



GARY BORGER CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

# The Tippet

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## **October Meeting:**

**Thursday, December 8 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**REMEMBER - NEW LOCATION**

Aspen Library  
701 Aspen Drive  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE GBTU WEBSITE  
[www.garyborgertu.org](http://www.garyborgertu.org)

## **INPUT NEEDED FOR GBTU BYLAWS!**

Calling all Gary Borger Chapter Members, The board is recommending changes to our chapter by-laws and needs your help. The Board feels that these articles should be changed to fit the Chapter's needs, but we need your vote at the January meeting to adopt the proposed changes. The Board's proposed changes affect Article III, Section 7, and Article IX, Section 1 of the by-laws. A copy of the bylaws and the proposed amendments, which are highlighted in red, can be found on the Gary Borger website. Please review the recommended changes and attend the January meeting so we can adopt the new by-laws. If you have any questions or suggestions, please forward them to Darwin Adams at [darwinla@comcast.net](mailto:darwinla@comcast.net).

## **SPECIAL GBTU MEETING- JAN. 12, 2012**

A GBTU special meeting is being called for ratifying the chapter by laws and voting on the current slate of officers. (See chapter by law attachment)

All members should plan to attend as the voting needs to be in person- no proxy voting is allowed.

## **Need**

- A voting quorum of at least 30 members in good standing - members that are listed on the GBTU roster and current with dues.

## **What you can do**

- Attend the January GBTU meeting- there will be a special speaker and a raffles for great prizes

- Make sure you are currently registered with national TU as a GBTU member and your dues are current.
- Please contact at least 2 other members to attend the meeting- to insure that the voting requirement can be met. November's meeting did not have the sufficient number of voting members.

## **Agenda**

1. Ratifying revised chapter by laws
2. Election of officers
3. Speaker
4. Raffle

## **SAVE THE DATE – HOLIDAY PARTY**

The GBTU Holiday Party is being moved to our regular meeting date of Thursday, February 12, 2012. We are making this change so that our membership can focus on important Chapter business at the January meeting. Please save the February date for you, and your guests, for a great evening in February. More details to follow soon.

## **ARKANSAS TRIP 2012**

The first GBTU trip of 2012 is now set. The location is Gene's Trout Fishing Resort, 324 River Acres Drive, Salesville, Arkansas 72653-9796. Website: [www.norfork.com/genes/](http://www.norfork.com/genes/) Phone: (870)-499-5381 The resort overlooks the North Fork River. Our two cabins have 19 individual beds, a pool table, DVD, 2 televisions and a stereo. Check-in is Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and check-out is Sunday, February, 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Meals**

Dinner will be provided on two nights, including one dinner out at a nearby restaurant. Breakfast fixings will be provided for your use. Lunches will be cold cuts and snacks that will also be fix-it-yourself. Many snacks will be included in the costs, along with sodas and coffee. All alcoholic beverages are the

responsibility of each individual. There is a large stocked kitchen on the premises.

#### **Boats**

You will likely need boats and motors when power generation is occurring at the upstream dam. Boats can be rented right there at Gene's 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 enjoyable experience for all attendees.

#### **Guides**

The use of guides is up to individuals, but we suggest arranging through Gene's Resort (see contact info above); or the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop. Website: [www.blueribbonflyfish.com](http://www.blueribbonflyfish.com) Phone: (870)-425-0447; or try [www.ozarkflyfisher.com](http://www.ozarkflyfisher.com) phone (870) 435-6166. All of these websites have a wealth of information on local fishing conditions.

#### **Fly Tying**

On one night after dinner, a fly tying 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, just useful for fly tying – keep it under \$15.

#### **Reservations**

The cost to GBTU members is \$180. We would like your reservation as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit will be required on or before January 15, 2012. Beginning January 16, 2012, any open spots will be offered to other TU chapters in Illinois and SEWTU.

Anyone interested in making a reservation should e-mail Kurt Meier at [wkurtmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:wkurtmeier@hotmail.com)

See you in Arkansas!

#### **CONSERVATION/RESTORATION WORK**

On November 19th several members of GBTU met at Millard Ravine and had a workday to repair storm damage, and monitor the water conditions. The highlight of the event was when a stray steelhead was found hiding under one of our improvements and was released back into Lake Michigan by a wet and cold John Collins. New member Mitch Kiesler was there and recorded some shots of the release. (Later in the month, a Coho was found deceased after it was unable to ascend the culverts under the parking lot.)

We got some great work done and many a doughnut was eaten by all. Work on monitoring the ravines will return in the spring on the third Saturday in March 2012 or when the stream thaws again. Thanks, for all the great work monitoring and helping on the ravines this year!

On December 10th GBTU will join SEWTU for a workday on Bluff Creek just across the line in Wisconsin. Here is a part of the announcement from Kike Kuhr of SEWTU:

*"On Saturday, December 10, SEWTU and the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources will host a workday at Bluff Creek, near Whitewater, WI. We will assist the DNR with several activities, including creating a walkway, repositioning rock at two locations, brushing, and some removal (raking) of vegetation. Please dress for the weather and bring along appropriate tools if you have them (loppers, bow saws, metal rakes, etc.). We'll start at 9:00 a.m., and will work until Noon, when we'll end with a free lunch!"*

We'll meet at the pull off on the south side of Hwy. 12 directly across from Parker Rd. This is just west of La Grange (and east of Whitewater). Some may have to park on the shoulder of Hwy. 12 so PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL PARKING AND WALKING TO THE SITE.

Here's a MAP: <http://g.co/maps/7rn2u>

Volunteers are asked to RSVP to Mike Kuhr at [mikek.trout@yahoo.com](mailto:mikek.trout@yahoo.com), or by phone at (414) 588-4281.

Also, please consider stopping out at The Fly Fishers Fly Shop afterwards for their Annual Christmas Party. They'll have lots of deals, manufacturer reps on hand, demos, and a whole lot more. Plus, a portion of the sales will be donated to SEWTU to help conserve, protect, and restore our cold water fisheries!"

GBTU, let's finish this year on a strong note and get some bodies across the border for this workday. Thanks for a great year!!!

#### **FLY TYING NIGHTS ARE BACK!**

Come One, Come All!!! Fly tying nights for 2011-12 are back. Last year was an amazing success with lots of great flies and many members learning and showing new tricks. Some members were just getting started in fly tying and will be right in the swing of things this year. All levels of tyers are welcome! Let us know if you need to borrow tools. This is a great way to learn new patterns, stock the fly box, and have a good night out with friends. Let Matt Jennings know if you have a favorite pattern to share.

Put Dec. 15, Jan. 26, Feb.16, and March 15th on your calendar, as these will be the dates for 2011-12.

We meet at 175 East Hawthorn Pkwy, Vernon Hill, Illinois 60061 in the conference room of Housing

Headquarters (as you enter the building it is the first office on the right). We meet from 6:30-9:00. Bring your own drinks, and money to pitch in for pizza! Contact Matt Jennings for more details at [mattsbug@comcast.net](mailto:mattsbug@comcast.net).

**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**

The trout eggs have hatched!

All schools have reported that their eggs have hatched. The dark covering on the aquariums have been removed thus exposing the fish to daylight. The egg sacs on many of trout are starting to disappear.

They will remain in the nesting baskets for a few more weeks until they start feeding on the trout starter food. At that time, they will be released into the entire aquarium.

Hubbard Woods has an Albino Trout. See the link <http://vimeo.com/32920714>. While rare, albino trout have been previously documented (see below).



SF Denton Albino Brook Trout print from the NY State Game and Fish Commission Book-1910 Edition

**GBTU TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM RECOGNIZED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

GBTU was recently recognized in an article for the “Trib Local” for Highland Park/Highwood. Read the article below.

*Highland Park 4th Graders get a First-Hand Look at the Life Cycle of Rainbow Trout. Fourth grade students at Braeside Elementary School are raising baby trout for eventual release into the ravine stream in Millard Park, 35 Ravine Drive, Highland Park, IL. The stream, which flows into Lake Michigan, is the site of a USEPA-funded habitat restoration project being undertaken by the Park District of Highland Park (PDHP).*

*“We were happy to connect our Trout Unlimited partners to the community and Braeside School for a program we’ve been working together on for some time,” said Rebecca Grill, Natural Areas Manager at the Park District. “It’s these kinds of partnerships – and the involvement of our youngest community members — that raise restoration projects like the one*

*at Millard Park to a new level of environmental stewardship and learning.”*

*On November 17, Jim Tingey, a volunteer for Trout Unlimited, visited the school as part of the conservation organization’s Trout in the Classroom program. Tingey led the students in a discussion about what they had learned about the life cycle of rainbow trout and the group watched a student-made video on the topic.*

*Trout Unlimited supplies the funding for the aquarium set up, including all of the fish food and water quality materials. Most importantly, the organization sends experts like Tingey to share real life experiences and provide logistical support for the classroom teachers and their students. Tingey is a member of the Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited which is partnered with PDHP in the Millard Park restoration project.*

*Braeside is one of the 10 schools in Illinois that is benefitting from the Trout in the Classroom project. The national program is more than 50 years old. Braeside fourth graders will apply math, science, art, creative writing, music and more to learning about stewardship of these North American fish. The students will be finishing this project around Earth Day 2012, when they will be releasing the trout they have been raising into Lake Michigan.*

DEC - JAN EVENTS	DATES
Board Meeting	Thursday, Dec 1
Chapter Meeting	Thursday, Dec 8
Bluff Creek Workday with SEWTU	Saturday, Dec 10
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, Dec 15
Chapter Meeting – Bylaws Approval	Thursday, Jan 12
Board Meeting	Thursday, Jan 19
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, Jan 26

**2011 - 2012 FISHING SHOW CALENDAR**

Here is a listing of 21 fly fishing and outdoors shows that run from September 2011 to May 2012. The early shows that have taken place are listed to remind you to add them to your calendar for 2012. All of these shows offer talks and seminars by nationally known speakers and more importantly knowledgeable local talent. They offer lots of great learning opportunities, entertainment, and travel. Be sure to visit some of these shows.

### **Great Lakes Spey Fest**

September 24, 2011

Location: Henning Park in Newaygo, MI

Hosted by: The Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company  
Casting and fishing demonstrations by Kevin Feenstra (Muskegon River guide), Gary Kalinka on casting long belly lines, tying demonstrations, and numerous manufacturers' representatives will be there with their products. Pig roast sponsored by The Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company

<http://www.greatlakesspeyshop.com/Spey%20Fest%204.html>

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Tying Expo - Great Lakes Council of FFF**

December 3, 2011

Location: Holt High School, Holt, MI

More than 60 area fly tiers will be demonstrating their tying skills on fly patterns used in the Midwest. Guest tiers include Jeff "Bear" Andrews, Oscar Feliu, Dennis Potter, Tim Scott, Jim Reed, Ray Schmidt, Julie Nielsen, and Chris Soule. Vendors will have products available for purchase.

<http://www.fffglc.org/pdfs/flylines/NOV2011flyline.pdf>

### **Indiana on the Fly Show – Reel Women – Reel Men**

January 7, 2012

Location: Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN

Speakers: Beau Beasley (East coast fly fishing) and Tim Holschlag (smallmouth bass fishing) plus seminars on fly fishing and related outdoors topics.

<http://reelwomen.webs.com/indiana-fly-fishing-show.htm>

### **Ice Breaker - Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited**

January 14, 2012

Location: Promega Biotechnology Center, Fitchburg, WI

Speakers: Craig Amacker discusses "Fishing Southern Wisconsin"; Kirk Deeter, noted Colorado guide and author (and former resident of Wisconsin) will share his "25 tips on improving your fly fishing" and "fly fishing beyond trout". Plus fly tying demonstrations, aquatic insect identification, and lots more.

<http://www.swtu.org>

### **Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Fly Tying & Fishing Show**

January 21, 2012

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Church/Holy Family School, Bensenville, IL

Speakers: Promotion of local fly fishing and fly tying opportunities

<http://illinois-smallmouth-alliance.net/forums/index.php?showtopic=8793>

### **Cabin Fever Day – Fox Valley Trout Unlimited**

January 28, 2012

Location: Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI

Speaker: Fly fishing seminars by local experts

<http://www.foxvalleytu.org>

### **Western Canadian Fly Fishing Exposition**

January 27 – 29, 2012

Location: Spruce Meadows, Calgary, Alberta

Speakers: Tim Rajeff, April Vokey, Rick Hafele, and many others speaking about fly fishing. This is a really big show with lots of speakers, vendors, and demonstrations.

<http://www.flyfishingevents.com>

### **Spring Opener – Badger Fly Fishers**

February 11, 2012

Location: Radisson Hotel (West), Madison, WI

Speaker: Dave Hughes an accomplished fly fisherman, tyer and author (published more than 20 fishing books). Vendors, tying demonstrations, raffles, etc.

<http://www.badgerflyfishers.org/>

### **Kentuckiana Fly Show**

February 11, 2012

Location: Fern Valley Inn and Conference Center, Louisville, KY

Speaker: Fox Statler ([www.willowford.net](http://www.willowford.net)) Arkansas guide and author, plus exhibits and seminars

<http://kyflyshow.com/node/1>

### **TroutFest '12 – Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited**

February 25, 2012

Location: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, WI

Speakers: CWTU's TroutFest '12 includes 10 mini-seminars, raffles, fly tying demos, artisans, water monitoring and stream work day volunteers, youth fly tying instruction, guides, outfitters and more.

[www.cwtu.org](http://www.cwtu.org)

### **Madison Fishing Expo**

February 24 - 26, 2012

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Speakers and Programs: TBA

<http://www.madfishexpo.com>

### **Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association**

February 24 - 26, 2012

Location: Iowa City, IA

Speakers: TBA

<http://www.hawkeyeflyfishing.com>

### **Bronzeback Blowout – Illinois Smallmouth Alliance**

Location: American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL (suburban Chicago)

March 3, 2012

Speakers: Drew Gregory on Kayak fishing  
[http://illinois-small-mouth-alliance.net/forums/index.php?app=calendar&module=calendar&cal\\_id=1&do=showevent&event\\_id=546](http://illinois-small-mouth-alliance.net/forums/index.php?app=calendar&module=calendar&cal_id=1&do=showevent&event_id=546)

### **Great Outdoors Expo**

Location: Woodstock North High School, Woodstock, IL

March 3 – 4, 2012

Speakers: Lefty Kreh and Babe Winkleman, Glen Blackwood, plus vendors and demonstrations.

<http://www.greatoutdoorsexpo.net/index.cfm>

### **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show 2012**

March 7 - 11, 2012

Location: Wisconsin Expo Center, West Allis, WI  
Programs: TBA

<http://www.jsonline.com/sportsshow>

### **Canoeopia – Rutabaga Paddlesport Shop**

March 9 - 11, 2012

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Speakers: TBA

<http://www.paddlers.com/canoecopia/page.asp?pgid=1001>

### **2011 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo (the granddaddy of fly fishing shows)**

March 10 - 11, 2012

Location: Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, Warren, MI

Speakers: Skip Morris, April Vokey, Bob Jacklin, George Daniel, Eric Stroup, plus demonstrations on fly tying, fly casting, seminars and more in 61,000 square feet of exhibition space.

<http://www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com>

### **South Eastern Wisconsin Fishing & Hunting Expo**

March 16 - 18, 2012

Location: Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI

Speakers: TBA

<http://www.sewifishandhunt.com>

### **Sowbug Roundup - Arkansas**

March 22 – 24, 2012

Location: Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR

Speakers: Demonstrations by 100+ expert tyers. Plus fly fishing demonstrations, vendors, etc.

[http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/sowbug\\_roundup.html](http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/sowbug_roundup.html)

### **Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo – Minneapolis**

Date: March 23 – 25, 2012

Location: National Sports Center, Blaine, MN

Speakers: TBA

<http://greatwatersflyfishingexpo.com/Home.html>

### **Sandy River Spey Clave 2012 (12<sup>th</sup> Annual Clave)**

May 18, 19, 20, 2012

Location: Sandy River, Welches, Oregon

Sponsored by: The Fly Fishing Shop, Welches, Oregon; lots of spey fishing gurus participate in this event.

<http://www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm>



Join me in the Abacos! Feb 27 to March 4, 2012

Overlooked and under fished. That's why I have targeted southern Abaco Island, in the Bahamas for a winter trip. Come join me!

While the soft flats near Marsh Harbour are well known, the more isolated flats from Cherokee Sound south to Sandy Point, receive far less pressure. Bonefish are exceptionally plentiful: large schools are commonplace and bones average a plump 3 to 4 pounds. There are daily shots at 5 to 8 pounders plus the occasional double digit trophy. Many of the flats are hard packed, ideal for anglers who like the intimacy and flexibility of stalking bones on foot.

While the Bahamas is not well known as a reliable permit fishery, southern Abaco supports surprising numbers of these elusive and highly prized game fish, including some very hefty, 25 lb. plus trophies. Another reason why I have selected this location for my visit

Our small group will visit two excellent facilities: Abaco Lodge and Black Fly Lodge. Both facilities are very comfortable, feature excellent meals and have crews of experienced, well trained professional guides running good quality skiffs to take us fishing every day.

Our visit will include 6 nights double occupancy accommodations, 5 full days of guided fishing, all meals and all airport transfers from Marsh Harbour to the lodges.

The cost will be \$4395 per angler.

Only 5 spots are available so reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. For reservations and further information contact:

Paul Melchior's Angling Escapes

Toll Free: 866-347-4365/847-272-3195  
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