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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

December 1, 2012

President's Message

Greetings,

The pace for the Red Cedar Fly Fishers seems to be picking up. In September we had the Au Sable River clean up and a meeting with Program, a meeting in October and one in November, the Fly Tying Expo on December 1 and now, something a little different. As some of you already know we are going to have a "Social Evening" on Tuesday, December 11 at the Blue Gill Grill. The Blue Gill Grill is located on East Lake Lansing Road, just East of Marsh Road. Several of our members told me when I took over that they would like to just have an evening to just socialize and have a good time. Well, hopefully, this is it. We are going to meet as early as 6:00 p.m. and leave when we want. I think the food is pretty good, so you might want to have dinner, but that is not necessary. Our good friends at Nomad Anglers are going to

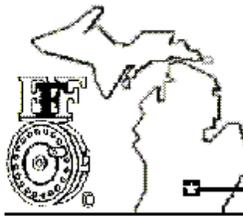
bring some of the latest goodies to show us. Please bring friends, spouses and anyone else that might be interested in our lies. Especially, if you know some members that haven't been to a meeting in a while, encourage them to come. Apparently some members didn't realize that the Newsletter comes from Dataplex, so if you haven't seen someone for a while, give them a call and bring them along. Of course we will have some Raffle Tickets available if you would like to purchase some. Digressing for a moment, I am happy to tell you that we sold 124 Raffle Tickets this week end, at the Fly Tying Expo. We are off to a great start on our raffle. While I am at it, I would like to thank all of our club members that helped with the Expo, both generally and at our table. I would mention all of you by name, but I am afraid I might leave somebody out.



Some of our members served in leadership positions and others of us did "scud work". It's safe to say that our club carried significant weight, because many of the Great Lakes Council Board Members are also members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers.

Finally, our future is still somewhat up in the air. Our January 8 meeting will be at the Okemos Library. The tentative topic will be legal access to rivers and other enforcement questions. From there the schedule has not been finalized.

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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

By: Jim Buscetta

One new suggestion I got was that perhaps we should re-affiliate with MUCC which would possibly allow us to use their meeting room. What do you think?

See you at the Blue Gill Grill!

Jim



GLC Fly Expo Wrap up

By: Mark Johnson

Well another GLC Fly Expo is over and was a great success again this year. Our attendance this year was up more than 15% from last year and there was great turnout at our new events, the Fly Tying Arena Demos and the Fly Fishing Seminars. Many people I talked to thought both were excellent. I did notice many new tyers there that I haven't seen before and a few new vendors as well. I certainly want to

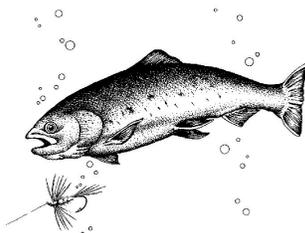
thank all the Red Cedar Fly Fishers members that showed up to help with set-up, take-down, and staffing the various areas for this years expo. An event of this nature requires a large commitment of volunteers to go smoothly and your help this year was greatly appreciated.

Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"Often I have been exhausted on trout streams, uncomfortable, wet, cold, briar scarred, sunburned, mosquito bitten. But never, with a fly rod in my hand, have I been less than in a place that was less than beautiful."

-- Charles Kuralt



Sunday Tying Nights

We have heard a report that so far the Sunday tying nights have been somewhat “under attended”. So we will try and change that. I know for myself this fall has been quite busy and I am yet to make a tying night. I will plan to be there on the 16th and I hope many others will also. The reason being that we as a club over the next several tying nights will be tying flies to send down to the St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers for their 2013 Tie-A-Thon for Reel Recovery. Through fly fishing, Reel Recovery is dedi-

cated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of men dealing with cancer. All the flies tied this year will be donated to Reel Recovery. So plan on attending the next several tying nights to help tie flies for this worthy cause. We will be tying size 14 Parachute Adams, size 10 Woolly Buggers, and size 12 and 14 Hares Ear flies. The club will supply the materials and hooks so bring your tools and join us to help with this cause. I think Terry Greiner said the GLC needs some flies also to go in their boxes for

By: Mark Johnson

new members so we will try to accommodate those as well. See you on the 16th at Piazanos!



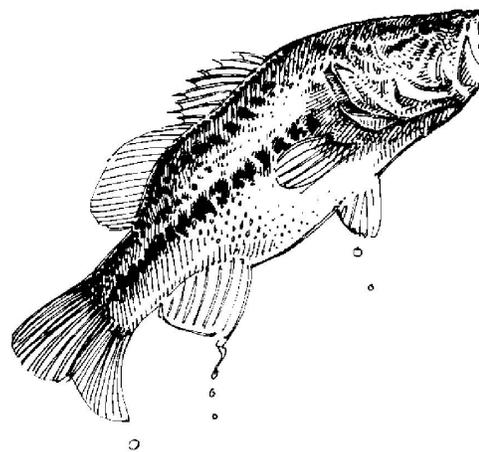
From the FFF Clubwire

River Tricks By Bill Slough – Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Newsletter.

With the Bud Priddy One Fly Contest almost upon us, here are a couple of tricks to add to your bag. First of all, the Nueces River has some large bass in it, but you often don't see them until they are already moving away from you. Chasing after them usually doesn't work, but river bass have a habit of returning to the same place. Even when not spooked, they tend to have a circuit they patrol. So if the bass is big enough to be worth spending some time on, an effective technique is to find a shaded place where you can wait for the bass to return. Just make sure you're in a position where you can get off a cast. If you see the bass coming a ways off, make the cast as early as possible, to avoid spooking it again. Also, years ago, one of the guides spoke to the club. I've forgotten his name, but he made the comment that if he floated through a run that he knew held fish, but nothing was

biting, he would slap his paddle on the water to wake the fish up, and then float through again. A few of us in the back of the room looked at each other, wondering if he was serious. Since then I've had my own experience that seemed to prove him right. I was fishing a pool on the Nueces that I knew held some fish, but there was nothing in sight, not even a perch. There was a brush pile against the far shore, and I worked the edge of it with no luck. Then I threw a bad cast and snagged my fly way up in the brush. Not wanting to lose it, I rammied my kayak into the pile, forcing my way into where I could retrieve the fly. When I did that, a whole bunch of bass and perch moved out from under the brush, into the main river, and within a few minutes they were catch-able, including one of the bigger bass. Ever since then, when I am finished fishing around a brush pile or log jam, I always go over and shake it. It has saved the day more than once, a couple of times spooking out big bass that I had shots at when they

returned. Give it a try, but you might want to do it when nobody's looking. People already think us fly fishers are crazy.



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SEASONS GREETINGS



Refrigerator Reminders

December

11th: RCFF Monthly Meeting,
6:00p.m. at Blue Gill Grill in
Haslett

16th: Sunday Tying Night at
Piazzano's on Grand River in
the Downstairs Banquet Room
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

January

8th: RCFF Monthly Meeting at
Okemos Public Library, 4321
Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI.
6:30pm Social, 7:00pm Business

13th: Sunday Tying Night at
Piazzano's on Grand River in
the Downstairs Banquet Room
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

27th: Sunday Tying Night at
Piazzano's on Grand River in
the Downstairs Banquet Room
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

