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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

November 1, 2015

President's Message

October is a great time to be a sportsperson in Michigan. The colors are turning, football is in full swing and many outdoor activities await us. Wading a favorite section of an "open all year" trout stream or kayaking a favorite stream or lake can be a fantastic adventure this time of year. And what a time for a cast and blast outing, looking for grouse or pheasants between trips, hunting small mouth, salmon or steelhead. Or maybe you love the peacefulness of sitting in a deer blind waiting for that shot at a freezer full of venison. I hope all of you are taking advantage of this time of year and enjoying yourselves in whatever activity you choose.

My thanks to Dr. Erin Dreelin for our October presenta-

tion on her work with Michigan health departments in testing recreational waters for health hazards. I learned a lot and realized that I take clean, safe water for granted way too often. I'm glad to know that newer technology will reduce the time it takes to recognize potential hazards in our waters. Thanks also to Herb Drake who took on the task of updating

our Facebook page, yes Virginia, we do have a Facebook page. We really didn't know who created the original page and that caused problems in trying to update information as only the creator had access to edit the page. After a lot of effort, Herb created a new page for us and can grant a few of us access.

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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

Presidents Message Continued By: Bob Bawden

Please visit our page at RCFF-Red Cedar Fly Fishers and thank Herb for all his work. You might be surprised to see who is the "face of the Red Cedars". If you have any questions or comments about our page, ask Herb or send me an email at presrcff@yahoo.com and I will pass it on to Herb. Aquaculture continues to be a hot topic in Michigan. This past week the Detroit Free Press ran an article about pen raising fish in the Great Lakes and a response letter from a reader stating the need for and defending the practice. He also stated that the Grayling facility has a system to handle all the solid waste created by the fish. Dr. Burroughs, executive director of TU, who will be our speaker in January, authored an article in the Free Press calling for a

ban on any pen raising of fish in the Great Lakes. You can stay up on the issue by checking the Anglers of the Au Sable web site and the MITU magazine and web site.

Our November 10th meeting will feature a presentation by Mitch Nisbet, our scholarship recipient from last spring. He will be reporting on his research that deals with identifying habitat features that affect the growth and abundance of juvenile salmonids in Bear Creek, a tributary of the Manistee.

I'll leave you with this quote from an article by Kim Cross in a Southwest magazine I found on line. It reminded me, in a wordsmith way, of one of the reasons I like fly fishing.

I had learned how to lay a midge on top of a pool, dimpling the surface. I loved the

dance of sunlight on water, the music of the stream, the sigh of the line monogramming the air with elegant cursive loops. If you are going to fish and not catch, I thought, this is the way to do it.

I hope you get a chance to get out and fish one of your favorite spots, sit in a tree waiting for that deer to walk by, float a stream or just take a relaxing walk on a quiet trail. Have a great Thanksgiving and remember our December meeting will be on Tuesday, the 8th, at the Blue Gill Grill. Please plan to attend and bring your significant other and a friend or two.

Support your local fly shop, keep your stick on the ice and get involved.

GLC Fly Expo

This weekend is the 16th Annual Great Lakes Council Fly Expo at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. This looks to be a great event with lots of tyers and vendors scheduled to be there. Four seminars are scheduled throughout the day and a great assortment of raffle and auction items have been donated. Some listing of the prizes include several Guided Float Trips, Fly Rods, Framed Art-work, Flies, and Fly Tying Materials, etc. There will again be the Expo T-shirts for sale that

are always popular. Time of the event is 9 am to 4 pm on November 7th, Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 13-18, and 12 and under are free.

The live auction will be at 1:00pm

By: Mark Johnson



Website Reviews

By: Terry Greiner

Frankenfly.com – Paul Beel is the owner of this site and has been a tier at the GLC Tying Expo. If you're looking for a site that has a ton of information and new flies then check this one out. Fly tiers from all around the world submit flies to the site with close up shots along with videos throughout. If you can't get enough of the current page then check out the archives back to 2012 when it all started. On the left side of the site under the category section you'll find specific tiers, new products, info from artwork to fly rods; just a bit of everything. Great site if you're into tying to thinking about it as these are some of the best tiers around submitting flies.

Moldychum.com – Kind of a jack of all trades website with everything from tying to casting videos and articles on conservation, art, and the Friday pin up pic. It's hard to describe the site as they throw just a bit of everything in there to peak your interest. They update it almost daily so unlike some of the standard sites that are dedicated to one category, this one is a hodgepodge so you can read what's interesting to you and bypass the rest. The one cool part of this site is each heading brings up just the items in that area such as videos if that's what you are looking for.



Eaton Rapids Dam Removal

Herb sent the below information to the RCFF Board and we thought it was of interest to get out to all the club members in this newsletter.

Gentlemen,

Here's a link to support the dam removal in Eaton Rapids. I'll donate individually, I think the RCFF members would support this also.

A suggestion(s): The club could pool all the RCFF member donations and contribute a bit more for a single donation (maybe get some recognition) OR donate a large amount separately but still encourage individual's donations.

[http://
www.Patronicity.com/
EatonRapids](http://www.Patronicity.com/EatonRapids)

By: Herb Drake

Maybe contact the LSJ to get a bit of exposure for the donation??

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Refrigerator Reminders

November

7th: 16th Annual Great Lakes Council Fly Tying Expo. 9am-4pm, Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing Michigan
See the GLC website for more information

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

December

8th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:00pm, Blue Gill Grill in Haslett. Bring your spouse and/or friends

