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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

President's Message - May 2017

As I write this, opening weekend is winding down, and I'm wondering how many of you got out and got a good start on the new season. While I was not fortunate enough to be amongst those lucky enough to wet a line this weekend, I know I was there in spirit. And I think this month's program is going to make a lot of you think more seriously about getting out there.

If you didn't happen to see Phil Steven's laptop at the end of last month's meeting, you missed a very sweet teaser for this month's program. Phil and Bob Ceru recently spent some quality

time down on the White River in Arkansas, and will be presenting a program on their trip, the fishing, and the lures they were using. I watched Phil and Bob tie their hearts out at the Quiet Waters symposium at MSU, and after seeing some of the fish they caught, I know I want to learn more!

Just a reminder that we've only got one more month to get those raffle tickets out there. We're definitely behind compared to previous years, and since this is our *primary* fund-raiser this year, we need you **all** to sell as many tickets as you can to allow us to keep giving scholarships each year, support the Anglers and the Bill Earl programs, and generally be one of the more notable clubs in the GLC.

I would be remiss if I did not also remind you that we have elections coming up in June, and we want to hear from you if you're interested in being part of the leadership of this prestigious organization. Please let any member of the Board know what position you aspire to, and you'll be included in the voting at the June picnic!

Tight lines!
Mike G.



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

RED CEDAR FLY
FISHERS

Are you looking for that "little something" to cap off that "man cave" or "fish pen" or whatever that special space where you keep your gear? How about a tarpon, or a marlin (remember April's program?), or a kingfish, or even a even an amberjack? I may just have your connection.

Andy Raby, a painter with Spartan Painting, has one specimen each of these species for sale, the skilled product of an "old-school" taxidermist in the 1960's and just as vibrant color as if it were fresh caught this morning. Attached are pictures of two of these fine examples. If you'd like one of these on your wall, give Andy a call at [\(517\) 896-8067](tel:517-896-8067), and let him know that Mike Grinwis passed on his information.



When the idea of a "**Top Ten Flies**" column was proposed, my first reaction was thinking that maybe I could finally learn what flies the guys who catch the *really nice* fish use. It wasn't until later that I started thinking about what would I write about when it came my turn, and I realized my "Top Ten" was more like a "fall-back five or six". Uh-oh!

Luckily, a review of my fly boxes told a slightly better story. Still, it's been my experience that rarely do the flies I carry actually match the hatch (if there is one). So, I tend to have these "fall-back" patterns handy for those times when there isn't a hatch on. And since my casting technique leans more toward a WWE "smack-down" than a "River Runs Through It" presentation, these patterns have survived my lack of finesse and still managed to catch fish. And as Bob Bawden noted in his turn at this, this listing is only as accurate as my last successful outing or latest new pattern's success or failure.

That being said, here's my "Top Ten Flies":

1. Haviland "backwards" spider - black or tan, #10 early season, #12 later
2. Elk Hair Caddis - Tan, Olive, & Black & Peacock Herl, #12 & #14
3. Gold-ribbed Hares Ear Nymph - Gary Borger's recipe, #10 & #12
4. Pheasant Tail Nymph - ("True Original" recipe), #12 & #14
5. "Moose Gordon" (my own weird little mayfly pattern), #12 - #16
6. Chartreuse Nymph - #12 & #14
7. March Brown dry fly - #14
8. Adams Irresistible dry fly - #14 & #16
9. Little green mayfly (Picked this up during the summer 2015 Wa Wa Sum outing)
10. Blue Winged Olive dry fly

Mike Grinwis

June Club Picnic

The club will provide meat, buns, condiments, beverages, plates & silverware for our annual picnic. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting for desserts, salads, & appetizers. If you can't make the May meeting and are planning on coming to the picnic, let one of the board members know what you'd like to bring @ presrcff@yahoo.com



May Program

Phil Steven & Bob Ceru will present a program on their recent trip to fish the White, North Fork, and Springs rivers in Arkansas. They'll also bring a sample of the flies they used for the rainbows and browns in this area.

Phil has traveled to this part of the country to fish for many years and is a great resource for anyone planning a trip to these rivers.



Possible Golf Outing

The club is exploring having a golf outing some Saturday morning in the summer time - July or August. If you're interested in setting up a group, let someone on the board know so we have an idea of how many will attend and we'll look for a course and tee times.



Red Cedar Booth at Birch Run Swap Meet



Jim Buscetta and I (Mark Johnson) got there this Saturday morning about 8:30am and got set up pretty quickly. See attached picture of Jim after setup before show opened.

We ended up selling \$155.00 in raffle ticket sales and \$335.75 in Garage sale stuff sales for a total of \$490.75 total profit for the club for the day. I thought that was pretty good as I was not sure what to expect. We do have some stuff left over for club monthly raffles or other events or we can return items to those that donated also if they would like. I think we should keep it in mind to do again next year as they are planning on having it again. It was a fun day. Saw Joe and Bob Kren there from our club also, and Bear too. Thank you to all who donated items for the table to raffle.

(Editor note: That could be the largest strike indicator behind Jim that I've ever seen! I don't want to hook on to the fish that pulls that under.)

Hot off the Press.....



If you spend your day scouring the fly fishing blogosphere and social media but still can't get enough fly fishing goodness, there is a new solution for you – [Fishing TV](#). Fishing TV is a video on demand service dedicated to, you guessed it, getting more fishing into your life. No more trawling through your Facebook feeds in search of a 2-minute fish porn fix or wishing another film tour would roll through town.

Fishing TV has a large, growing library of fishing movies and TV shows covering everything from classic upstream dry fly fishing to chucking meaty streamers to massive makos. You can even scratch that secret itch you hide from your fly fishing buddies and watch some spin or bait fishing in freshwater and the salt – there are whole channels dedicated to those too.

For the fish conservationists out there, Fishing TV has even created a channel solely dedicated to conservation that features films from across the world about anglers working to protect their waters and wild fish.

Club Raffle Ticket Sales & Fundraiser

We'd like additional club members to take a handful of raffle tickets to sell for our rod/reel/line, fly box, & gift certificate. We plan to pull the tickets at our June picnic so we only have a quarter of the year left to raise funds for the club treasury.

This is an important fund raiser and our only major one this year as there's no banquet planned this spring. We're a bit behind in our sales at this point so if you're coming to this month's meeting, please help the club out by selling a few tickets to your friends and associates.



Bob with our MSU scholarship winner Andrew Carlson

Coldwater River Watershed Council - Weekend Project

They will be planting trees to help shade the river on the first weekend in May. They'll need 3 - 4 people on Friday and 15 on Saturday for the planting and watering.

Water and snacks will be provided on Saturday along with dinner once the project is completed. Please indicate if you'll be staying for dinner as the exact time for dinner will depend on how the project goes. Bring a shovel if you can.

This is your chance to make a difference in both water temperature and appearance of this river corridor.

For more information on where to meet, times for both days, etc., please contact Paul Eberhart at: hbbwtt@gmail.com

E-mail correspondence with a certain health insurance company, which shall go nameless - By Bob Kren, RCFFer *extraordinaire**

Mr. R. Kren: We here at BSBS regret that we must refuse your imaginative request that the purchase of a certain "Winston Boron III X flyrod, nine-foot four-weight," whatever all that means, qualifies as a medical necessity. There is no mention of such an apparatus in any of our lists of covered items. Yours, Amanda Wail, Claim Adjustor

Ms. Wail, but you don't understand the curative powers of a truly great instrument such as this. I can list its amazing effects, to help cure you and your colleagues of your misunderstandings and misapprehensions. My "cure," like the item in question, is worthy of appropriate respect, and consideration.

Mr. R. Kren: We here at BSBS have "googled" this item, and it seems to have a large part of Montana as an add-on. We may, on rare occasions, approve travel for treatment, but this does not seem to fit into that category. What kind of cure do you have in mind? Yours, A. Wail, Claim Adjustor.

Amanda: only the finest cure is worthy of you, I'm sure. As part of the cure, you have to appreciate the unique rigidity of the rod, its flexibility and sensitivity, the warmth of its butt in one's hand. Cold water cannot quench the satisfactions it gently, yet persistently, urges.

Mr. Kren: Well, it sounds possible that psychological changes of an ameliorative nature ensue when one grasps this implement. It's difficult for one such as myself, who doesn't often handle such a thing, to imagine those joys. Please tell me more, and also, what does "R." stand for? AW, CA

My dvd name is "Raoul," Amanda, but that's only the name on all those labels – you may have heard of me as "Clark Krent," another *nom d'amour*. "R." is for "Robert," but "Bob" seems more appropriate now. Imagine that you are by yourself, in an isolated place in the mountains – Montana, likely, big skies, wide-open spaces – well past midhigh in cold, pure, crystalline clear water, wading "wet," as we say. You have the feeling that you are being watched, but you swooningly don't care. You're holding my, oops, I meant "the," rod firmly yet gently, waving it back and forth languidly. It seems that you can spread out to both sides of the river when suddenly a tug! And another! And another! Sheer ecstasy. The Serpent is in the Garden.

Bob, I'm ever more, and more urgently, trying to imagine these joys. It's a lonely life here at BSBS, just I, all alone in my own little cubicle, free from the inhibitions that staring eyes provoke, although now I know that Montana might easily whisk away those awful and unwanted inhibitions. I feel that we've gotten closer through your description of a more, well, natural state that we two might share if only we had the right companion at hand. Yours, Amanda

Well, A, a fine rod is a fine companion, indeed, and doesn't even require batteries. Which, of course, unnaturally leads to our original, if now somewhat superfluous, purpose. My rod? No dream can come true, imagine as we might, without the right companion.
(Possibly, but not likely, to be continued)

* That's French for "really weird."

So you've been wading up and down the stream all day and your legs are cramping, arms are aching, teeth are chattering, fingers too cold to hold the rod and tie the fly on the leader. Well "bunky," you've come to the right place to relieve your problems.

Behold the newest product for the fly fisher on the market to solve all your issues:

HOTTUG HOT TUB BOAT



To whom may I throw all my worldly possessions to obtain one of these fine vessels? The Hot Tug is a hot tub boat that you can actually ride in the water.

It holds 6 to 8 shocked and awed friends who will love you forever. You'll be able to cruise them around for up to 8 hours on a battery charge while they soak in pure bliss.

Think this is a frivolous purchase? You're lame, but you're also wrong. It can be piloted just as easily sans water if it's summer or you have killjoy friends. Sell that new car and get one of these for \$35,000 instead.

(Editor's comment)...the club could park this next to the RCFF yurt to be used by any member in good standing. Think of all who'd want to join when they see this floating down the river!

Top Ten Ways to Pretend You're Outdoorsy

Being outdoorsy can be time-consuming and expensive. You gotta get a bunch of gear and plan a bunch of trips. Pretending to be outdoorsy, on the other hand, takes very little effort and is easy on the budget. So if you want people to see you as a nature-loving woodsman or woodswoman, here are a handful of shortcuts you can take.

10. WEAR A TECHNICAL JACKET CASUALLY - There is no jacket that is too technical to be worn casually. Let people assume your GORE-TEX shell is for alpine mountaineering, and not just to brave the brief stretch of rain between your car and Jimmy Johns.

9. PUT NATIONAL PARKS STICKERS ON YOUR CAR - If you can't afford a Jeep or a Subaru Outback, this is your next best option. Keep in mind, you don't actually have to go to any parks, you can just buy these things on the internet. Heck, I don't even know where Congaree National Park is, but you wouldn't know that if you were driving behind me.

8. "I SHOULD TRY COOKING THIS OVER A CAMPFIRE." - Say that after almost every single meal. It doesn't matter if you just got done eating a corn dog or broiled lobster tail with gnocchi in walnut butter. All that matters is that people think that you're a backcountry gourmet. Just be careful not to say it after eating sushi or ice cream.

7. LEAVE CLIMBING GEAR IN YOUR BACKSEAT - Climbing can be an expensive sport to get into, but if you want to cut out the gym fees and training classes, just get yourself a harness, some climbing shoes, and a few big stoppers, then strew them around the backseat of your car. Get to work early and get the parking spot right by the door, so everybody can take a peek.

6. BRING YOUR NALGENE EVERYWHERE - Outdoorsy people like to stay hydrated, and they love their Nalgene's. Here's what you do: you grab a carabiner off of the climbing gear decoration from your backseat, stick it on the loop of your Nalgene, then slap a "Hydrate or Die" sticker on the bottle. Take it everywhere.

5. GET A ROOF RACK FOR YOUR CAR - A roof rack implies that you like to do things. You can even get activity-specific add-ons to further tailor people's opinions of you. Maybe put a bike or luggage box on your car when you go to work on Friday. People will assume you have a big weekend planned and won't suspect the Magnum PI marathon in your immediate future.

4. READ A WALK IN THE WOODS BY BILL BRYSON - Read it, and make it well known that you've read it. You should probably bring it up 2 to 3 times a day.

3. GET YOUR HANDS ON AN ABC WATCH - Altimeter, Barometer, Compass. I guarantee there are more functions on the watch than you'll ever need or even figure out, but nobody needs to know that. All they'll know is that you have your finger on the very pulse of nature. Maybe ding it up a bit to make it look well worn. A couple whacks with your remote should do the trick.

2. MAKE YOUR JACKET SMELL LIKE A CAMPFIRE - Get a bonfire going in your backyard, drape your jacket over a chair and leave it for as long as it takes you to go inside and watch Turner and Hooch (1hr and 37min). After that, anybody within 10 feet of you will smell your outdoorsiness.

1. GET YOURSELF A WOODSY HAT - If you ever find a trucker hat with a tree on it, buy it immediately. Wear it often and wash it never.

New Boat Shuttle Service

Just found a new one-man operation to spot your drift boat, raft, pontoon, kayak, etc. on any river in Michigan. Be the first member to test his value!



Ever wonder how many beers use fish names or pics?

1. Cutthroat Pale Ale
2. Dancing Trout
3. Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA
4. Flying Fish Hopfish IPA
5. Landshark Lager
6. Longfin Lager
7. Organic Wild Salmon Pale IPA
8. Steelhead Extra Pale Ale
9. Striped Bass Pale Ale
10. Sweetwater 420 Extra Pale Ale
11. Trout Slayer
12. Floppin' Crappie Ale
13. Prickly Pike's Pilsner
14. Mouthy Muskie Light
15. Two Hearted Ale
16. Sculpin India Pale Ale
17. Lakemaid Beer
18. Manta Ray Double IPA
19. Bonito Blonde Ale
20. Watermelon Dorado Double IPA
21. Wahoo White
22. Black Marlin Porter
23. Angler Ale
24. White Marlin Pale Ale
25. Blackfin Black IPA
26. Red Fish

Drone fishing comes to the Palm Beaches

JUNO BEACH, Fla. - It's not fly fishing, but you still need to fly. There's a new way to fish that's happening now in the Palm Beaches.

A local fisherman has added a drone to his tackle box.

"Drone fishing is kind of a new thing," Norman Hirsch explains to us, as he rigs his pole and drone.

His drone has a built in camera, and tracks height and distance. He customized his with a release, designed to hold onto the line, until you want to drop it in. He picks where they were biting Monday, 550 feet away from shore. That day, he could see them on camera.

About 300 feet further than he could cast it by hand.

I watch that pole while he rigs up another for his wife Julie and casts. And we wait.

As he welcomes his drone back to shore, grabbing out for it, I ask him, "Alright so now it's back to old fashioned fishing right now?"

"Yep," he says, becoming distracted by the shore. "Oh look there's a shark right there in the surf!"

Norman's eye is confirmed from the sky with Farshad Foroudi's drone, a friend of Norman's. Online he's known as the DroneFanatic. (You can search him on Facebook and YouTube).

We can track them in the surf from the drone, to direct our lines. They're close enough to cast by hand.

"I thought we would have two of them by now," Norman says. The sun begins to set. The ocean swallows the shore. A couple bites, but they get away. "Oh oh oh, something's going on," he says with excitement.

But then we get one. I battle with the shark, reeling in when the shark and surf allows me to. Finally, it's on the sand. We release it back to sea.

My first drone assisted catch.

From.....WPTV West Palm Beach



Red Cedar Board Job Duties

The board is posting the duties of each of the four major positions for the club so any candidate would know what they're responsible for. Nominations will be held at the May meeting so please let anyone on the board know if you'd like to run for one of the four capacities.

President - the president will be the principal executive officer of the Organization and shall have the general powers of supervision and management over the business and affairs of the Organization. The President will preside at all meetings of the Board. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Organization authorized by the Board, any contracts which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof is expressly delegated by the Board or by these bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Organization; and in general the President will perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

Vice President - the Vice President shall have such duties as determined from time to time by the Board or the President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's temporary absence and in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume that office.

Treasurer - the Treasurer will have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Club; shall prepare an annual budget to the club; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Club in such banks, and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or by the Board.

Secretary - the Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meeting; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or by the Board of Directors.



FishPass project lets 'desired' fish in, invasives out

Traverse City - The planned FishPass system for Traverse City's Union Street Dam calls on fishery, biology and engineering disciplines to create the next big thing in fish management.

If FishPass succeeds: "Traverse City can boast of solving a global problem and it will be exporting more than cherries," said Marc Gaden, the bi-national Great Lakes Fishery Commission spokesperson for the project's lead agency.

The multiyear river restoration — "The Boardman River: A River Reborn" — reconnects Boardman River and its tributaries for free-flow into West Grand Traverse Bay. An April 5 open meeting at the Grand Traverse Conservation District was to gather project partners and stakeholders to discuss possible fish passage strategies for the Union Street Dam following the removal of the Boardman and Sabin dams.

Fishery management agencies, organizations and research institutions selected the Boardman River for the 10-year demonstration project from among 12 potential sites because it aligns with the ongoing Boardman River restoration which recreates the river's natural balance for cold- and cool-water fish, and because the river supports both prized sport fish and invasive species. FishPass would allow desirable migratory fish passage, while blocking invasives, primarily sea lamprey.

DNR Fisheries Division and the GTBI share jurisdiction over the fishery and the authority for making the final decision for the fishery's future population. "We definitely want public input. It's not a popularity vote," said fisheries biologist Heather Hettinger, who represents the DNR in the Boardman River Dams Implementation Team.

Negative ecological impacts of the Boardman River dams weren't forecasted 100 year ago when Traverse City Light & Power installed the structures to power a growing community, Dituri said. The resource is not only valued for human use, but the (river) resource is of value as its own merit and entity," Dituri said. "The river has a life of its own. Hopefully, folks will begin to understand that relationship, too."

But new prospects for species selection present a complicated challenge for stakeholders. "The bugger with the Boardman is that nothing we have here, from trout to salmon, is native," Hettinger said. "We introduced trout, salmon and steelhead." The river's native fish population includes lake sturgeon, lake trout, walleye and suckers.

President Trump's proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year eliminates GLRI funding. Trump last week proposed and additional of \$50 million from the current GRRRI budget to direct dollars to a U.S.-Mexico border wall. Congress will tackle the 2018 budget in the coming weeks.

The \$14 million River Reborn project moves forward in April with the deconstruction and removal of the Boardman Dam and habitat improvement. Funding is secured for the \$6.3 million phase scheduled for completion in 2018, said Lynn Rose, USACE Detroit District public affairs officer.

The City of Traverse City estimates reconnecting the Boardman and resulting ecosystem improvement will increase recreation, tourism and property values to the tune of \$3 million annually.

For more information on Boardman River fish species selection and comment submission forms go to Michigan.gov/fishing. The comment period ends April 28.

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Field Notes:

- **May 18** - Looking for volunteers to help with a 4th grade class at Dimondale Elementary school from 9:00 to 3:00. They would like to do some tying along with fishing the Grand River from the bank in town. Let John Ross know if you're available to help so he can coordinate the schedule with the teacher. John's email is: jeross262@gmail.com and cell - 517-896-2100
- **HOOKED ON FLY FISHING – IT'S CHEAPER THAN THERAPY**
<http://www.mountainjackpot.com/2017/04/08/hooked-on-fly-fishing-its-cheaper-than-therapy-2/> (paste in your browser)
- **Looking for some basic info that can be used almost on any river:**
http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/missouri-fly-fishing-guide-offers-tips-tactics/article_333d0d40-da7b-59cf-b9ff-b6d197c3081b.html
- Check out this fly - instructions on www.globalflyfisher.com



Refrigerator Reminders

May

5th/6th - Coldwater River Watershed Council work outing - see note in newsletter for contact & times

9th - RCFF club meeting Giltner Hall

June

13th - Club picnic Hawk Island Park, Kestrel pavilion

16th-18th - Great Lakes Council fly fishing school - MacMullen Center on Higgins Lake - more info on the website

6/29-7/2 - TU outing at WaWaSum, contact Dick Augustine or Bob Ceru if you plan to attend.