman - Northbrook, IL  
Joseph Koenigistknecht - Highwood, IL  
John Krickl - Arlington Heights, IL  
Stephen Melling - Deefield, IL  
Matt Rudy - Wheeling, IL  
Bill Rychel - Buffalo Grove, IL  
Gary Zipfel - Grayslake, IL

#### **NOW AVAILABLE – SIMMS GUIDE SHIRT & WINTER BEANIES WITH GBTU LOGO**

GBTU is taking orders for a fishing shirt embroidered with the chapter's logo. The shirt will be the [Simms Guide Shirt](#) in light green and available in sizes S-2XL. You can view the shirt by clicking on the link above or by visiting [cabelas.com](http://cabelas.com). The GBTU logo will be placed above the right shirt pocket.

If you would like to place an order, contact Jeff Conrad at [flyfishconrad@gmail.com](mailto:flyfishconrad@gmail.com) and be sure to include your name, shirt size, and quantity. The price is \$45. \$50 if it must be shipped. Those that have already ordered can expect to receive their shirts on April 14th. A limited supply will be on hand at the chapter meeting for purchase as well.

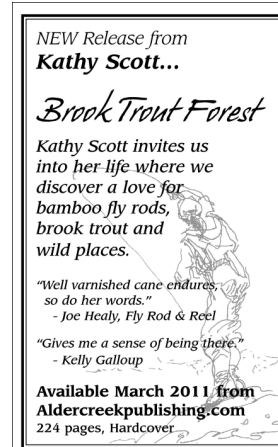
We will also be selling new GBTU winter beanies. Yes, we know it might be a little late in the season, but steelhead fishing in the spring can still be cold. Plus if you purchase a hat for someone else you can cross him or her off your holiday list for next year. We will have (2) hats available for purchase at the next meeting. The first is a traditional gray beanie sporting the GBTU logo and will be sold for \$10. The second hat is in navy with earflaps also sporting the GBTU logo. It will sell for \$12.

Please pay by cash or check, made payable to Gary Borger Trout Unlimited, in person at our chapter meeting on April 14th or send payment to our address at:

Gary Borger TU  
PO Box 414  
Winnetka, IL 60093-0414

APRIL - MAY EVENTS	DATES
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, April 14
GBTU Spring Outing	Fri-Sunday, April 15-17
Ravine Monitoring	Saturday, April 16
Menominee River Clean up	Saturday, April 16
Trout in the Classroom Trout Release	Thursday, April 21
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, April 21
Flapjacks Set Up	Friday, April 29
Flapjacks for Fisheries Event	Saturday, April 30
Fly Fishing Film Tour	Tuesday, May 3
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Saturday, May 7
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, May 12
Ravine Monitoring	Saturday, May 14
Fly Tying	Thursday, May 19
Scuppermong River Workday	Saturday, May 21
GBTU WI Driftless Outing	Fri-Sunday, May 20-22
<b>Additional Upcoming Events</b>	
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Saturday, June 4
Chapter Picnic	Thursday, June 9

energy of a bigger world. They all weave through the pages of *Brook Trout Forest*.



Come sit with Kathy on her back porch in the Maine woods. The view from there is exquisite; you'd swear you can see all the way to the Arctic Circle. Smell balsam and spruce and watch Kathy, alone, on a lichen speckled rock in a raging Labrador river. Look west and you can see a Midwest farm pond and a feisty bluegill sipping your hand tied fly.

Hardcover, illustrated, \$24.95, 224 pages, ISBN 978-0-9657663-5-7 [www.aldercreekpublishing.com](http://www.aldercreekpublishing.com)

### FLY FISHING FILM TOUR-WILMETTE MAY 3

Be sure to catch the Fly Fishing Film Tour on its first Chicagoland stop in Wilmette on Tuesday, May 3rd. The tour will be playing at the Wilmette Theater, 1122 Central Avenue, Wilmette, at 7pm sharp. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door, online at [www.flyfishingfilmtour.com](http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com) & [www.thirdyearflyfisher.com](http://www.thirdyearflyfisher.com).

The tour will feature the film [Musky Country](#) – Zero2Hero (Z2H) in all of its glory. It is the first feature fly fishing film about the fish of 10,000 casts – the mighty Muskellunge. Filmmaker Robert Thompson follows a group of passionate and dedicated anglers known as The Musky Tribe through a season of chasing after what is arguably the most difficult fish to fool into taking a fly. Aside from having his film picked as one of the entries, Rob has been instrumental in FINALLY bringing this tour to the Chicago area.

### BROOK TROUT FOREST

In this, Kathy Scott's fourth book, her daily journal entries merge into a deep interconnected root system that supports life of all kinds: Fishermen of all ages, bamboo rod makers, writers, guides, teachers, artists, and even a happily oblivious gold dredger. Young people standing in a river for the first time, feeling the

Books may be ordered at the April 14 GBTU Chapter Meeting. Twenty percent of proceeds donated to groups sponsoring youth activities.

### PRICE REDUCTION: GARY BORGER TU HAT

Purchase a Gary Borger hat to help shade your eyes while fishing and show your support for the Chapter. The tan hat is \$15.00, the dark hat is \$17.00, or both for \$30.00. The hats will be available to purchase at the monthly meeting. Thanks.



### REMINDERS TO BSA PROGRAM MENTORS

1. Don't forget there will be a meeting between 7:00 pm to start of meeting on Thursday April 7. There are a couple of items that we need to go over before the May 7 BSA merit badge day.

2. **GBTU Chapter first BSA Merit Badge class will be Saturday May 7 at the at Nippersink Forest Preserve in Round Lake, IL**

West of Grayslake, IL on route 120 (Belvidere Road), just west of Cedar Lake and east of Fairfield Road

### BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE FLY TYING MATERIAL DONATION

To the GBTU members we are still in need of fly tying material for the Boy Scout Merit Badge program. Here are some items we need, tying thread, red or orange floss, wet and dry hooks in the sizes of 12 and 14, soft hackle for wet flies, rubber legs, and any other items you can donate. You can bring the items to the general meetings.

## GBTU Supporters



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