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# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

October 1, 2011

## President's Message

### *Greetings from the President:*

October. Typically a pretty sad month for Michigan fly fishers. Shorter daylight hours. Colder and wetter weather. And worst of all - trout season officially ended on September 30th.

Generally, I shift the focus of my targeted species from trout to salmon and steelhead about now, and start making trips to the Pere Marquette River instead of my favored Au Sable and Manistee Rivers. But I always hate to see trout season officially come to an end for the year, and have to put my dry flies into hibernation until next spring. I'm sure many of you do as well.

But keep in mind, there are several limited stretches of the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers (and others) that remain open for the entire year for catch-and

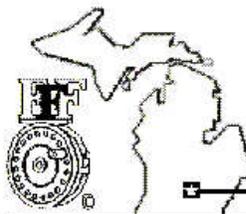
-release trout fishing (remember Josh Greenberg's presentation last year on "Off-Season Fishing on the Au Sable"?). The "Holy Waters" section of the main-stream Au Sable (Burton's Landing to Wakeley Bridge) has been open year-round for catch-and-release trout fishing for quite some time - as have sections of the north and south branches. The Manistee River, from M-72 to CCC Bridge, has also remained open.

With this year's changes in DNR fishing regulations, considerable additional waters are now available for year-round catch-and-release trout fishing. The main-stream of the Au Sable is now open from Wakeley Bridge to McMaster's Bridge, and from the Mio power line to McKinley Bridge (part of the famous "Trophy Waters" section). And the Manistee is now open from M-72 north to County Road 612. Open sections of other



ivers are detailed in the DNR's 2011 Michigan Fishing Guide. With the temptation of all this additional water, I just may have to squeeze in another trip or two up to the Grayling or Mio areas before it's time to break out the "Stanley's Ice-Off Paste".

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## RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS

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

## Presidents Message Continued

The other big news for this month is that our club fly tying sessions at Piazzano's will begin on Sunday, October 16th. In the past, our sessions typically got underway in November. But with the popularity of last year's tying nights, the Board has decided to start the sessions early this year, and to meet twice per month instead of once per month. Check the "Refrigerator Reminders" section of our club newsletters for scheduled dates and times.

If you have ever wondered

what a "Greiner's Special" is, come on out to a fly tying session and watch Terry tie one. This is his personal "go to" fly on those hatch-less days when nothing else seems to be working. I watched Terry fish one on the south branch of the Au Sable this past summer, and within 10 minutes time he had caught a "Greiner Slam". What is a "Greiner Slam" you ask? A creek chub, a sculpin, and a minnow (sorry Terry, I couldn't resist).

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the October General

Meeting, hearing your fishing reports, and meeting this year's new members.

*Support Your Local Fly Shop!*

Mark

## October's Meeting

This month's presentation will be on "Fishing the Bristol Bay and King Salmon areas of Alaska", by long-time club member and former president Phil Stevens. As many of you already know, Phil loves to fish Alaska, and he has made many trips to many different rivers in that beautiful rugged wilderness.

This past August, Phil teamed up with a few buddies and headed north once again to link

up with well-known river guide John Hohl, of Alaska Fly Anglers. They spent eight days fishing for big rainbows and grayling in the waters of the Ugashek Narrows and Moraine Creek. They also spent eight nights camping amongst the grizzly bears.

If you have ever wondered what fly fishing in Alaska is like, Phil's presentation should give you a very good idea.

**By: Mark Noel**



## Time to Pay Membership Dues Again By: Mark Johnson

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 October meeting 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.

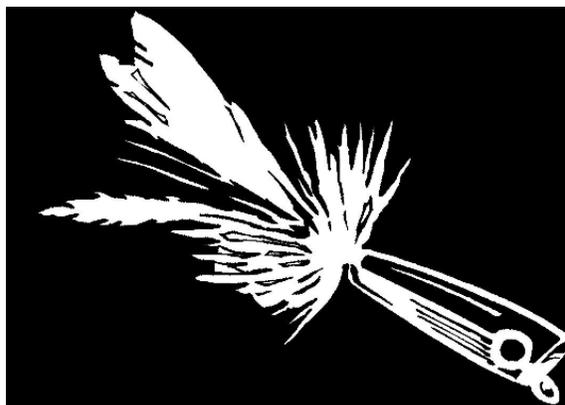


## Sunday Fly Tying Nights

We will start our club fly tying nights on Sunday, October 16th, at 6:30p.m. at Piazzano's banquet room in the basement. I don't know that there is any particular theme for this first night so just bring your vice, tools and materials and join us for an evening of tying and socializing. Last year these nights were pretty well attended with 8-10 people usually showing up and it was always a good time. Again, if you don't know how to tie, there is always someone there to help out and show you a few tech-

niques. We will also schedule a second tying night in October on Sunday the 30th, same time and place. Hope to see you there.

**By: Mark Johnson**



## Great Lakes Council Fly Expo

The Great Lakes Council will be hosting the 12th Annual Fly Tying Expo again this year on December 3rd. at Holt High School in Holt, Michigan. The Red Cedar Fly Fishers have always been a great help with setup and take down for this event and this year is no exception. There will be a sign up sheet at the October and November general membership meetings for you to volunteer. There will be more information and times at the meeting re-

garding what is needed for our club to do for the upcoming expo. So plan on attending and signing up to help out with this always fun event. This is the Council's major fundraiser for the year and your volunteer help is necessary to make it run smoothly.

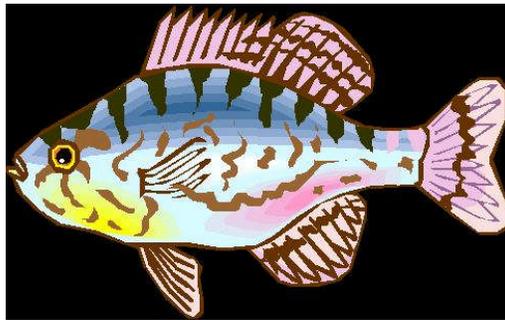
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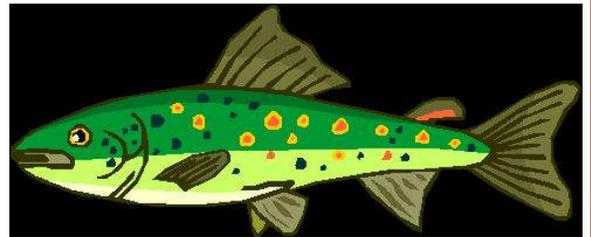
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We could really use your actual fishing photos to go here instead of these fish clip art pictures. I am sure many of you have great photos from the summers fishing. Send them to the newsletter editor who sent you this newsletter and we will put some in each newsletter for others to see. Thanks.



## Refrigerator Reminders

### October

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

16th: Sunday Fly Tying Night  
6:30p.m. -8:30p.m. Piazzano's  
Restaurant on Grand River  
Ave. in the basement banquet  
room.

25th: RCFF Board Meeting  
7:00p.m. Piazzano's Restaurant

30th: Sunday Fly Tying Night  
6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Piazzano's  
Restaurant on Grand River in  
the basement banquet room.

### November

8th: RCFF Monthly Meeting,  
Social 7:00pm, Business  
7:30pm. Large Group Room,  
Chippewa Middle School.

Sunday Fly Tying Nights-Dates  
to be published in the Novem-  
ber Newsletter.

