

ADAMS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED



10th ANNUAL BANQUET AUCTION • RAFFLE



Saturday, April 15, 2006

Thank You

The Adams Chapter enjoys the support of numerous local donors and underwriters. This fund raiser, and the resulting distribution of funds, would not be possible without all of them. Special thanks to Gary Smith, Dr. Ken Gum, Dr. Pat Kelly and Gary Silverman.

And, of course, this would not be possible without you. We wish you an enjoyable evening of free spending and responsible drinking.

Buckets

You will see that there are many prizes on three tables, each with its own marked ticket bucket.

The red bucket ticket takes a \$2 ticket, the blue a \$5 and the Yellow a \$10.

These tickets are also sold in "bucket" and "guide" packets. All are available at our ticket sales table. Naturally, the more tickets you put into a bucket the better your chances of winning.

Enjoy

- Spend confidently, knowing that every dollar spent will fund excellent projects and educational activities, and, we trust that you will honor all of your winning bids.
- **We appreciate you smoking outside and not inside the banquet hall.**

*THE ADAMS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
IS DEDICATED TO
PROTECTING OUR COLD WATER RESOURCES.*

We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't simply fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where true enjoyment lies in the challenge, the setting, and the battle of wits; not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your take instead of taking your limit. Where a fishing license is a permit to use – not abuse and to enjoy – not destroy, our precious cold water fishery.

It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for trout and salmon is good for us and that managing those species for themselves rather than for the fisherman is fundamental to the solution of our trout and salmon problems. It's appreciating our fishery resources, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.

We hope you enjoy your evening and continue to help us protect our cold water resources with your generous support.

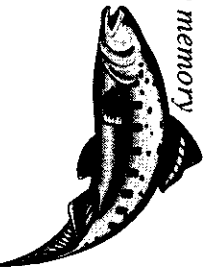
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*What was big was not the trout, but the chance
What was full was not my creel, but my memory*



*Welcome to
The Adams Chapter's
10th Annual Banquet*

Cocktails6:00 pm

Dinner CATERED BY KELLY'S7:00 pm

Raffles and auctions throughout the evening

Raffles
Gates AuSable Lodge, \$1000 Shopping Spree
and
3 - \$500 Gift Certificates

Auctioneer
Justin Wolf

Special Raffle
Canoe

Silent Auctions

Bucket Raffles



Cards

Please note that your charges will appear on your monthly statement as "Nolan's"

The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited - # 676

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Proposed Grants for Calendar year 2006:

The stream committee recommends the following distributions from the stream committee fund:

1. Boardman River Guardians	\$500	for the endowment fund *
2. Conservation Resource Alliance	\$500	for the Rivercare Fund
3. Betsie River Restoration Com	\$200	unrestricted contribution
4. Anglers of the AuSable	\$250	unrestricted contribution
5. Upper Manistee River Rest.Com	\$200	unrestricted contribution
6. Michigan Land Use Institute	\$300	for River Protection
7. GT Regional Land Conserv	\$300	unrestricted contribution *
8. Michigan River Alliance	\$500	unrestricted contribution
9. Michigan Hydro Relicensing	[\$500]	unrestricted contribution
Total	\$1,950	[½ Stream – ½ Exec]

Sustaining Membership amount: (from stream com) \$975

GRANTS:

1) The Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee		
a) Unrestricted grant for restoration of trout habitat		
	Total Stream Grant of...	\$ 2,000
2) The Boardman River Project		
a) N. Branch Sand Trap Cleanout		
	Total Stream Grant of...	\$ 2,000 *
3) Conservation Resource Alliance/ applied for		
	Total Stream Grant of...	\$ 1,000
4) Anglers of the AuSable		
a) Unrestricted Grant – habitat advocacy		
	Total Stream Grant of	\$ 1,000
	<u>Total stream grants:</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

* this fiscal year, we can take some/all of the money in our GT Regional Fund account (which is doing nothing and receiving no additions) and give it to the Boardman Edwards Fund.. which goes to the Boardman River Project... that will save us some \$\$

Set up account for Dam Removal expenses:

\$1,500 dam removal this year and last year
\$750 additional from both Stream & Local funds.

- ?? do we have a separate account with the \$1,500 for Dam Removal ?? and, if not, we should reduce our spendable amount this FY by that amount.

Stream Committee Total: \$10,425

The stream committee also recommends the following matching distributions from the executive/local fund - and the Executive Committee concurs; therefore

- 1) Matching ½ of the stream committee contributions for sustaining memberships in the amount of \$975
- 2) Exec/Local portion of set-aside for Dam removal: \$750 [combined 1,500 this yr]

Exec/Local total amount of \$1,725

Therefore:

Stream amount	7,725	of 8,000 available
Exec amount	1,725	of 8,000
total	<u>9,450</u>	<u>of 16,000</u>

And Holding – ready to pay

up to 1,500 for educational grants
 up to 3,000 for Youth Rivers scholarships
 up to 1,000 for First Cast Program
making an additional 5,500

which will add up to 14,950 of 16,000

- Leaving an excess of \$ 1,050
- And leaving \$ 5,700 in the admin fund
- Funds not spent in the holding category can be used for an additional local project.

23,200 now
 1,500 for last year's dam contrib
 5,700 admin set aside
 16,000 to use this year

Newsletter

TCfroot.com

Work bees

- Partnership - CRA in Tamarack Creek issue
- Summary of grants & funding
- Dam removal mtgs. schedule & progress.
- Elections - Dennis.

Steve/Pat

Kelly the Bookie
A. Hennes B. bk

Taylor election story

Print shop - (Amy) & Cilean



Bill to E-mail - Pres. report

Amy's - survey
- E-mail address

- Bill will supply labels to print shop -

T, U, clip art pics

Bill will arrange for printshop to have on file

Fills 5pa day

PG call layout
& calendar

Banquet date April 15th

meetings, work bees
dam schedule - cont. info. re. meetings

- @ Todd Kalish (call state)
Jan. meeting

Jan 15th March 22nd

Outdoor mtgs announced in May 1999

- Dam e-mail list - Email to Bill@ -

- Thurs deadline -

3/22/06

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TREASURER

Proposed Grants for Calendar year 2006:

The Adams Chapter Stream and Executive Committees recommend the following fund distributions for 2006:

1. Conservation Resource Alliance	\$250	Membership & Rivercare Fund	
2. Betsie River Restoration Com	\$200	Unrestricted contribution	
3. Anglers of the AuSable	\$150	Membership contribution	
4. Upper Manistee River Rest. Com	\$150	Membership contribution	
5. Michigan Land Use Institute	\$250	Membership & River Protection	
6. GT Regional Land Conserv	\$250	Membership contribution	
7. Michigan River Alliance	\$500	Mem,bership & contribution	
Total	\$1,750	[½ Stream – ½ Exec]	

\$950
to all

Amount from both the Stream & Local funds: \$875

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Total Stream Committee Grants of \$ 1,000

Total stream fund individual grants: \$ 6,000

Additionally, this year we will transfer **\$3000** from our account at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Fund to The Edwards Boardman River Restoration Fund also held at the GTRCF.

The Chapter will also designate \$1500 (\$750 from both stream & local accounts) to be used for Boardman Dam Removal activities; including community education activities.

Stream Committee Total: \$ 7,625

Executive / Local Fund Allocations:

1. Amount to match stream membership contributions	\$ 875
2. Amount to match Dam Removal education set-aside	750
3. Set-aside to support First Cast & Youth education	1,000
4. Set-aside to fund Youth Rivers Camp attendees	3,000
5. School Grant Program: 2006 grant amount	1,500
6. Reeling & Healing: donation to local venue	125
7. Casting for Recovery: donation to local venue	125

Exec/Local total amount of\$ 7,375

Grand Totals:

Stream amount	7,625	of 8,000 available
Exec amount	7,375	of 8,000
total		<u>15,000 of 16,000</u>

Motion:

That the Chapter distributions for 2006, as noted above, be approved.

Second: _____

Approval: yes___ no ___

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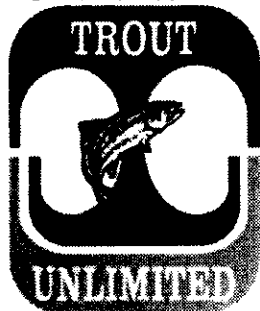
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• **Fate of the Boardman Dams**

• **Election Results**

• **Please complete and return the enclosed member survey**

• **Calendar of Events**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2005 was another fine year for the Adams Chapter; our membership remained stable at around 280, the banquet net will allow us to distribute over \$12,000 in 2006 and our educational grant, First Cast, and youth camp programs all contributed towards building a new generation of TU members. My only regret is that I didn't fit in my two solo canoe floats down my favorite stretch of river; just one, condensed, 5 hour outing. The mid-week – nice day – 10 hour – canoe load of snacks and refresh-

ments – solitary float trip is the heart of my fly fishing world. A tip of the hat to a couple of anglers is just the right amount of crowd. No iPod, no cell phone, no searching for the correct spelling and specific emergence times of Baetis Pygmaeus with a Bluetooth compatible vest, just time to look, smell and take the occasional stop to fend off dehydration. It's a lot more than just the fishing, it's a reconnect with cedars, seeping waters and flitting birds picking off insects and that's the real reason for my involvement (and hopefully yours) in Trout Unlimited. It's all about the total coldwater resource and protecting those environments so

special that they can sustain populations of wild trout.

This year we'll focus on protecting existing environments and creating new ones. The consideration of dam removal on the Boardman will be a long process with competing and conflicting ideas for the



The Adam's Chapter continues its support of both youth and aging programs

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President's Report continued

future of our home river. We will be sending a representative to as many meetings as possible and the Chapter needs to know your opinion regarding the fate of the Boardman Dams. There's a survey insert with this newsletter. Please take the time to complete and return it. Our officers and directors are very concerned that our expressed position reflects the majority opinion of our Chapter.

Tim Smith and his crew ran two sessions of the First Cast program this year. We couldn't ask for a more efficient operation. Getting kids exposed to trout fishing benefits the chapter and the resource... and it's rejuvenating. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Director Dennis Taylor. We also sent 5 kids to the Youth Rivers Camp and, while the temps were hot and fishing slow, one of our anglers landed a good sized bass on Wakely Lake. Of course, he'd forgotten to release the mini-bluegill that had taken the fly first.

An issue can't go by without the shameless plea for fundraising help. Funds are the fuel that drives our restoration and education engine. This year our Banquet will be held on April 15th at the VFW Hall in TC. As soon as our raffle license arrives, I'd like to print and distribute tickets for sale. If there's one thing that can enhance our net take, it's the pre-banquet sale of raffle tickets. If every Adams Chapter member sold 10 tickets it would double our funds... and that's not an unreasonable goal. Watch your mailbox for more news and maybe a few tickets.

Thanks to those who voted me in for yet another term and condolences to those who are pulling their fishing hat down over their rolling eyes. I'm not sure whether to consider this a vote of confidence or evidence that we desperately need new volunteers in every aspect of Chapter operations. Don't be shy, come to a meeting and step up to the plate. I definitely want three of my solo floats next season. Be well and Happy Holidays from your Officers and Directors. 

In Memory

Louise Cornette, wife of dedicated Chapter member Earl Cornette, passed away this December. We send him our condolence on the loss of his beloved companion.

Fate of the Boardman Dams

Much has happened this year regarding the proposal to remove the dams on the Boardman River. In February the Traverse City Light and Power board of directors voted to delicense and decommission the dams. In May the Boardman River Settlement Agreement was signed by all parties (Grand Traverse County, City of Traverse City, Traverse City Light and Power, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNR, and the Michigan DEQ). In July the Boardman River Dams Committee was formed to organize and proceed with the project. Recently the Water Studies Institute received a grant from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust to hire a facilitator to help guide the community through the Fate of the Dams process. The next big step is to seek an engineering firm to conduct an Engineering/ Feasibility Study. The Water Studies Institute is taking comments on the draft RFQ to be sure that ALL issues are included. Any comments will be due by February 10, 2006.

The Adams Chapter encourages all members to take an active role in this process. Of particular importance to us is the issue of anadromous fish passage. Todd Kalish of the Michigan DNR will be at our January 18 membership meeting to discuss the DNR's position on this. We invite everyone to attend, ask questions, and provide opinions.

How exciting to know that we may have many more miles of beautiful trout stream in our own back yards within our lifetime. The Adams chapter needs to play an active role in encouraging the State to work with us on establishing quality fishing regulations on this potential new resource.

On another note, National T.U. is planning to have its 50th Anniversary celebration in Traverse City in

2009. Many notable individuals are slated to be in attendance including president Jimmy Carter, Tom Brokaw, Jimmy Buffet and others. As the hosting chapter we can be proud of our efforts locally to protect and preserve our coldwater resources. Please take the time to attend our membership meetings. I think you will find that we have an outstanding group of dedicated and talented individuals working to provide all with the quality water that drew us to this area in the first place.

Anyone interested in receiving "Dam E-mail" including the draft RFQ please Email our president Bill Fernandez at wlf@traverse.com and he will gladly add you to the list of correspondents. ♡

Ken Gum

Elections

Election of Adams Chapter officers and three directors for 2006 was held at the November 30, 2005 chapter meeting. All current officers: President Bill Fernandez, Vice President Jeff Alandt, Treasurer Chris Cuffaro, and Secretary Jim Zachow stood for reelection. Nominations were solicited from the floor without result. There having been no nominations made or suggested to the nominating committee, the current officers were unanimously reelected for service for 2006 by the members present. Three director positions had expired this year. Each of the current directors: Ted Kraimer, Pat Kelly, and Mike Connors stood for reelection and were unanimously reelected by the present members. The election committee requests participation by all chapter members in the nomination and election processes in the future. It is

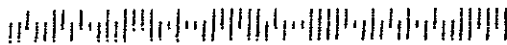
never too early to consider members who can provide effective service to the chapter in future roles. ♡

MCTU Request

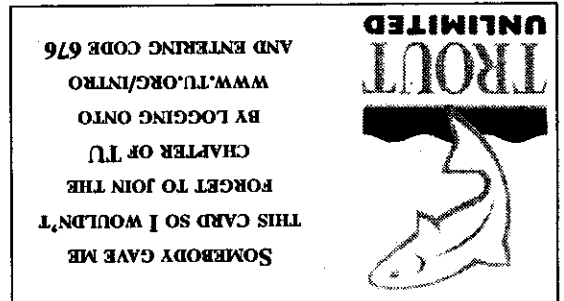
The Michigan Council of TU, in their attempts to fund the Executive Director position, has requested that we solicit donors from our member list. Our Chapter has always limited disclosure of that list and use for other than our own purposes. If you are interested in becoming apart of the MCTU Executive Director funding effort, please contact their chairperson at cohuetter@umich.edu. ♡

CALENDAR

- January 10, 2006** **Fate of the Boardman River Dams Meeting**
6-8 p.m. at NMC Great Lakes Campus
- January 18, 2006** **Adams Chapter Membership Meeting**
Todd Kalish Michigan DNR fisheries biologist will discuss
Dam removal and passage of anadromous fish
6:30 p.m. at Traverse City Eye Consultants 5199 N. Royal Dr.
- March 22, 2006** **Adams Chapter Membership Meeting**
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- April 15, 2006** **Annual Banquet Adams Chapter Trout Unlimited**
VFW Hall Veterans Drive
- Second Saturday** We will have work bees on the Boardman.
of the months (Please contact Steve Largent for details.)
May – August



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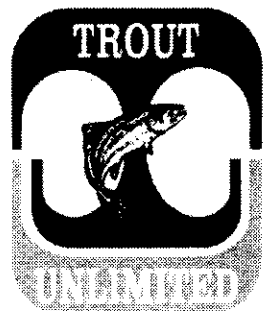
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

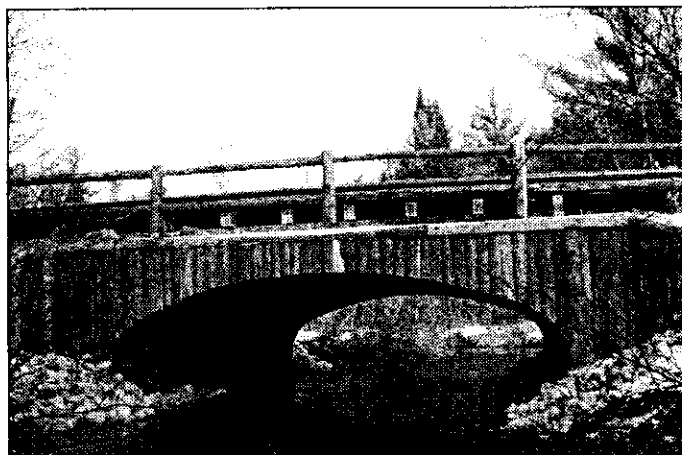
Late winter greetings to both old and new Chapter members. It's finally time to start preparing the equipment and vest for the coming season, and leafing through the new catalogs; searching for some new "must have" items. For me, I'm trying desperately to pare down the weight of my overloaded vest; but no matter how I refine, replace or redistribute, the reduction is almost impercepti-

ble. And, I've noticed that, as years have gone by, the majority of the weight is attributable to creature comforts ranging from sunscreen & sunglasses to snack containers & cigar paraphernalia... All of which (and more) we will have at our 10th annual banquet.

Time flies and it's hard to believe that this is our 10th banquet year. Somehow, we've found a way to maintain a steady membership and fund worthy projects with only a single yearly fund raiser. More amazing is the fact that we've done this with a bunch of independent, over-scheduled, members. This certainly shows the commitment you all have to our mission of protection, conservation & education. I thank all of you who have responded to our raffle ticket mailing. Be sure to buy some more & get your banquet tickets early.



See next page for Boardman River updates.



More thanks to those of you who returned the survey included in the last newsletter. We're nearing a 20% return rate and your opinions are a great help in directing the Chapter. Some general findings are: Most of the respondents were 50+ and predominantly fly fished for trout. They are mostly concerned with Stream improvement, stream access, and educa-

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President's Report continued

tion. Respondents (almost) unanimously favored the removal of the Boardman Dams with the keeping of Union Street Dam to prevent anadromous fish passage. We did have a couple of dedicated steelhead/salmon fishers who favored upstream passage and we respect their opinion. Everyone wanted some kind of special regulations applied to the Boardman. These comments help direct those volunteering on the Boardman Dam Committee.

Too many surveys indicated that the member had not been to a banquet. Talk to someone who has and you'll find out that it's a great evening at a reasonable price. Examine how the Chapter spends your donated money and you'll find that it all goes to local projects on rivers that you fish, and to the education of youth in our community. Please check out the other items in this letter regarding banquet tickets and underwriting for banquet items. Be well and I hope to see you at the April 15th dinner.

Boardman River Update

With the financial and volunteer assistance of the Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited and numerous other community groups, the Grand Traverse Conservation District wrapped up a million dollar effort that resulted in the restoration of over 100 erosion sites on the Boardman River. Restoration efforts included the repair of 12 road/stream crossings and 89 stream bank erosion sites stopping an estimated 718 tons of sediment from entering the river system.

Restoration work will continue this coming field season with work on Kids Creek near Meijer and Munson Hospital and three sites on the North Branch. Work bees are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month from May-August. Contact Stream Committee Chair Steve Largent at (231) 883-9960 for more information.

Determining the future of the Boardman River dams is still moving along smoothly. The Boardman River Dams Committee meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the last Tuesday of each month at NMC's Hagerty Center. Everyone is welcome. Within the next few months an engineering firm will be selected to conduct an Engineering/Feasibility Study that will take an estimated two years to complete. A recommendation on the fate of the dams will then be made to the City of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County who will make the final decision.

The Hunting and Fishing Expo will be held at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center from 4:00 pm Friday March 17th - Sunday March 19th. The Adams Chapter will have a booth to hopefully sign up new members and sell banquet tickets...

by Steve Largent

Banquet Underwriting

If you or someone you know would be interested in underwriting the cost of these or any items which the chapter has to purchase please let us know. Your contribution will be recognized along with the item at the banquet.

Orvis \$500 Gift Certificate (cost \$300)

Northern Angler \$500 Gift Certificate (cost \$300)

Backcountry Outfitters \$500 Gift Certificate (cost \$300)

David Ruimveld print package (cost \$400)

Gate's AuSable Lodge \$1,000 shopping spree (cost \$600)

Banquet audio system rental (cost \$300)

Liquor liability insurance for banquet (cost \$1,000)

If you would like to donate items or underwrite anything not mentioned above, please let us know.

Prize / Item Underwriting:

Our annual banquet incurs some regular expenses since we must purchase a number of items and anything purchased reduces the net profit available for distribution. Underwriting an item greatly benefits the Chapter and could have positive charitable deduction, psychological and conservation consequences. Your name (or company name) could be prominently displayed next to a piece of artwork, fly rod, or other major item. Our directors would be happy to discuss underwriting opportunities with you.

WaWaSum Outing:

Mark your calendars for our annual WaWaSum Outing. A weekend at a beautiful and historic AuSable Lodge. September 22nd - 24th.

Cut & Use This Form Below The Line

Adams Chapter's Tenth Annual Banquet - April 15, 2006

Name: _____
[please print your name]

Address: _____
[street, city, state, zip]

Phone: _____
[area code - number]

I would like to purchase ___ banquet ticket(s) - \$35 each

I would like a reserved table for 8 at the banquet - \$300

I would like to purchase the following raffle tickets:

___ Gates' Au Sable Lodge \$1000 gift certificate - \$20 ticket

___ 3 chances to win a \$500 fly shop gift certificate on 1 ticket - \$10 ticket

[1 each at Orvis Streamside, Backcountry, The Northern Angler]

I have enclosed a check for the following amount: \$ _____

Please make your check, payable to: "Adams Chapter T.U." and mail to:

Adams Chapter, P.O. Box 2129, Traverse City, MI 49685 by APRIL 3, 2006

Thank you for your support. Mail orders over \$70 are eligible for a special prize drawing.

Banquet tickets are available at Apache Trout Grill, Nolan's Tobacco Shop, The Northern Angler and Orvis.

CALENDAR

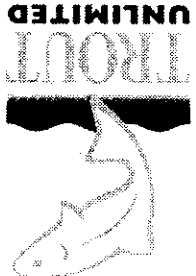
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- Sept. 22-24, 2006** **Annual WaWaSum Outing on the AuSable Riber**
VFW Hall, Veterans Drive



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before I begin my shameless pitch for ticket sales and fund raising, let me bring you up to date on our Chapter's recent changes. Our annual elections brought in a couple of new faces: Chris Cuffaro as Treasurer and Larry Thompson as a Director. Jeff Alandt moved from treasurer to Vice President. The Chapter's sincere thanks go to Greg Butzow and Gary Smith for their years of dedicated volunteering.

Our budget this year will allow for about \$22,000 to be distributed to local groups and

local projects. 2004 will see our continued support of the First Cast Program, Youth Rivers Camp, Boardman River Internship, Classroom Environmental Grants, sustaining membership in local groups and still around \$7,000 for specific conservation and restoration grants. Our committees are hard at work and we'll announce all grant recipients at the April banquet. As you're strolling in the dwindling snow, check out the new deck work along the Boardman, upstream from the YMCA. This Chapter project will help minimize erosion while providing some fine fishing and lounging platforms. Both items being high on my summertime agenda.



The Adam's Chapter continues its support of youth programs

Our March 31st meeting will feature an informational program by Steve Largent. Steve will provide an update on both the Hartman-Hammond Bridge and Dam Removal on the Boardman. Regardless of your position on either issue, you'll leave the meeting knowing where all the players are, and what they're up to. And, while I'm on the topic of political issues, these past few months have brought me creel full of email and calls on the Ice Mountain/Nestle groundwater issue, Mason Tract Drilling, and the Michigan Council of TU's position on both. You'll notice that we are providing some email addresses so that you can express either your support or objection. As for how our Chapter stands, based solely on member input so far and with absolutely no basis in

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

hard science, on these matters: No thank you to the proposed bridge, Yes to dam removal except Union Street for fish passage control purposes, No to Mason Tract Drilling and No to the MCTU's acceptance of Ice Mountain/Nestle dollars. More at the March meeting.

And now about the Banquet. You know the drill: the money raised at this banquet will fund all of next year's projects and all our support goes to local groups and local rivers; the pre-banquet raffle ticket sales are crucial to our fund raising and every donated or collected item helps. Every Adams Chapter member ought to be involved "no effort is too small" during the next few weeks. We limit banquet seat-

ing to 200 and those who've attended know that the food is great and prizes plentiful. We have nearly 300 members and should be selling out to them; yet over half of the past attendees have been non-members. The math is simple: every member buys a few raffle tickets and we almost assure our goal. Use the order blank in this newsletter. Send in your check and I'll personally mail back your tickets.. Or, save us a stamp and pick up a handful at either Nolan's Downtown, Apache Trout Grill, The Troutman, Streamside Orvis, or The Northern Angler. Get involved, the Chapter "and more importantly the resource" needs your help. See you at the Banquet.

**Concerned ?
Here is some contact
information.**

About the Hartman-Hammond Bridge:

Michigan Land Use Institute:

www.mlui.org

Anglers of the Boardman -
Kelly Thayer at MLUI

About Michigan's ground water

Nestle / Ice Mountain:

*Michigan Citizens For Water
Conservation:*

www.saveMIwater.org

About the Michigan Council of

TU's position on Mason

Tract Drilling & Nestle:

Rich Bowman, MCTU Exec Dir:

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**First Cast
Program**

As reported in the previous newsletter, the First Cast program's debut year was a success. As we plan 2004's program, we are asking for any equipment you might be able to donate. Specific items of need include: waders, rods, reels and vests. Please note that



the participants of this program are under 12 years old and the equipment donated should be sized accordingly - in other words keep your XL size 13+ waders and your tarpon rods for yourself. Contact any Chapter officer or Director to make a donation.

Banquet Underwriting

The 8th annual banquet is just weeks away and we are constantly reminded (and reminding) that it's all about the money: money we need in order to continue supporting great causes and worthy groups. With the banquet comes the usual number of fixed costs: the tickets, gift certificates, rentals, printing and a number of significant prizes crucial for our fund raising success. If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to the success of our banquet and looking for a promotional opportunity or would just like to help the Chapter perform meet its fund raising goal by underwriting a specific item or part of the banquet, you can join other supporters by contacting either Ted Kraimer @ 883-8156 or Bill Fernandez @ 941-7102 for more information.

Reserved Banquet Tables

The eighth annual banquet will be held April 17, 2004 at the VFW hall in Traverse City. The cost of admission remains unchanged - \$35 per person. New for this year - we are offering reserved tables of eight for the price of \$300. In addition to having a table reserved for you and your guests, you will receive \$70 worth of raffle tickets for your sponsorship. This is a great way to ensure having a seat together and get a few extra tickets. Show your support for coldwater resources by bringing your own crowd.



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Adams Chapters Eighth Annual Banquet - April 17, 2004

Name: _____
[please print your name]

Address: _____
[street, city, state, zip]

Phone: _____
[area code - number]

- I would like to purchase ___ banquet ticket(s) - \$35 each
 I would like a reserved table for 8 at the banquet - \$300
 I would like to purchase the following raffle tickets:
___ Gates Au Sable Lodge \$1000 gift certificate - \$20 ticket & only will be 200 sold.
___ Old Town Canoe - \$10 ticket
___ 3 chances to win a \$500 fly shop gift certificate on 1 ticket - \$10 ticket
(1 each at Orvis Streamside, The Troutman, The Northern Angler)

I have enclosed a check for the following amount: \$ _____

Please make your check, payable to: **Adams Chapter T.U.** and mail to:

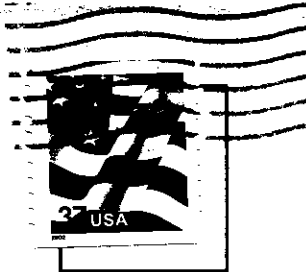
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Thank you for your support. All mail orders over \$70 are eligible for a special prize drawing.

CALENDAR

- March 19-21, 2004Our booth at the Hunting & Fishing Expo
TC Civic Center / Howe Arena**
- March 31, 2004General Membership Meeting at 7pm
Program: Update on the Bridge and Dams
Bay Eye Clinic, TC**
- April 17, 2004The 8th Annual Adams Chapter Banquet
VFW Hall, Veterans Drive, Traverse City**
- June 30, 2004Outdoor General Membership Meeting at 6pm
Ranch Rudolf on the Boardman**
- August 2004Outdoor Meeting - more info in the next newsletter**
- October 2004WaWaSum Outing - more info to come
AuSable Main Branch - Great Old Lodge**

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