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# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

## President's Message - April 2018

### Welcome to Spring, Red Cedars!

You can tell that Spring has finally arrived when the snow has receded more than usual, the grass looks like it already needs mowing, and every project (new or otherwise) seems to take the #1 spot on your "Honey-do" list! But take heart, Red Cedars, the season opener is also not far away now! Time to get busy!



First off, *Many Thanks* to Mark Johnson and Dr. Steven Arnoczsky for manning our booth at the Fly Fishing Garage Sale up at Birth Run the last weekend of March. Their efforts resulted in a tidy profit of \$449.00 and change this year for the club! GREAT WORK, guys!!! I think this is going to become a regular event for the club. Looking forward to hearing more details from Mark and Steven!

On a more somber note, I was sad to read the news that Bernard Victor "Lefty" Kreh passed away peacefully March 14th of natural causes. He was 93 years old, and an icon to the fly fishing world. There aren't many fishers (fly or otherwise) who haven't read at least part of one of the thirty books he authored or practiced techniques from one of his many videos. He will be missed.

I've written before in this column about our club getting involved with Camp Liberty and teaching fly tying to their veterans. Bob Bawden has been contacted by Chris Pence, the new director of Camp Liberty, and he's confirmed the date of Saturday, April 14th for another tying *and* fishing class with 10 to 12 vets. We'll be announcing more details at the April meeting. The Camp Liberty



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International.

It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

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locations are really nice, and the vets are REALLY great to work with. So, if you have the time, make a point of contacting Bob and get ready for some good times, good grub, and working with some true HEROs!

Speaking of our April meeting, our speaker will be Samantha Stanton, this year's WINNER of our Fellowship Grant! Samantha will talk about her Master's project investigating the early invasion dynamics of the New Zealand Mud Snail (NZMS). We've all heard about the invasion of the NZMS in the Au Sable and Pere Marquette rivers. Samantha's presentation will include talking about how her collaborative research with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality helped identify infestations of NZMS in the Boardman, Manistee, and Pine Rivers. I know I'm looking forward to learning more about the Mud Snails and what we as stewards to Michigan and other rivers and lakes can do to help stop this invasive threat! We'll also be talking about a potential opening at MSU's Camp WaWaSum, the idea of club t-shirts (UV-50 grade with awesome graphic possibilities), and other upcoming events!

For those of you looking for another great activity, the Great Lakes Council has announced its' annual Fly Fishing School and Conclave, June 15-17, at the R. A. MacMullen Conference Center, located on the north side of Higgins Lake, adjacent to North Higgins Lake State Park. We'll have one of their fliers at the meeting, or you can check it out sooner at [www.ffiglc.org](http://www.ffiglc.org).

Tight Lines!

Mike



In case you missed the news last month, Lefty Kreh passed away at the age of 93. Some interesting facts: He got his nickname because as a kid, he did everything left-handed. He became so good at fishing when he lost his father to a tragic accident at age 6, and, being the oldest of 4 children, would fish & trap to make money for his family. He was a WWII vet, & fought at the Battle of the Bulge. Lefty has written at least 30 books, worked for three newspapers, and ran the Miami Metropolitan Fishing Tournament, which was one of Florida's biggest tournaments. A saltwater fly of Mr. Kreh's design, Lefty's Deceiver, is used all over the world, and in 1991 the Postal Service put it on a stamp.

## Lesser-known .Orgs from Bob Kren, RCFFer, and sometimes Mr. Flyfisherpersonguy

Maybe you don't notice the extensions on website names, things like .com, .bus, .edu, .fyi, and .whatever. The RCFF has a .org designation, showing that it is a non-profit organization, which we repeatedly are reminded of.

There are many more such organizations, like TU.org, or FFI.org, just to be obvious. But some of the others are a little esoteric, if not downright goofy. Here follows a few that have been brought to my attention. The prose is from their websites and other, even less reliable, sources.:

- The American Association of FlyFishing Veterans. AAFVe.org dances a fine edge between .org and .taxevasion. The membership has as its motto "Exotic destinations where lectures are delivered, but mostly lots of fishing gets done." The lectures have relevance if you're a veteran of anything, including a bad marriage, excessive alcohol consumption, harassment of any sort, hangnails, or whatever. Because this is a .org, all meeting expenses, including new equipment, can be written off on one's income taxes. Dues are excessive, but deductible, and benefits are great.
- The Church of the Rainbow. CoftR.org is not a real church with bricks and a steeple, but an onstream gathering of people who pray that their fishing will get better through divine intervention. Most of them would convert to Islam if it meant they'd catch more fish. "Deity Schmeity!, Whatever Works!" adorns their flag.
- Sitters for the au Sable .org. SftaS.org is a bunch of people who hang out at Spike's, or Paddle Hard Brewery, or at anybody's house "up north," who happens to have beer. Meetings occur at random intervals, and once a year they all get together for some fishing, which always means more drinking, and perilous wading. This group single-handedly provoked the invention of waders with zippers. "Onward, or Shomething," is their hymn, sung after a couple of rounds.
- The National River Association. NaRA.org promotes responsible flyfishing gear ownership, in keeping with our Forefathers' intention that everybody – man, woman, undecided – has the right to pack a rod, anywhere he, or she, or it, wants to. Airport security may have a problem with this right, but the membership sure doesn't. "The bigger the rod, the better," the NaRA says, proudly! Do NOT tell members of NaRA that they are jerks when they wade right in front of you.
- The American Association of FlyFishing Victims. AmAsFVi.org, not to be confused with the first entry, above, celebrates the idea that nothing is our fault, everybody and everything else is out to get us, and a guy just can't get a break. We get skunked because the weather's bad, or too good; the Sun's in our eyes, or isn't; Our motto is "You Shoulda Been Here Tomorrow," when they'll really be biting.
- The Association of Reading Too Much and Not Fishing Enough. ARTMNFE.org gives the devotee of book and magazine accumulation an excuse to go to meetings and waste even more time not fishing. "You can never know too much, or pontificate too little" is the group's proud motto. One of the founders tragically drowned as she was reading onstream while stepping into a wader-topping hole she didn't even notice, until it was too late! Turns out she had only read about swimming, and never done any, personally.
- International Federation of Flyfishing Zombies. IFFZ.org has a membership that is in constant flux, which is to say, as soon as a new member does a backcast, his, or her, arm falls off, and casting subsequently becomes difficult. Things can only get worse: pulling on waders leads to pulling off limbs; flytying loses fingers (and, strangely enough, toes, too); their motto is something in Latin, but nobody cares, because Latin is just plain scary.
- Bigwigs With Money to Burn. BiWiMoBu.org rests on the bedrock American principle that anybody with lots of money can buy fun and satisfaction, and especially exclusion and privilege. What we ordinary mortals call "stuff," and spend too much money on, they call "necessities," and spend too much money on. Difference? They get to write all their stuff off on their taxes, and we don't. Buy a river? Why not? Buy a hatchery? No problem!

Well, internet fans, we are not alone as a .org, here at the RCFF. Some of the above are embarrassingly close to factual, so watch out! if you type these into your browser. Happy surfing, and excuse me, but I gotta go read a book.

## **Aquila Back Forty Mine & Wetlands Permit Application** (Menominee River mining issue in Michigan's Upper Peninsula)

Want to know how your funds are helping with conservation issues in the Great Lakes region?

Here's a letter to Dave Peterson, Great Lakes Council conservation director, from a gentleman who fishes this river and has been involved in this from the beginning.

*March 10, 2018*

*Dear Dave:*

*The U.S. EPA sent a letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) objecting to numerous issues in Aquila's Wetlands Permit application. The EPA with substantial input from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says the State of Michigan has 90 days to resolve all the issues with the mining company or deny the permit.*

*Many of the issues contained in the EPA letter were included in the formal analysis of the Wetlands Permit application. This report was given to the MDEQ, et al.*

*The Great Lakes Council (GLC) and Fly Fishers International (FFI) helped fund the Wetlands Permit analysis. Thank you for your generous financial assistance.*

*The EPA letter and the enclosure to it are attached:*

*This week Kathleen Heideman from the Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition will prepare and distribute "press releases" about the EPA letter. She would appreciate received comments on the EPA letter from the GLC and FFI for inclusion in the press releases. Her email address is:*

*[gadmin@savethewildup.org](mailto:gadmin@savethewildup.org)*

*Thank you for all your help,*

*<Aquila Back Forty EPA review enclosure 030818.pdf>*

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Welcome to Vic Baker our newest member who joined at our last meeting. Both Vic and his wife like to fly fish in and out of the local area.



## From: *KeepemWet Fishing: Fish Reflex Tests*

Until recent research developed a set of reflex tests that can be applied to fish, by anglers, to assess their condition. These are the four most effective reflex tests, how to do them, and what they tell you:



### 1. Escape response

**How to do it:** With the fish in the water in a net or live well (scientific holding pen shown here), approach the fish from behind and grab at its tail. Observe if the fish attempts to escape.

**What it means:** If a fish doesn't try to swim away it fails this test, has at least some level of impairment and could be at risk of mortality - other tests will provide further insights.

### 2. Righting response

**How to do it:** Flip the fish upside down (belly up) in the water and let go. Observe if the fish rights itself within 5 seconds.

**What it means:** If a fish cannot right itself within five seconds it fails this test, and is in poor condition and at risk for mortality.



### 3. Regular ventilation

**How to do it:** Holding the fish in the water, observe for regular, consistent ventilation (opening and closing) of the operculum (gill plates).

**What it means:** If a fish isn't ventilating at regular intervals, it fails this test, and is highly impaired and at high risk for mortality.

### 4. Eye tracking

**How to do it:** Holding the fish in water, roll the fish side-to-side, observing whether its eye(s) remain level (passes test), or roll with the body (fails test).

**What it means:** If a fish fails this test, it is highly impaired and at very high risk of mortality



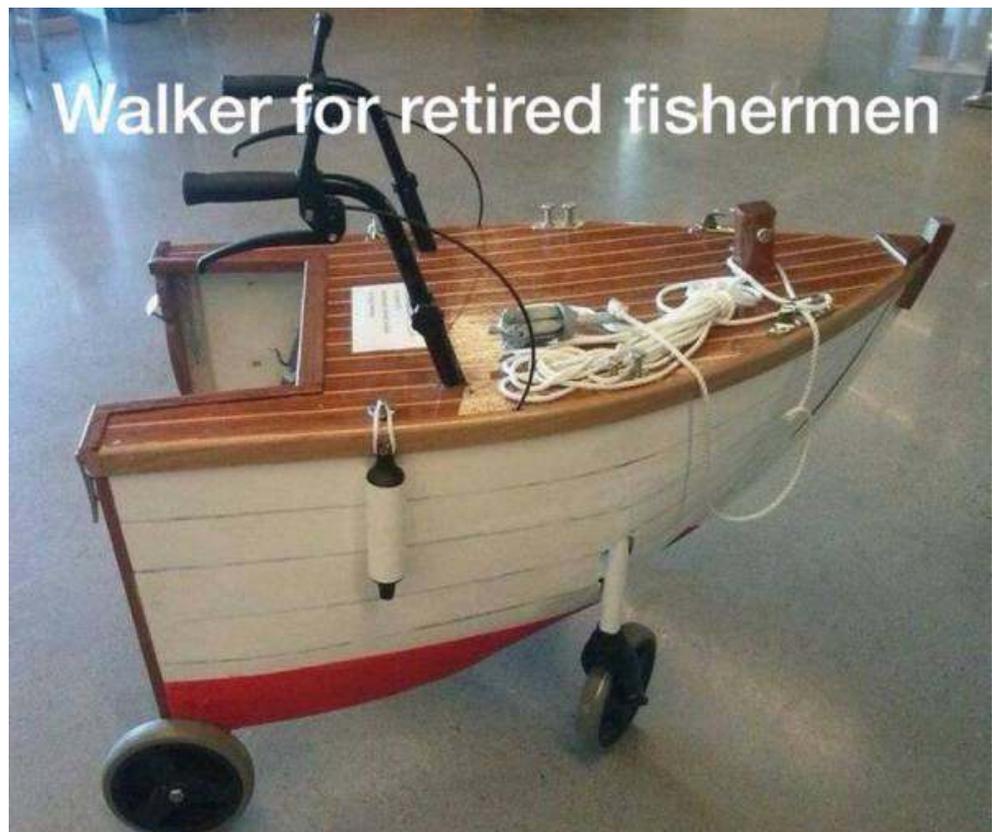
## New Products on the Market

What's better than a six foot mini electric boat to float the Grand, Muskegon, or Manistee river chasing trout or smallmouth bass? This \$950 kit offers a "stitch and sew" method has marine grade plywood with internal bulkheads to keep it floating even when flooded. Or you can buy the plans for \$95.

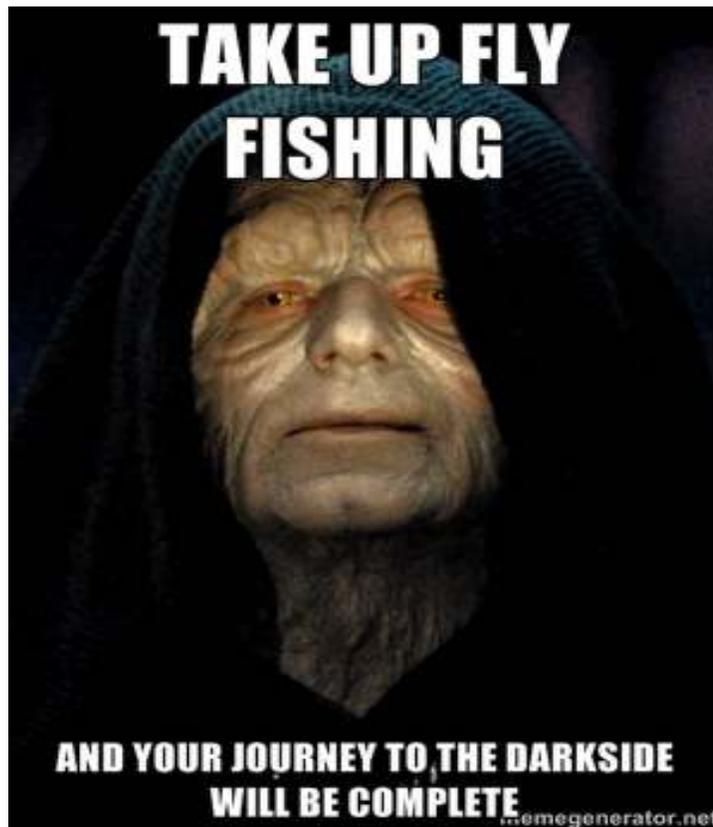


- Okoume BS1088 (marine plywood)
- Plexiglass (steering wheel)
- ABS plastic (3D printed parts)
- Delrin (steering shaft bearings)
- Cork (gaskets)

You'll have to source additional off the shelf components for \$500-\$1000. There's only two major catches: Rider height no more than 6' 2" and 200 lb. max weight. Check out [www.rapidwhale.com](http://www.rapidwhale.com) for additional pics and all the information on how to place your order. *You know you want one!*



Just out for those who are retired, or ailing, or just need help when navigating around the town, dock, boat ramps, or the potholes in Michigan. You can feel the salty air and hear the seagulls when you're behind this vessel. Think your days behind the tiller are over, not with this handy upscale mini yacht. Horn, lights & custom paint are extra.



**Reel Life: Learning to cast with Joan Wulff, the 90-year old First Lady of Fly Fishing in Lew Beach, NY.** By Heather Radke for Amtrak's monthly magazine "The National" in the April/May 2017 issue.

Standing in her Catskills living room, her feet spread wide, Joan Wulff whips a practice rod through the air, its bulky orange yarn unfurling in loops. She's 90 but looks 20 years younger, moving with a grace and control honed in her teens as a tap dancer. "It requires force," she says of the three-foot practice rod, a self-invention dubbed the Fly-O that she uses for training in the winter months. "Start slow and end fast." She flicks her forearm and sends the yarn looping again. "Whoop! Whoop!"

We're 10 miles north of the Beaverkill River, the birthplace of American fly fishing, where, in 1979, she founded the Wulff School of Fly Fishing with her late husband, Lee Wulff. A renowned outdoorsman, he invented the fishing vest and pioneered the catch-and-release method; his hunting trophies—a caribou head, a pair of elephant tusks—still dominate the living room. "For a time," Wulff says, "he was the most famous outdoorsman in the world."

Except, perhaps, for his wife. The women's National Casting Champion from 1943 to 1960, Wulff is known as the First Lady of Fly Fishing—a title she embraces, even if it sells her short. In 1951, she beat an all-male field with a cast of 136 feet across the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C. Nine years later, in New Jersey, she cast a fly 161 feet, an unofficial women's world record. "It gives me fame that still lasts," she says.

Wulff's fascination with fishing began at age 10, when her father taught her younger brothers to cast on a dock near their house. "And I was left out," she says, "because I was a girl." After World War II, she worked for tackle companies, demonstrating their gear at conferences and fishing shows. When a former vaudeville showman saw her trick casting in a pair of short shorts and a T-shirt, he convinced her to cast in an even more alluring outfit—a strapless cocktail dress and high heels—while he played a recording of "Up a Lazy River."

Even after founding the school, Wulff often found herself a woman in a man's world. "When Lee talked about fishing, everyone listened with every ounce of their being," she recalls. "And when it was my turn, the instructors would go out on the porch and have a smoke." Eventually, though, they listened, and Joan Wulff became a kind of fly-fishing oracle. She wrote the first-ever book on the mechanics of fly casting, drawing from a vocabulary of physiology she learned as a dance instructor. "It was very unclear how to cast," she says. "It had all been passed down by word of mouth. I gave names to the parts of the cast: a loading move, a power snap, follow-through."

Wulff may have written the definitive casting primer, but she credits Robert Redford's 1992 film, *A River Runs Through It*, with luring women to the sport. Suddenly, there were more women than men enrolling at the school. "It showed the beautiful places we fish," she says. "It showed the beautiful unrolling fly lines. It showed the handsome men I used to have all to myself."

Inspired, I finally get up the nerve to give the practice rod a try. "I've never caught a fish before," I tell her.

"Apparently," she says, standing behind me and maneuvering my much younger, much less agile body into the correct position. "Move your elbow, not your wrist!" she shouts. "Bring your thumb between your eyes! Make it neater!" And then, finally, "That's a girl!" The bright orange yarn unfurls in loops and, for an instant, the motion feels graceful.

After the lesson, I ask why she's dedicated her life to this sport. She sits on the sofa and motions for me to join her. "When you hook a fish," she says, "you are then connected to a live creature whose life force you feel in your hand. And when a fish strikes a fly, that's the ultimate feeling. You never get tired of that. You are connected to the real world."

## Helping Disabled Veterans Recover Through 'Healing Waters'



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was founded by a retired Navy captain, Ed Nicholson, who in 2005 was undergoing treatment at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and observed other patients returning from war zones undergoing physical therapy.

“He decided maybe we should take them outside and teach them how to cast a fly rod, and from that take them out on a fishing trip,” Desgrosseilliers said. “Starting at Walter Reed, we have since expanded to offer fly fishing, fly tying and rod building programs at 216 locations in 47 states across the U.S. We were supported by 3,500 volunteers and benefitted over 8,500 disabled veteran participants in 2017 alone.”

Among its newest benefactors is the [Jordan Spieth Family Foundation](#), which made a major donation to Project Healing Waters in keeping with its four core pillars—military support, special needs youth, junior golf and pediatric cancer.

Spieth, who has enjoyed fishing his entire life, went on a fly fishing trip with his brother and father late last summer. It was shortly after this unforgettable trip that he learned about PHWFF, instantly recognizing the connection between fly fishing and rehabilitation. As a result, the Jordan Spieth Family Foundation was very excited to support Project Healing Waters and the work it does to provide camaraderie, learning, healing and growth to disabled military personnel and veterans.





You're on the river when your fishing friend pulls out a cigar and discovers his lighter is empty.....You've got a fish working and can't leave at the moment. No problem if you have the new Bowman miniature crossbow that shoots Q-tips, tooth-picks, and of course matches. Whip this out of your vest and fire a match upstream for him to pull off his "Clint (The Good, Bad, & Ugly) Eastwood" act and strikes it on his waders to light up to keep the mosquitos away. Comes in black, silver, & gold to match your river outfit of the day.



## What Kind of First-Aid Kit Should You Carry?

First-aid kits are sort of like nail-knot tools: Most of the time, they are buried in the bottom of your pack or hidden in a side pocket, out of sight and out of mind. But when you need to tie a nail knot, the tool makes everything easier. That said, nobody is going to die if you don't have a nail knot tool, but not having a first-aid kit (and a little training) could make the difference between life and death.

I want to get this out of the way early in this post: if you do not know what is in your kit or how to use it, you might as well leave it at home. Just carry a Ziploc bag with Band-Aids and some tape. I know that is a little harsh, but why tote around stuff that you do not know how to use?

Buying a kit that is ready to go is not a bad idea; just keep a few things in mind. Look at the contents and make sure it has what you need. I often find that box-store kits have a few worthy items and then are stuffed with a bunch of fluff. Do you really need 25 bee sting wipes but just 4 Band-Aids? Are the supplies cheap? How can you tell? If you pay twelve dollars for a kit, you are going to get a twelve-dollar kit, period!

**Construction:** Again, you generally get what you pay for. The material needs to be bomb-proof. This kit is going to get shoved in the bottom of pack, side compartment of your drift boat, or hatch of your skiff, and will travel through hell and high water with you. If the seams rip or the zipper blows (the most common failure in any kit), you will duct tape it together or stuff it all in a random bag, right? Then, when things go sideways, you end up digging through a bag or ripping off duct tape looking for supplies, or you may not even bother to treat a simple injury because it is a pain in the ass to get into your kit. And, yup, some injuries get worse over time.

**Organization:** I think its safe to say that the majority of folks in our industry are not professional medical providers—which is why I have a job!—so when things go bad in the field, stress levels go way up. This is not the time to be digging around in a disorganized kit looking for something to stop bleeding or to help your buddy breath. Kits should have pockets or “windows” to organize supplies, so they are easy to identify and access. Everyday items such as bandages and tape should be separate from the “real bad stuff” supplies. Regardless of the size of your kit, I always suggest it be modular. It is way easier to pull out a little bag of Band-Aids and antibiotic ointment for a small injury than to dig around a bottomless pit looking for the stuff, plus you can just hand the little bag of Band-Aids to your buddy and tell them to deal with it themselves. Another advantage of the modular system is you can pull out the section you need and carry it to the injured person rather than have the whole kit lying around on the ground. The same goes for serious issues: just grab the “serious” section, chill, and work on fixing the problem. Bottom line: organization reduces stress.

**Quality Supplies:** The quality of the supplies in your kits is important. Bandages and tape that come off 10 minutes after you put them on are pointless. It goes without saying that a CPR barrier or a tourniquet that rips when you really need it is, well, a bad thing. If you are building your kit, spend a little more on the brand-name items. Also, if you are buying a kit, make sure the outside does not hide a junk show on the inside.

**The Right Stuff:** When it comes to first-aid kits, one size does not fit all! Think about it: the kit you have for the Montana float trip may not be set up for that Belize saltwater trip. I am not saying you need to buy or build a kit for every environment you fish in, but you may need to tailor your kit for each trip to a different location or situation. You can easily add to or take out items specific to where you are going.

Check out more info at the following link:

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/pro-tips-kind-first-aid-kit-carry>

*Written by Mike Tayloe, Finns West*



## Midwest Fly Fishing Show - Warren, MI

The Great Lakes Council and some of the member clubs with their booths at the recent show. The host member club was the Michigan Fly Fishing Club.



One of two casting ponds for presentations & for one to test drive a potential new fly rod



Some of the demo fly tiers.

## Decline In Hunters Threatens How U.S. Pays For Conservation

[A new survey](#) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows that today, only about 5 percent of Americans, 16 years old and older, actually hunt. That's half of what it was 50 years ago and the decline is expected to accelerate over the next decade.

Meanwhile other wildlife-centered activities, like birdwatching, hiking and photography, are rapidly growing, as American society and attitudes towards wildlife change.

The shift is being welcomed by some who morally oppose the sport, but it's also leading to a crisis.

State wildlife agencies and the country's wildlife conservation system are heavily dependent on sportsmen for funding. Money generated from license fees and excise taxes on guns, ammunition and angling equipment provide about [60 percent](#) of the funding for state wildlife agencies, which manage most of the wildlife in the U.S.

This user-play, user-pay funding system for wildlife conservation has been lauded and emulated around the world. It has been incredibly successful at restoring the populations of North American game animals, some of which were once hunted nearly to extinction.

In Wisconsin, a lack of funding has prompted the state's Department of Natural Resources to leave staff positions unfilled and [cut back on habitat management](#). Colorado's wildlife agency has cut [tens of millions of dollars](#) in expenditures and trimmed programs that deal with invasive species. Vermont's fish and wildlife department, which manages more than 25,000 species and nearly 2,000 native plants, is cautioning that even though the state leads the nation in wildlife viewing, that activity "provides no significant revenue stream to the department that would allow for the management of the resources viewed."

A panel on sustaining America's fish and wildlife resources [recently warned](#): "Without a change in the way we finance fish and wildlife conservation, we can expect the list of federally threatened and endangered species to grow from nearly 1,600 species today to perhaps thousands more in the future."

Increased urbanization, restricted access to huntable areas, lack of free time, and the rise of Netflix, video games and all-consuming youth sports are all dropping hunter numbers, but the most-pressing challenge is one that Warnke and others can't do anything about.

"We're up against a demography wall," Warnke says. "A wall of demographics when the number of hunters is really going to decline."

That wall is an age. Sixty-five. That's when the average hunter stops buying licenses and picking up their rifle.

Nearly a third of all hunters in the U.S. are baby boomers. They hunted like no other generation since. But the oldest Boomers are already aging out of the sport and the youngest, at 54, are only about a decade away from joining them.

*For the complete article check out National Public Radio's: (<https://www.npr.org/2018/03/20/593001800/decline-in-hunters-threatens-how-u-s-pays-for-conservation>). There's also a timeline video of the percentage of hunters in different age groups from 1992 to 2012. [A major concern would be how this relates to those who fish in this country and will there be similar issues.](#)*

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**You**



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## **Conservation Grants at Work!**

Fly Fishers International's Conservation Grant Program provides grants to support "on the ground" conservation activities. Projects include stream restoration, biological sampling, fish or habitat research, construction of boat ramps, installation of monofilament dispensers or instructional signs and other projects that enhance and protect fisheries. FFI partners with its councils and clubs on these grants and FFI members often do the "hands on" work needed to complete the projects. Recent grants awarded during the past months include:

- Restoring a Tributary to the Manistee River in Michigan
- Karnali River in Nepal
- Aquila Mine on the Menominee River
- Supported preservation of Turneffe Atoll

### **Two For Michigan**

Restoring a Tributary to the Manistee River in Michigan- An FFI Conservation Grant provided funding support to a project restoring the headwaters of Boswell Creek, a cold-water tributary to the Manistee River, a blue-ribbon trout stream. This project will remove a dam and restore the stream channel.

Aquila Mine on the Menominee River - FFI is supporting an independent technical review of a permit application for an open pit mine on the Menominee River, a prime small mouth bass fishery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

### Field Notes:

- Check out the new fly tying video library in Fly Fishers International: <http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Tying/Resources/FlyTyingVideoLibrary/tabid/653/Default.aspx>
- **John Hesse will again be offering a kid's fishing program at Hawk Island on May 5, 12, and 19th. If you're able to volunteer for one or more of those mornings let him know at his email: [hesse@msu.edu](mailto:hesse@msu.edu)**
- Video on threading your tippet through even the smallest hook eye without using readers, especially at night: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezRzIRqRaIg>
- **WTB** - One of our fly tying night and club meeting guests, Andrew Mccarthy, is looking for any member who might have a 5 weight reel they'd not using and would like to sell to him for his wife. According to Andrew his wife hinted that she was thinking of getting into fly fishing....so, let him know if you can help them out. His email is: [amccarthy514@gmail.com](mailto:amccarthy514@gmail.com)
- **Manager: Full Time, Year Round**  
Vail Valley Anglers is looking for an experienced and fly fishing focused Retail Manager. This position will be full time, starting March or April with the opportunity to continue year-round depending on performance. This job will focus on managing all aspects of our retail shop including sales, inventory, merchandising, and seasonal shop staff. We are a fly fishing niche shop and the ideal candidate will be familiar with and passionate about all things fly fishing. Local knowledge of the surrounding waters is a plus. This Retail manager will be expected to lead the retail team and ensure quality of customer service and information provided at all times. Working for Vail Valley Anglers includes 401K and health benefits. Join a team of close-knit and passionate individuals who are focused on providing the best in the industry. If you feel that you can meet and exceed these expectations please send your resume to: [info@vailvalleyanglers.com](mailto:info@vailvalleyanglers.com).

### Refrigerator Reminders

#### April

**1st** - New **fishing license** needed!

**10th** - RCFF meeting at Giltner Hall, 6:30 hospitality - 7:00 general meeting. Our presenter will be Samantha Stanton who's our 2018 scholarship winner. Her program will be on: *"New Zealand mudsnails in Michigan rivers: and overview of recent findings"*

**21st** - Camp Liberty, Jackson, MI...tying/fishing with 10-12 vets, 10:00 w/lunch provided....volunteers?

#### May

**5th** - Bill Earl youth fishing program at Hawk Island, Saturday morning

**8th** - RCFF meeting Giltner Hall, 6:30 hospitality, 7:00 general mtg.

**12th** - Bill Earl youth fishing program, Hawk Island, Sat. morning

**19th** - Bill Earl youth fishing program, Hawk Island, Sat. morning