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# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

December 1, 2014

## President's Message

What a great meeting we had in November. Everything you could want to know about the process of leasing mineral rights presented by Julie Manson, of the State of Michigan DNR. The questions and answers were flying back and forth. We all learned a great deal about a very complicated and controversial topic. Many thanks to Julie for her wonderful and informative presentation. This month we are meeting at the Blue Gill Grill, where Nomad Angler's will be presenting some new Christmas gift ideas for the fly fisher in your life. Be sure to bring your special gift giver so they will be well informed as to how to make you happy this year. This will be a very casual and social meeting, so

your special someone will have plenty of other special someones to chat with. As usual we will meet up around 6:30pm, and have drinks and dinner as you please. Lastly, don't forget to purchase tickets for our Big Fundraiser raffle. We are pulling out all of the stops this year and offering a rod of choice valued up to \$1000.00 as first prize, from Nomad Angler's Okemos or Grand Rapids shops, second prize is a half day float trip with two boats from Northern Anglers, and third prize is a custom fly box filled with hand tied flies. See you all on Tuesday the ninth, at Blue Gill.

John R.



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1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

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

## Decembers Meeting

For this month's meeting we will once again be having just a fun get together at Blue Gill Grill in Haslett.. We will start at 6:30pm and you are encouraged to bring your spouse or significant other or any friends you would like to have join us for the evening. Nomad Anglers will be there to put on a short presentation of some of the latest gear to put on your Christmas list. Also we will have some of our Fundraising raffle tickets there for sale and for you to take a quantity back and sell to your neighbors,

coworkers etc., to help our efforts.

\*\*\* Just a quick mention here that our January meeting will be at the Natural Resources building on campus as usual but this winter semester we will be meeting in Room 223 there because of their changing class schedules.

**By: Mark Johnson**

## Fish Tales

An Irish priest loved to fly fish - it was a true obsession of his. But the weather had been so bad for so long that he hadn't had a chance to get into his waders or cast his fly rod for months. Strangely though, every Sunday the weather had been beautiful, but of course Sunday is the day that he has to work.

The latest weather forecast was, as usual, beautiful for the upcoming Sunday, but with pouring rain, high winds, and cold temperatures expected for the remainder of the week. Exasperated, he called a fellow priest and said that he was in bed with the flu. He claimed to

have lost his voice and politely requested that the other priest fill-in for him at mass on Sunday.

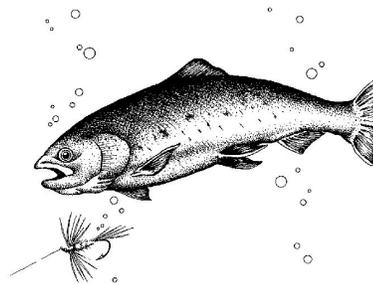
Then early Sunday morning, the fly fishing priest got up before dawn, grabbed his gear and drove fifty miles to a stream near the coast so that no one would recognize him. An angel up in Heaven was keeping watch and saw what was happening. The angel informed God, who agreed to do something about it.

With the very first cast of his line, there was a huge splash on the surface of the stream and

his fly quickly disappeared. The drag on his reel screamed as his line was pulled out into the backing. For over an hour the priest ran up and down the river bank fighting the monster fish. When he finally landed it, the monster fish turned out to be a world-record Atlantic Salmon.

Confused, the angel asked God, "With all due respect sir, why did you let him catch that huge fish? I thought you were going to teach him a lesson."

God replied, "I did. Who do you think he's going to tell?"



## Cub Scout Fly Tying Instruction

By: Mark Johnson

We have scheduled Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 to teach the Cub Scouts in Holt Fly Tying once again. We did this a few years ago and it went quite well. We will start at 6:30pm at Washington Woods School. The school is located at 2055 Washington Road, in Holt, MI. We are looking for volunteers from the Red Cedar Fly Fishers that can tie flies that night and help out. Mark Noel is coordinating our efforts on this so if you would email Mark at [mwnoel@comcast.net](mailto:mwnoel@comcast.net) if you can make that night so he

can keep track of how many volunteers we have. We probably should have a good 10 people. That should give us 1 Red Cedar member for every 2 or 3 scouts. We will have vises, tools, and materials there so you don't need to bring anything. We will show the scouts how to tie a fly first and then help each of them tie their own. I believe we will probably tie a woolly bugger and a foam spider, if time allows. That is what we did last time and it seemed to work well. So look at your schedule and let Mark

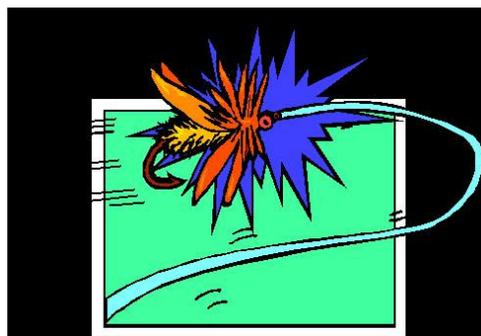
know if you can help out that night.

## Sunday Tying Nights

By: Mark Johnson

We will once again be holding our Sunday tying nights starting in January at Piazzano's Restaurant on Grand River Ave. The first night is the 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We already have February 1st and the 15th scheduled also. We meet in the basement banquet room there and you can bring your tools and tie what ever you want. I know one of the prizes in this year's club raffle is a fly box with flies and right now we have an empty fly box. So we

will probably be hoping some guys can help fill this fly box at the Sunday Tying events. If you don't want to tie, feel free to come out anyways and socialize for awhile. You can order food or drink there and it is always a good time.



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## Refrigerator Reminders

### December

9th: RCFF Monthly Meeting at the Blue Gill Grill in Haslett. 6:30pm. Bring your spouse or friends

### January

7th: Cub Scout Fly Tying Instruction. 6:30pm., Washington Woods School in Holt. Details inside this newsletter.

13th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 223, Natural Resources Building at MSU

Note new meeting room tonight

18th: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's Restaurant in the basement Banquet Room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

