

SECOND CITY ANGLER

The newsletter of the Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (EDTU)
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Newsletter Redesign Planned

SAVE THESE DATES **2009 Upcoming Events**

July 7	Informal EDTU Meeting
August 4	Informal EDTU Meeting
August 17-23	TU 50 th Anniversary Celebration in Traverse City, MI
September 1	EDTU Meeting

Formal meetings are generally the 1st Tuesday of the month thru June. They are held at Brehon Pub, 731 N. Wells Street, Chicago (Wells and Superior). Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person (Special prices for the Dec. Fundraiser). RSVP to Grant Brown at 312-952-5779 or grant.brown@ubs.com

Please let us know about upcoming events so that we may include them on the calendar!

And don't forget to visit our award-winning website regularly for the latest chapter information:

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

Member content, suggestions, wish lists welcome

Get ready for a whole new look and feel to monthly communication this Fall when Second City Angler will be relaunched. New regular columns are planned along with a facelift to the current design. Of course, important messages about meeting dates and location, upcoming trips, etc., will all still be a part of the publication, but with the fresh format expect to see some new items, as well.

This is YOUR newsletter, and so your input is crucial in ensuring you are receiving what you want and need from each issue. So please take a moment to make your feelings known. What do you like about it? What would you like changed? What would be valuable to you? Got a great photo to share, story to tell, or announcement to make? Please address any comments to Jeff Hoffmann at Jeffrey.Hoffmann@espn.com or pick up the phone and give him an earful at 312-623-0050.

A VERY special thanks to outgoing editor Kent Carlson and all of the hard work he put into the newsletter. Let him know you appreciate his volunteer efforts next time you see him – without commitment like his there would be no Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

New Officers Elected

The following new officers were elected to the Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited at the June 2 meeting:



Grant Brown, President
Jeff Goad, Vice President

Stay tuned for more chapter personnel changes this summer.

Informal Meeting July 7

Come join us at Brehon Pub
731 North Wells Street in Chicago (Wells and Superior)

No agenda, no presentations at this informal summer meeting; nothing but good food, good drink and good company. Come listen to fellow members' latest fish stories...and maybe tell a few yourself! In fact, why not bring a friend along who may be interested in joining?

Please help us to get an accurate count of attendees and to be better stewards of chapter funds by going to www.edtu.org. Once there, click on the 'Calendar' tab at the top of the page, then click on the meeting in question to tell us you're coming.

If you are unable to use the website, please RSVP to Grant Brown either by email (grant.brown@ubs.com) or by phone (312-952-5779).

See you there!



Youth Fishing Initiatives

Two exciting programs designed to engage and educate young anglers are being spearheaded by Trout Unlimited.

First off, the Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited will be sponsoring the 2nd Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing School. The school will teach the ethics of conservation to high school age (13-18 years) children.

Grounded in the principles of modern coldwater conservation, the school will reinforce these principles by immersing the students in a week of fly fishing. The goal of the council is to help reverse the trend of a woefully under represented generation of young conservationists.

The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited is looking for both volunteers to mentor at the school as well as cash donations. Volunteers please contact youthcamp@illinoiscounciltu.org. Checks payable to Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited may be sent to:

Treasurer
Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited
PO Box 5046
Oak Brook, IL 60522-5046

Secondly, Trout Unlimited has introduced a new youth membership called [Stream Explorers](#). It's the perfect way to teach kids about trout, the wild places they live and what we can do to protect them.

For just \$12, your child, grandchild or other special young person will receive:

- Four issues of *Stream Explorers* magazine (kids over 13 will receive *Trout* magazine)
- Official TU membership card
- Stream Explorers sticker
- Access to activities and games at www.streamexplorers.org
- Membership in the local TU chapter with the opportunity to get involved in classes, activities, projects or even a summer camp



And for a gift of \$25, the recipient will also receive *A Kid's Guide to Flyfishing*:

- With a retail value of \$16, *A Kid's Guide to Flyfishing* is written by Tyler Befus, a fly angler who authored the book at age 8

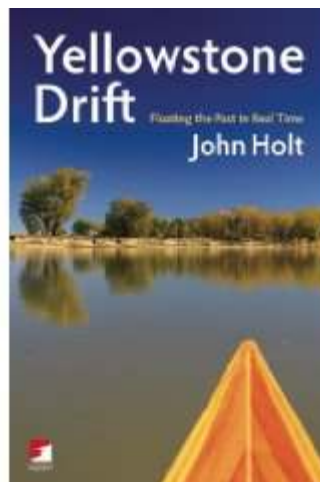
New Fishing Media Alert

A new book that may be of interest to members is John Holt's *Yellowstone Drift: Floating the Past in Real Time*. Following is the publisher's description:

In a time when everything seems to be regulated, controlled, and monitored, *Yellowstone Drift* is a refreshing and often exhilarating look at the natural wonder of Montana's Yellowstone River.

High above sea level in the mountains of the Yellowstone National Park plateau, the river tumbles and rushes down to the Paradise Valley just north of Livingston, Montana, before meandering through the northern high plains for well over five hundred serpentine miles to its confluence with the Missouri River in North Dakota.

Each chapter of *Yellowstone Drift* chronicles a leg of John Holt's journey down the river, promising that the reader doesn't miss a single mile of natural beauty. Holt, in his customary free-form, anecdotal style and oblique vision, takes the reader on a wild ride down this natural treasure, examining the wildlife, the people, the fishing, and the river itself.



If anyone decides to pick this one up and read it, please drop us a line and let us know what you think!

New Fishing Media Alert Part 2

ESPN Outdoors has neglected the fly fishing world with their programming over the last few years, but hopefully that is about to change with a new program on ESPN2 called *Pirates of the Flats*. Filmed in the Abacos in the Bahamas, the show stars fishing enthusiasts Tom Brokaw and Michael Keaton, as well as writer Thomas McGuane, Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard, and fly fishing legend Lefty Kreh.

Besides fantastic fishing footage, the cast is interviewed throughout each episode about what the sport means to them, as well as the importance of protecting fragile bonefish flats and our waters in general. Tune in starting in January 2010!

2009 Au Sable Trip a Success!

Members enjoy the rustic Wa Wa Sum Lodge and fish the waters where TU was born 50 years ago

As you know, this year marks Trout Unlimited's 50th anniversary, and what better way to celebrate than with a trip to Grayling, MI and the Au Sable River to experience the place that inspired George Mason, George Griffith and others to form an organization dedicated to preserving and restoring trout streams. Several members took the annual pilgrimage this June and were rewarded with beautiful weather (though a little chilly in the evening!), challenging fishing, excellent food and drink, all topped off with a strong spirit of camaraderie amongst fellow trout hunters.

The Elliott Donnelley Chapter has a standing reservation at the Wa Wa Sum lodge, situated right on the banks of the Au Sable. It is a magical, rustic place where you swear you can feel the history in its log cabin walls. If you've never been, put it on your calendar to attend next year!



They don't build 'em like this anymore!



And yes, that is the Au Sable River "Holy Water" visible right off the wonderful Wa Wa Sum porch

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