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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

March 7, 2012

President's Message

Greetings from the President:

There is a saying that goes something like "Thank God for golf - It keeps the unworthy off the trout streams." No doubt it was coined by a fly fisher. But have you ever noticed how many fly fishermen and fisherwomen really are genuinely nice, high-class people? I have formed many valued friendships through this great sport, as well as through the RCFF and FFF organizations. Not only have I met many new friends, but I have also crossed paths and reestablished friendships with a few others whom I had inadvertently lost touch with over the years.

Thirty-some years ago, when I was a student up at Michigan Tech studying engineering, I had a chemistry professor by the name of Terry Warrington. As with the majority of my profes-

sors, I lost track of him after I graduated and moved to the Lansing area to begin my career.

Several years ago, I ran into Terry in the fly shop at Gates Lodge. We chatted for quite a while about the good old days at Tech, and I found out that he had retired and moved to the Grayling area to pursue his fly fishing passion full-time. He invited me to fish an early morning Trico hatch with him on the North Branch, and we had a great time together catching brookies in the morning mist as we watched the sun rise. Being mentored on the finer aspects of Trico fishing was certainly a lot more fun for me than being mentored on the confusing intricacies of chemical engineering. I later found out that Terry's name is listed on the Gates Lodge "Trophy Gallery" more often than just about any other angler's, and that he is known around the areas of the



Holy Waters as "Big Fish Terry".

Another friendship of mine that was reestablished through fly fishing is the one that I have with Terry Greiner. I first met Terry back when we were both fairly new to Lansing. We became good friends and took some camping and sailing trips together. But when Terry and his wife Nancy moved to Holt to begin raising their family, we eventually lost touch with each other for quite a while. It was the sport of fly fishing that caused us to cross paths once again, and we have fished together many times on many different rivers since then.

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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

I must say, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

So, in addition to the many of you whom I have had the pleasure of meeting for the first time over the past several years, fly fishing has resulted in the renewal of my friendships with two other great fishing buddies: "Big Fish Terry" and "Little Fish Terry".

On a more business-like note, our club will again be providing another \$1,000 scholarship this year to a graduate student in the Fisheries Program at Michigan State University. Donating this annual scholarship to the university is a long-standing tradition of the RCFF, and it goes towards a very worthy cause. The application process is currently underway, and our Board will be selecting the successful candidate sometime in April or early May. We are planning on introducing the scholarship winner to our club members during our May 17th banquet.

Speaking of the banquet, efforts are well underway to make it

another great one. The banquet committee is currently in the process of collecting donated items from various vendors for the fundraising auctions and raffles, and finalizing meal arrangements with the Brookshire Inn staff. I strongly encourage all of you to attend this year, and to bring along your spouses and friends. The annual banquet is our largest fundraiser of the year - so let's all show our support! Banquet tickets are available at Nomad Anglers, our general meetings, and from any Board member.

Tickets for our main fundraising raffle (\$500 gift certificate from Nomad Anglers, Brodin trout net, and Wheatley fly box) are selling like hotcakes. Jim Buscetta sold \$150 worth at the recent Quiet Waters Symposium at MSU (Great job Jim!). He is also planning on attending the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo this weekend so that he can sell even more (Jim heard that Terry Greiner will be donating a "Greiner's Special" fly to the Board member who sells the most tickets). Raffle tickets are available at our general meetings and from

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any Board member.

A final reminder, the 34th Annual "Midwest Fly Fishing Expo" is being held this weekend (March 10-11) at the Macomb County Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren. This is the oldest and one of the largest fly fishing shows in the entire country, and one that you don't want to miss. Visit www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com for directions and additional details. Hope to see you there!

Support your local fly shop!

Mark



March Presentation

The presentation this month will be performed by Mark Johnston, DDS. Mark's presentation will focus on an 11-day fishing adventure that he and a fishing buddy took this past fall to various parts of Alaska. Their trip centered around the Naknek River Camp, which is owned and operated by Jim Johnson of Baldwin, Michigan. Mark and his friend also took a two-day side trip to the Kenai Peninsula, where they fished the Kenai and Russian Rivers,

as well as Grayling Lake.

Mark will not only cover his fishing adventures, but he will also include discussion regarding the costs and preparation involved with organizing a trip of this magnitude. This will be excellent information for anyone who may be contemplating experiencing Alaska for themselves at some point in the future.

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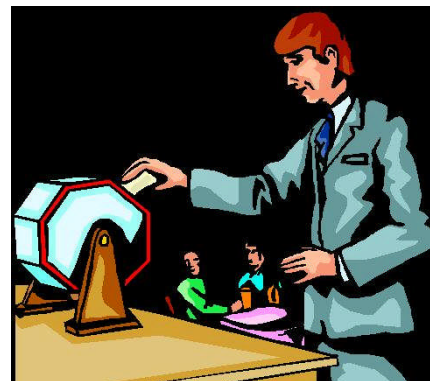
Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

By: Mark Johnson

As Mark mentioned in his president's message, plans are well underway for this year's Annual Banquet and Fundraiser on May 17, 2012 at the Brookshire Inn . Tickets are available for sale at the meetings, through a Board member or at Nomad Anglers. Dinner choices this year are Prime Rib, Whitefish, or Teriyaki Chicken. You will need to make your meal choice at the time of purchase of your ticket. Donation letters have been sent out and we are hoping to have another great auction/raffle again this year. This

is the clubs main fundraiser of the year and all members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. We also have our separate raffle going on right now for the Nomad Anglers Gift Certificate, Brodin Net, and Wheatly Fly Box with Flies. That will be drawn the night of the banquet. In other news, we are planning 2 more Sunday fly tying nights this year. One on March 18th., and the other on April 15th. Both at Piaz-zano's in the basement banquet room. Our president Mark Noel is offering Free Pizza to

attendees on the April 15th night!



Classified Section

By: Mark Johnson

Several fly lines for sale. Some brand new still in the box. Contact Terry Greiner at tlgreiner@comcast.net regarding any of the lines below.

Cortland 444SL WF7 I \$35.00

Cortland 444SL Precision Tapers WF5 F \$40.00

Cortland 444 Classic SYLK DT 4 F \$40.00

Rio Spey ST7/8S4 Shooting Head 37' \$38.00

For Sale: Orvis "Mach IV" Large Arbor Reel (7-10 wt.) and two additional spools.

Titanium. Use a separate spool for each of your floating, sinking, and running lines— A great combination for Salmon and Steelhead! All are used very little and in mint condition.

\$150.00/ or Best Offer for all. Contact Mark Noel at mnoel@comcast.net

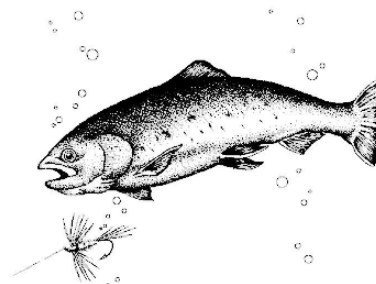


Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"If you fish the wrong fly long enough and hard enough, sooner or later it will become the right fly."

—John Gierach



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Send us some of your photos for the newsletter. For the lack of anything better, here is a picture of some Pencil Poppers I just finished up. Some of these will wind up in this year's Auction/Raffle in May.



Refrigerator Reminders

March

4th: Sunday Tying Night at Piazzanos in the basement banquet room 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

10th-11th: Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Details at www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com

13th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social, 7:00pm, Business. Large Group Room, Chippewa Middle School

18th: Sunday Tying Night at Piazzano's in the basement banquet room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

April

10th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Social, 7:00pm, Business. Large Group Room, Chippewa Middle School

15th: Sunday Tying Night at Piazzano's in the basement banquet room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

