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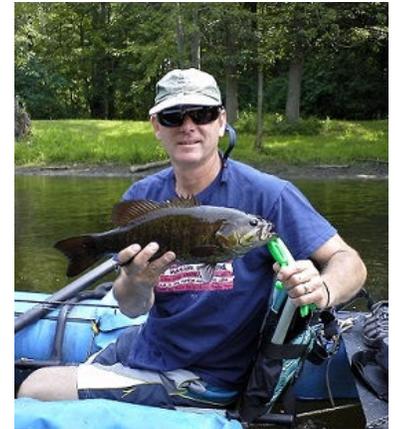
Tippets, Tapers & Tales

February 3, 2015

President's Message

It's Sunday morning, and the snow has begun to fall. According to the weatherman, we are going to get at least five inches and possibly up to eight. Hasn't been the best winter for Steelheading has it. I hope you have found some opportunities for fun? I know at least a couple of our members have made treks to warmer climates and hopefully had a chance to bend a rod on some salty critters. We have another great program lined up this month, as Marty Crimp will be presenting a look at some of his travels and fishing unique watersheds. There will be a tying event at Piazano's next Sunday. If you

haven't had the good fortune of attending one of these, I highly recommend making it a priority. Good times with good guys tying flies, and food and beverages delivered by a friendly wait staff. Make a point to mark your calendar for the seventh of March and the Quiet Waters Symposium. We will have a booth there to promote the Club and get a chance to sell some raffle tickets. See Phil Stevens and let him know you will be available to help man the booth. Banquet plans are under way, the annual spring work outing is right around the corner and a couple other shows we will be trying to help out with



means more opportunities for everyone. Hope to see you all Tuesday evening at the MSU Natural Resources Building.

John R

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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

February's Presentation

By: Mark Johnson

As John mentioned in his President's Message, Marty Crimp will provide a presentation this month on I believe, Flyfishing the Tess River in England.

We also have rescheduled last weeks Sunday Tying night to this Sunday, February 8th. Plan on attending as it is always a good time. We will also stick with our regularly scheduled tying night on the 15th also.

Resources Building this semester.

We will also have Banquet tickets for sale starting at the February meeting.

Remember we will be meeting in room 223 of the Natural

Fish Tales

By: Mark Noel

Trout season hadn't yet officially opened and a fly fisherman without a license was casting for a large brown trout he had noticed the day before.

A stranger approached and asked "Any luck?"

"Any luck – are you kidding? This is a great spot! I took ten rainbows out of this stream yesterday" he replied.

"Is that so? By the way, do you know who I am?" asked the stranger.

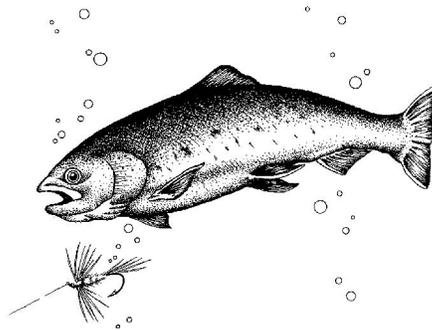
"Nope."

"Well, meet the new game warden."

"Oh." gulped the fly fisher. "Well, do you know who I am?"

"Nope".

"Meet the biggest liar in the state."



Dams and Salmon

By: John Ross

Recent reading has led me to some interesting articles and topics of concern to us as fisherpersons. One topic of special interest to me is Dams, good or bad, remove or restore? The other is the intentional introduction of non-native species, ie. Salmon, Steelhead, and other Salmonoids. How these two are interconnected, and how they impact us all, whether we fish or not.

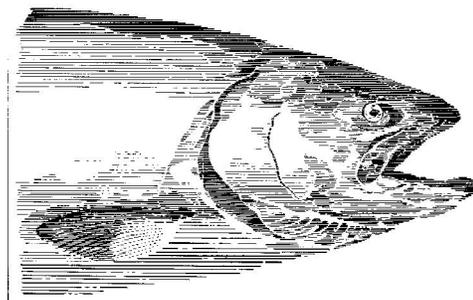
It is easy, if not short sighted, to say dams are bad, and need to go, or non-native species have no place in our lakes and rivers. However there is another side to the argument that we as sportsmen, and residents benefit from as well. Dams, or at least many of them, were built to provide a cheap renewable source of energy, most commonly electricity. I like electricity. It keeps my house warm, puts food on my table, and lets me watch fishing shows on Saturday mornings. As electrical generation goes, it is relatively cheap, and reliable, however it comes with some negative environmental impacts. Dams permanently change river ecosystems by interfering with natural flows, and restrict movement of native species, just to name a few. It also gives new opportunity to more diverse fisheries for some. The Muskegon river is a good example for us

locally as it is a warm water fishery, until it reaches Croton Dam. Because it is a bottom feed dam, it has created a cold water fishery below the dam we have all taken advantage of. Without the cool water flow, there would be no trout, salmon, or steelhead to fish for in Newago. That brings me to the other topic, native species. Salmon, Rainbows, Browns, Steelhead, all species we enjoy here in Michigan, are not native. Should we manage for sport, economic impact, or native species? I am not going to try to say I have the answers to these questions, as there are no one size fits all answers. I find my desire for natural, original environments, conflicts with my desire for opportunity. I love fishing for Steelhead and Trout, but realize the introduction of these non-natives has come with some cost to the original natives. Likewise, I like to know when I turn on the light switch, I am going to get light. I don't have to worry about availability, or reliability.

The Red Cedar Fly Fisher's has been very careful not to take a one size fits all approach to these, and many other difficult and controversial topics. I like that. There are no absolutes to these questions.

Some benefits, some negatives, but challenges we will be dealing with for some years to come. I have opinions about dams, non-natives, and other environmental impacts. Likewise, you do also. Attached is a link to an article about the introduction of Salmon to the Great Lakes. Enjoy reading and learning, or refreshing your memories, and consider where do we want to go from here?

http://www.mlive.com/outdoors/index.ssf/2011/04/the_salmon_experiment_the_inve.html



Celebration of Fly Tying

By: Mark Johnson

Mark your calendars now for the Celebration of Fly Tying on February 28, 2015 in Wyoming, Michigan. This show is hosted by the Grand River Fly Tyers. If you would like more information on this show or would like to inquire about being a fly tyer at this show, contact Wolf Schrey at the number or email on the flyer below.

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For more information contact Wolf Schrey
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February

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

10th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 223, Natural Resources Building at MSU

15th: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's Restaurant in the basement Banquet Room.
6:30pm to 8:30pm

28th: Celebration of Fly Tying, Wyoming, MI. Details inside this newsletter.

March

1st: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's Restaurant in the basement Banquet Room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

7th: Quiet Water Symposium at MSU Pavilion. For more information see: www.quietwatersymposium.org

10th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 223, Natural Resources Building at MSU

14th-15th: Midwest Fly Fishing Expo in Warren, MI. For more information see www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com

15th: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's Restaurant in the basement Banquet Room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

29th: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's Restaurant in the basement Banquet Room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

