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President's Message

SNOW?!?!?! YUCK!!! I knew I should have hid in the Barnes's luggage before they headed south. Oh well . . . Welcome to December, the month when we question our sanity for staying around in this mass of white stuff, if not for the steelhead and other lum bering giants that seem to linger around this time of year. It's also that time of year when we get together for some good grub, good friends, and to drool over the new gear that Brian Bielecki tempts us with at our December meeting at the Blue Gill Grill! He always seems to have that one special item we look at and say, "Hey . . . I could REALLY use that!"

One thing I do need to bring to your attention is that the West Michigan Fly Show is coming up the weekend before our January meeting, so we will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the December meeting for volunteers to help man the Red Cedar's table at the Fly Show in Grand Rapids. We're asking if you can spend at least a couple hours there to sign up for a shift. It looks like it's going to be a great show, and a good chance for us to meet some new people, maybe add some new members, check out the ven-dors, and do our best Jim Buscetta imitation selling raffle tickets! (Yes, Jim, we know we're not worthy, but we have to try!!!)

I also want to remind you that in January, we will be meeting at our new location, room 273 in Giltner Hall! It's just a short ride up Farm Lane from the Natural Resources building, and I think you will enjoy the newer facilities (*especially* the office chairs at tables!!!). Look inside for more info!

December 2016



I look forward to seeing you at the Blue Gill Grill. But if you're not able to attend the December meeting, let me be the first to wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Tight Lines

Mike



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

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

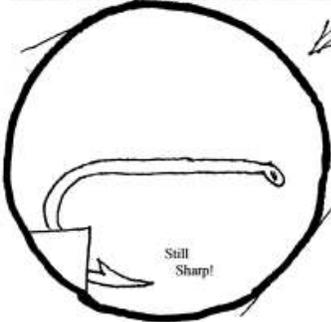
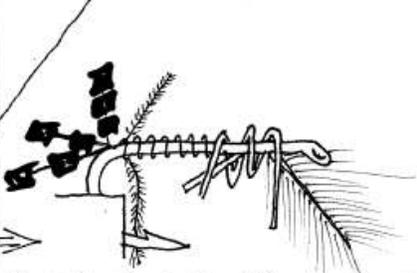
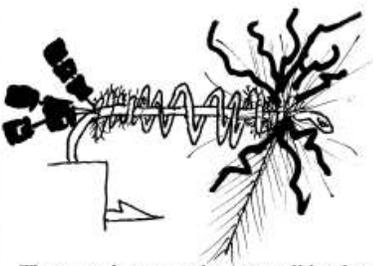
It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS

Contest pic:



How to Tie a Royal Wulff, by Bob Kren

 <p>Assemble your stuff.</p>	 <p>Carefull Sharp!</p> <p>Clamp the hook-thingy in the vise, being sure to keep the long straight part on top. Pause for a bit of a drink; shake well before using.</p>
 <p>Still Sharp!</p> <p>Get closer and look real hard. Another drink is not inappropriate at this time.</p>	 <p>Tie on the string (or thread, if you have some), plus lots of the other stuff you've got. Speaking of tying on, another wee dram can't hurt, since you're almost finished, anyway.</p>
 <p>Then, neatly secure the rest, pull hard at all loose ends, and finally tie lots of knots to hold this together. Toast appropriately.</p>	 <p>Turn it around, and there's your Royal Wulff! Celebrate, if the bottle's not empty by now.</p>

Another Successful Tying Class

On Saturday, October 15 the Red Cedar Fly Fishers conducted their second fly tying class for veterans. This time the class was held at Lost Lake Lodge in Lake, Michigan just northeast of Clare. Eight veterans attended the class and six Red Cedars were there to help assist the vets.

Harry Barns again demonstrated three flies using the club's video camera hooked to a flat screen TV.

Lost Lake Lodge is a beautiful eight year old lodge built on property owned by the Great Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts. The property has a colorful and interesting history. It was originally owned by Harry Bennet the head of Henry Ford's security force during the 30's and 40's. If you want some interesting reading, Google Harry Bennet and Lost Lake Scout reservation.

The drive to Lost Lake on Saturday morning was a beautiful drive. The sun was coming up and shining through the cool mist and the color got better and better as we got further north. The Red Cedars arrived about 10:00 a.m. and the class lasted until 2:30 p.m. Mike Smith from Camp Liberty treated us all to a few dozen donuts from the popular "Cops and Donuts" in Clare. After the class was finished, he fed us with grilled burgers, chips and drinks.

All the veterans who participated in the tying classes expressed their thanks for a positive experience and were happy that we gave up our time to help. I believe some may continue to tie on their own as they were all provided a Wapsi tying kit of their own. An interesting side note: three of the eight vets were left handed which made for some interesting ways for us to help them as all of us tie right handed.

Thanks to Mike and all from Camp Liberty for their interest in the tying classes and for making the experience very positive for the veterans and Red Cedars. And special thanks to member Rick Riggins for suggesting the class and to Major Rick Briggs from Camp Liberty for making all the arrangements for the venues. The Red Cedar Fly Fishers and proud to be involved in such a worthwhile venture. Finally, thanks to the members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers who were more that willing to give up two Saturdays and make the long drive





IFFF Member Benefits (New)

If you haven't had the chance to review the new benefit package now available to members of the Federation, check out the website at: www.fedflyfishers.org. On the left side of the page look for the "Membership" header. Run your cursor on that header and it will bring up a variety of topics beneath.

Click on "member benefits" and up will come the companies IFFF has partnered with. If you scroll down the page you'll see a link to the promo code for each company. I had to use Office Max for some meeting copies and the link brought up a couple of methods to save a hard copy card, or if you do it on your smart phone it will ask you to click on the mobile copy to save. Check it out.

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Egg-Take Efforts Ongoing at Michigan DNR Facilities - from: thefishingwire.com

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been working hard this fall to gather necessary eggs for the continued production of hatchery fish to support management objectives for Michigan's world-class fisheries. Fall egg-takes have been completed, or are starting soon, for wild Chinook and coho salmon and for captive broodstocks of brown, rainbow, brook and lake trout.

Chinook salmon eggs were collected Oct. 4 and Oct. 20 at the Little Manistee River Weir and Oct. 11 from the Swan River Weir near Rogers City. Collection of coho salmon eggs began Oct. 17 at the Platte River State Fish Hatchery Weir and ended Oct. 27.

"We were expecting a limited run of wild Chinook salmon this year," said Aaron Switzer, manager of the state fish hatcheries located in the northern Lower Peninsula. "The run was very heavy to males, many of which were jacks (males that reach sexual maturity one year earlier than normal). Because of that, we needed to procure additional eggs from the Swan River rather than rely solely on the Little Manistee River."

The Wisconsin DNR was able to supplement Michigan's needs with an additional 500,000 eggs from their Strawberry Creek weir. These additional eggs will ensure Michigan produces the required number of salmon for stocking in 2017.

The coho salmon egg-take got underway at the upper Platte River Weir Oct. 17. The coho run has been very strong this fall, with 16,691 adults passed above the lower Platte River Weir and an additional 1,491 adults harvested.

"Our goal was nearly 5 million coho salmon eggs at the Platte River Weir, and we had no problem hitting our target," said Switzer.

All Chinook salmon eggs collected at Michigan's weirs will be reared in Michigan – just as they were in 2015. The DNR will continue to provide coho salmon eggs to neighboring states with 3 million staying in Michigan, 1.1 million going to Indiana and 800,000 going to Illinois, thanks to a very strong run of fish this year.

Captive broodstock egg-takes for brook trout and lake trout are in progress until mid-November at the Marquette State Fish Hatchery. Brown trout egg-takes at Oden State Fish Hatchery were completed in mid-October. Rainbow trout egg-takes at Oden will begin in December and continue until mid-January. Captive egg-takes occur every one to two weeks.

Captive broodstocks will provide 220,000 brook trout eggs, 410,000 lake trout eggs, 3.3 million brown trout eggs and 1 million rainbow trout eggs. An additional 640,000 splake eggs (brook trout and lake trout hybrid) will also be collected to support Michigan's fisheries management objectives.

To learn more about efforts through Michigan's state fish hatcheries or to plan a trip to see the egg-take activities, visit Michigan.gov/hatcheries.



I had a trip planned to our neighbor up north till I received this notice in my email last month. Not sure where I'll go instead but I'm looking for suggestions to re-book the flight!

~ATTENTION~
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE CANADIAN BORDER WILL BE
CLOSED NOVEMBER 8 BETWEEN THE
HOURS OF 5AM AND THE YEAR 2024.**



Welcome to the Fly Tying Video Library!

The IFFF Fly Tying Group has built an extensive Fly Tying Video Library for the new and seasoned tier to easily find high quality tying videos.

The library can be searched by Category (Cold Water, Salt Water, Technique and Warm Water) or by Sub Category (Trout, Salmon/Steelhead, Bluegill/Crappie, Bass, Bonefish/Permit, Redfish/Speckled Trout and Other) or by Fly Name. Just enter either the Category, Sub Category or Fly Name to search for the fly tying video you want to view. To watch as full screen, double click on the video once it has started. When finished with the video, double click to return to the video library. To begin a new search in a different category click CLEAR first. *Paste the following link in your browser.*

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Tying/Resources/FlyTyingVideoLibrary/tabid/653/Default.aspx>

It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of the little pub.

An old man named Ken stood beside the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water.

Curious, a young man named Steve asked what he was doing.
'Fishing,' Ken replied.

'Poor old foolish man' thought Steve, so he invited the old man in with him to have a drink in the pub.

Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, Steve asked, 'So tell me Ken, how many have you caught today?'

'You're the eighth" said Ken

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A: Fsh.



All Time Great Signs - from drakemag.com



The Most Interesting Fly Fisherman in the World

When he wishes you "good luck", you always catch a fish.

When he hooks a fish, other fish jump out of the water to get a better look at him.

When a fish breaks his line, it swims back to return his fly.

When he catches and releases a fish, it refuses to leave.

Big fish tell stories about him.

His casts can untie wind knots.

He is the only person allowed to use a reel on a tenkara rod.

The footprints you find at your secret spot are always his.

He lifts muskies from the water by their lip.

He can fish anywhere in a lake without a boat or float tube.

He trains mosquitos and black flies to protect him from ticks.

He can tie every fishing knot with only one hand, including three that only he knows.

The only time he hooked his fly in a tree, he taught a squirrel to retrieve it.

He didn't catch a fish one day, just to see what it felt like.

"Stay Thirsty My Friends"

Tying Tip of the Month

While researching my usual 64,327 & 1/2 websites for articles for this month's newsletter, I came across a great tip to tame those spools of thread, tinsel, wire, etc.

Print off the Office Max/Depot discount card or save it on your mobile phone and head off to these stores. Back in the copy area they sell (at a lower price with the card) different sizes of black plastic binding tabs. Normally these are used for presentations but in this case you cut one off at a time and just wrap it around the spool. I took two different spool sizes in with me to see which ones work the best with each size as they come in various heights.

Pretty simple and relatively inexpensive to make up several of these if you find the rubber bands, pipe cleaners, & scotch tape methods not working for you.



NOTICE - December Meeting at Blue Gill Grill

Join us sat the Grill for two main events: Brian Bielicki from Nomad Anglers will review his suggestions for your Christmas gift list. New products at all levels will be showcased so be prepared to take notes to make your list.

The second item will be to vote on your favorite picture that we've been running for the contest. A slide show will be running with all the pics numbered and a note pad to list your favorite. We have two nice prizes to be handed out for the first and second place so come ready to vote.

We'll also discuss our banquet option as we're looking to hold a year long raffle in lieu of the traditional event. We'd like to hear from more members to see if they'd like to have the banquet and would they be willing to help out by assisting with raffle requests, planning the meals, working the registration table, etc. We need to know soon so we can book a room and get the letters out.

2016 Year-End Review By: Mark Noel

In 2016 the Red Cedar Fly Fishers once again demonstrated why we are one of the best – if not THE best – fly fishing club in the state. Through our fundraising efforts, we were able to continue to make generous donations to many of the worthy organizations that we support annually. And thanks to the efforts of many of our volunteers at numerous events, we were able to achieve the IFFF objective of being strong advocates for the great sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration, and Education programs.

Major donations that we made in 2016 were:

- MSU Scholarship (Fisheries and Wildlife Program): \$1,000
- Anglers of the Au Sable (for litigation against proposed fish farm): \$\$500
- Dr. Bill Earl Youth Fishing Program: \$250
- Reeling and Healing Midwest: \$250

Various programs that our club members participated in:

- Quiet Waters Symposium
- Dr. Bill Earl Youth Fishing Program (3 occasions)
- Reeling and Healing
- Midwest Fly Fishing Expo
- GLC Fly Tying Expo
- GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave
- GLC Leadership Conference (Wa Wa Sum)
- Au Sable River Cleanup
- Annual Club Banquet and Fundraiser
- Annual Club Picnic
- Fly Tying Instruction to Disabled Veterans (2 occasions)
- Club Fishing Outings for Members and Guests (2 occasions)
- Fly Tying Sessions for Members and Guests (semi-monthly sessions)

A very special **THANK YOU** to all of you who contributed your time and service in achieving our club accomplishments for the year! Without your efforts, our club would not be the great club that it is.



Eno Roadie Hammock Stand



You've been out fishing for a few hours and feel the need for a nap ([John R.](#)) The car is too small, or crowded with gear to crawl into for a quick snooze and there are no trees large or close enough to hang that hammock from. Well Eagles Nest Outfitters has just the product for you. The stands are placed in front of each tire and will nest under them when pulled ahead on top to hold your hammock. Now you don't have to leave your spot for a catnap! The stands are sold at a variety of retailers at \$199.

Why I Fly-Fish by Ernie Harrison *From Fly Anglers Online*

**The fly-line traces lazy arcs against an azure sky
And close upon it follows the leader and my fly.
The water flows around my boots and mesmerizes me
Until the problems of the world, I no longer see.
An ouzel dips upon a rock and dives into the stream
It walks upon the bottom, unlikely, as it seems.
The river plays a melody upon its bed of rocks
Off in the distance it sounds as though it talks.
Sweetly scented breezes whisper through the trees
It seems as though they're saying, follow me, follow me.
A deer stands upon the bank drinking in the stream
Then it looks up startled and vanishes, it would seem.
The fly descends lightly to a likely looking place
A trout ascends and sips it in with dignity and grace.
You wonder why I do this; do you really need inquire?**

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Field Notes:

- Tip for fishing in the wintertime: Use antiperspirant (on your feet) before donning socks in the morning. Reduces sweat and moisture keeping feet drier and warmer. Ski professionals trick.
- So you're out fishing, hunting, hiking, etc. and working up a sweat and someone hands you a beer. But NO opener is to be found. No worries. Just follow the steps on this video and you'll be quenched in no time at all: Paste in your browser.. (<https://gearjunkie.com/how-to-open-bottle-cap-blues>)
- Who needs a trailer or what happens when you hit a pole



Refrigerator Reminders

December

11th - Fly tying night at Ellison Brewery & Spirits, 4903 Dawn Ave., East Lansing from 6:00 - 8:00

13th - Red Cedar club meeting... Blue Gill grill

25th - Merry Christmas

28th - RCFF board meeting - Leo's Outpost on Pennsylvania Ave 6:00

January

1st - Happy New Year

10th - Red Cedar club meeting - Giltner Hall, MSU campus, room 273

14th - West Michigan Fly Show East Kentwood High School, Grand Rapids. More info at: www.fffglc.org