



ADAMS CHAPTER Update

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President's Report

Spring is here – at least it was last week. It seems the trout season is finally upon us and I hope everyone has a great one. I know the Adams Chapter Board is deserving of one. We had a great banquet this year and everyone pitched in to make it so. As with any volunteer organization, the outcome is only as good as the effort put in behind the scenes and the Board's effort was outstanding. I wish I could take credit for the event, but it truly was the Board's work. Especially deserving is Vice President Mark Andres who is responsible for the new format, all of the frames for the artwork, much of the organizing, and a whole lot of other things. If you see him tell him thanks.

We raised a hefty sum for our rivers and will be putting the funds to good use as always. Thanks to all of our donors listed below and those that wish to remain anonymous. Your generous contributions make it possible to have such a great event. Please visit the donors and give them your business. Most are local and we should return the favor. Thanks also to Mike Delp who gave a colorful reading of some of his work.

With the banquet out of the way, we can return focus to our important task of setting out our Visions and Goals to Conserve, Protect and Restore the Boardman River. We unveiled a draft of the document at the banquet and will be distributing a final draft version to members shortly. The document will be considered for approval at our membership meeting set for May 25 at Ranch Rudolf. Please come to the meeting if you are available and have your voice heard.

To try to match the Chapter's enthusiasm for protecting the Boardman and making sure the dam removal is completed properly I have committed to going to all of the Implementation Team and Project Manager meetings. I hope to begin giving regular updates by email as the process continues. The meetings are open to the public and I encourage anyone else that has interest in the issue to attend. There will be a lot of pressure coming from interest groups pushing their agenda and we need to make sure the trout are not pushed aside in favor of others.

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Calendar of Events

- May 25** General Membership Meeting (Ranch Rudolf) 6:30 p.m.
- June 22** Outdoor meeting at CCC Bridge
- August 24** Outdoor meeting at Ranch Rudolf
- September 16-18** WaWaSum Outing
- October 12** General Membership Meeting (Union Cantina) 7 p.m.
- December 7** General Membership Meeting/ Elections (Union Cantina) 7 p.m.

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The Adams Chapter has a new Facebook page. Go to Adams Chapter Trout Unlimited and click the "LIKE" button. We look forward to your input.

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In other important news, you will see below that we gave a \$1000.00 grant for construction of a kids only fishing platform at the pond near Kids Creek between Kohls and the Great Wolf Lodge. This was the first grant from the Bill Fernandez Childrens Activities Fund and we think it is a great one. Getting and keeping kids interested in fishing and the outdoors is critical to maintaining trout and all of the other values we cherish about our wonderful region. I'm sure Bill will be smiling

bigger than the kids who pull their first trout from that pond.

Finally, pay attention to your emails and come out to our summer work and meetings. We have our June meeting at the CCC Bridge on the Manistee and our August meeting at Ranch Rudolf. Both are fun and end early enough to get some fishing in before you head home. Bring a friend or you significant other and join us.

Jeff Jocks

Annual Banquet Thank You's

The Board of Directors and members of the Trout Unlimited Adams Chapter would like to thank the following sponsors, donors, contributors and supporters for their generous donation and continued support of our annual fundraising event. It is you, the donors and supporters of our organization that allow this event to be a success. Without you, we have no event. The rewards of your kindness and generosity are seen directly through the success of the various improvement programs that benefit our cold water fisheries. Thank you all very sincerely.



Local author, Mike Delp, was the featured speaker.

ABC Warehouse; Alpine Oven; Apache Trout Grill; Arnie & Aggie Ochs; Art & Soul Gallery; Backcountry North; Bahle's; Bank of America; Bay Leaf Restaurant, Dennis Fitzpatrick; Becca Schlaff; Ben Bunting; Bob Jocks; Bob Summers; Brad Petzke, Riversnorth; Burrits Market; Captain's Quarters; Casey Smit; Chris Smith; Chuck Hawkins Outfitters; Current Works, Ted Kraimer; David Ruimveld; Derek DeYoung; Diversions; Dr. Ken Gum & Family; Duon Rose; Elk Rapids Wine Shop; Evan Visuri; Federico's Jewelers; Fieldsport; Fish Tales, Tom & Susie Wischman; Folgarelli's; Gates AuSable Lodge; George Pluhr Chiropractor; Glenn Wolff; Golden Shoes; Grant Parsons/Jack Murray; Greg Miller; The Cook's House; Jack's Sport Shop; Jim Newland; Joe Quandt; Julie Fernandez; Marilyn Gum; Master Dry Cleaners; Matt Russell; Mayfield Sugar Bush; Dr. Dave McGreaham; McMillen's Instant Framer, Todd McMillen; Nawbin Beads; Nolan's Tobacconist, Mike Nolan; Oakwood Vet.; Old AuSable Fly Shop; Performance Plus Quick Lube; Ranch Rudolf; Right Brain Brewery; Rock Wilson; Ron Edwards; Sam's Club; Scalawags; Sharon Largent; Dr. Peter Sneed; Spirals; Square Deal Country Store; Stein Decoy's; Streamside Orvis, Dave & Kelly Leonhard; Sweet Pea; The Northern Angler, Brian Pitser; Dr. Steve Thomas; The Winston Rod Company; Trout Town Cafe; Verne Powell; Woodland Creek; Yen Yoga, Sara Harding

Treasurer's Report

*15th Annual Banquet -
April 16, 2011*

Net proceeds of \$11,033 were realized from the 15th Annual Banquet held on April 16, 2011. These proceeds were generated from: \$22,005 in ticket sales; \$2,125 in cash donations (given to underwrite the costs of various raffle prizes and auction items); and more than \$13,970 of non-cash donations. Two additional \$125 cash underwriting contributions are expected; when received the total net proceeds from the 15th Annual Banquet will be \$11,283.

Artist Feature

Chris Smith of Northern Images Studio has supported our chapter by donating his wonderful wildlife artwork for many years.

The proceeds from his donations have generated thousands of dollars at our banquets. You may know Chris or at least remember that he won the competition for the 2005 Michigan Waterfowl Stamp and his work has been featured in the Ruffed Grouse Society magazine as well as many other publications like The Pointing Dog Journal, Retriever Journal and others. He is also the author of several books and waterfowl identification guides.

Chris's work is on display at "Gallery 22" which is on M-22 south of Sutton's Bay at Hilltop Rd. Chris's work will be featured at a Grand Opening on Thursday, May 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please take the time to stop by and help support this artist who has supported us with his generosity for a long time.

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Online Topographic Mapping Resources

by Gabe Schneider

Fishing for many of us is not only about the act of fishing, but also about the exploration and adventure in finding that next small creek, pond or beaver dam.

Some of my best trips have been those that have started by staring at a blue squiggle line on a topo map and wondering, "how do I get there?" While I still keep my dog-eared and Duct Tape reinforced gazetteer in my car, I increasingly rely on electronic resources in planning my adventures.

While Google Maps and Google Earth provide good map and satellite images, it was not until recently that I found a

good online resource for topographic maps.

Two websites in particular can be very helpful in planning your next fishing adventure. The first can be found at <http://www.mappingsupport.com>.

This is a free web based map that can be customized to your location. While the set up can be difficult (inputting coordinates etc.) you may want to try the map I set up which defaults to the entire United States.

You can find that map by clicking here [Clicking on Map](#) on the far upper right reveals a drop down menu to toggle between traditional map view, satellite, hybrid, terrain, US Topo and My Topo views.

A second site to use is <http://mapper.acme.com/>. I think Acme Mapper has a bit more cluttered view, but still allows the user to toggle between satellite, hybrid terrain and topo views. It does however add a nice overlay feature of NEXRAD radar. So if you are thinking about venturing out and want to know if that storm cell is going to interrupt the afternoon hatch, click NEXRAD and see what weather is approaching.

All in all, technology is making it easier and easier to plan our next fishing trips. I hope that these two websites will be useful to you in answering that question of "how do I get to that squiggly blue line?"

Boardman River Dam Update

In anticipation of the 2012-scheduled removal of both Brown Bridge and Sabin dams, the City of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County respectively, submitted applications to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a preliminary drawdown of the two impoundments located on the Boardman River yet this summer.

The City is requesting an interim drawdown of Brown Bridge Pond in the summer or fall of 2011 prior to removal in 2012. This phased approach will reduce the time-frame required to draw the impoundment down in 2012 prior to dam removal; which in turn will provide additional field days

for the actual removal activities since the construction season is shorter in northern Michigan compared to other parts of the state. An interim drawdown also allows portions of the newly exposed bottomlands to become vegetated during the interim drawdown season. It is anticipated that the proposed maximum drawdown using the existing equipment is an additional 8-feet from the current pond level which is roughly 3-feet lower than the operating level. Brown Bridge Dam had an operating head of 33 feet. The presence of zebra mussels on the internal gates may inhibit obtaining the maximum drawdown. If maximum drawdown is achieved engineers figure approximately 100 acres of bottom-

lands will be exposed. The current size of Brown Bridge Pond is 170 acres.

Sabin Pond is approximately 40 acres in size and is scheduled for removal in 2012 assuming funding is secured and applicable permits obtained. Sabin Dam has an operating head of 20-feet. The County previously lowered Sabin Pond two feet for maintenance purposes and anticipate being able to draw it down this summer an additional 4-5 feet if the state permits. Boardman Dam has an operating head of 41-feet and is scheduled for removal in 2013. Boardman Pond was drawn-down 15-feet by the County in 2007. For more information visit www.theboardman.org.