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President's Message - June 2017

Memorial Day weekend has long been the start of summer, and like most of you, I'm looking forward to the warmer temps, sunny days, and spending more time wetting a line. But not before we wrap up our Red Cedar's season with our June picnic, raffle, and elections!



The picnic will once again be at the Kestrel pavilion in Hawk Island park in Lansing. Please remember that there is a parking fee to enter Hawk Island. We're also including a copy of the sign-up sheet later in this newsletter for you to ensure you bring the dish or item you signed up for.

Please also remember to bring in all raffle tickets and monies, and get them to Mark Noel as early as possible. We don't want to have anyone miss out on the drawing for that sweet rod and reel combo!

Our June 13th meeting will also be our election of the slate of officers for our 2017-2018 season. Most of the Board is seeking re-election, with one potential new candidate. If you would like to see the inner workings of this great club, it's not too late to get your name in for nomination for a Board position. Contact any Board member and let them know your name and the position you want to be considered for. Good luck!

Hopefully, you've already responded to Terry Greiner's email about the availability of the last weekend in August at MSU's Wa Wa Sum. This is an opportunity for us to get a standing weekend on the Au Sable once a year, *if* we can get enough people interested. Terry did a nice write-up on what it will take for us to get this opportunity. The down-side is that it's a limited time opportunity, and we need to



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

respond as soon as possible. This could be quite a regular trip for us, if we work it right!

As this is my last President's message for the season, I want to thank Bob Bawden, Mark Noel, Joe Francis, Terry Greiner, and Mark Johnson for all their help, guidance, and support this past year. It takes dedication and teamwork to make an organization successful, and I know I couldn't have served you without their assistance. I learned a lot this past year, not only about fly fishing, but about the Red Cedars, and the special place this club has earned amongst our peers and fellow organizations. Most of all, I thank you for your time in reading these columns, the highs, lows, issues, thoughts, musings, and continued attempts to keep you informed about what's going on with *your* club!

See you at the picnic!

Mike

June Club Picnic

Here's the sign-ups for items to bring for our annual club event:

Salads or Beans

Greiner
Francis
Bonnie Barnes
Grinwis

Desserts

Bawden
Ross
Mark Johnson
Mike Knag

Chips/Dips

O'Brien
Noel
Kren



Board Nominations for 2017-2018

The following members have volunteered to serve on the club board for the upcoming year. Voting will take place at the picnic.

President - Mike Grinwis

Vice President - Bob Bawden

Treasurer - Mark Noel

Secretary - Steven Arnozsky

At Large - (*or thin*) - Terry Greiner

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Steve with two nice 18 inch browns. Au Sable above and Pere Marquette below.



New videos highlight economic and environmental impact of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative work at Muskegon Lake and St. Marys River.

Ann Arbor, Mich. – The [Great Lakes Commission](#) (GLC) and [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA) today released videos highlighting the economic and environmental impact of work they are leading in [Muskegon, Michigan](#), and at the [Little Rapids portion of the St. Marys River](#). The GLC and NOAA are working together to restore the Muskegon Lake and St. Marys River Areas of Concern (AOCs) — two Great Lakes “toxic hotspots.”

When completed, the Muskegon projects are expected to increase property values by nearly \$12 million, attract 65,000 new visitors annually, and enhance the Muskegon Lake Fishery, which each year contributes more than \$1 million to the local economy. A 2011 study determined that over 15 years, dollars invested in Muskegon Lake restoration would result in a 6-to-1 return to the local economy. The Little Rapids Restoration Project has recently completed construction of a new bridge on Sugar Island in the St. Marys River, reestablishing the flow to the Little Rapids for the first time in more than 50 years. This work is expected to lead to improved habitat for native fish populations, revitalized tourism and sport fishing opportunities on the river, and better community access via a new pedestrian walkway.

“NOAA’s work in the Great Lakes is really focused on support for community-based, community-led restoration projects,” said Evans. “All of the projects, including right here in Muskegon Lake, benefit the environment, the economy, and the local community.”

U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI-2), co-chair of the Great Lakes Task Force, has been a longtime supporter of the Muskegon project. “By engaging stakeholders at the local, state, and federal level, the Great Lakes Commission has taken the lead in making sure Areas of Concern such as Muskegon Lake are properly restored. Restoring these sites will not only preserve the Great Lakes ecosystem for future generations, it will strengthen economic opportunity for residents of Muskegon county, West Michigan, and the entire Great Lakes region.”

“The Little Rapids restoration project is a great example of the significant environmental and economic value of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to our local communities,” said U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, who serves on the Great Lakes Task Force and represents the St. Marys area. “The lakes are critical to our future in Michigan, and I’m grateful to all those involved in this important work.”

For more information and the complete article, paste the following link in your browser: <http://www.glc.org/news/aoc-videos-031317>

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Fly fishing has its issues such as hooks in the back, or fingers, stumbles on river rocks, barb wire fences, mosquitos, cold hands and feet, etc. But just in case you were thinking other outdoor activities may offer less hassles.....



Invasive Asian carp and Lake Michigan

Source: [Invasive Asian carp less than 50 miles from Lake Michigan](#)





Doug Stites with a 14" brook trout somewhere in the Upper Peninsula





RED CEDAR FLY
FISHERS**Circle, sniff, sit: Minnesota's newest crack detectives aim to halt the spread of zebra mussels.**

Four years after Minnesota's conservation officers started using their snouts, the state's Department of Natural Resources is doubling its four-legged force.

Two German Shorthair Pointers, Shelby and Storm, are joining Labrador veterans Brady and Reggie in halting the spread of waterborne invasive species. The deputy quartet is specially trained to sniff out zebra Mussels hitchhiking on boat motors and hulls.



Human officers are adept at searching and identifying clumps of the tiny mollusk. But what officers can't see can go undetected. That's where the K-9 units come in.

Baby zebra mussels called veligers can be present in water, the DNR's K-9 unit coordinator, Jason Beckmann, told [Minnesota Public Radio](#). "They can be up inside of motors, in bilges, live wells, things like that, that an inspector might not be able to see. And a dog can smell that."

Invasive species are a problem in waterways across the country. Eurasian milfoil, carp, and zebra mussels outcompete and infest lakes, rivers, and streams. They often spread with human aid, and cleaning hulls and motors is the most effective means to prevent transporting them.

Minnesota's DNR purchased and trained Shelby and Storm with federal grant money. In total, the pair cost about \$13,000. Over the course of five weeks, the pups were trained to identify the scent of zebra mussels. In a demonstration, each took turns circling a boat, and when they detected an invader they sat down next to the hot spot.

Their reward? A favorite toy and lots of petting. And when they're not sniffing for zebra mussels, these pups "cross-train" in tracking people, and locating shell casings and firearms.



Ideally, the DNR hopes to have any given dog in service for eight years.

With similar programs already in place in California and Canada, the spread of dog deputies could be the key to halting the spread of invasive species.

Angler catches nearly 10-pound salmon -- in Detroit



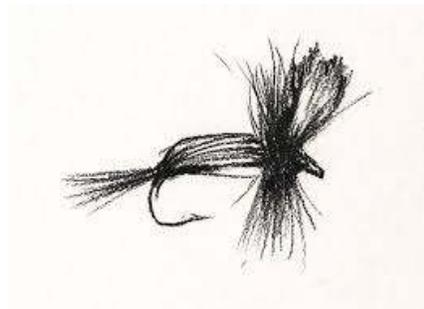
Brad Smyth, operator of Detroit Outdoor Adventures, posted a photo [to Facebook](#) showing the big salmon he caught Wednesday in the Detroit river, a mile south of the Ambassador Bridge.

"It's my first Atlantic salmon ever," Smyth [told the Detroit Free Press](#). "I couldn't believe it was actually right here on the Detroit River."

Red Cedar's are now listed on "[FindAFishingClub.com](#)". A fisherman recently launched this site to help people locate clubs around the country. These are all types of local fishing clubs, not just fly fishing.

He also launched "[FindAFishingBuddy.com](#)" to help people locate others to contact to fish with, or get info from if you plan to travel to a particular area of the country.

Check them out for additional information on the sites.



Knot Quiz



To join a line to a reel (1)

1. Heron's knot
2. Summer knot
3. Turntable knot
4. Arbor knot



This knot is a popular way to attach lines to a swivel, clip, or fly. (2)

1. Goose knot
2. Heydon't knot
3. Hangman's knot
4. Improved clinch knot



(3)

Popular knot for tying braided lines to hooks:

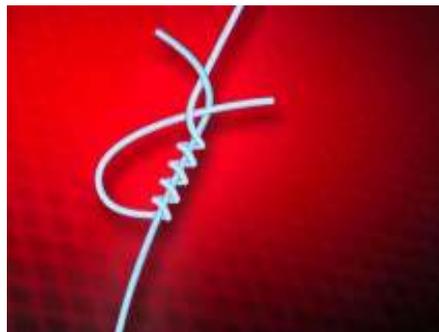
1. Berkley braid knot
2. Albright knot
3. Hangman's knot
4. Swivel knot



(4)

Knot that joins two lines of different sizes:

1. Albright knot
2. Needleman knot
3. Blood knot
4. Honest knot



(5)

This knot is used to join two lines;

1. Onion knot
2. Blood knot
3. Cumber's knot
4. Murder knot



(6)

Simple knot is among the strongest and most reliable:

1. Palomar knot
2. Tyson knot
3. Double clinch knot
4. Hangman's knot

Top Ten Flies - Harry Barnes

When thinking about my top 10 flies, most fall in the category of good designs, that can be tied in any color or size to suit a specific hatch. Some patterns are also specific to water type. In recent years it seems like I do more Spring Creek, slow water, or lake fishing than in the past, (Probably a reflection of my age) so most of my trout flies are geared toward that.

Sparkle Dun - Craig Matthews classic that checks all the boxes

Hackle Wing Spinner - wound hackle separated to make 2 wings, with a dubbed or biot body

Last Chance Cripple - Rene Harrop design for ultra selective slow water fish

Galloup's Tilt Wing Dun - fully hatched dun imitation with a great profile

X caddis - another Craig Matthews tie that works in all sizes and colors

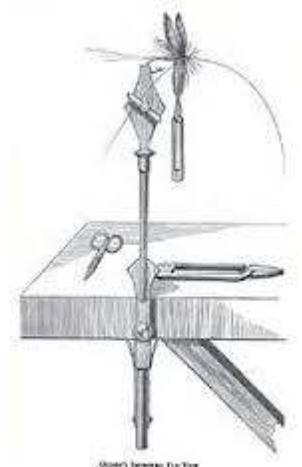
Elk Hair Caddis - I may have tied more of these than anything else

Kelly's Ant - used to be Galloup's Ant Acid, but I think we've both changed it a little bit

Seal Bugger - big fish lake specialist Denny Rickards' improvement on the Woolly bugger. Especially good in Olive, or Burnt orange tail and olive body, both with burnt orange dyed grizzly hackle.

EP Crab - most of my South Texas fishing buddies have a favorite crab pattern, but Terry Lyons has refined one that works well all the time

Flash 'N' Slinky Anchovy - my own design that works for Spanish Mackerel around the jetties, or Sea trout in moving water





Mark with a nice Au Sable brown above and below



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Field Notes:

- On May 7 of this year a fire destroyed the building that housed the original Winston Rod Company in Twin Bridges, MT. The entire property and inventory was lost valued at over \$1 million. The building that burned May 7 was used exclusively to store bamboo and to manufacture Winston’s cherished and valuable bamboo rods.

Read more: <http://www.flyfisherman.com/news/a-part-of-fly-fishing-history-is-gone/#ixzz4gWdJQO2X>

- “Of all the paths you take in life, make sure one of them is dirt”.....
~ John Muir
- If anyone has any suggestions on programs for club meetings please let the board know as we’ll begin to plan for them in August.
- Don’t forget to send in pictures or info on your summer trips to the editor for publication in the newsletter.

Refrigerator Reminders

June

13th - Club picnic Hawk Island Park, Kestrel pavilion: 6:00 start w/dinner at 6:30. There’s a fee to enter the park.

16th-18th - Great Lakes Council fly fishing school - MacMullen Center on N. Higgins Lake - more info on the website: www.fffglc.org

6/29-7/2 - TU outing at WaWaSum, contact Dick Augustine: rl.aug@comcast.net or Bob Ceru: bob.ceru@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

August

1st-5th - Fly Fishers International fly fishing fair, Livingston, MTfor more info go to: www.flyfishersinternational.org

Knot Quiz: 1. Arbor knot 2. Improved clinch 3. Berkley braid knot 4. Albright knot
5. Blood 6. Palomar

..... from Outdoorhub.com