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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

September 1, 2011

President's Message

Greetings from the President:

Hendrickson's in May, Hex's in June, Hoppers in July, White Flies in August, and the first Red Cedar Fly Fishers meeting of the new season in September. An endless cycle that has been around since the disappearance of the ice age. Well, I guess the Red Cedar's and Terry Greiner haven't been around for quite that long . . . Almost though.

Welcome back everyone, for another season of our general meetings and fly tying sessions. And a very special welcome to any new members who might be joining us for the first time. I hope all of you had a nice summer and got to spend plenty of time wetting your lines, throwing tight loops, and untying "wind" knots (ahem).

It wouldn't be right to start out my first President's Message

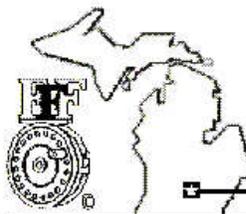
without proper recognition and thanks to last season's fellow board members - Secretary Amy Fekete, Treasurer Marty Crimp, Past-President Terry Greiner (the famous Terry Greiner), and President Neil Gross. Great job everyone! I will try my best to duplicate the fantastic job that Neil did as president (Crikey! - That's going to be difficult!). Also, thanks to all of you for staying on again this year, as well as to new board member President-Elect Jim Buscetta.

Special thanks to Mark Johnson, our newsletter editor - job well done for yet another year. Although the newsletter editor is not an official board position, Mark attended and actively participated in every board meeting, and did a top-notch job on putting together the monthly newsletters and sending them out to all of you right on schedule. Great work.



And while I'm in the process of giving thanks, I'd also like to pass my gratitude on to all RCFF members who participated in this year's U.S. Forest Service stream restoration project on Held Creek and the annual end-of-season river cleanup project on the Au Sable. I'm sure I speak for all fly fishermen and fisherwomen who enjoy this great sport in passing on my thanks for your efforts (I'm sure the trout sincerely appreciate the housekeeping as well!).

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RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS

Okemos, Michigan

1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

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

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

Presidents Message Continued

With that out of the way, on to new business: As I begin my fourth year with the club, I'm honored to be your president. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again at our upcoming general meetings, and I'll see to it that all of our great traditions continue for another year. Our general meetings promise to be entertaining and informative, with a new round of presentations and presenters. I'm also planning on introducing some fresh, new ideas, such as product evaluations by our various club members.

Our fly tying sessions will again be held on various Sunday evenings at Piazzano's, with special emphasis on instruction of

various techniques by our more experienced tyers. Even if you have never tied a fly before, come on out and see what it is all about. It's a great way to stay involved with the sport throughout the cold winter months. It's also very rewarding to catch a fish on a fly that you personally fashioned from a pile of fur and feathers. Even if you don't tie, come join in the federating and have a few ginger ales.

Well, was that a quick summer or was that a quick summer? With the cold and rainy spring season, it just made it seem all the shorter. But fall is a great time to fish in Michigan, and the sum-

mer trout streams will soon be filled with salmon and steelhead. So, blow the dust off that egg fly box, grab your big sticks, and keep on fishing! I look forward to hearing the fishing reports at the upcoming meetings.

Support your local fly shop!

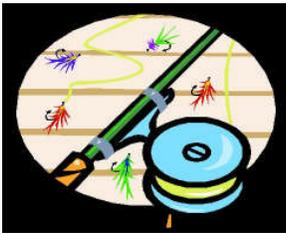
Mark Noel

September's Meeting

Ever wonder what it is like to catch a giant Muskie on a fly rod? Jeff "Bear" Andrews, RCFF member, guide, and world-class fly tyer extraordinaire, will be presenting a program on catching Muskies on the fly in beautiful northern Wisconsin. If you've ever considered expanding your fly fishing repertoire beyond the typical trout, steelhead, and salmon, this program

should be just what you are looking for. Bear will cover the proper techniques, flies, and equipment necessary to be successful at this exciting type of fly fishing. As always, he will also answer any questions you may have after the presentation.

By: Mark Noel



Time to Pay Membership Dues Again

It's that time again, the beginning of a new year when we need to pay our membership dues to the club again. The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a 100% club, meaning everyone that is considered a member has paid their national FFF dues as well as the local club dues.

If you cannot attend the September or October meetings and would like to continue to

be a member of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, please send your \$10.00 dues payment in a check made out to Red Cedar Fly Fishers and mail it to P.O. Box 129, Okemos, MI 48805.

By: Mark Johnson

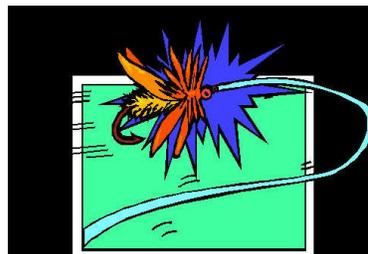


Sunday Fly Tying Nights

As Mark mentioned in his President's Message, we will be starting up our Sunday Fly Tying nights in October. These will run one or two Sundays each month throughout the winter meeting at Piazano's Restaurant in the basement. More details on the days and times for October will be in the October newsletter. If you are a beginner or expert tier, these are open to everyone and are a good place to learn a few new techniques, or just catch up on filling the fly boxes while enjoying the company of

other club members. If you don't tie flies, you are welcome to stop by anyways and just watch and socialize for a couple hours. It's always a good time.

By: Mark Johnson



New Newsletter Format

As you have noticed by now, the monthly newsletter has been redesigned from what we have done in the past. Your newsletter editor decided over the summer he was tired of looking at the old format for hours on end as he typed the newsletter and thought it was time for a new format that would hopefully be attractive, functional and easy to read. As always we would like to have articles for the newsletter from

our members. If you have a few paragraphs you can write up and send to the newsletter editor about a fishing trip this past summer, we would be glad to print it for others to enjoy. If you have a few photos, you can send those along also. Feel free to send me your comments, both good and bad about the new format for the newsletter. It is still a work in progress, and can always be "Tweaked".

By: Mark Johnson



Classified Section

As mentioned in the past, if you have any fishing related equipment you would like to sell, we would be glad to list it in the newsletter for sale to other members. If you have any items, email a description to the newsletter editor with all the details and we will put it in the next newsletter. For this month, we have one item for sale listed in the next column.

For Sale: 17 foot aluminum Michicraft canoe, low mileage, in better shape than seller. Included are paddles, four seat cushions, mount for electric trolling motor (motor also for sale, with canoe or separately), ropes, rooftop/door clips, pads. Asking \$100.00 or \$200.00 with the motor. Contact Bob Kren. rmkren@umflint.edu

By: Mark Johnson



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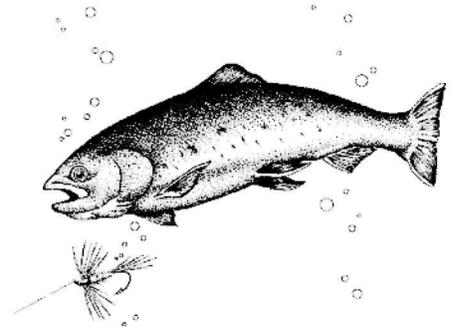
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Poker Night Fundraiser Update

By: Mark Johnson

Back in the June newsletter we mentioned that we had secured a new fundraising opportunity to work in a charity poker room at Royal Scot Golf/Bowling Center for 2 different dates this fall. Unfortunately, the organizer of this poker room has had to shut down over the summer as they haven't had enough players coming to justify the cost of keeping the room open. So we won't have this fundraising activity this fall. The board will keep you updated on any new developments with this.



Refrigerator Reminders

September

10th: Annual AuSable River Cleanup. Details at www.ausableanglers.org

13th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, Social 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm. Large Group Room, Chippewa Middle School

27th: RCFF Board Meeting, 7:00pm. Piazanno's Restaurant in the basement.

October

11th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, Social 7:00pm, Business 7:30pm. Large Group Room, Chippewa Middle School.

Sunday Tying Nights-Dates to be announced in the October Newsletter.

