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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

September 1, 2013

President's Message

Where's my ghost writer? They promised me a ghost writer!!

Anyway, welcome back to the start of the "Off Season" even though there are plenty of days remaining until the weather forces many of us to finally let our boots dry out. And many of you are hearty enough to enjoy chipping the icicles off the line! In case you missed the fishing with the kids outing at Meridian park in June or, more importantly, the after-event at the Blue Gill Grill, I've been (s)elected as the president of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers for the next year. I would like to thank Jim for his service and guidance this past year. His shoes will be hard to fill - figuratively, that is. So, don't make your ex-

pectations too high for my performance. I'd also like to thank the other board members and those who do a lot of work for the club without getting the recognition. Since being involved with the May banquet, I've found that nearly every member contributes valuable time and resources representing more actual work than is expected for the President to perform. I do thank them and appreciate those "refrigerator reminders." I can't thank all of them enough for their support and direction during the transition. And, a warning to them, they aren't done yet! I'll continue to request their support many, many times during the next year. And, from time to time, I may ask other members for assis-



tance and opinions during the next year. Now for a real short note about what happened while we were all off fishing and tending our lawns. For the next year, joining me on the board are: John Ross as President Elect (soon to be Vice President), Bob Bawden as Treasurer and Dennis O'Brien as Secretary.

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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

President's Message Continued

Jim is now the High-Priest as we recognize as The Immediate Past President. I'm happy to say that Mark Johnson will still be sending out the newsletter and Mark Noel will still help in several un-official capacities - helping us to get our outings (and our membership) organized. The board is currently working on modifying our By-Laws to officially elevate the status of these positions and stream-line how the board works. More on that as we near completion of these long-delayed changes to the By-Laws. In addition, we will be obtaining a new or newer fly-tying camera as the one we have now is kinda obsolete. It still works but doesn't match current cameras available for not much mon-

ey. The club is also involved in updating and adding a fly-fishing section to the Michigan DNR web page. We also hope to expand our exposure by becoming affiliated with organizations whose goals closely match our - fisheries management and improvement. I can say that we will have some entertaining and informational presentations at our meeting this year. What I can't say is who will present them and what is going to be presented. I have sent our requests for speakers and I'll have to see who responds. And, if you have any suggestions (and contacts) please forward them to me. I don't think we will turn anyone down, but the schedule may determine who does what when. The September meeting

may include the updates to the club's by-laws and a couple of the project we're working on. And, as always, please invite friends and neighbors to the monthly meetings and projects. Additional members can only increase the status of our club and improve our potential to be a voice relating to the fishing resources - especially in Michigan. I look for an exciting year and hope that I can add just a bit of guidance to help us succeed. Finally - did you all know that our meetings are just a short walk from the MSU Dairy Store? If you haven't stopped there, you are missing a treat.

Herb

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 to P.O. Box 129, Okemos, MI 48805.

By: Mark Johnson



New Room Number for the Meeting By: Mark Johnson

This Fall we will be meeting in a new room for our regular Tuesday night club meetings. We are still in the Natural Resources building at MSU but will be meeting in room 152 this fall. As it happens sometimes with the Universities class schedules we may have to change rooms at semester break. As Herb mentioned in his presidents message, we are pursuing a few different options for our September

meeting, but still waiting to hear back from those to see who is available for that night.

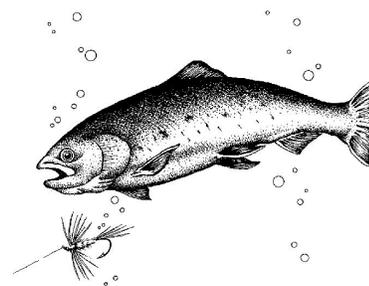


Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

" Let's Go!!! We're Burnin' Daylight!!! "

-- Terry Greiner

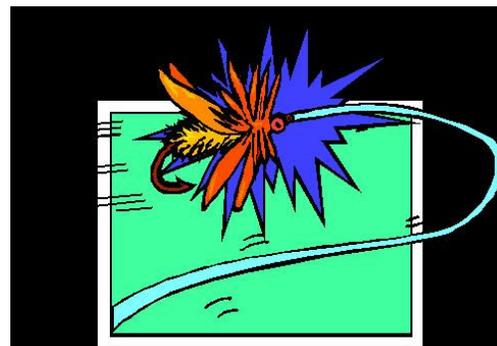


Bancroft Harvest Festival

By: Mark Johnson

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is going to have a table set up at the Bancroft Harvest Festival coming up on Saturday, September 14th. We are looking for volunteers to come out for the day to help out. We will be there to just give out information on the club, introduce people to fly fishing and fly tying, probably have a few rods there to give casting

demos and hopefully someone there tying flies as well. If you can help out for the day or want more information, contact Dennis O'Brien at 989-277-2068 or dennissueob@aol.com



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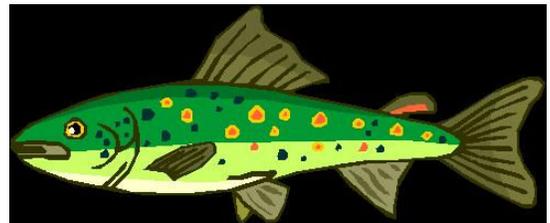
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GLC Fall Outing

By: Mark Johnson

The Great Lakes Council will hold a Fall Outing on October 25-27 at Wa Wa Sum Lodge in Grayling. You probably have received an email on this already but wanted to mention it as there are only about 5 openings left at this time. Cost is \$150 for the weekend for food and lodging, and meals are being prepared for you! I am sure there will be some cleanup help needed LOL. There are a few Red Cedar members going already

so you will certainly know some people there. Should be a fun time. If you want to make a reservation or want more information, contact Terry Greiner.



Refrigerator Reminders

September

7th: AuSable River Cleanup.
See www.ausableanglers.org
for more information.

10th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152,
Natural Resources Building
at MSU

October

8th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152,
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at MSU

25th-27th: GLC Fall Outing
See the GLC website at
www.ffglc.org for more
information

