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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

June 3, 2014

President's Message

Summer's here – or at least the mosquitoes have arrived! The banquet was well attended and the club replenished the coffers with several dollars. I'm not sure if you all know that the club actually breaks even or loses a bit of money on the dinner cost. We do rely on the auctions & raffles to receive our necessary funds – SO – I'd like to thank all who bid and won the donated auction and raffle items. While it's great we get so many donations, without the members and guests bidding, we wouldn't be able to continue our resource & habitat support projects. Again, thanks for bidding and bidding high. We did have a surprise donation from Ray Schmidt. Not only did Temple Fork Outfitters donate a rod-of-choice, Ray provided an expertly crafted, limited-production wooden fly box that was offered in a special raffle. I think those two items Ray was responsible for brought

in over \$600.00. Thanks to Ray & Kate and TFO for the opportunity. And Ray's presentation was very informative and enjoyable. The June 10 meeting will be at Ingham County Hawk Island Park. Mark will provide the picnic details in his part of the newsletter. We'll vote (appoint!) next year's board members. It's also the last club meeting of the season. We'll start this all over again in September.

You may cheer now (and some of you will). This is my last newsletter since John Ross is/ will be the next Club president. I've enjoyed my term and hope my contributions were a benefit to the organization. Just in case you all didn't know – it's a lot of work. And, most of the time, it is enjoyable and educational. I wish John good luck. It has also



been a pleasure and sometimes an "experience" working with Bob and Dennis. They helped me a lot and bailed me out of some crevices when I needed them. Thanks.

With that – I'll see you at the Picnic. (The picture? That's a Walleye caught by "Bear" at Tippy Dam a couple weeks ago. He let me reel it in and "land" it. It was supposed to be a steelhead. Yes, it was returned to the river.)

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Banquet Wrapup

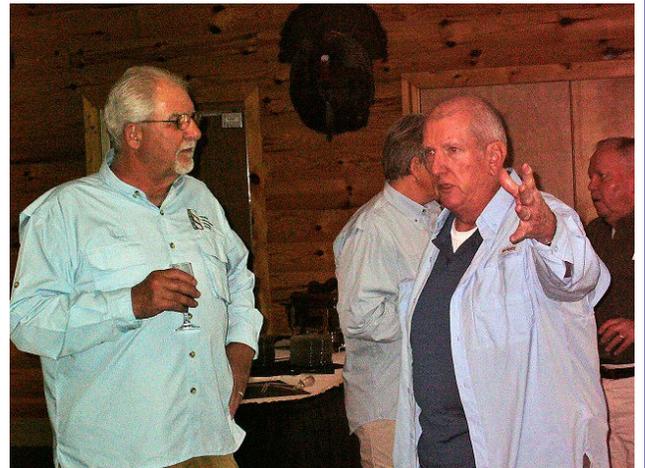
Our 2014 banquet was a success, not only financially but also socially. The unofficial financial accounting shows a profit of nearly \$3,000. The official social accounting shows a great time had by all. There were 38 attendees including 4 non members, our scholarship recipient and our two program presenters. Reports were very positive about the salmon that was served as part of the buffet. These reports were from members who know their salmon as they spend many hours pursuing them.



The Schmidt's were responsible in part for our financial success. Thanks to their generous donation of a special fly box with flies and a TFO rod for our raffles, they helped raise over six hundred dollars and provided us an interesting and insightful program at no cost to the club. We owe them a big thank you!

All and all, the banquet was a big success and as the social column of newspapers past would report: A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

By: Bob Bawden

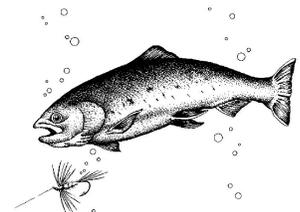


Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"All men may be divided into two parts: those who fish and those who don't. All men who fish may in turn be divided into two parts: those who fish for trout and those who don't. Trout fishermen are a race apart; they are a dedicated crew - indolent, improvident, and quietly mad."

-- John D. Voelker (a.k.a. Robert Traver), "*Trout Madness*", 1960



June Picnic

We will have our final meeting as we have done many times in the past as our Family Picnic on June 10th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Hawk Island Park.

Before reading any further, Take Note: If you are planning on coming to the picnic, and the whole family is invited, Give a quick reply email to me, at the email address you received this newsletter from of the

number of people in your family that will be coming, don't need names, just a number. We are just trying to get a rough idea how many people will be at the picnic to purchase food. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, brats, chips, condiments, plates, silverware, pop and probably some potato salad or beans too! All we ask the members to bring if you are coming is a desert to pass. Cookies,

brownies, cake, etc.

Be aware that I believe there is a small charge to get in to the park. You can also bring your fly rod if you like as the lake is right there. Look for our Red Cedar Banner for the Pavilion we will be at. I believe we have the Kestrel Shelter Reserved.

We will also be holding our club elections for Officers for next year at the picnic.

By: Mark Johnson

Files From The Past

Recently, as I sorted through various boxes of material that have been left to the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, I came across an old binder that was compiled by Dr. John Wylie, a charter member of RCFF. As I looked through the pages, I realized I was reading a history of our club and found many interesting documents that I thought might be of interest to other members. So if you will indulge me a bit, I will reprint some stories, bulletins, announcements and other writings I have been reading. I hope you will find them interesting, fun to read and maybe bring back some memories for some of you.

From the Red Cedar Fly Fishers Bulletin – April, 1979: Spring is here. The ice is nearly gone. The water is up a little and the steelhead will soon be plentiful and waiting---hopefully. Several members are planning to be at Barothy's the weekend of March 30-April 1 and some are planning to stay in the area of the Pere Marquette around Baldwin for some of the next week, depending on the weather, etc. Anyone who wants to make arrangements

to meet up with the group, contact Jim Schramm, Jim Jarrett or Paul Eberhart by March 29th.

The Bamboo Rod Revival sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club was held in Southfield March 23-24. Eleven hundred interested fly fishermen came to see. Members of the club helped to man the FFF membership booth and talked to many people about support for our organization. Those making the trip to Southfield were Harry Barnes, Dave Blake, Dan Cogan, Jim Jarrett, Bob Julius, Joe Labancz, Tom Little, Al Nelson, Jim Schramm and John Wylie. Thank you all very much for your help.

The next meeting of the club will be April 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Kinawa. Dr. Richard Merritt will speak on Aquatic Entomology and we will see the new Scientific Anglers film with a discussion by Dr. Merritt. This should be a very interesting evening so be sure to come. Also, as a special incentive to those who come, you will receive a partial grizzly neck courtesy of Jeff Andrews. At the last meeting the club reacted favorable to the purchase of club shirts. These are

"coaches" shirts and are dark green and will have the club name printed neatly over the pocket. The cost will be approximately \$5.00-\$6.00. Anyone who did not sign up at the meeting and wants a shirt can do so at the next meeting or contact a board member.

The May meeting will be our Second Annual Picnic for members and their families and friends. It will be held and John Wylie's home on the Red Cedar, Saturday May 19th. There will be a casting clinic, fishing in the river (waders) and canoeing. Anyone wishing to canoe down the river to the Wylie's from Meridian Road Park (1 ½ hr.) or Van Atta Road (45 Min-1 hour) could do so. We can arrange to help you put in your boat or retrieve your can. If you are interested, talk with

John Wylie. Plans for the Great Lakes Conclave in Grayling on June 22-24 are now in high gear. If you plan to stay at the Holiday Inn for the conclave, be sure to make your reservations NOW John Wylie, Secretary



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GLC Fly Fishing School and Fair By: Mark Johnson

The Great Lakes Council Fly Fishing School and Fair is coming up soon on the weekend of June 13th through the 15th at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan. The weekend is filled with a wide array of workshops, seminars, and clinics put on by volunteers of the Great Lakes Council. Some of our own Red Cedar Fly Fishers members will be presenters including, Don Sawyer, Harry Barnes and Jeff "Bear" Andrews. Check out the listing of classes and times on the GLC website at www.ffglc.org. A registration form is also there for you to sign up for this always fun and educational weekend. There will also be an auction on Saturday afternoon.

Member News

By: Mark Johnson

As reported in the HR Source Newsletter of Michigan State University, Red Cedar member, Bob Ceru was presented with the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award on April 22. Congrats Bob!

Refrigerator Reminders

June

10th: RCFF Family Picnic-
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13th-15th: GLC Fly Fishing
School and Fair-Details inside
this newsletter.

