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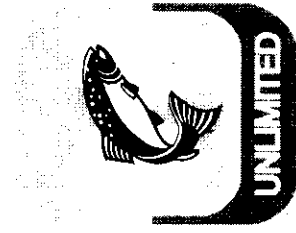
Remember that your money is going for a good cause and that we *trust* you will honor all of your bids.

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# ADAMS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED



## ANNUAL BANQUET AUCTION • RAFFLE



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2003

# WELCOME TO OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET

For over 40 years, Trout Unlimited has taken a leading role in protecting one of America's great national treasures: our nation's cold water resources and trout and salmon populations. Combining stream restoration efforts with research and effective lobbying, TU works to protect our existing resources and continues to challenge new threats to trout habitat. The Adams Chapter formed in 1996 and now has nearly 300 members. The proceeds from this banquet enable us to continue this work on a local level, with your local support.

The Adams Chapter needs the support of individuals and local business in order to reach our goals. The resources that we strive to protect benefit our entire community. Whether you fish, ski, hunt or hike; or just take scenic drives in the country, our natural rivers and wild areas enrich our lives. Join with us in helping to maintain the natural beauty that makes Northwest Michigan a special place to live and work. Thank you for your generosity.

We hope you have an enjoyable evening. Eat well, *drink responsibly*, examine the prizes and spend freely; knowing that *all* of your contributions are going to worthy projects and organizations. Thank you for being with us tonight. We're glad you're with us.

## Chapter Officers

Bill Fernandez — president      Jeff Alandt — treasurer  
Greg Butzow — vice-president      Jim Zachow — secretary

## Board of Directors

Gary Smith      Dave Leonhard      Mike Connors  
Dr. Ken Gum      Dennis K. Taylor      Steve Largent  
Aggie Deering      Ted Kraimer      Dr. Pat Kelly

## Special Thanks

Special "Thanks" to all of the Adams Chapter members who worked tirelessly to make the banquet possible.

And, a very special "Thanks" to all our many generous contributors.

# ADAMS CHAPTER BANQUET

Cocktails ..... 6:00pm  
Dinner ..... 7:00pm

Dinner

"CATERED BY KELLY'S"

Special Guest Speakers

**MICHAEL DELP**  
**JERRY DENNIS**

Special Raffles

**GATES AUSABLE LODGE**  
**\$1000.00 SHOPPING SPREE**  
**3 - \$500 GIFT CERTIFICATES**

Auctioneer

**DENNIS KUBESH**

Special Raffle

**Mad River Canoe**

**Silent Auctions • Bucket Raffles**



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**What your contribution means to both of us.**

Your contribution enables us to conduct another successful fund raising banquet, with all funds going to help our local coldwater resources and the increased accessibility of trout fishing.

Your contribution, generosity, and name will be shared with over 200 sportsmen and women. The sport of trout and salmon fishing attracts people who are discerning local shoppers. They buy high-end items and appreciate local support of our organization. Your gift will be attributed to you throughout our banquet and on our printed materials.

Additionally, we are a recognized charitable group, affiliated with our national organization. Our 501c3 status means that your contribution may be eligible for a tax deduction.

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# **The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

## *The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

Post Office Box 2129  
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49685 - 2129

## *The Adams Chapter of TU*

Since our first meeting in March 1996, the Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited has grown from 26 to 150 members. Our membership list is a Who's Who of local sportsmen and women.

Located in Traverse City, the purpose of our organization is to preserve, protect and enhance the coldwater resources of the surrounding area. And we are working hard to do just that.

Being a part of our national group, Trout Unlimited, means that, as a group, we are dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of all wild trout and salmon habitat.

Primarily, we are fishermen and women. We fish for trout and salmon because we love to, and limit our takings because these beautiful creatures are too valuable to be caught only once.

We pursue our sport because it takes us to such beautiful places; and so we are committed to protecting these pristine and vulnerable locations.

We conduct environmental improvement projects and educational sessions and we collaborate with like-minded environmental groups. Wouldn't you like to join us ? Or help us ? We welcome your participation.

## **A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR COMMUNITY- BASED ACTIVITIES.....**

We assisted in the restoration of several erosion sites on the Boardman River.. including restoring 250 feet of severely eroded bank in a single day

We improved trout habitat on the N.Branch of the Boardman creating "pocket habitat" with strategic boulder placement and funded the removal of 450 cubic yards of sand from local rivers.

Cooperation with the Friends of the Cedar River acted to limit the impact of commercial development on that stream.

Area children learned to fly fish and the flies in conjunction with Boardman River Days.

# ***The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited - # 676***

**Box 2129 . Traverse City, MI . 49685-2129**

January 23, 2003

TO: School Administrators and Principals

FROM: Bill Fernandez, President of the Adams Chapter *& Ken Gorn*

RE: Grants for School Coldwater Resource Projects

For our second year, The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited will make \$2000, in four \$500 grants, available to local classrooms. We hope that these stipends will allow teachers to do something special; enhancing their student's knowledge about our precious coldwater resources and their fragile nature. We envision this being of most interest to science or biology classes, but anyone can apply and all requests will be equally considered. Our Chapter directors will evaluate each request without knowing the names of either school or instructor.

We plan to announce our grant recipients at our March 22, 2003 banquet, so we hope that you can disseminate this information as soon as possible. We have set March 8<sup>th</sup> as the final date that applications will be accepted.

While \$500 is a relatively small sum, it could pay for transportation to a learning site, or buy a film that leads to a class report, or buy the materials for a classroom project. We're open to creative uses. We have enclosed a sheet describing our grant application process.

Contact us if you need more information.

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# *The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

## **Who We Are:**

The Adams Chapter is comprised of 300 members who fish for trout and salmon in local "coldwater" rivers. We are a charitable organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of our area coldwater resources. We are primarily concerned with the Boardman, Manistee, AuSable, and Betsie rivers, although other, and smaller, coldwater streams are of interest as well. Water quality and stream pollution, sedimentation and sand removal, stabilization work preventing stream bank erosion and instream trout habitat enhancement are areas which have received both Chapter funds and volunteer work.

## **The Grants:**

The Chapter is offering four \$500 grants to area teachers. The recipients will be announced at the Adams Chapter 7<sup>th</sup> annual banquet on March 22, 2003. Applications must be received by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Application Requirements:**

The application **must be limited to two pages**, each double spaced.

Page 1, should briefly identify the teacher, school, principal, subject taught, and class that will use the grant funds. Page 2, the application, **must NOT describe teacher or school** and **must** describe how the grant funds will be used. **Simply** describe how you intend to further knowledge or interest in the conservation and/or preservation of trout or salmon bearing coldwater habitat. Acceptable uses include:

- Completing an actual stream work project.
- Undertaking a classroom project.
- Providing funding for an outdoor educational experience.
- Conducting research on either coldwater species or habitat.

We will ask that grant recipients provide us with photos and be prepared to give a short presentation of their project/event at one of our Chapter meetings. Funds may be used for transportation and related materials, but **not** for staff payment.

## **Submit all applications to:**

Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
2002 School Grants  
Box 2129  
Traverse City, MI 49685



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February 18, 2003

MEMO

TO: Cindy Jurik  
Fifth Third Bank Marketing

RE: Adams Chapter Trout Unlimited Banquet-March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for considering a kind donation for our Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited banquet this year. As always we appreciate Fifth Third's participation in our fundraising event which annually produces considerable operating funds for restoration primarily of the Boardman River but also other cold water fisheries in our region.

The banquet will be held on Saturday evening March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the V.F.W. Hall in Traverse City. Typically we have a minimum of 200 people in attendance. In years past we have used funds from Fifth Third Bank to purchase a canoe from Back Country Outfitters for a raffle at our banquet. Fifth Third is always recognized as a contributor to the purchase of this canoe at the time of the raffle.

You can forward the check which should be made out to Adams Chapter Trout Unlimited directly to me Kenneth B. Gum, M.D., 5199 North Royal Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Again, thank you Cindy and thanks to all of you at Fifth Third for helping us generate revenues for conservation purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth B. Gum, M.D.

KBG/dp  
D: 02/18/03  
T: 02/18/03

# ***The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited - # 676***

Box 2129 . Traverse City, MI . 49685-2129

February 28, 2003

Dear Adams Chapter Member,

Tickets for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raising Banquet scheduled for **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** are now available at Streamside Orvis, The Troutsman, Apache Trout Grill and Nolan's. Banquet tickets are still only \$35 per person and we plan to sell out early again this year. What we'd really like is to sell out within our Chapter. Half of last year's attendees were non-members and while that's OK, we really need your participation.. your support.. and your contributions. Come join us, you'll enjoy the auctions, raffles and the fine food.

This is the only time that we raise money for stream improvement projects, youth activities, school and organizational grants. Last year we supported projects on the Manistee, AuSable and Betsie rivers and supported numerous other environmental groups. We can only do this with your help. The raffle tickets are our major source of income. This year we have a \$20 ticket for a \$1000 spree at Rusty Gate's AuSable Lodge and we sell only 200 of these, so your chances are very good. Our \$10 ticket gives you three chances to win one of three \$500 certificates from Streamside Orvis, The Troutsman or The Fly Factory in Grayling. If each member not attending the banquet bought a few of tickets it would greatly improve our bottom line. \$50 spent on raffle tickets is a reasonable goal... your money will go right back to work on the rivers you love.

Stop by one of our ticket locations and pick up a couple of banquet tickets.. or at least buy a few raffle tickets to support the good works that are underwritten by the Adams Chapter. If you can't get there in person, mail me your check made out to the Adams Chapter TU and I'll get the tickets right out to you. Please do everything you can to support our fund raising effort. We're counting on you to help.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Fernandez  
Chapter President



**The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raising Banquet**

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

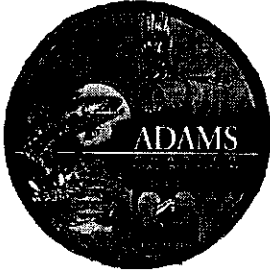
**At the VFW Hall in Traverse City**

**Doors Open at 6pm - Dinner and auctions begin at 7pm**

Your participation allows the Adams Chapter to continue supporting stream restoration and improvement projects, and educational and organizational grants that benefit our local environment.

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Kenneth Gum M.D.  
5450 Harris Rd.  
Traverse City, MI 49684





The Adams Chapter, # 676  
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## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of December 3, 2003

At 7:00 p.m. this date, a general meeting of the Adams Chapter was convened at 5199 N. Royal Drive, in Traverse City.

### Present:

Bill Fernandez, President	Ray Bunn
Jim Zachow, Secretary	Dennis Taylor
Jeff Alandt, Treasurer	Ken Gum
Mike Connors	Steve Largent
Keith Gillow	Joe Evancho
Gary Smith	Mike Slater
Dave Leonard	Kirk Novak
Larry Thompson	Brian Pitser (non-member)

The following reports were received:

### Treasurer's Report:

- Balance at end of Sept. = \$28,744.44
  - It was moved by Ken Gum with a second by Dennis Taylor "That the Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2002-2003 be approved and that the funds are distributed into accounts in accord with Chapter procedure, as follows: \$6,844 to General Fund, \$11,000 to Streams Fund, and \$11,000 to Exec/Local Fund."
  - The motion passed without opposition.

### Membership Committee:

- There has been a change in renewal programs at TU National
  - If the Chapter signs up NEW members at a special rate of \$17.50 per new member, the Chapter receives \$15.00 from TU National.
  - There is no longer any funding to the Chapter for renewals.
- The membership currently stands at 260 members.

Feb 19th

March 1st  
Feb 24th  
March 24th

April 17th  
Banquet

**Conservation/Stream Committee:**

- The Chapter has received a grant from the Great Lakes Institute to construct "fishing decks" along the Boardman River above the YMCA. This is an erosion control project and placement of posts for the decks has already commenced.
- The Hammond-Hartman Bridge project is undergoing redesign for submittal to DEQ. Steve Largent will continue to follow its progress and report back to the Chapter.
- Boardman (Cass Rd.) and Sabin Dams are proceeding toward removal. The greatest obstacle to removal is settlement of issues regarding riparian landowner on the ponds.

**Banquet Committee:**

- The Banquet is scheduled for April 17 at the Traverse City American Legion Hall.

**President's Report:**

- Bill proposed that the Chapter fund four scholarships to the Youth Rivers Camp put on by the Kalamazoo Chapter of TU.
  - It was moved by Mike Slater with a second by Steve Largent "That the Chapter continues to support the Youth Rivers Camp and send a minimum of four (4) youths to camp in 2004. That funds for youth scholarships (\$500 per youth) and money for any needed youth equipment come from the Exec/Local Account. Minimum amount approved \$2000, Maximum \$3000, if we need equipment or can send another camper."
  - The motion passed without opposition.
- There was discussion regarding the means and methods for soliciting requests for Educational Grants from the Chapter. The Chapter has given a number of Grants to local schools to fund educational programs involving cold water fisheries.
  - A committee consisting of Larry Thompson (Chairman), Steve Largent, Ray Bunn, & Ken Gum is to present a program for distribution of "Educational Grants" for cold water fisheries programs in schools with our area.
- Bill reported that the Chapter has received a report from the Intern that we fund in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Conservation District. The intern participated in Chapter meetings and worked with Steve Largent on erosion projects on the Boardman River.
  - After some discussion regarding the expectations for a report from the summer Intern which we fund in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Conservation District, it was moved by Dave Leonhard with a second by Larry Thompson "That the Chapter cooperate with the Grand Traverse Conservation District in funding a summer intern for work on the Boardman River. In the total amount of \$2,500 with equal parts coming from the Stream and Exec/Local accounts."
  - The motion passed without opposition.
- Bill noted that the "First Cast" program with Adams member Tim Smith had been held at the TC Children's Museum and had not cost the Chapter any money. Tim hopes to continue the program in 2004.
  - It was moved by Mike Slater with a second by Jeff Alandt "That the Chapter continue the First Cast Program, utilizing materials and support the the Nation

Feb 2  
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Feb 9th  
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Rotary  
Grant

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kids waders

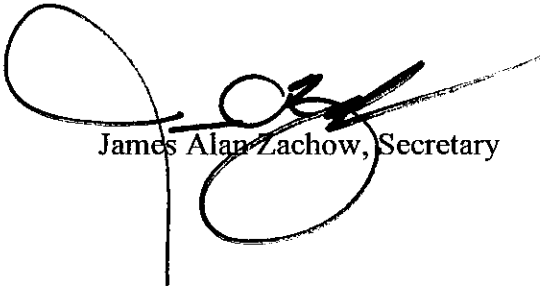
Office of TU, with Adams Chapter member Tim Smith heading the effort. Materials and equipment may be funded from the Exec/Local account in an amount not-to-exceed \$500”

- The motion passed.
- Bill inquired as to whether the Chapter wished to contribute to the Michigan Land Use Institute in recognition of their work on the Hammond-Hartman Bridge Issue.
- It was moved by Jeff Alandt with a second by Ray Bunn “That the Chapter make a year-end contribution to the Michigan Land Use Institute of \$500 earmarked for support of their work on the Hammond-Hartman Bridge Issue.”
- The motion passed without objection.

**Chapter Elections:**

- Nominations were taken from the floor for the three open Director positions.
  - Nominees were: Dennis Taylor (incumbent Director), Ken Gum (incumbent Director), Gary Smith (incumbent Director), and Larry Thompson II. Gary Smith declined in favor of Larry Thompson II.
  - There being only three nominees for the three open Director positions; Dennis Taylor, Ken Gum, & Larry Thompson were elected Directors.
- The floor was open for nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer.
  - Bill Fernandez was willing to serve another term as President and there were no other nominees. Bill was re-elected by acclamation.
  - Jeff Alandt agreed to serve as Vice President and there were no other nominees. Jeff was elected to serve as Vice President.
  - Jim Zachow was willing to serve another term as Secretary and there were no other nominees. Jim was re-elected Secretary.
  - Chris Cuffaro was nominated to serve as Treasurer by Bill Fernandez. Bill stated that Chris had agreed to serve in that capacity and was a banker by profession. There being no other nominees for the position of Treasurer, Chris was elected to serve as Chapter Treasurer

**Next Meeting:** There will be a Directors Meeting at Steve Largent’s office on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday in January 21, 2004. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



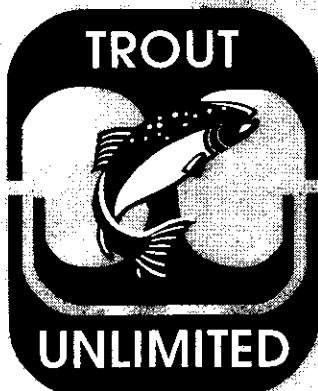
James Alan Zachow, Secretary

# Adams Chapter Update

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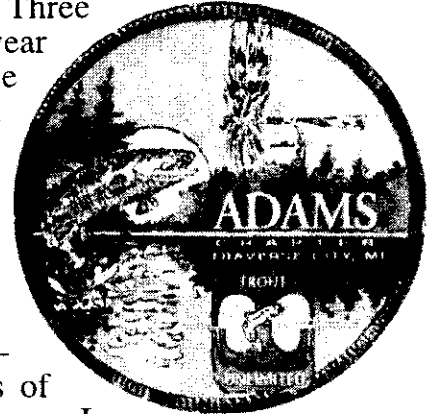


## CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS ANNOUNCES 2003 PLANS

The Adams Chapter held its annual meeting on December 4, 2002. Bill Fernandez was re-elected president and VP Greg Butzow, Treasurer Jeff Alandt and Secretary Jim Zachow return to their positions as well. Three directors were elected to 3-year terms; Dr. Pat Kelly, Mike Connors and Ted Kraimer won those seats.

Jeff Alandt and stream committee chair, Steve Largent, announced that there would be \$10,000 available for stream conservation and restoration work this year. The stream committee will begin the process of reviewing grant applications soon. In addition, the Chapter will continue its School Grant program. \$2,000 has been earmarked for local school awards. Letters will go out to the schools in this month.

The Chapter treasury also has enough funds to continue our participation in the Youth Rivers Camp, providing scholarships for 4 youth each year, and to continue funding local projects which enhance our coldwater resources and encourage prudent environmental stewardship.



Left to right front row: Vice-president Greg Butzow, President Bill Fernandez, Treasurer Jeff Alandt, Secretary Jim Zachow, Back row: Directors Gary Smith, Dennis Taylor, Steve Largent, Ken Gum, Aggie Deering, Mike Connors, Pat Kelly (not pictured Directors Dave Leonhard and Ted Kraimer)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First, I am honored to be re-elected as your Chapter president and appreciate your show of support for our programs and goals. I'm proud to be a part of this fine group. We'll be 7 years old this March and have shown significant growth each year. From 26 members to 280, and still growing. And every year our projects expand and our successes increase. If only our portfolios would do as well. Be sure to check out Steve's recap of our helicopter tree placement project. If you weren't there, you missed a thrilling event.. cold, but thrilling.

Our reason for existence is to enhance and preserve our coldwater resources and in order to achieve that goal we must focus on increasing our membership and our fund raising abilities. Please check out your mailing label and note your expiration date. If you have an expired membership, please contact our membership committee and renew. We need your support at any level. I'm proud that we are reaching out to youth, and their families, through our School Grant and Youth Camp programs. Each year we have found more money to increase our efforts in this area. Exposing youth to trout fishing and coldwater resource conservation can only help us in the long run. This year, member Tim Smith will start up a First Cast Program. Tim will use materials from TU national to hold beginning level classes for local youth.

We'll make sure that you receive information on the dates and locations.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the date of our Seventh Annual Banquet. This year we will again be at the VFW Hall in Traverse City with catering by Dan Kelly. We'll hold it to 200 seats again this year. I'm sure that we will be preparing for an expanded banquet in a larger venue soon. We just met our goal in 2002; with our "at banquet sales" getting us to the mark. Had we sold as many "pre-banquet" raffle tickets as in 2001 we would have had a major increase. (which means more money for our grants, projects and restoration activities). Whether or not you attend the banquet, you should buy a couple of raffle tickets. One of our directors always reminds me that we should be selling out, both the banquet and ticket sales, just from within our membership; and yet half of those at our banquets are not members. Please open your checkbooks this year. Your personal contributions of prizes are always appreciated and, if you know of any one, or any business, that would like to contribute or underwrite a portion of the banquet or prize, get in contact with us immediately.

I encourage you to participate in any of our committee activities. You'll notice a listing of committee chairs and phone numbers. Aside from all of the membership and fund raising concerns, my personal goal this term is to strengthen the committee process and increase member participation. If there is anything that I can do to encourage your participation or

give you more information please call me. Thanks for your support and I hope to see you at the banquet.



## October 2002 Wa Wa Sum Outing

On October 18, 19 and 20, over 20 Adams Chapter TU members availed themselves of the rustic amenities of the historic Wa Wa Sum Lodge on the Main Branch of the AuSable River.

This 5th annual outing officially marked the ending of stream fishing for 2002 for the stalwart members. The weather was on the chilly side, but many members did fish the Main Branch with moderate success. Others took advantage of the second ongoing season by using the Wa Wa Sum grounds and surrounding area for Upland Bird hunting. Still others took in the scenery at nearby Hartwick Pines State Park.

The 15 overnighters (there was room for another 20) gathered for dinner and stories at the Gates AuSable Lodge on the banks of the AuSable Main Branch on Friday and Saturday nights.

Each year, the Adams Chapter has the lodge for the third week-end of October to conduct Chapter planning meetings and enjoy a little end of season fishing. It's a lot of fun and additional membership involvement is encouraged.

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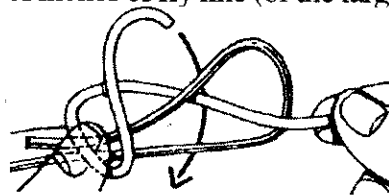
## Upper Manistee Sandtrap Project Approaching Fulfillment

With the Chapter's significant financial assistance, the lower-most and largest mainstream sand trap—the one below CR-612 in Crawford County—received its annual cleanout in November by the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee. The Committee also serviced for the first time in several years four of its five smaller traps above Cameron Bridge in the Deward Management Area. All traps are performing exceptionally well in uncovering streambed gravel and deepening the river's channel. Their diminishing service frequency means that those above Cameron Bridge are approaching fulfillment of the purpose for which they were installed 10 or more years ago.

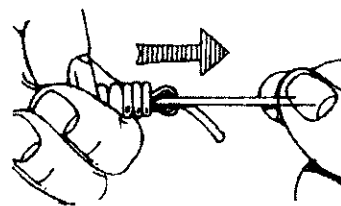
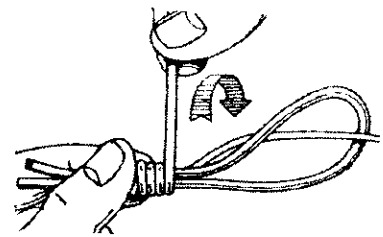
**Joe Kutkin**

## The Albright Knot

This knot is designed to attach the backing to the fly line or 2 tippets of widely varying diameters. Start by unwinding 2-3 feet of fly line from the plastic spool it came on. Start by doubling back a couple of inches of fly line (or the larger diameter tippet) and hold the loop



with your left thumb and forefinger. From the right, insert about 10 to 12 fairly tight wraps. Push the tag end of the backing back through the loop on the side opposite where it originally entered so both backing strands exit on the same side of the loop. Pull on the standing part of the backing to remove the loop you were holding in your left hand. Pull both ends of the fly line backing. Pull gently on both ends of the fly line loop with your left hand; squeeze the knot with the fingers of your right hand and work it down to the loop end, *but not off the fly line*. Moisten the knot. Hold the standing and tag fly line strands in your left hand, and the tag and standing backing strands in your right hand. Pull as tight as possible. Clip off the tag end of the fly line and the backing. You're now ready to wind the line over



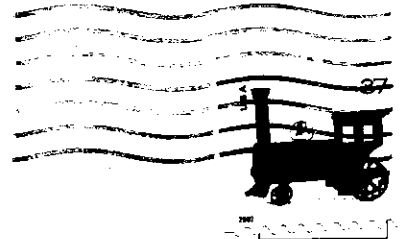
the backing onto the spool. Here's where a friend can help by inserting a pencil through the hole in the line spool and holding it while you wind the line onto the reel spool under slight tension. Once the line is fully transferred to the reel spool, you should have approximately 3/16 inches between the line and the outside rim of the spool. This is the best knot for attaching 2 tippets of widely varying diameters as well.

# Upcoming Events

- February 5 — General Meeting at the Bay  
Eye Clinic, Royal Drive, TC**
- March 22 — The Annual Adams Chapter  
Banquet at the VFW Hall, Traverse City.  
Tickets will be available the end of February!**

**Sign up for a committee. Call the chair of the committee that you would like to join, and offer to share a few hours over the next couple of months to help our coldwater resource. Their phone numbers are listed on page two.**

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