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# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

January 1, 2016

## President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had good holidays and got that new rod, reel, drift boat or cabin retreat on a blue ribbon trout stream that you were wishing for. Usually at this time of year I am tired of shoveling snow and donning boots to go outside or run errands and am hankering for the January thaw. But this year there has been almost no shoveling and some near record highs for December. The Gates Lodge fishing reports have been filled with stories of almost spring like fishing and much open water. But as I write this, it is 11 degrees outside so I am pretty sure winter has arrived and we will all be wishing for fishing weather to arrive as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we can satisfy our fishing habit by tying flies, or learning to tie flies, to fill our boxes or just keep in touch with fly fishing. Nine club members met last Sunday evening at Piazano's restaurant to

federate and tie flies. Most of the flies that were tied are being donated to the Great Lakes Council of the IFFF to be given as a perk to people who join the Council. We have a goal of donating 100 flies to the Council and have a good start so far.

Thanks to everyone who came to the first tying night last Sunday. I always enjoy these nights and hope many of you will join us at the next one on January 17<sup>th</sup> and help us fill the Council fly boxes. You don't need to tie, just come enjoy the company. If you can't attend a tying night, please set aside a dozen or so flies as you tie at home.

Your efforts are appreciated. Your board has been busy planning for the rest of the year. We have booked programs for January and February and are close to filling the March and April slots. We have booked the Log Cabin room at Eagle Eye again for our May 10 banquet and are in the beginning stages of fund raising plans. We



are in need of a banquet chairperson to help the board in banquet planning. If you are interested (even if you aren't but are a good organizer) contact me at [presrcff@yahoo.com](mailto:presrcff@yahoo.com).

Dr. Bryan Burroughs of Trout Unlimited will be the presenter at our January meeting. He will be updating us on the dam removals on the Boardman and Pigeon Rivers and also updating us on the Grayling Hatchery litigation as well as the pen raising of fish in the Great Lakes. These are important issues that we all need to keep up on.

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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

## President's Message Continued

I would like to thank all the members who attended our December meeting at the Blue Gill Grill. I really enjoyed the evening and always enjoy seeing what's new at Nomad Anglers and as the newspapers used to report, "a good time was had by all". Speaking of Nomad Anglers, Brian is planning

the move to East Lansing on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please stop in after his move and check out his new digs.

Finally, I hope 2016 brings you happiness, prosperity and all the good things you hope for. May all your rivers be clear and wadeable, your favorite holes be filled with fish, your drift boat remain dry

**By: Bob Bawden**

and your beverage of choice be readily available.

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

**\*\*\*Just got notice that we will be meeting in Room 152 of the Natural Resources Building this semester due to class schedules.**  
Bob

## First Sunday Fly Tying

Sunday night, members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers met at Piazzano's in Lansing for our first fly tying night. Many of the tiers worked on flies to donate to the Great Lakes Council of the IFFF. These flies will be put into small fly boxes to be used as gifts for new members of the Council. As usual, socializing was as important as the actual creating of flies. Piazzano's has been our home for these tying nights as long as I have been attending and they always welcome us and do a

great job of making us feel welcome. Thanks to Mark Noel for arranging these get-togethers for us. Please see the refrigerator reminders in this newsletter for future dates. Please plan to drop in for at least one whether or not you tie. The food and beverages are quite good.

We have collected almost half of our target 100 flies and I have been sorting what we have and I have to say I am very impressed with the quality of the flies. Some of you are real artists

and create many awesome patterns. I may need to have someone supervise my sorting effort to make sure all the flies make it to the council. These flies are so much better than the ones I have been trying to tie for a couple of years now.

Thanks again to the tyers who have contributed already and to those working at home. You can bring any flies you have done at home to either of our next two meetings or any tying night and give them to any board member.



## Board Meeting Minutes

It was decided to start posting the minutes of each board meeting in the newsletter so members can get a better idea of items discussed and voted on at the board meetings.

1/3/16

Call to order by president Bob Bawden at 4:30pm.

Treasurers report. As of Dec 31 we have \$6,573.76

Paid Nomad Anglers \$550 for the cost of fly rod from last Mays raffle.

### BANQUET

Getting 50/50 raffle license. Talked to Eagle Eye for this years function and everything is set for May 10, 2016 From 6:00pm -10:00pm more discussion at next

board meeting. June picnic second Tues. in

June. Same place Will talk to Phil S. about

club library usage.

We are compiling a list of all club equipment. from all sources.

Jan Meeting guest speaker is Dr. Brian Burroughs. Talking about Dam removal.

## By: Mark Johnson

Feb meeting speaker is Bob Ceru.

March meeting . Bear Andrews tentative. Also discussed job descriptions of the board.

Motion to adjourned at 6:15pm

Dennis OBrien

## Website Reviews

[www.flytierspage.com](http://www.flytierspage.com) –

This one has been around under a different name in the past. This is almost the mecca of names of tiers in the world. It's pretty simple to use when you click on each tier's name it brings up several of his/her flies to view. If you click on a particular fly it will enlarge it with the recipe listed below. Hans Weilenmann from the Netherlands runs the site, takes the pictures, and is an accomplished tier himself if you're familiar with the Klinkheimer pattern. He's added tying videos to the site which will give one a basic understanding of how some of these flies are produced. The one negative I have with the site is the tiers are not listed in alphabetical order so you have to search for a particular tier or remember

which column it's in. Otherwise, this is a very good site with enough flies to have trouble fishing in a lifetime.

[www.warmwaterflytyer.com](http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com)

– Most of us chase warm-water species and here's one gentleman's site from Iowa that offers patterns for this type of fish. When you click on the fly pattern directory it will bring up different categories of flies such as poppers, sliders, etc. Click on the highlighted arrow and you'll have a list of flies in each with the recipe and step by step photos. There's an index on the left side of the page which is self-explanatory and you may

## By: Terry Greiner

pick up some ideas from knots, to tying products, to a cool idea of the Whitlock leg sewing tool. The nice thing about warm water flies is the patterns are not specific (mostly) to a specific hatch as in trout season. Just about anything you come up with will catch fish.



## Advice, I am Giving

By: Bob Kren

It's the weekend of the opening of the latest "Star Wars" movie. I've been schlepping around the house in my XXXXXXXXL Jabba the Hutt jammies, gawking slyly at my wife, who's wearing her Princess Leia harem girl outfit for only the seventh time. I'm trying not to think about how old Harrison Ford is. The entire cast has come to mind, especially one greenish-grey goblin, Yoda. A too-tall stack of flyfishing books makes me think: what if Yoda were to give his advice to flyfishers? What follows is my vision of standard directions, from a variety of flyfishing how-to books, in Yodaspeak.

To me for advice you have come. Obi-wan Krenobi has sent you. Weak with you Da Force is, it seems. With 6-weight light sabre we shall start. More will come.

Tackle and Stuff you must have. Expensive it will be: tough tarts, old Padawan. Only the best you need buy. Much of it, never will you use. To your mate, lie: after all, around in life only once we go. Noma D'anglers will have things for you. To them with Jedi MasterCard go: to them say "I'm a newbie. Sell me stuff." Their big smiles, ig-

nore. A large vehicle bring. Need it, you will. When bill you get, do not flinch. In a while, breathing will again resume.

First, pick a mentor paragon, people like Rusty Kreh, Jimmy-Jack Borger, Joe Humpyfree, Kelly Galloping -- all are good. Consistent be. Adopt advice of just one. Wrong one, it probably will turn out.

Then, your outfit you must assemble. For me, "part A in hole B" works. Best you go back to Noma D'anglers and ask them to place line on reel. A dollar a foot for backing is cheap, when you think how much bother to do it yourself is. Ask for free advice, but none will they have.

To catch a fish, in its way a fly you must put. "Putting" does not involve a golf club, but a thing called "casting" with your rod. For this, the Interweb is your friend. Google "slashing the air with an expensive stick," and on the third entry down\*, click. Pictures of Joannie Woof in hotpants, ignore. Bad it is, that you can't mimic videos indoor, so don't do. Best it is you watch ten seconds, pause, go outside, do what you remember, go back in, ten seconds more, repeat. By this way, in only two weeks, mediocre caster you are. Smartypants 'phone

makes easier, cuts time down to fourteen days.

Now, on a quarry you must decide. Many are the possibilities: bass, bluegills, carp, salmon, steelhead, and the ultimate, trout. Big fish seem the obvious choice to be. Not true! Easy to see, they are; easy to catch, they ain't. Bluegill first pursue, and do not fish in neighbor's koi pond.

Water you must add, before you can start. Of water types there are two, not counting salty. All good fish exist in moving water, not all types in still water reside. Salmon and steelhead only in moving water, old Padawan. Still water boring is: easy to fish, no chance to fall down. Opportunity to fall down is first rule. Stream with slick bottom you should choose, big rocks next best is. Fish can be anywhere, so fish everywhere, recklessly.

\* The first two are always ads, anyway. --  
BK

(To be continued)

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**A couple Reminders: In case you missed it in Bob's President's Message, we will be meeting in Room 152 of the Natural Resources building this semester.**

**Also, Winter is a good time to catch up on your reading. Check with Phil if you would like to borrow a book from the Red Cedar Library.**

## **Refrigerator Reminders**

### **January**

12th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152, Natural Resources Building at MSU

17th: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's on N. Grand River in Lansing. 6-8PM

31st: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's on N. Grand River in Lansing. 6-8PM

### **February**

9th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152, Natural Resources Building at MSU

21st: Sunday Fly Tying Night at Piazzano's on N. Grand River in Lansing. 6-8PM

