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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

January 1, 2013

President's Message

I wish I had better news to start off my message, but it ain't so! As you know another of our members has passed away. I think you were already notified about Brain Frawley. And of course last month we lost John Brinkerhuff. I think they both succumbed to cancer. So keep them and their families in your prayers and thoughts.

On a brighter note several of you expressed to me that you enjoyed our December meeting at the Blue Gill Grill. It was gratifying to see so many members, spouses and friends. Thanks again to our friends at Nomad Anglers, especially Tom for sharing some of the latest equipment. If you have any other ideas for a different activity, please let me know. Our January 8th meeting will start at 6:30 at the Okemos Library. Featured will be Conservation Officer, Todd Thorn, speaking

about your rights as a fisher person. Several of you have mentioned specific problems and if you E-mail me your questions at:

r.buscetta@comcast.net ahead of time I will forward them to the officer before the meeting so that he might prepare an answer. Otherwise, come loaded with your issues. Our February meeting has not been finalized, but we are hoping to be back at the library and we are attempting to have a presentation by the Pier Marquette Lodge. If you have other suggestions for programs, let me know.

We are still in need of some officers and some volunteers. There is still no president elect! If you have some interest, please talk to me. We could also use some help with the banquet. It sure would be great to have a Chairperson in charge of prizes and someone who would just work to find us a really good

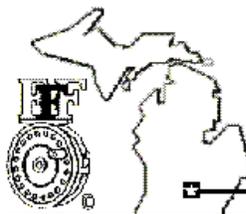


program. If you can help, please let me know.

Finally, if you are interested in fly tying, why not join us at Pisanos. Hey, here is a novel idea. Why not bring a friend or a young person and let them benefit from some of the best fly tiers around. The dates and times are listed elsewhere.

Regards,
JB

P.S. – Adios Snow Birds! Have a great winter. We hope to see you when you get back. Don't forget us back here fighting the cold.



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

Cub Scout Fly Tying

Recently, Mark Noel was contacted by a Cub Scout Pack in Holt that was interested in fly tying and wondered if we would conduct a fly tying instructional session for them at one of their Cub Scout Meetings. After brief discussion, the board thought this would be a great idea. So Mark has been in contact with the scout leader and we have a confirmed night to do this instruction. It is set for January 16th at Horizon Elementary School in Holt at 6:00pm. The scout leader has the school reserved and is

letting the scouts know. We will be using the clubs vises, and Nomad Anglers will provide all the tying tools and materials to tie flies!! We anticipate tying a Woolly Bugger. I believe Mark is going to start out with a brief introduction and then we will go over some instruction and work on each scout tying a fly to take home. The purpose of this article is that we need volunteers. There are 20 Cub Scouts in this pack and we have enough vises, tools, and materials for all, we just would like some

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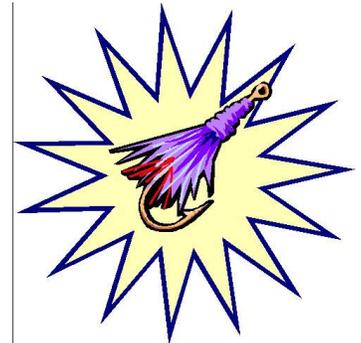
volunteers there to help the scouts with actually tying the fly. We would like to have 10 volunteers so that we can put 2 scouts to each instructor. We will be discussing this at our meeting next week and hopefully have a sign up list or take names so that we can be sure we have enough helpers there. If all goes well, maybe we can do future sessions with the scouts on fly casting, etc.

Meeting Reminder

Although Jim mentioned it in his president's message, I wanted to note again that this months meeting will be at the Okemos Public Library, 4312 Okemos Road, Okemos, Michigan. You will have to keep watching your newsletter closely each month for the meeting location. Until we get something more permanent settled, we may have to change locations on occasion. The board is still looking into op-

tions for a location that would work for our meetings and is also cost effective.

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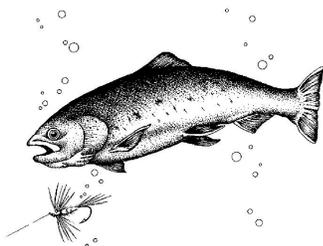


Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"Most fly fishers use the double-haul to throw their casting mistakes farther."

-- Lefty Kreh



The Year in Review

As the year comes to a close I, like many of you I'm sure, find myself compiling a list of accomplishments. So while driving to Florida recently, I started doing my fly fishing year in review. This has not been a banner year for me. I neither caught any large fish, or many fish for that matter. I didn't get to go fishing often enough (never have), and didn't have a lot of success when I did get out.

I started my year with a Steelhead trip with Terry G. to celebrate our milestone birthdays. Terry booked us a guide and we met with Mark Johnston and Mark Noel on the PM. The fishing was, to say the least, slow! Mark and Mark had a little success, one fish each, Mark Johnston's first Steehead ever. Terry did have a Chrom'er take once, but was soon off. I didn't even have a tickle. It seems as though my luck was in full swing early and often keeping even good anglers and two great guides at bay.

After our annual Spring Work Outing, Ed and I did manage to have limited success on a secret little spot Ed and I have

been exploring for a few years now. Ed did quite well, as he fished far enough from me not to allow my karma to have an influence on him. Well done Ed!

Far too few trips to the Grand this year produced far too few fish, and the same with the Looking Glass. I finished the year off with a trip to Canada with my Brothers and did so-so on Pike, no Smallmouth.

So, as I said it seemed my fishing year was a little less than stellar. But as I gave it more thought while I was driving home, I recalled there was a new species added to my life-list of fly caught species. Barracuda! Two smallish models, but a new addition none the less. And as I thought more I realized there was more to be thankful for than just one or two fish. There was the sighting of two Otters while kayaking on the Looking Glass River near Laingsburg, a first for me. There was a special day last February when I went for a paddle on the same and saw a Bald Eagle and her Eaglet.

There was a chance to fish with my buddies on the P.M. for Steelhead, my friend Ed on the

White, and my Brothers in Canada. And not the least, getting to take my friend Brinx' fishing not once, but twice before he left us this past fall. While the fishing was slow, we spent precious time together. We got caught in, and laughed our way through, one of the hardest rainstorms I have ever been out in, and finished off the day at Cracker Barrel. Another time we went to a local favorite of another friend who recently passed away too young, Brian Frawley, and caught nothing but a smallish Bass. I had to drag John out of the water through a muck bed and fight off Deer Flies in the process because he had become too weak at that point to lift himself. I would not trade those times for a stringer full of trophy fish.

Fly Fishing is a sport often thought of as solitary. And although I enjoy the quietness, solitude and beauty of the sport. I have made the best and most meaningful friends of my life pursuing this solitary passion. What good is treasure if you have no one to share it with? Maybe this hasn't been such a bad year after all.



Sunday Tying Nights

We have 2 Sunday Fly Tying nights coming up this month. The first on the 13th, and the next on the 27th. Both at Piazano's on Grand River in the Downstairs Banquet Room. We had good attendance at our last one on December 16th with I believe 6 or 7 of us there. We started our tying of the flies for the Reel Recovery donation we will be making this Spring. So plan on attending these next 2 sessions as we will be continuing on with tying all

these flies. Remember, hooks and materials will be provided. Just bring your vise and tools and join in the fun.

One tying night in February has been scheduled for Sunday, February 17th.

By: Mark Johnson



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Refrigerator Reminders

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.

16th: Cub Scout Instructional Tying Session. Details inside this newsletter

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

February

12th: RCFF Meeting, Location to be determined, check February's Newsletter for location.
6:30pm.

17th: Sunday Tying Night at Piazzano's on Grand River in the Downstairs Banquet Room.
6:30pm to 8:30pm

