



The Tippet

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September Meeting:

Thursday, September 8 @ 7:00 P.M.

**LL Bean Store
4999 Old Orchard Center
Skokie, IL 60077**

Our friends at the L.L. Bean Store in Skokie will be hosting our first Chapter meeting after our summer off. Please come out and join us for an evening of our now traditional member slide show presentations from their summer fishing adventures. We'll also briefly cover important business and discuss upcoming events and activities as we rev things up for the fall.

The folks at Bean have, amongst other items, generously **donated 2 fly rods to be raffled that night**. Please come out early to have a thorough tour of the store while getting to know this local retailer who is a perennial, strong supporter of GBTU.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE GBTU WEBSITE
www.garyborgertu.org

GBTU ANNUAL MEETING

Our Thursday, November 10th Meeting shall be the Annual Meeting of the Membership at which the Officers and Directors shall present an annual report of the Chapter's activities. In addition, election of several positions will be conducted and an updated version of our Bylaws will be presented for approval by the membership. Please mark your calendar now for this very important meeting.

PASSING OF LONG TERM GBTU MEMBER AND AVID OUTDOORSMAN - JIM EUBANKS

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of long-term GBTU member James Neal (Weeb) Eubanks after a brief fight with cancer, on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the age of 67 years.

Over the years Jim held numerous Board Directorships and contributed to the Chapter in countless other ways. His enthusiasm and friendship will be missed.



Jim Eubanks with a large Peacock Bass

Tribute to Jim

I found out this morning that our loyal and avid friend, Jim "Weeb" Eubanks had passed away. I will miss him. At first, I was very sad knowing that I would not see Weeb's smiling face at our Gary Borger Trout Unlimited chapter meetings and outings anymore. But then, I played back all of the good times we had. You could always count on Weeb livening up the place and telling his stories in that southern drawl of his. Weeb was a kindred spirit to me, both sons of the South who must have gotten lost and ended up here in Chicagoland.

I went back and read through some of our old Tippet newsletters going back to at least 2002 and it reminded me of a lot of great times with Jim as well as with his loving wife, Diane, and their family. Weeb hosted a couple of delectable BBQ's at their home and invited all the GBTU members. We had a rocking good time and Weeb's skill at the smoker and BBQ was well on display.

Our GBTU outings and campouts in which Weeb played such a crucial role as Outing Chair in organizing and making not only memorable, but incredibly fun, are what I will always remember when I

think of Weeb. The Early Spring weekends in Fennimore, the Spring and Summer campouts at the West Fork Sportsmen's Club in Avalanche, the Arkansas Trips to the White and Norfolk rivers. What fun we had!

We were blessed with his generous nature and good humor. Without Weeb, our GBTU Chapter could easily have faltered and not become one of the leading Trout Unlimited Chapters in the Midwest it is today. His active leadership and warm and engaging personality helped build our chapter and encouraged others to want to volunteer to keep our membership interested in participating in TU.

One year, Weeb was suddenly thrust into the role of auctioneer at our GBTU Flapjacks for Fisheries Fundraiser when we had to scramble. No problem for Weeb. Handled like a pro. I know I speak for so many of our GBTU members who will also miss raising a glass with Weeb or sharing an adventure or even listening to another one of his tales.

All I can say is "Hey Weeb, we will miss you, but will never forget you. We hope that the Trout are purtier and bigger where you are and that they are always rising to your perfectly-casted caddis."

*Your friend,
Mark Wortsmann*

GBTU FALL OUTING SEPTEMBER 25

GBTU's outing for the fall season will take place on Friday, September 23 thru Sunday, September 25th at the West fork Sportsman Campground in Avalanche, WI. The trout are starting to feed for the long winter that's coming soon, so the action should be great. Plus, there's no doubt that campfires and good fellowship is a great way to spend the night when you're off the water. Come on up and join us.

This is a camping trip where everyone will be responsible for their own food and drinks for the weekend. We are not pre-planning any large group dinners or breakfasts at local restaurants, because folks have said that they prefer the freedom to spend more time casting a line. So bring the food you'd like to cook on our shared campfire, and perhaps something to share with your fellow chapter members as well.

Some of our membership is planning to arrive early in order to claim a prime camping spot for our group, because campsites there are on a first come - first served basis. For those who have not been to this

location before, there is a nominal \$10 fee for membership, and \$10 a night for camping, which is paid directly to caretakers of the club. You can pay at the almond colored house (across the street from the old general store) when you arrive. There are envelopes right on the porch of the house.

Unfortunately, the general store is closed, but you can visit the Driftless Angler fly shop, in Viroqua, for equipment and fly selection tips of the day. For more information on the campsite, visit their web site at: www.westforksportsmansclub.org/

It would be good to know who will be joining us, so please RSVP to Kurt Meier at: wkurtmeier@hotmail.com

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Having served their elected one-year terms, two Chapter Officers, Gary Elliott (VP) and Jim Tingey (Secretary) recently stepped down in order to devote more time to their personal and professional lives.

Each has served the Chapter in numerous capacities. In addition to his duties as Vice President, Gary took on the role of Membership Director and headed our Flapjacks for Fisheries Fundraiser for the past three years. Beyond his official role as Secretary, Jim has contributed widely across the Chapter including his Flapjacks efforts, hand painted raffle contributions, and wisdom. As they transition out of their formal leadership roles, we can all look forward to their continued participation in Chapter events and activities.

I am very pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has made several appointments to fill various open Board and Officer Positions until the next round of elections. Fung Chin will be adding to his Trout in the Classroom duties by taking over as Secretary. Kurt Meier has stepped up as Outings & Events Director, transitioning this responsibility from Fung who has worn more than one hat for some time now and has planned many great events for us over the past two years. After a year of rest and recuperation following his tenure as President, Matt Jennings will be leading our core mission as Conservation Director. Finally, Mark Wortsmann is taking over as Raffle Manager.

Thank you to all these members in advance for what I'm sure will be tremendous contributions to the continued evolution and success of GBTU!

This still leaves us with open positions to be filled. Please consider taking your participation to the next level by taking on one of the following critical roles:

- Vice President
- Membership Director
- Financial Development Director

Feel free to contact Scott Foster or any Board Member should you have any questions about these positions or wish to express an interest.

RAVINES CLEAN UP IN HIGHLAND PARK

GBTU volunteers are needed to conduct monitoring and lead a beach clean-up for the Alliance for the Great Lakes at Moraine Park in Highland Park the morning of September 17th. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 A.M. This is a combination of our usual 3rd Saturday of the month monitoring and a larger Great Lakes Clean-Up Day thrown by Alliance for the Great Lakes. We will be checking in volunteers and handing out supplies. We can also do some beach clean-up. Moraine Park is at 2501 Sheridan Rd, 60035. Please contact Matt Jennings at mattsbug@comcast.net for more information.

VAN SLYKE CREEK WORK DAY WITH BLACKHAWK CHAPTER & GVTU

On **Saturday, September 17, 2011**, GBTU will help SEWTU and return to **Van Slyke Creek in Fontana, Wisconsin**, to work with our good friends from the **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** and the **Blackhawk Chapter of TU**. This will be a continuation of previous years restoration work on this beautiful trout stream in southeast Wisconsin. We will be filling in a diversion ditch with sand bags, installing half logs, and performing brushing and debris removal. Dress appropriately and please bring work gloves, eye and ear protection, and waders if you have them.

We'll start at **9:00 a.m.** and work until **noon**. We'll **meet** at the parking lot of the **Fontana Elementary School on Main St. in Fontana**. As always, we'll finish with a brat fry.

Volunteers are asked to **RSVP** Matt Jennings at mattsbug@comcast.net.

[Click here](#) or go to www.garyborgertu.org for directions.

BYLAWS UPDATE INITIATED

GBTU Bylaws Review and Update

TU National has asked all Chapters to review and update their Bylaws by the end of 2011. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has undertaken a thorough review of the current Bylaws from 1989 in the context of a revised template from National. Following many hours of work, we think we have a concise, yet comprehensive set of Bylaws that streamlines the governance and operations of the Chapter. We will plan to present the proposed version to the membership at our September Chapter Meeting and subsequently via email and posting to the website. We encourage each member to review the proposed version and provide input through the end of September (input process to be published along with proposed version). The Board will review, consolidate and incorporate input as appropriate in anticipation of final approval at the November Annual Meeting of the Membership.

MUSKY COUNTRY: ZERO 2 HERO WINS AWARD

Fly fishing filmmaker and friend of GBTU, Robert Thompson, wanted to pass this along...

*I just wanted to drop a quick note to share some good news. **Musky Country** was just named best DVD at this year's International Fly tackle Dealers association gathering in New Orleans...*

I just wanted to say thanks to all of you who may have supported my efforts with a purchase of the DVD(s) and/or if you've helped me in any way shape or form with the productions.

*It's been a pretty cool year having **Z2H** as part of this year's Fly Fishing Film tour and **Night of the Hex** on the International Fly Fishing Film tour. I'm hard at work on the "next" project and if all goes well I have every hope that this year's film will live up to the standard of both **NOTH** and **Z2H**.*

Again, thanks for the support...keep an eye out for the next DVD.

Regards,

Robert Thompson

<http://thirdyearflyfisher.com/>

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

The new school season is beginning to start with both schools from last year's program signing up for this year's program. Another school will be chosen for participation shortly thus increasing for total for 3 schools in the GBTU program.

At least one school has asked for additional support on the weekends and holidays. Any GBTU member wishing to assist in any capacity should contact Fung Chin.

GBTU's support to two schools last year has resulted in our chapter being able to recommend other schools to the EDTU and Lee Wulff chapters for this year's program.

FINAL GBTU/BSA MERIT BADGE DAY OF 2011

September 10th is the final Gary Borger BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge Day this year. This program helps develop the next generation of conservationists and fly fishers. This will be the final chance to see the program in action this year. We still need volunteers and fly tying materials. Please contact Darwin Adams if you wish to volunteer or donate fly tying materials. Darwin may be contacted at darwinla@att.net.

SEP – OCT EVENTS	DATES
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, Sept 8
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Saturday, Sep 10
Board Meeting	Thursday, Sep 15
Highland Park Ravines Clean Up	Saturday, Sep 17
Van Slyke Creek Clean Up	Saturday, Sep 17
GBTU Annual Avalanche Camping Trip	Thursday – Sunday, Sep 23-26
Bylaws Input Due Date	Friday, Sep 30
Root River Steelhead Facility Open House	Saturday, Oct 8
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, Oct 13
Genesee Creek Clean Up	Saturday, Oct 15

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