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June 4, 2012

President's Message

Greetings from the President:

Well, it's hard to believe, but this is my 10th and final President's Message. Hopefully, all of you have enjoyed them, as I've done my best to keep them informative, yet entertaining. My apologies to our good friend Terry Greiner for making him the butt of so many of my jokes - I tried not to be too hard on him (*actually, I didn't hold back at all!*).

I would like to recognize and give very special thanks to my fellow Board members over the past year - particularly to those who will soon be departing the Board for well-deserved breaks: Amy Fekete has been our Secretary for the past two years in a row. Neil Gross has served as our President-Elect, President, and Past-President over the past three straight years. And last, but certainly not least, Marty

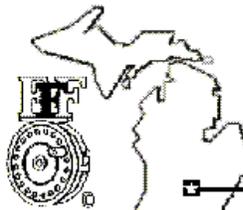
Crimp has served as our President-Elect, President, Past-President, and Treasurer (twice) over the past five straight years. Since I'm just entering my fifth year in the club, I don't ever remember Marty NOT being on the Board! Thanks to all of you for your multi-year dedication and hard work. It's been a pleasure working with you.

Jim Buscetta has also been a hard-working Board member this past year, in the position of President-Elect. Effective July 1st, I will pass the gavel on to Jim as our next President. I know the club will be in great hands, as Jim has been one of our very active and long-time members. I look forward to remaining on the Board in the position of Past-President, and assisting Jim and our other newly-elected Board members during the upcoming year.



Special thanks also to Mark Johnson, our newsletter editor. Not only did Mark compile, edit, and send out every newsletter right on time once again, he also attended and actively participated in every Board meeting. Mark also did a great job with the new format and color graphics of our newsletters - they look great and they are without a doubt one of the nicest club newsletters around.

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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

President's Message Continued

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Board members - Bob Bawden and Dennis O'Brien. Bob will be serving as our next Treasurer, and Dennis will be serving as our next Secretary. Thanks guys for stepping up and helping out!

Our recent RCFF spring conservation project was very successful and productive. Our club volunteers partnered with our good friends from the U.S. Forest Service and we constructed trout habitat structures on the South Branch of the White River, near White Cloud. The Forest Service guys were hoping that we could help them build two separate structures that day, and we actually constructed three. That says a lot about the volunteers from the RCFF! Thanks to John Ross for taking the lead on this project again this year, as well as to our other volunteers - Jim Buscetta, Ed Gormley, Terry Greiner, Neil Gross, and Mark Johnson. We all had a nice barbeque afterwards, with Grill-Meister Greiner in charge of the cooking.

Our recent "35th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser" was also a great success, and a good time was had by all. It was great to have two of our charter members in attendance -

Jim Schramm and Harry Barnes, along with their wives Dorothy and Bonnie. Jim did a nice presentation on the history and founding of the RCFF, including mentioning the names of every one of our original members. Thanks to all of you who donated fundraising items, as well as to all of you who placed generous bids. Between our various raffles and auctions, we raised approximately \$2,400 to put back into our future conservation, restoration, and education efforts!

One of the highlights of the banquet was the presentation of the John Wylie Award for 2012. This award is given annually by the Board to a RCFF member in recognition of sustained long-term and dedicated service to our organization. Terry Greiner was the unanimous choice of our Board members this year, and it was my pleasure to personally give it to him during our banquet. Congratulations Terry - your award is well-deserved and long overdue! Thanks to John Ross and his guitar for providing the entertainment during the award ceremony. I'm sure Nashville will be calling John soon, as he plays both kinds of music - Country *and* Western.

Our June 12th general meeting will be our last one until we

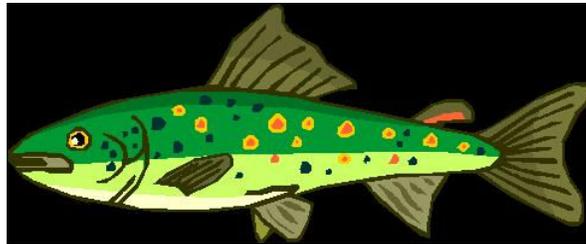
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start our new season in September. While we will not have our typical general membership meetings during the months of July and August, the Board is planning on at least one club activity for each month. We are considering local fishing outings or possibly a golf outing. Since this will be the last newsletter until September, e-mail notifications will be sent to our club members regarding the upcoming outings once details are finalized by the Board.

As I conclude my final President's Message, I must say that it's been another great year for the RCFF. Our Board members and the volunteers from our general membership have once again done outstanding jobs at maintaining our club reputation as one of the best in the state, if not THE best! I've really enjoyed the privilege of being your President.

Mark

Oh, and by the way: *Support Your Local Fly Shop!*



June Presentation

The presentation for this month is titled "*Impact of Climate Change on Lake Whitefish in the Laurentian Great Lakes and Implications for Harvest Management*." It will be presented by Abigail Lynch, a MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife doctoral student specializing in fisheries ecology and management.

Abby's presentation will focus on the impact of climate change on the ecology and population dynamics of whitefish in Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. Lake whitefish populations have supported the most economically valuable and

productive commercial fishery in these upper Great Lakes since 1980, with an annual catch value of nearly \$17 million. The productivity and value of the lake whitefish fishery is currently being threatened by changes in regional climate and increasing surface temperatures of the Great Lakes.

The majority of the management of lake whitefish in the Great Lakes presently occurs on a regionalized basis, without cross-jurisdictional interaction. This type of management is not adequate for addressing large-

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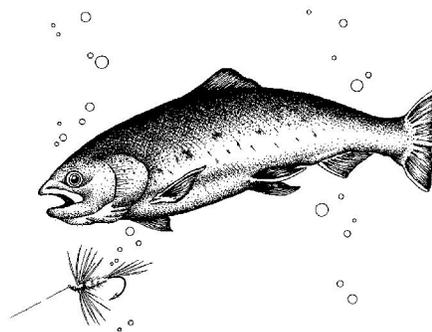
scale environmental threats such as climate change. Abby's research focuses on the impact of climate change on whitefish from a much broader basin-wide scale, and developing methods of optimizing harvest management during periods of climactic change.

In addition to her research, Abby is a passionate fly fisher and coordinator of the MSU Fly Gals program. She has recently been selected by our Board as the recipient of our annual \$1,000 graduate-level scholarship for 2012.

Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"I may wish that I could play the guitar like Eric Clapton,
but Eric Clapton wishes that he could cast a fly rod like me."
-- Jimmy Buffett



Spring Work Outing Pictures

By: Mark Johnson

On the following pages are a few pictures from our recent May Spring Work Outing. It was a fun day, meeting for breakfast at 8:00 am and then heading out to the river at 9. The weather turned out pretty good up there and we finished the work project then returned to White Cloud to a local park for a cookout. To follow are a few pictures of the work project taken by John Ross.



Terry Greiner's breakfast-Sauteed Redhorse Sucker in a delightful cayenne pepper and red hot sauce. Ask Terry for the recipe.



USFS and RCFF volunteers constructing the bases of the structures



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June

12th: RCFF Monthly Meeting.
6:30pm, Social, 7:00pm Business. Large Group Room,
Chippewa Middle School

15th-17th: Great Lakes Council
Fly Fishing School, Roscommon. See the GLC website at
www.fffglc.org for more information and reservation forms

